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Italy's turn to Celebrate



The winning players of the 2008 European Championships?

For the second day in a row one country tops two events.

In the Open series **Germany** head a table which otherwise has a Scandinavian look about it as **Norway**, **Sweden** and **Iceland** occupy the next three places.

Italy continue to lead the Women ahead of **Germany** and **France** with **Norway** and **England** close behind.

Italy also rule the roost in the Seniors followed by **England**, **Belgium** and **Netherlands**.

Tuesday 24th - 10.30

9	Norway - England (Open)
1	France - Estonia (Open)
4	Israel - Italy (Open)
8	Germany - Portugal (Open)
14	France - Israel (Senior)
27	France - Netherlands (Women)
5	Sweden - Denmark (Open)

RAMA
BBO 1
BBO 2
BBO 3
BBO 5
BBO 6
SWAN

Tuesday 24th - 14.15

6	Italy - Sweden (Open)	RAMA
1	France - England (Open)	BBO 1
3	Russia - Germany (Open)	BBO 2
8	Bulgaria - Iceland (Open)	BBO 3
30	Netherlands - England (Women)	BBO 5
14	Germany - France (Senior)	BBO 6
17	Denmark - Ireland (Senior)	SWAN

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 15		10.30
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	WALES	ICELAND
22	IRELAND	AUSTRIA
23	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
24	SPAIN	FINLAND
25	POLAND	GREECE
26	TURKEY	ITALY
27	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS
28	GERMANY	BYE
29	ISRAEL	PORTUGAL
30	CZECH REP.	LEBANON
31	SCOTLAND	RUSSIA
32	CROATIA	NORWAY
33	DENMARK	HUNGARY

ROUND 16		14.15
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GREECE	WALES
22	DENMARK	POLAND
23	ISRAEL	SPAIN
24	CZECH REP.	SWEDEN
25	SCOTLAND	IRELAND
26	CROATIA	ICELAND
27	LEBANON	GERMANY
28	RUSSIA	BYE
29	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA
30	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND
31	ITALY	FINLAND
32	FRANCE	TURKEY
33	PORTUGAL	NORWAY

SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 9		10.30
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	WALES	IRELAND
12	SPAIN	ESTONIA
13	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM
14	FRANCE	ISRAEL
15	FINLAND	GERMANY
16	SCOTLAND	AUSTRIA
17	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
18	ITALY	TURKEY
19	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
20	NORWAY	POLAND

ROUND 10		14.15
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	ESTONIA	WALES
12	BELGIUM	SPAIN
13	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND
14	GERMANY	FRANCE
15	AUSTRIA	FINLAND
16	POLAND	SCOTLAND
17	DENMARK	IRELAND
18	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS
19	ENGLAND	ITALY
20	NORWAY	SWEDEN

Today's Schedule

- 10.30** Open Teams F.R., Round 6
Women Teams, Round 15 - Senior Teams, Round 9
- 14.15** Open Teams F.R., Round 7
Women Teams, Round 16 - Senior Teams, Round 10

IBPA 50th anniversary dinner

A group picture taken for the occasion of the IBPA 50th anniversary dinner at the Pau EC (June, 23rd, 2008). The photographer is Elisabeth van Ettinger. Right next to IBPA President Patrick Jourdain one can see IBPA Honorary Member Jimmy Ortiz Patiño.



WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 12 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	LEBANON	RUSSIA	38 - 41	14 - 16
22	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	23 - 66	6 - 24
23	HUNGARY	SCOTLAND	104 - 19	25 - 0
24	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.	40 - 39	15 - 15
25	ITALY	ISRAEL	29 - 54	10 - 20
26	GREECE	DENMARK	15 - 68	5 - 25
27	FINLAND	FRANCE	44 - 77	8 - 21
28	IRELAND	BYE		18 - 0
29	AUSTRIA	POLAND	44 - 48	14 - 16
30	NORWAY	SPAIN	36 - 63	9 - 21
31	GERMANY	SWEDEN	106 - 6	25 - 0
32	WALES	CROATIA	37 - 71	8 - 22
33	ENGLAND	TURKEY	28 - 42	12 - 18

ROUND 13 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	IRELAND	GERMANY	19 - 38	11 - 19
22	SWEDEN	NORWAY	44 - 43	15 - 15
23	SPAIN	AUSTRIA	22 - 30	14 - 16
24	POLAND	ENGLAND	45 - 40	16 - 14
25	TURKEY	FINLAND	35 - 30	16 - 14
26	FRANCE	GREECE	38 - 0	23 - 7
27	DENMARK	ITALY	11 - 28	11 - 19
28	CROATIA	BYE		18 - 0
29	CZECH REP.	HUNGARY	42 - 21	19 - 11
30	SCOTLAND	PORTUGAL	41 - 33	16 - 14
31	LEBANON	ICELAND	40 - 58	11 - 19
32	RUSSIA	WALES	55 - 35	19 - 11
33	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	31 - 45	12 - 18

ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
21	LEBANON	SCOTLAND	64 - 56	16 - 14
22	PORTUGAL	CZECH REP.	51 - 32	19 - 11
23	HUNGARY	ISRAEL	27 - 40	12 - 18
24	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	58 - 35	20 - 10
25	ITALY	FRANCE	40 - 29	17 - 13
26	GREECE	TURKEY	43 - 46	14 - 16
27	FINLAND	POLAND	77 - 51	20 - 10
28	WALES	BYE		18 - 0
29	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN	78 - 35	24 - 6
30	NORWAY	IRELAND	46 - 45	15 - 15
31	GERMANY	CROATIA	34 - 67	8 - 22
32	RUSSIA	ICELAND	36 - 37	15 - 15
33	ENGLAND	SPAIN	45 - 67	10 - 20

SENIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	SWEDEN	WALES	41 - 34	16 - 14
12	ITALY	SPAIN	42 - 17	21 - 9
13	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	65 - 35	22 - 8
14	IRELAND	FRANCE	23 - 19	16 - 14
15	ESTONIA	FINLAND	37 - 50	12 - 18
16	BELGIUM	SCOTLAND	51 - 35	19 - 11
17	ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	22 - 30	13 - 17
18	POLAND	GERMANY	73 - 11	25 - 2
19	DENMARK	NORWAY	25 - 34	13 - 17
20	TURKEY	ENGLAND	43 - 25	19 - 11

ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	WALES	ITALY	9 - 34	9 - 21
12	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	22 - 28	14 - 16
13	SWITZERLAND	IRELAND	9 - 51	5 - 25
14	FRANCE	ESTONIA	57 - 22	23 - 7
15	FINLAND	BELGIUM	21 - 28	14 - 16
16	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	15 - 31	11 - 19
17	AUSTRIA	GERMANY	13 - 28	12 - 18
18	SWEDEN	DENMARK	31 - 18	18 - 12
19	NORWAY	TURKEY	12 - 25	12 - 18
20	ENGLAND	POLAND	5 - 21	11 - 19

ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
11	NETHERLANDS	WALES	24 - 39	12 - 18
12	IRELAND	SPAIN	38 - 18	20 - 10
13	ESTONIA	SWITZERLAND	29 - 59	8 - 22
14	BELGIUM	FRANCE	29 - 25	16 - 14
15	ISRAEL	FINLAND	31 - 24	16 - 14
6	GERMANY	SCOTLAND	11 - 63	4 - 25
17	POLAND	AUSTRIA	45 - 33	18 - 12
18	DENMARK	ITALY	23 - 50	9 - 21
19	TURKEY	SWEDEN	33 - 29	16 - 14
20	ENGLAND	NORWAY	61 - 8	25 - 3

Sitout exercise 9

West plays Five Diamonds after North has bid hearts, raised by South.

♠ A K Q 2		♠ 7 6 5
♥ —		♥ A Q J 6
♦ A K Q J 7		♦ 9 8 4
♣ 8 7 6 5		♣ 4 3 2

North leads the king of clubs. South overtakes with the ace and returns the spade three. You win with the ace, and play a high trump. North discards a heart. Any ideas?

