

# Daily Bulletin



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# Norway's 10% Solution!



*From left: Boye Brogeland, Espen Lindqvist, Harald Skjaeran Coach, Jorgen Molberg, Geir Helgemo, Terje AA, Boerre Lund, Sten Bjertnes npc*

Before a single deal had been played Boye Brogeland said that he thought Norway had a 10% chance of adding the European Team Championship to their Bermuda Bowl crown. Now he knows better, as they captured the title for the first time in history, ending Italy's record breaking run.

Russia, (Alexander Dubinin, Andrei Gromov, Jouri Khokhlov, Georgi Matushko, Jouri Khiouppenen & Vadim Kholomeev Elena Maytova npc) made some history of its own by securing the silver medals, while Germany, (Michael Elinescu, Michael Gromoeller, Andreas Kirmse, Josef Piekarek, Alexander Smirnov, Entschow Wladow, Helmut Hausler npc) took the bronze.



## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 17 - subject to official confirmation

|   | Home Team  | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|---|------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | FRANCE     | ICELAND       | 31 - 54 | 10 - 20 |
| 2 | ISRAEL     | NETHERLANDS   | 52 - 62 | 13 - 17 |
| 3 | SWEDEN     | ESTONIA       | 79 - 64 | 18 - 12 |
| 4 | TURKEY     | BULGARIA      | 57 - 36 | 19 - 11 |
| 5 | CZECH REP. | LATVIA        | 65 - 48 | 19 - 11 |
| 6 | GERMANY    | ITALY         | 17 - 67 | 5 - 25  |
| 7 | NORWAY     | DENMARK       | 90 - 44 | 24 - 6  |
| 8 | ENGLAND    | POLAND        | 54 - 43 | 17 - 13 |
| 9 | PORTUGAL   | RUSSIA        | 63 - 68 | 14 - 16 |

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING FINAL

*subject to official confirmation*

|          |                    |               |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>NORWAY</b>      | <b>299.00</b> |
| <b>2</b> | <b>RUSSIA</b>      | <b>287.00</b> |
| <b>3</b> | <b>GERMANY</b>     | <b>286.00</b> |
| <b>4</b> | <b>BULGARIA</b>    | <b>285.00</b> |
| <b>5</b> | <b>ITALY</b>       | <b>279.00</b> |
| <b>6</b> | <b>NETHERLANDS</b> | <b>273.00</b> |
| 7        | DENMARK            | 269.00        |
| 8        | ICELAND            | 265.00        |
| 9        | FRANCE             | 263.00        |
| 10       | SWEDEN             | 262.00        |
| 11       | TURKEY             | 251.00        |
| 12       | ENGLAND            | 242.00        |
| 13       | CZECH REP.         | 231.00        |
| 14       | POLAND             | 230.00        |
| 15       | LATVIA             | 224.00        |
| 16       | ISRAEL             | 221.00        |
| 17       | PORTUGAL           | 202.00        |
| 18       | ESTONIA            | 200.00        |

## OPEN TEAMS MASTERPOINTS

|    | COUNTRY     | MASTERPOINTS |
|----|-------------|--------------|
| 1  | NORWAY      | 250          |
| 2  | RUSSIA      | 200          |
| 3  | GERMANY     | 150          |
| 4  | BULGARIA    | 100          |
| 5  | ITALY       | 75           |
| 6  | NETHERLANDS | 60           |
| 7  | DENMARK     | 50           |
| 8  | ICELAND     | 45           |
| 9  | FRANCE      | 40           |
| 10 | SWEDEN      | 35           |
| 11 | TURKEY      | 28           |
| 12 | ENGLAND     | 27           |
| 13 | CZECH REP.  | 26           |
| 14 | POLAND      | 25           |
| 15 | LATVIA      | 24           |
| 16 | ISRAEL      | 23           |
| 17 | PORTUGAL    | 22           |
| 18 | ESTONIA     | 21           |
| 19 | FINLAND     | 20           |
| 20 | BELARUS     | 19           |
| 21 | MONACO      | 17           |
| 22 | IRELAND     | 17           |
| 23 | GREECE      | 15           |
| 24 | AUSTRIA     | 15           |
| 25 | SWITZERLAND | 13           |
| 26 | BELGIUM     | 13           |
| 27 | SPAIN       | 11           |
| 28 | WALES       | 11           |
| 29 | LUXEMBURG   | 9            |
| 30 | HUNGARY     | 9            |
| 31 | CROATIA     | 7            |
| 32 | SLOVAKIA    | 7            |
| 33 | SERBIA      | 5            |
| 34 | ROMANIA     | 5            |
| 35 | SAN MARINO  | 3            |
| 36 | LITHUANIA   | 2            |
| 37 | SCOTLAND    | 2            |
| 38 | MALTA       | 1            |

## WOMEN TEAMS MASTERPOINTS

| COUNTRY       | MASTERPOINTS |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1 FRANCE      | 200          |
| 2 ITALY       | 150          |
| 3 SPAIN       | 100          |
| 4 SWEDEN      | 75           |
| 5 GERMANY     | 65           |
| 6 DENMARK     | 55           |
| 7 POLAND      | 45           |
| 8 NETHERLANDS | 40           |
| 9 ENGLAND     | 35           |
| 10 NORWAY     | 30           |
| 11 CROATIA    | 25           |
| 12 TURKEY     | 22           |
| 13 RUSSIA     | 19           |
| 14 FINLAND    | 17           |
| 15 CZECH REP. | 15           |
| 16 HUNGARY    | 13           |
| 17 ISRAEL     | 11           |
| 18 ICELAND    | 9            |
| 19 SCOTLAND   | 7            |
| 20 PORTUGAL   | 6            |
| 21 IRELAND    | 5            |
| 22 GREECE     | 4            |
| 23 WALES      | 3            |
| 24 AUSTRIA    | 2            |
| 25 LEBANON    | 1            |

## 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](mailto: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.

## SENIOR TEAMS MASTERPOINTS

| COUNTRY        | MASTERPOINTS |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1 TURKEY       | 150          |
| 2 SWEDEN       | 100          |
| 3 BELGIUM      | 50           |
| 4 POLAND       | 30           |
| 5 NETHERLANDS  | 25           |
| 6 ITALY        | 20           |
| 7 ENGLAND      | 14           |
| 8 DENMARK      | 13           |
| 9 FRANCE       | 12           |
| 10 ISRAEL      | 11           |
| 11 SCOTLAND    | 10           |
| 12 AUSTRIA     | 9            |
| 13 NORWAY      | 8            |
| 14 GERMANY     | 7            |
| 15 IRELAND     | 6            |
| 16 ESTONIA     | 5            |
| 17 FINLAND     | 4            |
| 18 SPAIN       | 3            |
| 19 SWITZERLAND | 2            |
| 20 WALES       | 1            |



## FAREWELL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF EBL

Dear Friends,

We are at the end of another bridge event. As usual we are a little bit sad to leave our old and new friends, but in the meantime we are happy to return to our houses, to our families, to our habits after fifteen intensive days, bringing with us the memory of this experience, of this new marvellous bridge adventure.