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 3 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	44 - 68	10 - 20
2	ESTONIA	ICELAND	38 - 56	11 - 19
3	BULGARIA	ISRAEL	33 - 68	8 - 22
4	LATVIA	SWEDEN	45 - 53	14 - 16
5	ITALY	TURKEY	25 - 41	12 - 18
6	DENMARK	CZECH REP.	40 - 45	14 - 16
7	POLAND	GERMANY	27 - 57	9 - 21
8	RUSSIA	NORWAY	31 - 60	9 - 21
9	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL	68 - 54	18 - 12

ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NORWAY	FRANCE	38 - 20	19 - 11
2	GERMANY	ENGLAND	53 - 15	23 - 7
3	CZECH REP.	PORTUGAL	29 - 26	16 - 14
4	TURKEY	RUSSIA	32 - 23	17 - 13
5	SWEDEN	POLAND	33 - 13	19 - 11
6	ISRAEL	DENMARK	14 - 35	11 - 19
7	ICELAND	ITALY	23 - 33	13 - 17
8	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA	27 - 23	16 - 14
9	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	52 - 18	22 - 8

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FRANCE	RUSSIA	47 - 28	19 - 11
2	PORTUGAL	POLAND	39 - 51	13 - 17
3	DENMARK	ENGLAND	74 - 30	24 - 6
4	ITALY	NORWAY	37 - 34	16 - 14
5	LATVIA	GERMANY	22 - 55	8 - 22
6	BULGARIA	CZECH REP.	26 - 54	9 - 21
7	ESTONIA	TURKEY	38 - 31	16 - 14
8	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	63 - 58	16 - 14
9	ICELAND	ISRAEL	77 - 13	25 - 3

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 5 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	GERMANY	103.00
2	NORWAY	95.00
3	SWEDEN	94.00
4	ICELAND	89.00
5	DENMARK	82.00
6	ENGLAND	77.00
	NETHERLANDS	77.00
8	ITALY	76.00
9	POLAND	75.00
10	CZECH REP.	73.00
11	RUSSIA	72.00
12	FRANCE	71.00
13	TURKEY	68.00
14	BULGARIA	66.00
15	ISRAEL	63.00
16	LATVIA	57.00
17	ESTONIA	56.00
18	PORTUGAL	43.00

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 6 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	ESTONIA
2	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA
3	ICELAND	LATVIA
4	ISRAEL	ITALY
5	SWEDEN	DENMARK
6	TURKEY	POLAND
7	CZECH REP.	RUSSIA
8	GERMANY	PORTUGAL
9	NORWAY	ENGLAND

ROUND 7 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	FRANCE	ENGLAND
2	PORTUGAL	NORWAY
3	RUSSIA	GERMANY
4	POLAND	CZECH REP.
5	DENMARK	TURKEY
6	ITALY	SWEDEN
7	LATVIA	ISRAEL
8	BULGARIA	ICELAND
9	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 14 rounds

*subject to official confirmation***SENIOR TEAMS RANKING**

after 8 rounds

subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	253.00
2	GERMANY	248.00
3	FRANCE	240.00
4	ENGLAND	238.00
	NORWAY	238.00
6	NETHERLANDS	237.00
7	ISRAEL	236.00
8	SPAIN	235.00
9	RUSSIA	228.00
10	HUNGARY	221.00
11	CROATIA	220.00
12	DENMARK	219.00
13	SWEDEN	216.00
14	CZECH REP.	214.50
15	POLAND	213.00
16	ICELAND	207.00
17	FINLAND	205.00
	TURKEY	205.00
19	SCOTLAND	193.00
20	WALES	191.00
21	PORTUGAL	181.00
22	IRELAND	165.50
23	AUSTRIA	154.00
24	GREECE	148.00
	LEBANON	148.00

1	ITALY	157.00
2	ENGLAND	150.00
3	BELGIUM	146.00
4	NETHERLANDS	141.00
5	FRANCE	136.00
6	TURKEY	131.00
7	POLAND	130.00
8	SWEDEN	126.00
9	SCOTLAND	125.00
10	DENMARK	123.00
11	AUSTRIA	120.00
12	IRELAND	118.00
13	ISRAEL	114.00
14	NORWAY	113.00
15	GERMANY	109.00
16	FINLAND	102.00
17	SWITZERLAND	90.00
18	SPAIN	85.00
19	WALES	82.00
20	ESTONIA	81.00

INTERNATIONAL MIND SPORTS GAMES BEIJING VISAS

This year, due to the Olympic Games, the procedure to obtain the visas (even « Touristic » visas) are more complicated than for Shanghai last year.

To obtain the visa you will definitely need an invitation letter from the Chinese organisers and some countries even require it in Chinese.

Each NBO has then to fill a form listing all the players and accompanying people and send it to Lilian Sun - sunchengmo82@yahoo.com.cn - before July 31st. She will then send you via mail the invitations to be produced to the local embassies to obtain the visas.

England v France – The Entente Cordiale

by Mark Horton

The 1904 'Entente Cordiale' between England and France was a historic agreement. There had been so much conflict between the two nations between 1688 and 1815 that the period has been characterised as the 'Second Hundred Years War'. Since Waterloo however, Britain and France have not only been at peace, but have become close allies.

However, that does not prevent sporting events being fiercely contested, for example the Six Nations Rugby readily springs to mind. Bridge matches between the two countries are just as keenly fought, the Round 11 match between these 'old enemies' was a perfect illustration.

England presented France with a chance to open the scoring right from the kick off:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A Q 10 5		♠ K									
♥ 8 3		♥ K Q J 7 6 5 4									
♦ 8 6		♦ A 9 3									
♣ A Q 10 8 6		♣ K 9									
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♦ Q		♦ K J 10 7 5 4 2									
♣ 5 4 3		♣ J 2									



Benedicte Cronier, France

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
	1♣	Dble	3♦
4♠	Dble	5♥	All Pass

The modern style is very much to overcall on the East hand, but you will probably survive....unless partner bids a large number of spades.

Luckily for England it was too difficult for South to find the trump lead that would hold declarer to ten tricks, and on the lead of the jack of diamonds declarer was soon claiming +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
	1♣*	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

East's avant garde approach meant her side was in no danger – and there was no swing. The match between the England and Denmark seniors was on Rama, and the Danish South heard his partner open 1♣ and his RHO overcall 4♥. He invested in 5♦, which might not have been a tragedy....but alas for him, his partner took him seriously and competed over 5♥ to 6♦ – down 800 on a spade lead when he misguessed the play. That gave England an 8-0 lead.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J 9 7 6		♠ K 3									
♥ A 10 5		♥ K Q J 6 3 2									
♦ Q 8 6 2		♦ —									
♣ 8 6		♣ J 10 7 4 2									
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W		E									
	S										
♥ 9 8		♥ 7 4									
♦ 7 5 3		♦ A K J 10 9 4									
♣ K 9 5 3		♣ A Q									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	2NT*	3♦
4♣	4♦	All Pass	

The East hand presents a classic problem – should you get both suits into the picture at once or emphasise your hearts?

East preferred the first approach, but then, when West freely bid Four Clubs she surprisingly had nothing more to say. When the defenders failed to negotiate the spade suit successfully, declarer emerged with nine tricks, -50.

Closed Room

West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	Dble*
Pass	3♦	3♥	4♦
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Not only did East/West outbid their counterparts at the other table, they also made no mistake in the spade suit, so declarer was three down, -500, which gave France a deserved 10 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ K 7 5 3	
	♥ 3	
	♦ A Q 8 7	
	♣ K J 8 4	
♠ Q 10 9 2		♠ A 6
♥ 9 7		♥ A K J 10 8
♦ K 9 6 3		♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 5 2		♣ 10 9 3
	♠ J 8 4	
	♥ Q 6 5 4 2	
	♦ J 2	
	♣ Q 7 6	

Open Room

West <i>Teshome</i>	North <i>Neve</i>	East <i>Jagger</i>	South <i>Bessis</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass

South led the jack of diamonds and when declarer tried dummy's king North took the ace and switched to a club for South's queen and dummy's ace. When declarer ran the nine of hearts South won with the queen, played a diamond to North's queen, ruffed the diamond return and played a club. North took two tricks in the suit and exited with a diamond. There was still a spade to come, two down, -100.

Closed Room

West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	All Pass		

Remarkably, a 4-2 fit proved to be more productive than the 5-2 attempted at the other table.

North led her singleton heart and declarer won in

dummy, cashed the ace of spades and played a spade to the ten and king. She won the club switch in hand, cashed the queen of spades, drew the last trump and exited with a club. In due course she scored a trick with both red kings, +80 and 5 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 10 8 3	
	♥ Q 3	
	♦ Q 9 8	
	♣ Q 5 3 2	
♠ K Q J 9		♠ 7 6
♥ A 10 9 5		♥ 8 4 2
♦ A 7 3 2		♦ K J 10 6 5 4
♣ J		♣ A 8
	♠ 5 4 2	
	♥ K J 7 6	
	♦ —	
	♣ K 10 9 7 6 4	

Open Room

West <i>Teshome</i>	North <i>Neve</i>	East <i>Jagger</i>	South <i>Bessis</i>
	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 2♦ Weak
- 2NT Relay
- 3♣ Maximum with a club honour

North did extremely well to find the club lead that was essential if the contract was to be defeated. South won the king of clubs and returned the suit, declarer discarding the two of diamonds. There was nothing declarer could do other than run the diamonds and hope something turned up. On the first four South discarded two spades and then two hearts, while North discarded the eight of spades. On the penultimate diamond South pitched a club and North the three of spades. (Declarer had parted with two spades and a heart.) On the last club South inexplicably discarded a club and now declarer could simply play a spade and set up her ninth trick, +600.

Closed Room

West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

On this layout you make Five Diamonds easily enough – if the defenders lead a heart you simply duck the first round and later get rid of a heart on a spade.

When North opened the attack with the ace of spades

declarer made twelve tricks, +170, giving England 10 IMPs. In Denmark-England the English reached 5♦ for 600 after a weak two opening, but Peter Lund on VuGraph passed as East. Victor Silverstone enterprisingly opened 1♥ as south and when Dixon responded 1♠ Lund passed again. Silverstone felt he had done enough, Møller as West could not re-open, and IS drifted down one; 11 IMPs to England.

The England ladies immediately missed a great chance:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 10 9 8 5 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 8 7 2 ♣ Q 10 6 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 6 4 ♥ 6 3 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ A K J 9 7 4	♠ J 7 3 ♥ K 7 4 2 ♦ A K 10 6 5 ♣ 3
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W		E										
	S											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
2♣	Dble*	1♣	1♦
Pass	Dble*	3♣	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥
		All Pass	

In my opinion West followed a sound strategy when, with four card support, she raised her partner. That meant East could happily crowd the auction with a re-raise. West led a club and the defenders took their trick, +680.

I wondered if North had bid Three Hearts at her second turn would South have cue bid Four Clubs? That might have been enough for North to at least make some move towards a slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
Pass	1♥	1♣	1♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
		All Pass	

I know one VuGraph commentator who is very sceptical about the initial overcall, but it looks pretty normal to me (and in the Women's series only three players preferred a double to an overcall). Once South had jumped to Three Hearts and then cue bid Four Clubs it is surprising that North did not advance.

(As an indicator, in the match between Spain and Germany, the two North's, Nuria Almirall and Sabine Auken, after a virtually identical start to the auction, both bid 4NT

at this point, so it was a flat board in Six Hearts.) But both pairs in the Seniors missed slam.

So, there was no swing anywhere.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 5 3 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ K 9 6 5 4 3 ♣ 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 9 ♥ K Q 3 2 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ J 10 9 5	♠ K 7 6 4 2 ♥ 9 7 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ K 7 3
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	S											

♠ A 10 8
♥ A J 10 4
♦ Q
♣ A Q 8 6 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
2♦*	Pass	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Not for the first time in the match the French failed to overcome the aggressive style of the English pair (and I believe that opening Two Diamonds on this type of hand is a consistent points winner). There was little to the play, declarer recording +680.



Catherine Jagger, England

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 1♣ 2+♣, 11-19 (might have 4/5♦)
- 2♣ Inverted
- 2♦ 4+ Clubs
- 2♥ GF relay

With the trump finesse onside that was +1370 and 12 IMPs to England.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 10 9 8 4		
	♥ J 10 6 2		
	♦ K 10		
	♣ Q 4 2		
♠ A 7 2		♠ K Q 3	
♥ K Q 5		♥ 8 7 4	
♦ A 8 4		♦ Q J 9 3 2	
♣ 10 8 5 3		♣ K 9	
	♠ J 6 5		
	♥ A 9 3		
	♦ 7 6 5		
	♣ A J 7 6		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the two of hearts and South took the ace and returned the nine. Declarer won with the king and played the four of diamonds. North went in with the king and switched to the two of clubs.

Bien joué! That was one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here North started with the ten of spades and declarer won with dummy's queen and ran the queen of diamonds. North won with the king and switched to the two of... hearts. Now declarer was safe, +600 giving France 12 IMPs.

Both teams had little trouble in bidding and making Four Spades on the next deal, but I have a reason for describing the play in the Open Room as you will see:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 9 6 5 4 2		
	♥ A J 3		
	♦ K J 10 9		
	♣ 10		
♠ 3		♠ A K 10 8	
♥ K 8 5		♥ 10 6 2	
♦ Q 8 6 4 2		♦ 7 3	
♣ Q 6 3 2		♣ J 8 5 4	
	♠ Q J 7		
	♥ Q 9 7 4		
	♦ A 5		
	♣ A K 9 7		

West led a club for the ten, jack and ace and declarer played a heart to the jack. When that passed off peacefully, she played a spade to the eight and her queen, following that with a heart to the ace, a diamond to the ace, the king of clubs for a heart discard, a diamond to the king, a diamond ruff (East discarding a heart), a club ruff and the last diamond, the jack of spades being allowed to score the game going trick 'en passant'.

Not a bad move in a tournament being staged in France!

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ K J 10 9 8		
	♥ A K J 6		
	♦ 3		
	♣ Q 7 4		
♠ Q 7 5		♠ 6 4 3 2	
♥ Q 10		♥ 8 5 4	
♦ K 10		♦ A 6 5	
♣ A K 10 8 5 2		♣ J 6 3	
	♠ A		
	♥ 9 7 3 2		
	♦ Q J 9 8 7 4 2		
	♣ 9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teshome</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Jagger</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♠	2♣	2♦
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Yet again East/West were hyper-active, and North/South missed their heart fit and the vulnerable game that went with it.

Against Three Diamonds West cashed the king of clubs and switched to the ten of hearts. Declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the nine and ten. She took the

spade switch in hand perforce, and played the jack of diamonds to West's king. In due course she lost a trick to the ace of trumps, +130.

Closed Room

West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
			3♦
3NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♣	Dble	All Pass	

When 3NT was doubled West ran to the comparative safety of her long suit.

North cashed the king of hearts and switched to the three of diamonds to the jack and king. Declarer cashed the top clubs and when the queen did not appear she was three down, -500 and 9 IMPs for England.

Steen Møller reached 4♣ on the same auction; the defenders cashed two hearts and shifted to a diamond. Declarer won in hand, cashed the top clubs, went to the ♦A and ruffed a heart, then exited with a spade. South had to win and play a winning diamond, but Møller discarded on this trick, endplaying South for a ruff and discard to escape for 300. Since the Danes had reached 4♥ in the Closed Room and recorded 650, that was a useful gain of 8 IMPs for them, narrowing the match margin to 20 IMPs. The eventual match margin was 21-9 to England.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 5		
♥ J 10 8 7 5		
♦ A 6 3		
♣ K Q 4		
♠ A K J 10 7 4 2		♠ 3
♥ 6 3 2		♥ A K Q 9 4
♦ Q 9		♦ J 7 2
♣ 2		♣ 9 7 5 3
	♠ Q 9 6	
	♥ —	
	♦ K 10 8 5 4	
	♣ A J 10 8 6	

Open Room

West <i>Teshome</i>	North <i>Neve</i>	East <i>Jagger</i>	South <i>Bessis</i>
		Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

East led the king of hearts and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a spade. West won and forced dummy with a heart, the jack being covered by the queen. Declarer played three rounds of diamonds, and won East's trump exit in dummy. She could now have cross-ruffed for one down, but she pitched her last spade on the ten of diamonds, East ruffing and exiting with a trump. If declarer wins with dummy's ace and leads the last diamond pitching a heart East can ruff but is then end played for one down, but she won in hand and had to go two down, -200.