You have to draw the balance of this event, but I believe I am entitled to say that here in Pau we celebrated, all together, a great bridge event, achieving a remarkable success, due to your behavior and fair play which, in the spirit of such an high standard sports competition, created an atmosphere suggestive of friendship, serenity and harmony, confirming all the values of our discipline. More than usual today all of you are winners. On behalf of the European Bridge League and personally I want to congratulate you and thank you. We are proud of you.

And I am very pleased to congratulate and thank also the City of Pau, the Mayor, M.me Martine Lignièrès/Cassou, the public and private authorities, the French Bridge Federation, by my great friend Yves Aubry, la Société Generale, the Lavazza Company and all our sponsor friends who supported the event with an extraordinary contribution and welcomed and hosted us with such warmth and friendship to give us the impression to be at home.

On our side, we tried to give our best to manage and run the championship and I believe that our Staff did a great job ensuring to the event a very high standard and letting us to show, everywhere in the world, thanks also the new technology provided by Prof. Gianni Baldi and Fotis Skoularikis, its image. From now on it is possible, staying at home, to follow the same show that it is possible to follow in the Rama theatre. And let me say that this year the show has been really superb. I hope in any case to have been able to satisfy your expectations.

I want now to thank all the people who enabled us to carry out this championship by offering their enthusiasm, their professionalism and their dedication. I would

like to name them all, one by one, but for all of them I will call their chiefs, inviting them all to stand, when I call them to receive our much deserved applause.

The Organising Committee, led by Olivier Audouard. The On Site Organiser Jean-Claude Thuillier and his assistant Francis Wolff and Coralie Bel. The Championship Committee, led by Jean-Claude Beineix and Armand Trippaers. The great manager Ton Kooijman, with his assistant Gianni Bertotto. The Appeals Committee led by Jens Auken and Jean-Paul Meyer.

The Tournament Directors led by Antonio Riccardi and Max Bavin. The Hospitality Team led by Silvia Valentini. The Protocol and Ceremony Team led by Anna Maria Torlontano and Sevinç Atay.



The Secretariat with Marina and Gildana. The Treasury with Marc De Pauw, Dirk and Federica. The Medical Commission with Paolo Gabriele and René Flavigny. The Main Office guided by Babbut Fulvio Colizzi with Bimbo Luc, uncle Gianluca and relatives Omar and François. The Communications Master Panos Gerontopoulos; the IBPA President Patrick Jourdain; the Press Room Manager Jan Swaan; The Press attaché Hélène Vivier, Thierry Gadan and Agnès Fabre. The Rama Commentators led by Barry Rigal.

The Daily Bulletin coordinated by Mark Horton; the Duplication Team led by Monica Gorreri; the technological team led by Professor Gianni Baldi and Fotis Skoularikis.

The IT System manager Duccio Geronimi and his assistant Manolo; the Scorer and Caddies Team led by Xavier Schurer. Finally I want to thank the Director of the show Bernard Delange with his assistants Bernadette and Isabelle for their magnificent broadcasting. Last but not least, once again, our housefather, my dear friend and colleague Yves Aubry.

I also want us all to send our best wishes to our dear friend José Damiani, who cannot be with us today.

Now we are really at the end. Thank you, again, dear friends, I hope you enjoyed your stay in Pau and you have a safe journey home.

Un abbraccio to you all

**Gianarrigo Rona**  
**EBL President**

## Welcome to 47th International Pula Bridge Festival ! 6th – 17th September 2008, Pula, Croatia



Bridge, sea, sun - perfect holidays on the Adriatic coast in a 3000 years old city from Roman times.

Over 100 teams, close to 300 pairs.

Players from more than 35 countries visited Pula tournament last year.

Direct cheap flights... from London, Moscow, Glasgow, Dublin, Oslo and many other European cities.

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## 7th WHITE HOUSE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP

Amsterdam 6th – 9th November 2008

The 7th edition of the EBL Champions Cup will be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from 6th to 9th November 2008 at White House.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, the National Team Champions (the teams which won the main national Open Team Championship in 2007) of Bulgaria – Denmark – France - Germany – Iceland – Italy – Netherlands - Norway – Russia – Sweden, plus the defending Champion "Tennis Club Parioli Angelini", and the Host Team will be invited to participate.

Detailed information will be sent to all the interested NBOs immediately after the end of the Championships.



## Rimstedt



Ola and Mikael began to play when 5-6 years old but not really seriously until this year when they were selected for the junior Nordic ch'ships. They spend about 30 hours a week on BBO and play once a week at the club

Mother Ann won Swedish Women's pairs twice (last year with Sandra, and earlier with her mother), and once the Swedish Mixed pairs.

Sandra won silver last year in the Nordic women. Cilla is reigning Junior world champion. She also won the Swedish Mixed Championship some years ago as the youngest ever woman (girl?)

Daddy, not here, has represented Sweden, wins regularly when he plays, but likes golf too much.



## Statistics from the Appeals Committee

by Herman De Wael

14 cases were brought before the Appeals Committee in Pau. That is one more than two years ago in Warszawa, but since this tournament was quite a bit larger, the Board Appeal Ratio is exactly the same at 0.36 appeals per 1,000 boards.

The Women had 3 cases and the Seniors only one (BAR: 0.23 and 0.16). There were 10 appeals in the Open series, 3 during the qualifying stage (0.22) and 7 in the Final stages (1.12).

This year, the quality of the directing was impeccable. Only in 4 cases did the Committee alter the Director's ruling. The deposit was kept 2 times.

The Appeals Committee heard all cases from within a group of eight members, with a visiting member once to fill up the numbers when the Committee had to be split in order to accommodate 4 cases on the same day. Contrary to previous practice, Committees of more than 5 people were used, bringing the average to exactly 5 members per Committee. Not a single Committee had to be convened composed of less than 4 members.

All the Appeals have been written up and will be published on the Web (<http://www.eurobridge.org> - follow links to departments - appeals)

### Board-Appeal Ratio's (BARs)

In order to compare the rates of appeals, the EBL Appeal Committee have developed the notion of a Board-Appeal Ratio. In essence, this is the number of appeals that are heard in relation to the number of boards played. It is expressed as the number of appeals per 1,000 boards played. The BARs have settled at a low number in recent years.

### BARs throughout the years:

#### Team championships:

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Malta 1999         | 0.70 |
| Tenerife 2001      | 0.81 |
| Salsomaggiore 2002 | 0.56 |
| Malmö 2004         | 0.33 |
| Warszawa 2006      | 0.36 |
| Pau 2008           | 0.36 |

#### Open championships:

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Menton 2003   | 0.32 |
| Tenerife 2005 | 0.26 |
| Antalya 2007  | 0.22 |

### Total number of boards:

38,880 boards have been played during these championships (Warszawa 36,432).

## After the Ball

*After the ball is over, after the break of morn,  
After the dancers' leaving, after the stars are gone,  
Many a heart is aching, if you could read them all,  
Many the hopes that have vanished after the ball.*

**Mark Horton**

In 1999, Gary Kasparov coined the phrase 'chess tourist' during the Las Vegas FIDE World Chess Championship. He was referring to those Grandmasters he considered below the very highest level who were playing merely in the hope of getting a good payday.

No-one has ever used the related phrase 'bridge tourist' and you certainly could not apply it to the contestants in a European Championship, but given that on Sunday everyone has to go home I wonder if you have ever wondered what the top players do after a big tournament is over?

Some will dwell on what might have been, whilst others may still be celebrating.

One multiple world champion tells me that when she gets home she will load the washing machine, then play 'World of Warcraft' endlessly!

However, Bridge, like sports such as Golf and Tennis readily afford one the chance to move on, quickly pushing an indifferent result into the background, and many of the players here will soon be back in action, with big tournaments coming up in Biarritz, Deauville & Las Vegas.

Not everyone will go down that particular road, and one inhabitant of a Mediterranean island tells me he will be drowning his sorrows on his temporarily acquired yacht!

The Daily Bulletin staff will go their separate ways. Our French correspondent, the indefatigable **Jacques Dorfman** of Roland Garros fame, who entertained French speaking readers with his witty reports from behind the scenes, **P.O.Sundelin**, still working on the definitive one card ending, who posed you some brain numbing problems, **Barry Rigal**, who reported on the best of the VuGraph action, **Jan Van Cleeff**, who, with **Elisabeth van Ettinger** formed our double Dutch department, **Jos Jacobs** and **Peter Ventura**, our hardest working reporters, who followed the play at hundreds of tables in order to keep you so well informed, **Ron 'Radish' Tacchi**, (best not to ask the significance of the nickname) our photographer extraordinaire, and **George Hatzidakis**, our sleepless Layout Editor.

They deserve your praise not least for the long hours they put in on your behalf.

**Next stop San Remo – via Beijing!**

## OPEN TEAMS

## Round 16

## Germany v Sweden Bulgaria v Poland

by Jos Jacobs

After Friday evening's round, nothing was decided yet. Germany, after blitzing Sweden, were leading the field by 6 V.P. but they would have to play Italy on Saturday morning, the latter needing every V.P. they could get in their bid for qualification. Bulgaria produced a fine win over Poland to move to third place, just behind Norway whose defeat at the hands of Israel saw them descend to 2nd spot. Russia looked a certain qualifier in 4th place, but this could by no means be said about Denmark and the Netherlands, the overnight nos. 5 and 6.

Here are some hands from Germany's and Bulgaria's Friday evening matches.

Bulgaria's Danailov and Karakolev were the only pair out of the four involved in our two matches to bid the beautiful slam on board 4:

Board: 4. Dealer West/All vul.

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

## Open Room

| West            | North           | East              | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Kwiecien</i> | <i>Isporski</i> | <i>Jagniewski</i> | <i>Kovachev</i> |
| 1♠              | Pass            | 2♦                | Pass            |
| 2♠              | Pass            | 4♠                | All Pass        |

## Closed Room

| West            | North           | East             | South        |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Danailov</i> | <i>Zawislak</i> | <i>Karakolev</i> | <i>Pazur</i> |
| 1♠              | Pass            | 2♦               | Pass         |
| 2♠              | Pass            | 4♣               | Pass         |
| 4♦              | Pass            | 4♥               | Dble         |
| Pass            | Pass            | Redble           | Pass         |
| 4NT             | 5♥              | Pass             | Pass         |
| 6♠              | All Pass        |                  |              |

The swing amounted to 13 IMPs when both declarers made the obvious 12 tricks.

A few boards later, there was a swing in both matches.

Board: 7. Dealer South/All vul.

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

At all four tables, North had to play 3NT. As you can see, this contract will be made if declarer drops the ♦K doubleton offside.

Piekarek for Germany and Zawislak for Poland played this way and by doing so, earned a 13-IMP swing for their sides when their counterparts put up the ♦Q to go two down.

One board later, Sweden scored:



Valentin I.D. Kovachev Al-Shati, Bulgaria

Board: 8. Dealer West/None

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

What looked like a misunderstanding cost the Swedes 580 when 2♦ made with two overtricks. They would certainly not have been much better off in 2♠...

Closed Room

| West              | North         | East          | South         |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Gromoeller</i> | <i>Upmark</i> | <i>Kirmse</i> | <i>Cullin</i> |
| 1♠                | 3♦            | Pass          | 1♣            |
| All Pass          |               |               |               |

When Cullin opened 1♣, West could overcall in spades. This led to a much clearer auction. Upmark made ten tricks as well but by scoring +130 here, Sweden had lost 10 IMPs.

In the Bulgaria-Poland match, Kovachev had different ideas:

Open Room

| West            | North           | East              | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Kwiecien</i> | <i>Isporski</i> | <i>Jagniewski</i> | <i>Kovachev</i> |
| 2♠              | 3♦              | Pass              | 1♣              |
| All Pass        |                 | 3NT               |                 |

Kwiecien made the unlucky lead of the ♥8. Dummy played the nine which held the trick and thus gave declarer (sooner or later) an entry to take a club finesse. West won the queen and exited with the ♦Q but dummy won the ace and another club finesse was successfully taken.

Declarer now cashed his other top tricks. East gallantly



Dyan Danailov, Bulgaria

Open Room

| West            | North           | East           | South          |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bertheau</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Nystrom</i> | <i>Smirnov</i> |
| 1♠              | 2♥              | 4♠             | 5♥             |
| All Pass        |                 |                |                |

This looked like a cheap insurance to Smirnov. One down, Sweden +50.