Closed Room

West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
		Pass	1♦
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

The only down side to bidding Four Spades (as opposed to Three Spades) is that you may leave the opponents with no alternative to doubling you, and that is what happened here.

North led the jack of hearts and South ruffed away dummy's ace.

With open cards South now leads a diamond, North wins and leads the five of hearts for South to ruff and back comes a low club for North to win and deliver a third heart ruff, the king of diamonds completing the rout.

However, South cashed the ace of clubs, North following with the four (encouraging if I read the convention card correctly) and played another club, so declarer could ruff and claim ten tricks and +590.

That was just enough to see France emerge the victors, 40-36 IMPs, 16-14 VP.

Although there had been a few mistakes, both teams emerged with credit from a testing set of deals, and it will be a real surprise if they are not among the six to qualify for a shot at the Venice Cup.

(The references to the seniors' hands are by Barry Rigal)

Sitout 8 - Solution

Perhaps the last one was too tough. Here is one for beginners – or us seniors:

♠ A K Q J 10 9 8		♠ 4 3 2
♥ K 3 2		♥ A J 6 5 4
♦ J 3		♦ K 4 2
♣ K		♣ 9 8

West plays Four Spades with a trump lead. South follows.

It looks easy. Draw another round of trumps, and exit with the club king. Ruff the club return and play the heart king, followed by a small one. If North follows, just cover. If he doesn't, let South win the trick cheaply. He then has to give you a ruff and discard or a red trick.

However, North, on winning the club ace will play a heart. South now has a club exit if you let him in. (Of course he has four hearts, and yes, a heart lead would not have been good at all for you).

You were on the right track, if you cashed the heart king before exiting with the club king. If North has a heart to play you just finesse, otherwise proceed as described above.

A macho bid, two endplays, a safety play and a squeeze

By Christian Vennerød

Hand of the year? Many players had the chance to shine on this hand, but Boye Brogeland was the only one to grab the opportunity with both hands.

In the match against the Czech Republic Boye Brogeland did not want his opponents to buy the contract at the three-level just because they had 23 honour points. Vulnerable against not he balanced with a pathetic five card suit, found his partner with two cards in support, and was doubled without delay. It was Showtime!

Board 12. Round 2 in Open final. West/NS

This was Boye's hand as South:

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 9

The bidding with David Vozabal as West, Jakub Slemr as East, and Espen Lindqvist - Boye Brogeland NS

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	?



Thanks for the support partner, you had exactly what I needed! Boye Brogeland bends down and sends a laughing remark to his partner Espen Lindqvist.

Put yourself in Boye's shoes. Do you feel that you now suddenly have the strength to come into the bidding? Vulnerable against not? After East had invited to game with "third suit"? Most mortals would not feel that this is a balancing hand, even in a pairs event at the local club. But BB (Norway's Bridge Bomb – Boye Brogeland – not Brigitte Bardot this time) put both feet in and bid Three Hearts. Immediately doubled by Vozabal as West.

I asked Boye where he got the courage to bid like this, because it would not be fun to come with quite a possible result of minus 500 (or worse) on this hand. He replied: - Fun? Well, why do we play this game? It is of course in order to have fun. And what can be more fun than doing something that looks so dangerous that nobody else dares to try?

It is of course more fun if you also succeed. So put yourself once more in the shoes of the dare devil and make the hand. You are looking at 17 honour points and a 5-2 trump suit. No reason to become nervous.

♠ 9 4 2
♥ A 10
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ 8 7 5 2

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	S	

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K J 8 7 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 9

West starts the show with ace, king in clubs as East follows with four and jack. You place West with six clubs and East with two. As West did not bid Two Hearts or 2NT, he probably does not have four trumps. You play a heart to the ten, which makes.

Now it is tempting to take a double finesse in spades through East, and use the heart ace as an entry to the second round of spades. But there is a danger that West has only one spade, so Boye played the trump ace before the nine of spades. East covered with the jack and the queen of spades won. The king of hearts cleared the trumps, which were 3-3 as expected from the bidding.

You would of course like to repeat the spade finesse, but you cannot really believe that West has the diamond ace as East invited game. There is no clear entry to dummy. But Boye had thought about this problem when he won the ten of hearts, and had his plan ready. Now came the diamond 8.

If East in addition to his diamond ace, also has either Q9, J9 or QJ, he will be endplayed. And that is what happened. East took the 8 with the 9 and returned the 5 of spades. Would you try the 6 as West used the 7 on the first round of spades?

If East has five spades, it will be a delight to use the 6. But Boye had no intention of going down with 87 of spades with West. He had a safety play ready and used the ten. West was in fact out of spades and threw a club.

This is the end position:

♠ None ♥ None ♦ Q 7 ♣ Q 10 6	♠ 4 ♥ None ♦ K 6 5 ♣ 8 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 8 3 ♥ None ♦ A J ♣ None
	♠ A 6 ♥ J ♦ 10 2 ♣ None	

Boye played his last trump and Slemr was squeezed out of his fifth spade. Boye has complete control of the count, so if East instead throws a diamond, Boye simply plays a small diamond from both hands. In reality the spade ace and another spade forced East to let the diamond king take the last trick. Contract made: + 730.

Being slightly generous, one may say that this hand contained a macho balancing bid, two finesses, an endplay in diamonds, a safety play in spades, a squeeze in diamonds and spades, an endplay in spades, and very accurate card reading.

Erik Rynning, who is the playing captain on the Norwegian seniors team, had the following comment when he was shown to the hand: -When you bid like a madman, you had better play like a genius!

All four hands:

♠ 7 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ A K Q 10 6 3	♠ 9 4 2 ♥ A 10 ♦ K 6 5 3 ♣ 8 7 5 2 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K J 8 5 3 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ A J 9 ♣ J 4
	♠ A Q 10 6 ♥ K J 8 7 2 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ 9	

Explanation came

by Geir-Olav Tislevoll

Lots of spectators wondered what could have happened in the match between Norway Ladies and Czech Rep. on this hand of the evening match on Friday. It was the first board of the match and at many of the tables faces turned red when the lay out of the cards made reasonable actions lead to horrible results. Results varied from playing 7NT down five, to collecting 1100 etc for phantom saves over 6 Spades. First, though, have a look at the unusual situation Norway's Ann Karin Fuglestad happened to get into on the first round of bidding. As West she held:

♠ 10 3
♥ A K 4
♦ A 6 5
♣ A K Q 9 3

A normal 20-21 balanced is a hand you normally expect to have a leading role in the bidding isn't it? Not this time. Ann Karin heard Two Diamonds on her left, Two Spades from partner and Four Hearts from her RHO!

Have a look at the full, wild deal as it was, only West herself having a balanced distribution:

Round 6 Ladies Series, Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 3 ♥ A K 4 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ A K Q 9 3	♠ Q J 9 7 ♥ Q J 10 9 8 5 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ — <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ 7 5	
	♠ — ♥ 7 6 3 2 ♦ K J 4 ♣ J 10 8 6 4 2		
West	North	East	South
	2♦	2♠	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Among others, the vu-graph commentators wondered how the Norwegian ladies had been able to defend against Four Hearts on this hand, where a slam is perfectly reasonable their own way. Even a grand slam is not silly, but when you look at the splits even Six Spades is doomed. To be honest it looks silly, and very lucky, to play against Four Hearts doubled when you look at the E/W cards. But explanation came. The Two Diamond opening was showing both majors, weak, and the Czech's convention misfired terribly. After this start to the bidding, a slam in spades was not so promising an idea, and the bidding turned into a gift for the Norwegian girls. At the other table the Czech E/W pair played in the normal Six Spades going one down. Jokes about the Four Heart contract were made, even on the Norwegian net-blog, as most people never heard the truth about what had happened. As captain of the Norwegian girls I had to let my Coach do all the recording on Saturday, so I could go to the press room and give the explanation. No one makes jokes about my girls!

OPEN TEAMS

Round 3

Russia v Norway

Poland v Germany

by Jos Jacovs and Peter Ventura

With the number of participants down to 18, almost every match in the Open Series is a match between two strong teams. This means it's no longer easy, in any round, to find the matches between the strongest teams. Apart from that, it would not be possible either to cover all the matches between the strongest teams scheduled in one round. So, thinking along these lines, we decided to report on the two matches mentioned above and to also keep just an eye on Netherlands v. France.