Closed Room

| West              | North         | East          | South         |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Gromoeller</i> | <i>Upmark</i> | <i>Kirmse</i> | <i>Cullin</i> |
| 1♠                | 2♥            | 2♠            | 4♥            |
| All Pass          |               |               |               |

The insurance taken at the other table became expensive once the Germans did not bid 4♠.

Sweden +420 and this gave them a swing of 10 IMPs.

All sorts of scores we saw on board 10:

Board: 10. Dealer East/All

|  |   |   |         |   |  |
|--|---|---|---------|---|--|
| ♠ —<br>♥ J 9 2<br>♦ A J 9 8 7 5 3<br>♣ 8 4 2<br>♠ Q 10 9 7 6 5<br>♥ 10 8 5<br>♦ Q<br>♣ Q 7 3 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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 8<br>♥ Q 6 4 3<br>♦ K 10 6 4<br>♣ K 9 6<br>♠ A J 4 3 2<br>♥ A K 7<br>♦ 2<br>♣ A J 10 5 |
| N  |   |   |         |   |  |
| W     E  |   |   |         |   |  |
| S  |   |   |         |   |  |

Open Room

| West            | North           | East           | South          |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Bertheau</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Nystrom</i> | <i>Smirnov</i> |
| Pass            | Pass            | Pass           | 1♠             |
| Pass            | 2♦              | Dble           | All Pass       |



unblocked his ♠K under the ace but the defenders still could not avoid being endplayed to give the 9th trick in diamonds to dummy or in spades to declarer. Bulgaria an artistic +600.

Closed Room

| West     | North    | East      | South     |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Danailov | Zawislak | Karakolev | Pazur     |
| 1♠       | Pass     | 1♦        | Dble Pass |
| 2♣       | 3♦       | INT       | Pass      |
|          |          | All Pass  |           |

When the Poles stopped in a reasonable partscore for +130, they too had lost 10 IMPs on this board.

On board 15, you had to find the correct denomination(s) for your slam:

Board: 15. Dealer South/NS

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

Open Room

| West     | North    | East     | South   |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Bertheau | Piekarek | Nystrom  | Smirnov |
| Pass     | 1♣       | Pass     | Pass    |
| 3♥       | 6NT      | All Pass | 1♠      |

Played by North, this contract is cold. You concede one club and claim. Germany +1440.

Closed Room

| West       | North  | East     | South  |
|------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Gromoeller | Upmark | Kirmse   | Cullin |
| Pass       | 2♣     | Pass     | 1♠     |
| Pass       | 2♥     | Pass     | 2♦     |
| Pass       | 3♣     | Pass     | 2NT    |
| Pass       | 3♥     | Pass     | 3♦     |
| Pass       | 4♦     | Pass     | 4♣     |
| Pass       | 4♠     | Pass     | 4♥     |
| Pass       | 6♣     | Pass     | 4NT    |
|            |        | All Pass |        |

If East leads a diamond, West will get a ruff when East wins his ♣K. That's what happened at this table, just as it happened in a considerable number of the other matches.

Germany another +100 and a fat 17-IMP swing.

The same problem occurred in the Bulgaria-Poland match:

Open Room

| West     | North    | East       | South    |
|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Kwiecien | Isporski | Jagniewski | Kovachev |
| Pass     | 2NT      | Pass       | 2♠       |
| Pass     | 6NT      | All Pass   | 3♣       |

Kovachev showed his two-suiter and that was all Isporski wanted to know. Bulgaria +1440.

Closed Room

| West     | North    | East      | South |
|----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Danailov | Zawislak | Karakolev | Pazur |
| Pass     | 2NT      | Pass      | 2♠    |
| Pass     | 4♣       | Pass      | 3♠    |
| Pass     | 6♣       | All Pass  | 4♥    |

Pazur also showed his two-suiter but as it happened, the possibly superior club slam, taking the auction into account, could not be made this time. Bulgaria another +100 and 17 IMPs.

Two boards later, what looked like an easy slam produced a big swing to Poland:

Board: 17. Dealer North/None

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



In the Germany-Sweden match, this board was a push at 6NT.

| Open Room       |                 |                   |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| West            | North           | East              | South           |
| <i>Kwiecien</i> | <i>Isporski</i> | <i>Jagniewski</i> | <i>Kovachev</i> |
|                 | 1♥              | Pass              | 2♣              |
| Pass            | 3♦              | Pass              | 3♥              |
| Pass            | 3♠              | Pass              | 4♣              |
| Pass            | 4♥              | Pass              | 4NT             |
| Pass            | 5♥              | All Pass          |                 |

The Bulgarians knew they were off an ace and the trump queen but the pointed KQJ's would have produced a number of extra tricks on their own.

Just made, Bulgaria +450.

| Closed Room     |                 |                  |              |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| West            | North           | East             | South        |
| <i>Danailov</i> | <i>Zawislak</i> | <i>Karakolev</i> | <i>Pazur</i> |
|                 | 1♣              | Pass             | 1♠           |
| Pass            | 2♣              | Pass             | 2♦           |
| Pass            | 2♠              | Pass             | 2NT          |
| Pass            | 3♠              | Pass             | 4♣           |
| Pass            | 4♥              | Pass             | 4NT          |
| Pass            | 5♣              | Pass             | 5♦           |
| Pass            | 5♥              | Pass             | 5♠           |
| Pass            | 6♣              | Pass             | 6NT          |
| All Pass        |                 |                  |              |

In the Polish relay system, Pazur and Zawislak had little trouble in getting to the best contract. Their +990 brought them another 10 IMPs.

A slam swing in both matches just before the end kept the scoreboards moving:

Board: 19. Dealer South/EW

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

| Open Room       |                 |                |                |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| West            | North           | East           | South          |
| <i>Bertheau</i> | <i>Piekarek</i> | <i>Nystrom</i> | <i>Smirnov</i> |
|                 |                 |                | Pass           |
| Pass            | 1♣              | Pass           | 1♠             |
| Pass            | 2♦              | Pass           | 2♥             |
| Pass            | 2♠              | Pass           | 3♣             |
| Pass            | 3♦              | Pass           | 3♠             |
| Pass            | 4NT             | Pass           | 5♦             |
| Pass            | 6♠              | All Pass       |                |

Strong Club Polish style. Germany +1010 when declarer picked up the ♣Q after East ducked a round of hearts.

| Closed Room       |               |               |               |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| West              | North         | East          | South         |
| <i>Gromoeller</i> | <i>Upmark</i> | <i>Kirmse</i> | <i>Cullin</i> |
|                   |               |               | Pass          |
| Pass              | 1♣            | Pass          | 1♥            |
| Pass              | 1♠            | Pass          | 3♣            |
| Pass              | 3♦            | Pass          | 3NT           |
| Pass              | 4♦            | Pass          | 4♥            |
| Pass              | 4♠            | All Pass      |               |

The value of South's club suit was not fully appreciated in this auction, I think. Sweden +480 and 11 IMPs to Germany.