Board 2 caused a swing all over the Palais Beaumont but there was little justice in it:

Board: 2. Dealer East/NS vul.

♠ —	♠ K 7 5 4 3 2	♠ A J 6
♥ 10 9 8 7	♥ A J	♥ Q 4 3
♦ Q 10 6 5 4	♦ A K 7	♦ J 8 2
♣ 10 9 8 2	♣ K Q	♣ J 7 5 3
	♠ Q 10 9 8	
	♥ K 6 5 2	
	♦ 9 3	
	♣ A 6 4	

Russia v. Norway

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lund</i>	<i>Khiouppen</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♦	Dble	Redble	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Once Lund opened the bidding preemptively, the Russians were in a good position to guess right in trumps if they had reached the slam. Russia +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Khokhlov</i>	<i>Aa</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

* Drury

At the other table, with no adverse bidding, it was just a toss of the coin how to play. Molberg played low to the queen for a quick one down.

In the Netherlands v. France match, the French took a big early lead (17 IMPs) when Bompis led the ♠K from his hand to make his slam, whereas Drijver went down.

In the Poland v. Germany match, this is what happened:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♠	INT	2♦
		All Pass	

Gierulski's psyche put the brakes on the German auction, thus they stopped in Four Spades while the small slam was bid at the other table. Both declarers won the lead in hand and then played a trump to the queen, thus they had to lose two trump tricks to East. That was one overtrick in the Closed Room and one off in the Open; Germany 13 IMPs.



Andreas Kirmse, Germany

Two boards later, some of our featured declarers found a nice play:

Board: 4. Dealer West/All vul.

♠ Q 6 5 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ Q 10 8 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 9 8 7 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ A K 9 4 ♣ 9 7
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W E					
S					
♠ J 4 ♥ A 10 8 7 3 2 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ A 6	♠ A 10 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K J 5 3 2				

In the Poland v. Germany match, both West players opened One Heart light, which led to a shaky heart game from identical auctions.

In the Open Room declarer won the club lead with the ace, and then played a club back. South won the trick and returned a trump. Declarer played low so North won the king. As the cards lie, it is crucial to follow with the jack or the queen in dummy over North's winning king, in order to produce two trump entries in hand. At this point declarer can win the trump return in hand and take the double finesse in diamonds and eventually the game will be made.

However, the German declarer won the heart return, forgot to follow with a high heart from dummy, and when he



Terje AA, Norway

played a spade to the king, won by South's ace, he had only nine tricks. Poland +100.

In the Closed Room Gierulski chose a different, losing line, but as it proved – more successful. He got a club lead and at trick two he erred by playing the jack of spades, but when North refused to cover with the queen declarer was back on track. He had the possibility of putting up the king but made the correct choice by playing low. South won the ace, and returned a club to North. The spade switch was won by dummy's king, and then declarer took the losing trump finesse, won the trump return in hand, and crossed to dummy in trump and ruffed a spade. One more round of trumps gave us this ending:

♠ None ♥ 7 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ None	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 ♥ None ♦ A K 9 ♣ None
N					
W E					
S					
♠ None ♥ None ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K					

On the last trump North had to throw in the towel; Poland +620 and 12 IMPs to them.

In the Russia v. Norway match, the auction in the Open Room was short:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lund</i>	<i>Khiouppenen</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Lund, at the helm in 4♥ for Norway, ducked the club lead, won the second round and crossed in diamonds to take a losing heart finesse. North returned a heart which he won in hand to continue with a low spade to the king. When this lost to the ace he was down two, Russia +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Khokhlov</i>	<i>Aa</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Matushko passed as dealer and eventually found himself as declarer in 2♥. He followed a more obvious line, however, by winning the club lead and immediately returning the suit. South won the ♣J and returned a heart to North's king. Another heart was won by declarer.

er in hand and next came the ♠J. When North and East did not cover, Matushko was in a position to execute the same squeeze as Gierulski had done, be it only for two overtricks. Russia had scored +170 but still gained 9 more IMPs.

On the next board, both EW pairs in the Poland-Germany match were a bit passive:

Board: 5. Dealer North/NS

♠ 4 ♥ A K 10 8 2 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ A J 8 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	♠ A K 10 9 7 5 3 2 ♥ 6 ♦ 7 ♣ 10 3 2 ♠ J 8 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ A K Q 10 5 2 ♣ Q 5	♠ Q 6 ♥ Q 7 5 4 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ K 9 7 6
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Neither East/West pair found a way to Five, or even better, Six Diamonds after North's pre-emptive Four Spades, so North was left to play there.

In the Open Room, where Elinescu (West) at least had doubled, East lead a top diamond and then switched to the ♣Q, to the king and ace. West cashed the club jack and returned the club eight, asking for a heart. East ruffed but when he tried another top diamond first instead of a heart, declarer ruffed, drew trumps and pitched his losing singleton heart on the nine of clubs. That was one down, N/S - 200.

At the other table the defence took their five tricks, so no swing.

Back now to Russia-Norway.

On board 7, aggressive intervention in the Open Room talked the Russians out of a vulnerable game:

Board: 7. Dealer South/All

♠ J 10 8 2 ♥ Q 6 4 2 ♦ K J ♣ A 10 9	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	♠ Q 6 5 4 ♥ A 7 5 3 ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ K 6 ♠ K 7 3 ♥ J 10 9 8 ♦ 10 ♣ J 8 7 5 3	♠ A 9 ♥ K ♦ A Q 9 8 7 4 3 ♣ Q 4 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lund</i>	<i>Khiouppenen</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
			1♦
Dble	1♥	2♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

Eleven tricks, Russia +150.

When EW kept silent, NS had an easy road to game in the other room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Khokhlov</i>	<i>Aa</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Nine tricks, Norway +600 and +10 IMPs to reduce their deficit to 12, trailing 14-26 now.

Board 10 brought the Netherlands a useful swing on what looked like an innocent partscore hand:

Board: 10. Dealer East/All

♠ A K 9 5 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ A J 8 ♣ Q 6 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N W S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	♠ 8 6 ♥ K 6 5 4 ♦ 9 7 5 2 ♣ 7 5 3 ♠ Q 7 3 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A J 9 8 4	♠ J 10 4 ♥ A Q J 3 ♦ K Q 6 3 ♣ K 10
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In the Open Room, South (Brink) for the Netherlands had opened INT and played there, going just one down for +100 to France when West led a heart.

In the Closed Room, we saw a useful tool:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Bertens</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The double showed spades and another suit but Bakkeren judged he had more than enough to sit it. When the defence first took their four spade tricks and then played a club, declarer could not come to more than five tricks. Down two, +500 to the Netherlands and a useful 9IMP-swing.

Board 11 was interesting in the Poland-Germany match:

Board: 11. Dealer South/None

♠ 8 5 4 3 ♥ A J 6 ♦ A J 5 ♣ 10 7 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 2 ♥ Q 9 8 4 3 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ A Q 3
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W		E									
	S										
♠ A J 10 9 6 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ Q 10 ♣ K 8 6											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Wlawow</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	2♥	All Pass

The defence took two spade tricks, one heart and one club trick for one overtrick and that was Germany +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
Pass	INT	All Pass	1♠

Skrzypczak gave the defence a very good start by leading the ♥9, which went to the ten and jack. East won the club switch with the ace and played the ♥8. Best for declarer is to play low, but it was reasonable to put up the king, and indeed he did so. The defence now cashed six red tricks for three down and -150, so swing. Well defended by the Poles.

On board 14, placing the contract made a big difference:

Board: 14. Dealer East/None

♠ 9 4 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ A J 10 3 ♣ K 7 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 10 8 7 5 ♥ Q 9 6 5 ♦ Q 7 2 ♣ 9
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W		E									
	S										
♠ K Q J 6 ♥ A 10 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ A 8 5 2											
♠ 3 2 ♥ K J 8 4 ♦ 9 8 6 ♣ Q J 10 4											



Georgi Matushko, Russia

Russia v. Norway

In the Open Room, Helgemo opened INT and thus became declarer in the normal 3NT. South led a logical but unlucky ♣Q which cost a trick and a tempo. Helgemo then went on to play the hand very well. He won the ♣A and returned the suit, South playing the ten and dummy winning the king. A low spade went to declarer's king and a diamond was taken by dummy's ace. Next, dummy's ♦J was led, North covering and declarer winning the king. Helgemo then cashed two more diamond winners and led another spade from dummy, the queen winning. After conceding a club he thus had no less than ten tricks, Norway a very fine +430.

In the Closed Room, the Russian system placed the contract in the West hand. When North led a logical low spade, declarer immediately went after the clubs. When they did not break, he was down two as the entry position to take the right view in diamonds had been destroyed in the process. Norway another +100 and 11 IMPs.

In the Poland v. Germany match, both tables were in 3NT by East but with quite different outcomes:

In the Open Room Kwiecien led the ♣Q, ducked all round, and when he followed this up by playing a low club (!) at trick two, declarer was able to win a cheap trick with dummy's six. On a spade up, North had to play low, so declarer won the queen, cashed the club ace and then crossed to the club king. Declarer played another spade from dummy and North could not afford to play the ace this time either, so the king won the trick. At this point declarer had won five tricks and all he had to do was to establish a third diamond trick. Just made, Germany +400.

We saw a nice defence in the Closed Room by Gromoeller. The ♣Q was led, won by declarer's ace. At trick two Skrzypczak took the diamond finesse by playing low to the ten. This was ducked by Gromoeller, since he was not sure about which major he should switch to. At this point declarer, has nine tricks if he plays the diamonds from the top and a spade up twice. However, declarer was very happy to be in dummy and played a spade up, won by the jack, and then he cashed the diamond king and took the 'marked' diamond finesse. North had the last word by winning the queen and then switching to the ♥Q. From here, the contract was doomed and declarer to accept his fate; two light and 11 very well-deserved IMPs to Germany. They led by 53-15 now.

France gained a 9-IMP swing on this same board in a rather different way.

In the Open Room, Mouïel had become declarer in 3NT after opening INT. Brink also led the unlucky ♣Q but Mouïel won this and continued a diamond to the ten. When Drijver produced the queen and shifted to a low heart, the contract could no longer be made. Netherlands +50.

Why then did they still lose 9 IMPs? Because in the Closed Room, this had been the bidding:

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Bompis	Bertens	Quantin
		INT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Redble	2♥
Dble	All Pass		

The French showed here that they too, had a useful gadget, this time to show majors. After a trump lead ducked by East and a club to dummy's nine and East's ace, the defenders did not cash their diamond tricks in time. So Quantin made his contract for a score of +470 to France and a surprise 9 IMPs.

On the next board, the Russians nearly reached the best contract:

Board: 15. Dealer South/NS

	♠ J 10 7 6 2	
	♥ —	
	♦ 8 7 6 3 2	
	♣ 6 3 2	
♠ Q		♠ K
♥ A K 10 4 2		♥ J 9 8 7
♦ 9 4		♦ A K Q J 5
♣ K Q J 9 8		♣ A 10 7
	♠ A 9 8 5 4 3	
	♥ Q 6 5 3	
	♦ 10	
	♣ 5 4	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Molberg	Khokhlov	Aa
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Looking at the EW hands only, 6♣ clearly is the best contract as the possible heart losers will go on the good diamonds. In real life, however, you will go down in 6♣ on a heart ruff (or two if East happens to be declarer). Six Hearts turned out to be the popular contract but the Russians were a trifle unlucky when neither West nor East held a low spade...

Against 6NT, South did not lead 3rd, 4th or 5th best so Khokhlov went down five for the remarkable score of +250 to Norway.

Helgemo-Lund reached 6♥ in straightforward fashion:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lund	Khiouppenen	Helgemo	Kholomeev
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

2NT of course had shown heart support. Norway +980 and 15 IMPs to lead 47-29 at this point.

No real swing either in the Poland v. Germany match, when both EW pairs had no trouble in reaching 6♥. Just 1 IMP to Germany when they found the spade lead.

The French EW overbid to 7♣, down two for a loss of 14 IMPs but when the Dutch first missed a slam on board 18 and then overbid to a hopeless slam on board 19, a clear French victory was the outcome of that match: 68-44 or 20-10 V.P.

On board 16, we finally saw a big swing going Poland's way:

Board: 16. Dealer West/EW

	♠ J 6 5 4 3	
	♥ Q 8	
	♦ K 10 7 2	
	♣ 10 3	
♠ A K 9 2		♠ 8
♥ A J 7		♥ K 9 6 5 3 2
♦ 8		♦ 5
♣ K Q J 8 6		♣ A 9 7 4 2
	♠ Q 10 7	
	♥ 10 4	
	♦ A Q J 9 6 4 3	
	♣ 5	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	3♦
Dble	5♦	5♥	All Pass

Twelve easy tricks, Germany +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	3♦
Dble	Redble	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	7♦	Dble	All Pass

Down six, Poland +1400 and a much-needed swing of 12 IMPs.

The final score in this match: 57-27 or 21-9 V.P. to Germany.

On the last board of the set, the Russians were the ones to overbid to a slam which had little chance:

Board: 20. Dealer West/All

♠ A 10 9
♥ Q J 10 8 7 3
♦ 10
♣ 5 4 3

♠ 5 3 2
♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ K Q J 9 7
♣ 8



♠ Q J 6
♥ 6
♦ 6 4
♣ K Q J 10 9 7 6

♠ K 8 7 4
♥ A K
♦ A 8 5 3 2
♣ A 2



Jouri Khokhlov, Russia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lund</i>	<i>Khiouppenen</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
Pass	2♥	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

4♣ asked opener to transfer to his major. Down two, Norway +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Molberg</i>	<i>Khokhlov</i>	<i>Aa</i>
Pass	2♥	3♣	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Mainly the same bidding as in the other room, except that North was disciplined enough to call it a day over 4♥. Eleven tricks, Norway +650 and 13 IMPs to win by 60-31 or 21-9 V.P.

Hypothetically Speaking

In an idle moment someone took the time to calculate what the carry-forward would have been had it been in operation.

Sweden	150
Norway	136
Iceland	131
Italy	127
Latvia	127
Portugal	125.5
Netherlands	125
England	123
Russia	122
Germany	120
Turkey	119
Israel	116
Poland	112
Denmark	111
Bulgaria	109
France	108
Czech Republic	99
Estonia	90

Might be interesting to add these numbers on at the end and see if it makes any difference?

Appeal No. 6 Poland v Italy

Appeals Committee:

Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Philippe Cronier (France), Barry Rigal (England)

East/West appealed.

Present: All players except East, both Captains and the Coach of North/South

Open Teams Final Round I

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ 5 3 2 ♥ J 10 9 5 3 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 10 9 8</p>		<p>♠ J 9 7 6 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ 6 5 2</p>	<p>♠ A K 4 ♥ K 2 ♦ A K 8 4 3 ♣ Q 7 3</p>
<p>♠ Q 10 8 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ Q J 9 ♣ A K J 4</p>			

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
2♥	All Pass		

Comments: 1♣ Polish
1♥ transfer to Spades
Dble Take-out over Spades
1♠ 3 cards spades

Contract: Two Hearts, played by West

Result: 7 tricks, NS +50

The Facts:

South called the Director at the end of the hand, having reserved his rights during the bidding. West had agreed that the tray had taken some time before returning with INT-Pass. East also admitted that he had thought for about 30 seconds.

The Director:

Asked a number of players, none of whom would have bid 2 Hearts.

Ruling: Score adjusted to INT by North, making 7 tricks, NS +90

Relevant Laws: Law 40B4, 12B1, 12C1(c)

The Players:

West explained that he knew his partner had 18-19. He had not bid INT at his first opportunity, which would have shown 15-17. Since North/South stopped in INT, partner had to have more values than that.

To let them play in INT, West stated, was handing them a certain 90 or 120.

West had never bid because of a hesitation, and he thought calling the Director here was not the right spirit to be playing bridge in.

When asked to explain a bit more about their system, West explained that a direct INT would show 15-17, and a direct 2♥ would have been natural. A second double would be a normal positive bid, but East already knows that West is weak.

West added that he did not know if it was his partner who had been hesitating, maybe it was the INT bidder after all.