Bulgaria v. Poland:

| Open Room       |                 |                   |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| West            | North           | East              | South           |
| <i>Kwiecien</i> | <i>Isporski</i> | <i>Jagniewski</i> | <i>Kovachev</i> |
|                 |                 |                   | Pass            |
| Pass            | 2NT             | Pass              | 3♣              |
| Pass            | 3♦              | Pass              | 3♥              |
| Pass            | 3♠              | Pass              | 4♣              |
| Pass            | 4♦              | Pass              | 4♠              |
| All Pass        |                 |                   |                 |

After the 2NT opening bid, the same valuation problem in clubs arose. Bulgaria +480.

| Closed Room     |                 |                  |              |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| West            | North           | East             | South        |
| <i>Danailov</i> | <i>Zawislak</i> | <i>Karakolev</i> | <i>Pazur</i> |
|                 |                 |                  | Pass         |
| Pass            | 1♦              | Pass             | 3♦           |
| Pass            | 3NT             | Pass             | 4♠           |
| Pass            | 6♠              | All Pass         |              |

Well judged by the Poles and +980 or 11 IMPs to them.

The final scores: Germany-Sweden 75-23 (25-5 V.P.) and Bulgaria-Poland 74-50 (20-10 V.P.).

## ChaPau

When France organizes a championship and Italy supports it two of the most experienced countries in tournament bridge are involved. Nothing can go wrong, even the smallest irregularity is impossible. Add a site which seemed to be tailor-made for us, with a helpful staff to support our wishes and all elements for an easy job are there.

What we cannot control is the excitement of the game, which in all three categories was fantastic, up to the last cards played. Also thanks to Gianni Baldi who made a comeback and presented a perfect show creating a 'great wall' with instant information about the progress in the play of all matches. I have to mention Fotis Skoularikis who has developed a really nice result and line-up program which contributed to the show. I liked very much the presentation and colourful lay-out of the screens.

I want to emphasize the work done by the caddies, who worked in very disciplined fashion, which not always is the case with clever youngsters. Recording is a tough job and once in a while data entry caused some frustration or unjustified excitement among the captains and players watching the vu graph. But night life has its price.

Let me end with compliments for the players and captains. You not only took care of the excitement but also created as very nice atmosphere, without agitation, just showing kindness and following procedures as meant. We hardly caught mobiles and no cigarettes at all - or line-up money, that part of life in Pau appeared to be encouragingly boring.

Our stay under the 'ceux de Pau' (sky of Pau) was good, even the sun showed mercy.

*Ton Kooijman*



## Thank You

(Swaan Song)

On behalf of all the journalists present at the **49th European Bridge Championships** I would like to thank the EBL and the FFB for the fantastic Press Room with a great view!

*Jan Swaan - Press Room Chief*

## Honour Roll

### Open Teams

#### Gold: Norway

Terje Aa, Boye Brogeland, Geir Helgemo, Espen Lindqvist, Børre Lund, Jørgen Molberg, Sten Bjertnes npc, Harald Skjæran coach

#### Silver: Russia

Alexander Dubinin, Andrei Gromov, Jouri Khiouppen, Jouri Khokhlov, Vadim Kholomeev, Georgi Matushko, Elena Maytova npc, Adam Zmudzinski coach

#### Bronze: Germany

Michael Elinescu, Michael Gromöller, Andreas Kirmse, Josef Piekarek, Alexander Smirnov, Entschow Wladow, Helmut Häusler npc

### Women's teams

#### Gold: France

Danièle Allouche-Gaviard, Véronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Joanna Neve, Sylvie Willard, Julien Gaviard npc, Thomas Bessis coach

#### Silver: Italy

Gianna Arrigoni, Caterina Ferlazzo, Gabriella Manara, Gabriella Olivieri, Simonetta Paoluzi, Ilaria Sacavini, Guido Resta npc, Dano De Falco coach

#### Bronze: Spain

Marta Almirall, Nuria Almirall, Mari Carmen Babot, Cristina Bordallo Cortina, Marisa Matut, Maria Panadero pc

### Seniors Teams

#### Gold: Turkey

Emin Başaran, Orhan Ekinci, Faik Falay, Ergun Korkut pc

#### Silver: Sweden

Börje Dahlberg, Sven-Olov Flodqvist, Eva-Liss Göthe, Hans Göthe, Hans-Olof Hallén, Anders Morath, Gunnar Andersson npc, Madeleine Swanström coach

#### Bronze: Belgium

Faramarz Bigdeli, Bogdan Bollack, Hubert Janssens, David Johnson pc, Alain Kaplan, Jacques Stas



# Open Teams: Round 16

by Peter Ventura

The match between Italy and France was mainly a fight for the qualifying spots, since both teams were in need of a miracle to get into a medal place.

The knife throw started with 8 IMPs to Italy on the very first board, but France struck back here:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West        | North          | East          | South          |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Levy</i> | <i>Sementa</i> | <i>Mouiel</i> | <i>Versace</i> |
| 1♥          | Pass           | 5♣            | Dble           |
| Pass        | Pass           | Dble          | 5♠             |
|             |                |               | All Pass       |



Antonio Sementa, Italy

Declarer emerged with ten tricks after a club lead; N/S -100.

Closed Room

| West          | North         | East          | South          |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Bompis</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Quantin</i> |
| Pass          | 1♥            | 1♣            | Dble           |
| Pass          | Pass          | 4♣            | 4♠             |
|               |               |               | All Pass       |

It is a bit tricky to beat Four Spades, but Bocchi's Lightner double gave the defence a chance. In theory, West has to lead a low heart and from here on declarer has to face his fate. However, in practice Duboin led the ace of hearts. That would also have led to the goal, if he would have abandoned the heart suit and switched to a black suit at trick two. In that case declarer has to lose another heart and eventually two diamond tricks. When Duboin continued the suit for his partner to ruff, the ♦A was the only other trick for the defence. France +590 and 10 IMPs back.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

This board needed some good instincts.