South recounted that he had reserved his rights during the bidding, and that West had agreed that there had been a break in tempo. He then called the Director at the end of the hand (note: this is completely in accordance with the procedure that the new Laws advise).

South explained that 1♣ was some form of Polish, and that the 1♠ bid confirmed both that it had been the weak option (12-14, balanced) and that he held 3 spades.

North/South confirmed that South had at maximum 14 points, North at maximum 11.

The Committee:

Agreed with West that he could infer that East had a strong hand (18-19), or at the very least a good heart fit. However, bidding 2♥ is not without a certain risk. North/South might reopen into game or partner might over-compete. West's actions were probably correct in abstract, but the hesitation turned the 90% action into a 100% one. East should realise that a break in tempo carries the risk partner might not be allowed to take the correct action and West should realise that he should "bend over backwards" when in possession of Unauthorized Information. Even World Champions should be held to the standards applicable to all.

The Committee's decision:

Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit: Returned

Champagne moment: Best Bridge Partner

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The first board of Round 18 in the Open (and Round 6 in the Women) caused some anguish around the field:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ A K 4 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ A K Q 9 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border: none; text-align: center; width: 100%;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table> </div>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A K 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 8 2 ♣ 7 5</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ 7 6 3 2 ♦ K J 4 ♣ J 10 8 6 4 2</p>
N						
W E						
S						

In the Open match between Wales and Norway this was the unopposed auction:

West	North	East	South
Tedd		Salisbury	
		4♠	
4NT		5♥	
6♠		Pass	

Mike Tedd, holding the West cards had been hoping to bid

the grand but when his partner denied holding the queen of spades he settled for the small slam.

South led a diamond. Salisbury put up dummy's ace and, not bothering to cash the top hearts (he expected to return to dummy with a club), played a trump to the ace.

When South showed out Salisbury shrugged his shoulder, cashed another top trump, and tried to reach dummy with a club.

North unkindly ruffed, and the defence made two trumps and two diamonds for three off.

"Sorry," said dummy, who was sitting with four top winners that not been utilised.

In the Womens event Wales was playing Spain. On the same deal the Welsh East was in Six Spades doubled (North it was who doubled). A heart was led. Declarer won in dummy and led the ten of trumps. When North failed to cover declarer let the ten run.

A moment later declarer had cleared the trumps and was claiming her slam.

We have to report that although declarer's Spanish was not good enough to understand what passed between the defenders, she did not think it would be an entry for this award.

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Championship Diary



The Bulletin Office has been besieged by a plague of telephone calls – most of them coming into Gorgeous George's cell-phone. On enquiry, it has emerged that GG is actually about to become Prime Minister of Greece (or possibly a member of parliament, it might have lost a little in translation). Most of the calls are apparently from Panos, trying to persuade him not to stand.

Re: vegetable names. If we go the vegetation not vegetable route we have Heather Dhondy, and Ilan Bareket which means tree in Hebrew. Alon (Amsel, Belgium) is an oak in Hebrew. (Many thanks to our good friend Eitan Levy for communicating this via the Internet.)

We regret to announce the death of George Carlin. The comedian, famous on US television, was perhaps best known for his sketch that listed the seven swear-words that you are not allowed to use in a Daily Bulletin or on USTV. In honour of George we reprint the list below. The words are:

(continued on page 25)

Seeking to finish off a story I asked Tacchi 'Give me a way to finish this sentence.'

'Full stop.'

Overheard on VuGraph: 'His only hope is for KQJ doubleton.'

Barry Rigal reports a unique event. It has been known for the VuGraph commentary to induce a number of spectators to fall asleep (Tacchi swears by it) but yesterday no less than two commentators fell asleep simultaneously!!

Yesterday's Championship Diary contained a major misquote. The suggestion for Austria's music was incorrectly attributed to Doris Fischer rather than the Editor. Profuse apologies.



VICTORY BANQUET



The Victory Banquet will take place on Saturday, June 28 at 19.00 hrs. in the Jaï Alai, about 12 kms away from the Palais Beaumont.

Invitation cards can be picked up at the Hospitality Desk. Team Captains are requested to pick up the invitations for all their players as well. Staff members should obtain their invitations through their respective department chiefs.

All invitations should be picked up not later than Friday, June 27 at noon.

Other guests who want to attend the banquet can buy their invitation cards at the Hospitality Desk at a cost of 25 euros.

When picking up invitation card(s), you are requested to register all persons involved for the transfer to the banquet venue. Buses will leave at 18.00 hrs. and at 18.40 hrs from the Palais Beaumont. Please note that you cannot change your bus transfer time once you registered.

IMPORTANT NOTE: you are requested to present your invitation card to get access to the bus and also to get access to the Jaï Alai.

TRANSPORT TO PAU AIRPORT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29

There will be bus transfers to the airport on Sunday, June 29, only.

Team Captains are kindly requested to register at the Hospitality Desk, mentioning the number of persons, the hotel from which each person is leaving and the departure time of each person's flight.

Staff members may also register individually.

Registration will be closed on Thursday, June 26, at the end of the day's play.

Departure times of the buses will be published on Friday afternoon, June 27.

75 ans, le bel âge...

105 000 licenciés, 1204 clubs, la Fédération Française de Bridge méritait bien un hommage pour fêter ses 75 ans. Le président Yves Aubry avait réuni au domaine de Cinquau, où se déroulait le dîner-anniversaire, tous ceux et celles qui ont activement participé à la vie de la FFB, mais également le gotha du bridge européen. Une très belle fête sous le signe de l'amitié.



Yves Aubry et Gianarrigo Rona.



Olivier Audouard, vice-président de la FFB, Françoise Lamarque, adjointe au maire, chargée de la Communication, Jean-François Sammarcelli, Directeur de la Banque de Détail Société Générale en France.



Alain Lévy, Yves Aubry et Jean-Claude Thuillier, directeur général de la FFB.



Jean-Christophe Quantin, Romain Zaleski et Gianarrigo Rona.



Une partie des salariés de la FFB présents à Pau.




Les membres du conseil fédéral de la FFB.

QUAND LES CARTES ONT DE L'ESPRIT

Les cartes avaient bien de l'esprit, hier matin. Rendons en grâce à l'ordinateur. Lors du match opposant hier matin les Français aux Néerlandais, Bas Drijver, sur la donne 9, a ouvert d'un Cœur en Nord. Soutenu à 2 Cœurs par Sjoert Brink, il a fait un essai à 2 Piques et... les enchères en sont restées là, au grand amusement des quatre joueurs. Comme vous pouvez le constater, Sud possédait en effet - cela tombait bien - 5 cartes à Pique. Marc Bompis et Jean Christophe Quantin étaient parvenus au même contrat dans l'autre salle, après une ouverture d'1 SA de la part de Marc.

Donne 9 du tour n°3 Open

♠ A R 10		♠ 7 5
♥ V 8 6 3 2		♥ R 7
♦ R 3		♦ DV 8 7 2
♣ R DV		♣ A 10 6 4
♠ D 8 4		
♥ A 9 4		
♦ A 9 6 4		
♣ 7 3 2		
♠ V 9 6 3 2		
♥ D 10 5		
♦ 10 5		
♣ 9 8 5		

HISTOIRE PALOISE OU : OH, MA CARMEN !

Voilà quelque quarante ans, le bridge-club de Pau était fréquenté par un personnage haut en couleurs, d'origine russe, Monsieur Simon, alias Simon Jelesniak. Il s'inscrivit au mixte surprise, épreuve pour laquelle, à leur arrivée au club, hommes et femmes devaient chacun tirer une carte représentant un amoureux célèbre. Il appartenait alors à Tristan de chercher Yseult dans la salle, à Roméo de trouver Juliette; idem pour Philémon et Baucis.

Monsieur Simon, ayant tiré la carte Don José se mit en quête de sa Carmen et l'ayant trouvée, disputa le tournoi en face de cette dame. A ceux qui, l'épreuve terminée, s'enquirent du résultat, Monsieur Simon répondit « J'adore l'opéra ; j'ai souvent assisté à Carmen et je ne comprenais pas pourquoi, à la fin, Don José la tuait. Maintenant... je sais. ».

SUPERSTITIONS

Ils ont été réclamés par les joueurs islandais ainsi que par les Turques en tant que scoreurs, tant il est vrai que Francis Mannev et Jean-Louis Benoist sont supposés leur porter chance.

PEUGEOT PARTENAIRE DES CHAMPIONNATS DE PAU



L'agence locale ABCIS Peugeot de Billière est partenaire des championnats d'Europe de bridge et a mis à disposition trois véhicules pour toute la durée de l'évènement.

RENDONS A CESAR

Rendons à César ce qui appartient à Michael. Son partenaire ayant commis une (légère) faute, Michael Elinescu pria en souriant les scoreurs de rectifier le tableau où avaient été inversés, par erreur, son nom et celui de son partenaire...

EN PARALLELE

Disputé parallèlement au Championnat d'Europe, le Trophée de l'Euro a été remporté sans coup férir par le presque junior Thibault Delmas qui a su seconder au mieux sa partenaire, Louise Lhere.

LA TURQUIE EST EN FORME

La Turquie s'est imposée hier matin dans les trois compétitions, qui plus est, rien de moins que contre l'Angleterre ou l'Italie. Ils ont récidivé l'après-midi. Nos amis prépareraient-ils le coup de l'euro de foot ?

LES JOUEURS DE L'AN 2020

Ce sont quatre équipes françaises qui, à compter d'aujourd'hui, en décousent au Lycée Louis Barthou avec Italiens, Allemands et Suédois dans le Championnat d'Europe cadets.

L'équipe phare rassemble autour du grenoblois Fabrice Charignon, âgé de 15 ans, trois garçons issus d'Auvergne, du Limousin et du Val de Seine dont le niveau est, selon leur accompagnatrice, Véronique Bellosta, de l'ordre de la fin de première série. Fabrice, quant à lui, déjà international en moins de 20 ans, a délaissé, voilà trois ans, son sport favori (le tennis de table) au profit du bridge, le carré vert remplaçant ainsi le rectangle de même couleur.

Avec peut-être un peu moins d'ambitions, il nous plaît de citer Anaïs Leleu, d'Aire sur la Lys, car c'est la benjamine de l'épreuve. Agée de 11 ans et demi, cette forte en maths est issue du bridge scolaire. Age total de sa quadrette : 48 ans pour 4 joueurs. Qui prétendait que le bridge n'est pas un sport de jeunes ?



Fabrice Charignon et Anaïs Leleu

WOMEN BUTLER - after 13 Rounds

DRAPER Catherine	ROSEN Anne	0,90	160	England	DHONDY Heather	SENIOR Nevena	0,06	180	England
LEVIT-PORAT Ruth	PORAT Liri	0,88	160	Israel	ADUT Vera	GUMRUKCUOGLU L.	0,03	180	Turkey
AUKEN Sabine	ARNIM Daniela von	0,84	240	Germany	McGOWAN E.	McQUAKER Fiona	0,02	180	Scotland
MEZEI Katalin	CSIPKA Szilvia	0,84	180	Hungary	BORDALLO C.	MATUT M.	0,01	140	Spain
GROMOVA Victoria	PONOMAREVA T.	0,72	200	Russia	FERREIRA Isabel	ROSADO Alexandra	-0,02	180	Portugal
KLEMMENSEN C.	KIRSTAN Marlene	0,64	140	Denmark	BRKLJACIC Tihana	MARTINOVIC S.	-0,03	120	Croatia
PAOLUZI Simonetta	SACCAVINI Ilaria	0,62	180	Italy	THOMASBERGER H.	STIGLEITNER Helga	-0,08	180	Austria
ARRIGONI Gianna	OLIVIERI Gabriella	0,61	160	Italy	ERDEOVA Jana	TOMCIKOVA Zdena	-0,09	180	Czech Rep.
HARDING Marianne	FUGLESTAD Ann K.	0,60	160	Norway	TADEU Ana	LIMA Paula	-0,10	180	Portugal
ALBERTI Anja	SCHRAVERUS	0,58	140	Germany	MARTIN Anne	ADAMSON Sheila	-0,12	160	Scotland
COMMINS E.	SHEA Sheila Ann	0,51	160	Wales	BABOT Mari Carmen	PANADERO Maria	-0,14	140	Spain
ALMIRALL Nuria	ALMIRALL Marta	0,48	200	Spain	HAMORI Zsuzsa	ZALAI Agnes	-0,17	160	Hungary
SJOBORG Emma	RIMSTEDT Sandra	0,48	140	Sweden	KATER Ewa	KOZYRA Ewa	-0,20	140	Poland
THORESEN Siv	VIST Gunn Tove	0,47	200	Norway	FARHOLT Stense	RAHELT Maria Marit	-0,27	160	Denmark
HODEROVA Pavla	JANKOVA Jana	0,46	140	Czech Rep.	SIGURJONSDOTTIR	NIELSEN Ragnheidur	-0,27	160	Iceland
PASMAN Jet	SIMONS Anneke	0,44	200	Netherlands	LEVY Hila	ASULIN Adi	-0,29	160	Israel
D'OVIDIO Catherine	ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD	0,44	160	France	BROGELAND T.	SVENDSEN T.	-0,34	120	Norway
NEHMERT Pony B.	GROMANN Ingrid	0,42	140	Germany	CHUBAROVA S.	VOROBICHKOVA	-0,37	160	Russia
CRONIER Benedicte	WILLARD Sylvie	0,39	160	France	JAKOBSDOTTIR	KRISTJONSDOTTIR	-0,39	120	Iceland
WORTEL Meike	MICHIELSEN Marion	0,36	180	Netherlands	MULLER Renata	PETROVIC Izvorka	-0,41	140	Croatia
PILIPOVIC Marina	SVER Nikica	0,36	220	Croatia	LAMBRINOU Sophie	TSIRIKOU Eleni	-0,42	180	Greece
PASTERNAK M.	HARASIMOWICZ E.	0,35	140	Poland	LANCOVA Milena	MEDLINOVA Blanka	-0,44	160	Czech Rep.
IVARSDOTTIR Anna	OSKARSDOTTIR G.	0,27	200	Iceland	NURMI Pia	AHONEN Hulda	-0,45	260	Finland
BACKSTROM Sue	TUOMI Raija	0,27	260	Finland	CARROLL Helen	KULCHYCKY Jill	-0,47	160	Ireland
SARNIAK Anna	BREWIAK Grazyna	0,27	200	Poland	RAGI Daad	KOTEIT Eva	-0,55	100	Lebanon
TESHOME Sarah	JAGGER Catherine	0,24	180	England	NAMOUR Marella	RAMADAN Youmna	-0,56	180	Lebanon
ANDERSSON Pia	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	0,22	180	Sweden	MIDSKOG Catharina	BERTHEAU Kathrine	-0,56	160	Sweden
ATALAY Belis	ZAIM Mey	0,21	160	Turkey	ALEXANDER Michele	BENSON Joyce	-0,56	140	Scotland
MANARA Gabriella	FERLAZZO Caterina	0,16	180	Italy	VELAITOU Polina	MITSI Georgia	-0,64	180	Greece
NYARADI Gabriella	NYARADI Ibolya	0,14	180	Hungary	LINDENLAUF Diana	MULIAR Andrea	-0,76	180	Austria
JOYCE Emer	KENNY Joan	0,11	160	Ireland	ABOUSLEIMAN Leila	CHAMMAA Iman	-0,77	160	Lebanon
BEKKOUCHE Nadia	BINDERKRANTZ Trine	0,10	180	Denmark	OLIVEIRA Anabella	KAY Teresa	-0,79	160	Portugal
CLENCH Gilly	WOODRUFF Laura	0,10	220	Wales	TOKCAN Merih	MERZE Sukriye	-0,91	140	Turkey
NEVE Joanna	BESSIS Veronique	0,08	160	France	VENETAKI Athina	GEORGIOU Anna	-0,93	160	Greece
VRIEND Bep	ARNOLDS Carla	0,06	140	Netherlands	WUFKA Michaela	SCHOBER Maria	-1,07	160	Austria
KHONICHEVA Elena	NIKITINA Alexandra	0,06	160	Russia	CLEARY Ena	FITZGERALD Jeannie	-1,26	160	Ireland
LAZAR Naomi	ARAMI Ruth	0,06	160	Israel	PATRICK Daphne	GARDNER Betty	-1,62	140	Wales