Open Room

| West        | North          | East          | South          |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Levy</i> | <i>Sementa</i> | <i>Mouiel</i> | <i>Versace</i> |
| Pass        | INT            | Pass          | Pass           |
| Pass        | 2♥             | Pass          | 2♦             |
| All Pass    |                |               | 3NT            |

Closed Room

| West          | North         | East          | South          |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Bompis</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Quantin</i> |
| Pass          | INT           | Pass          | Pass           |
| Pass          | 2♥            | Pass          | 2♦             |
| All Pass      |               |               | 3NT            |

If declarer can work out the position in the diamond suit he will have nine tricks. The two declarers took different views. After Sementa had won the spade lead in hand, he played the diamond ace and a diamond to the queen. Now the defence could establish winning spades; N/S -200.

At the other table Bompis did not have to use any feeling at all to succeed. He won the spade lead in dummy and called for a diamond. At this point Duboin hopped up with the king, so declarer now had a fourth diamond trick, i. e. his ninth trick. That was N/S +600 and 13 IMPs to France.

Halfway through the match France were leading 32 to 14 and they had Italy hanging on the ropes.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West<br><i>Levy</i> | North<br><i>Sementa</i> | East<br><i>Mouiel</i> | South<br><i>Versace</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                     |                         |                       | Pass                    |
| 1♦                  | Pass                    | 2♣                    | Pass                    |
| 2NT                 | Pass                    | 3NT                   | All Pass                |

Levy received a diamond lead and won trick one with the ace. He then crossed to hand in spades and played the ten of clubs. When Sementa advanced the queen Levy ducked, a move to keep South out of the play. The defence won the diamond king and exited with a spade. When Levy mis-guessed the club suit by playing them from the top, he was able to collect no more than seven tricks. Italy +100.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Duboin</i> | North<br><i>Bompis</i> | East<br><i>Bocchi</i> | South<br><i>Quantin</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                       |                        |                       | Pass                    |
| 1♦                    | Pass                   | 2♣                    | Pass                    |
| 2NT                   | Pass                   | 3NT                   | All Pass                |

Here the lead was a spade, so with the diamond entry still in dummy Duboin could safely play the club suit and emerge with eleven tricks. That was Italy +460 and 11 IMPs to them.

Then a huge swing came along for Italy.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West<br><i>Levy</i> | North<br><i>Sementa</i> | East<br><i>Mouiel</i> | South<br><i>Versace</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                     |                         |                       | Pass                    |
| Pass                | 2♣                      | Pass                  | 2♠                      |
| 3♥                  | 3NT                     | Pass                  | 4♣                      |
| Pass                | 4♦                      | Pass                  | 4♥                      |
| Pass                | 4♠                      | Pass                  | 4NT                     |
| Pass                | 5NT                     | Pass                  | 6♥                      |
| Pass                | 6NT                     | All Pass              |                         |

Mouiel led a heart, won by declarer's queen. Sementa simply cashed the club ace and gave away a club, claiming twelve tricks; N/S +1440.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Duboin</i> | North<br><i>Bompis</i> | East<br><i>Bocchi</i> | South<br><i>Quantin</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                       |                        |                       | 2♠                      |
| Pass                  | 2NT                    | Pass                  | 3♣                      |
| Pass                  | 6♣                     | All Pass              |                         |



Marc Bompis, France

Six Clubs was not the best contract and certainly not when Duboin found the killing lead – his singleton diamond – and soon hereafter got a diamond ruff. Italy +100 and that was a large swing of 17 IMPs to Italy.

Board 17 produced a new slam swing, but this time it went to France.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
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|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |
|  | ♠ A 8 7<br>♥ K 6 2<br>♦ K Q J 10<br>♣ A K 6   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |

Open Room

| West        | North          | East          | South          |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Levy</i> | <i>Sementa</i> | <i>Mouiel</i> | <i>Versace</i> |
|             | 1♥             | Pass          | 2♣*            |
| Pass        | 2♥*            | Pass          | 2NT*           |
| Pass        | 3♦*            | Pass          | 3♥             |
| Pass        | 3NT            | Pass          | 4♦*            |
| Pass        | 4♥             | Pass          | 5♥             |
| All Pass    |                |               |                |

East led a spade, ruffed by West, and then West cashed the ace of diamonds. Sementa still had to find the heart queen, and when he indeed did so the Italians scored +450, and they must have been rather happy to have avoided the slam.

Closed Room

| West          | North         | East          | South          |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Duboin</i> | <i>Bompis</i> | <i>Bocchi</i> | <i>Quantin</i> |
|               | 1♥            | Pass          | 2♦             |
| Pass          | 2♥            | Pass          | 3♥             |
| Pass          | 4♥            | Pass          | 4NT            |
| Pass          | 5♦            | Pass          | 5♠             |
| Pass          | 5NT           | Pass          | 6NT            |
| All Pass      |               |               |                |

Six No Trumps was a reasonable contract. Declarer established three diamond tricks and thanks to the friendly heart queen the slam was duly made. That was France +990 and 11 IMPs to them.

France won the match 63 to 44 IMPs, 19-11 VPs, and was still a competitor for a ticket to the Bermuda Bowl in Brazil. With only one match to go, Italy were lying seventh, thus in the unusual position of not being one of the six qualifying countries. Would the Azzurri demonstrate the strength to climb a place in the table?

## New Champions?

In Warsaw the results between the six qualifying teams were summarized. We found it of interest then and maybe also it will be significant here.

### Women:

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Italy   | 85 |
| Germany | 82 |
| France  | 79 |
| Spain   | 70 |
| Sweden  | 67 |
| Denmark | 62 |

### Seniors:

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Sweden      | 89 |
| Turkey      | 87 |
| Netherlands | 87 |
| Belgium     | 71 |
| Italy       | 60 |
| Poland      | 54 |

### Open:

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Italy       | 88 |
| Bulgaria    | 87 |
| Norway      | 82 |
| Russia      | 77 |
| Netherlands | 59 |
| Germany     | 57 |

## TOTAL RANKING

Total of three rankings

11 teams had teams in all three events:  
**(women, seniors, open)**

|    |             |          |    |
|----|-------------|----------|----|
| 1  | Italy       | 2+6+5    | 13 |
| 2  | Sweden      | 4+2+10   | 16 |
| 3  | Netherlands | 8+5+6    | 19 |
|    | France      | 1+9+9    | 19 |
| 5  | Denmark     | 6+8+7    | 21 |
| 6  | Germany     | 5+14+3   | 22 |
| 7  | Norway      | 10+13+1  | 24 |
|    | Turkey      | 12+1+11  | 24 |
| 9  | Poland      | 7+4+14   | 25 |
| 10 | England     | 9+7+12   | 28 |
| 11 | Israel      | 17+10+16 | 43 |



# Final Round

by Jos Jacobs and Peter Ventura

**Norway v. Denmark**  
**Germany v. Italy**  
**Israel v. Netherlands**

With nothing yet well and truly decided, four important matches were going on this morning from which the medallists and qualifiers for Sao Paulo would emerge. Bulgaria were losing heavily to Turkey in their match, so they appeared to have dropped out of the medal race at an early stage, claiming a solid 4th place when they restricted their loss to 11-19 V.P.

In the other three matches, we saw swings very early on:

## Germany v. Italy

Board: 1. Dealer North/None vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ A 10 8<br>♥ A K 10 9<br>♦ K 9 7 3<br>♣ 8 3 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; 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 |  | ♠ K Q J<br>♥ Q 5 2<br>♦ Q 8 6 4 2<br>♣ A 10 | ♠ 6 3 2<br>♥ 7 6 4 3<br>♦ A<br>♣ K J 9 7 2 |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|  | ♠ 9 7 5 4<br>♥ J 8<br>♦ J 10 5<br>♣ Q 6 5 4   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |

### Open Room

| West<br><i>Versace</i> | North<br><i>Gromoeller</i> | East<br><i>Lauria</i> | South<br><i>Kirmse</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                        | Pass                       | 1NT                   | Pass                   |
| 2♣                     | Pass                       | 2♦                    | Pass                   |
| 2♥                     | Pass                       | 2NT                   | Pass                   |
| 3♣                     | Pass                       | 3♦                    | Pass                   |
| 3♥                     | Pass                       | 3♠                    | Pass                   |
| 4♦                     | Pass                       | 4♠                    | Pass                   |
| 5♣                     | Dble                       | Redble                | Pass                   |
| 5♦                     | All Pass                   |                       |                        |

The Italians started off very well by reaching the proper contract and also making it. Lauria won the club lead, crossed to the ♠A and led a low diamond. Italy +400.

### Closed Room

| West<br><i>Smirnov</i> | North<br><i>Bocchi</i> | East<br><i>Piekarek</i> | South<br><i>Duboin</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                        | Pass                   | 1♦                      | Pass                   |
| 1♥                     | Pass                   | 1NT                     | Pass                   |
| 3NT                    | All Pass               |                         |                        |

On the obvious club lead, even finding the ♦A singleton will not help. Italy +50 and 10 IMPs – just the start they needed.

But how obvious is a club lead? Far from it. All the tables in our other featured matches bid to Three No Trumps but both the Israeli and the Danish South preferred a spade, causing their teams to lose 10 IMPs when the Dutch and Norwegian Souths hit upon the killing black suit. Norway and Netherlands thus also were off to a good start.

On the next board, Italy managed to strike again.

Board: 2. Dealer East/NS vul.

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ K Q J 10 5<br>♥ 9 6<br>♦ A 10 9 6 4<br>♣ Q | <table style="border: 1px solid black; 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<br>♥ K J 4 2<br>♦ Q J<br>♣ J 10 9 8 6 3 | ♠ —<br>♥ A 8 7 5<br>♦ 8 7 5 2<br>♣ A 7 5 4 2 |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|  |   |   | ♠ 9 8 7 6 4 3 2<br>♥ Q 10 3<br>♦ K 3<br>♣ K |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |

### Open Room

| West<br><i>Versace</i> | North<br><i>Gromoeller</i> | East<br><i>Lauria</i> | South<br><i>Kirmse</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                        |                            | 1♣                    | Pass                   |
| 1♠                     | Pass                       | 2♣                    | Pass                   |
| 3♦                     | Pass                       | 3NT                   | All Pass               |

South led a low heart to North's ace. North continued hearts and Lauria's jack lost to the queen. Another heart was taken by Lauria's king. Only now was the ♠A unblocked and the diamond finesse taken. When South covered, Lauria had to jettison the ♦J on the spades but he still made ten tricks. Italy +430.

### Closed Room

| West<br><i>Smirnov</i> | North<br><i>Bocchi</i> | East<br><i>Piekarek</i> | South<br><i>Duboin</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                        |                        | Pass                    | Pass                   |
| 1♠                     | Pass                   | 2NT                     | Pass                   |
| 3♣                     | Pass                   | 3♥                      | Pass                   |
| 3NT                    | All Pass               |                         |                        |

When Giorgio Duboin led the ♦K, the entry to dummy's spades was gone. Declarer could have survived by ducking

and guessing hearts but eventually went one down for a further +50 and 10 IMPs to Italy. They had certainly made the start they had been dreaming of all night...

**Norway v. Denmark:**

**Open Room**

| West          | North            | East         | South            |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Hansen</i> | <i>Lindqvist</i> | <i>Bilde</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| 1♠            | Pass             | 1♣           | Pass             |
| 2♦            | Pass             | 2♣           | Pass             |
| 3NT           | All Pass         | 2NT          | Pass             |

When Brogeland found the unusual lead of the ♥Q, Bilde had no trouble in bringing home his contract. Denmark +430.

**Closed Room**

| West           | North            | East        | South             |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Caspersen</i> | <i>Lund</i> | <i>Kroejgaard</i> |
| 1♠             | Pass             | 1♣          | Pass              |
| 2♦             | Pass             | 2♥          | Pass              |
| 3NT            | All Pass         | 2♥          | Pass              |

Caspersen led a low heart to Kroejgaard's ten. Kroejgaard then found the killing move. He cashed his ♣K and continued the ♦K to remove dummy's entry and set the contract. Denmark +50 and 10 IMPs straight back to them.

Let's jump over now to boards 9 and 10:

**Norway v. Denmark**

Board: 9. Dealer North/EW

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

**Open Room**

| West          | North            | East         | South            |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Hansen</i> | <i>Lindqvist</i> | <i>Bilde</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| 2♣            | Pass             | 1♠           | Pass             |
| 2NT           | Pass             | 2♦           | Pass             |
| 3NT           | All Pass         | 3♥           | Pass             |

A low club lead from North made this easy going for declarer. Denmark +600.

**Closed Room**

| West           | North            | East        | South             |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <i>Helgemo</i> | <i>Caspersen</i> | <i>Lund</i> | <i>Kroejgaard</i> |
| INT            | Pass             | 1♠          | Pass              |
|                | Pass             | 2♦          | All Pass          |

This modest contract netted +90 to Norway but 11 IMPs to Denmark. The score in this match now stood at 34-22 to Norway.

In the Israel-Netherlands match, we saw a rare defensive manoeuvre missed at one table:

**Open Room**

| West            | North           | East           | South           |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Bakkeren</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>Bertens</i> | <i>Ginossar</i> |
| INT             | Pass            | 1♠             | Pass            |
| 2NT             | Pass            | 2♦             | Pass            |
|                 | Pass            | 4♠             | All Pass        |

On a heart lead, declarer wins and plays ♠A and a spade. North wins and returns his diamond, ducked to South. Now South can defeat the contract by giving his partner a diamond ruff but when he played a club instead, declarer could ruff this in hand and remove the defenders' last trumps. Ten tricks, Netherlands +620.



Espen Lindqvist, Norway

## Closed Room

| West    | North   | East | South    |
|---------|---------|------|----------|
| Bareket | Drijver | Roll | Brink    |
|         | Pass    | 1♠   | Pass     |
| 1NT     | Pass    | 2♦   | Pass     |
| 2NT     | Pass    | 4♠   | All Pass |

On the same auction and lead, Brink did indeed return a diamond for his partner to ruff. One down, Netherlands 100 and 12 IMPs.

The score in this match now stood at 29-4 to the Netherlands. They were right on course, though Italy were leading 32-1 over Germany at this point.

The next board even produced three swings in our matches:

Board: 10. Dealer East/All

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

## Open Room

| West    | North      | East   | South  |
|---------|------------|--------|--------|
| Versace | Gromoeller | Lauria | Kirmse |
|         |            | 2♣     | Pass   |
| 2♦      | Pass       | 2♥     | Pass   |
| 2♠      | Pass       | 3♥     | Pass   |
| 4♣      | Pass       | 4♦     | Pass   |
| 5♣      | All Pass   |        |        |

Italy +620 but a slam missed.

## Closed Room

| West    | North  | East     | South    |
|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| Smirnov | Bocchi | Piekarek | Duboin   |
|         |        | 1♣       | Pass     |
| 1♠      | Pass   | 2NT      | Pass     |
| 3NT     | Pass   | 4♣       | Pass     |
| 5♣      | Pass   | 6♣       | All Pass |

Germany +1370 for a much-needed 13 IMPs. They were back to a 14-32 deficit now.

In the **Norway v. Denmark** match, we saw a similar swing:

## Open Room

| West   | North     | East  | South     |
|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Hansen | Lindqvist | Bilde | Brogeland |
|        |           | 1♣    | Pass      |
| 1♠     | Pass      | 2♥    | Pass      |
| 3♦     | Pass      | 4NT   | All Pass  |

Denmark +660.

## Closed Room

| West    | North     | East | South      |
|---------|-----------|------|------------|
| Helgemo | Caspersen | Lund | Kroejgaard |
|         |           | 1♣   | Pass       |
| 1♠      | Pass      | 2♥   | Pass       |
| 5♣      | Pass      | 6♣   | All Pass   |

Norway +1370 and 12 IMPs.

And also in the **Netherlands v. Israel** match:

## Open Room

| West     | North    | East    | South    |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Bakkeren | Pachtman | Bertens | Ginossar |
|          |          | 1♣      | Pass     |
| 1♠       | Pass     | 2♥      | Pass     |
| 3♣       | Pass     | 4♣      | Pass     |
| 5♣       | Pass     | 6♣      | All Pass |



Eldad Ginossar, Israel



Netherlands +1370.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Bareket</i> | North<br><i>Drijver</i> | East<br><i>Roll</i> | South<br><i>Brink</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                        |                         | 2♣                  | Pass                  |
| 2♦                     | Pass                    | 3♣                  | Pass                  |
| 3♠                     | Pass                    | 3NT                 | Pass                  |
| 4♣                     | Pass                    | 4♥                  | Pass                  |
| 5♣                     | All Pass                |                     |                       |

Israel +620 but 13 IMPs to the Netherlands, to go 42-4 up.

Over now to Peter Ventura for his views on the grand slams, boards 14 and 15.

On Board 14 and 15 there were opportunities for the teams to gain a whole lot of IMPs as grand slams could be bid and made. We will here see how the top teams managed to tackle them.

Board: 14. Dir: East/None

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

As the cards lie Seven Diamonds is the best contract, as the heart king is onside. However, if someone tried to play the grand slam in hearts, the defenders must have a trump trick.

First we take a look at the match between Israel and the Netherlands.

Open Room

| West<br><i>T Bakkeren</i> | North<br><i>R Pachtman</i> | East<br><i>H Bertens</i> | South<br><i>E Ginossar</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|                           |                            | Pass                     | 1♦                         |
| Pass                      | 1♥                         | Pass                     | 1♠                         |
| Pass                      | 2♣*                        | Pass                     | 2♦                         |
| Pass                      | 2♥                         | Pass                     | 3♥                         |
| Pass                      | 4NT                        | Pass                     | 5♣                         |
| Pass                      | 6♥                         | All pass                 |                            |

Pachman received a spade lead, and then cashed the club

ace and ruffed a club. He then took the heart finesse and was happy to see the king drop under the trump ace. Just made; N/S +980.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Bareket</i> | North<br><i>Drijver</i> | East<br><i>Roll</i> | South<br><i>Brink</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                        |                         | Pass                | 1♦                    |
| Pass                   | 1♥                      | Pass                | 1♠                    |
| Pass                   | 2♣                      | Pass                | 2♠                    |
| Pass                   | 3♦                      | Pass                | 3♥                    |
| Pass                   | 4♦                      | Pass                | 5♣                    |
| Pass                   | 5♥                      | Pass                | 6♦                    |
| All pass               |                         |                     |                       |

Bareket led a devious two of hearts. Brink did not want to jeopardize anything, so he won the ace and claimed twelve tricks. N/S +920 and that was 2 IMPs to Israel.

Now we'll have look at the match **Italy v. Germany.**

Open Room

| West<br><i>Versace</i> | North<br><i>Gromoeller</i> | East<br><i>Lauria</i> | South<br><i>Kirmse</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                        |                            | Pass                  | 1♦                     |
| Pass                   | 1♥                         | Pass                  | 1♠                     |
| Pass                   | 2♣                         | Pass                  | 2♦                     |
| Pass                   | 4♣                         | Pass                  | 4NT                    |
| Pass                   | 5♣                         | Pass                  | 5♦                     |
| Pass                   | 6♦                         | All pass              |                        |

Kirmse made an overtrick on a trump lead; N/S +940.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Smirnov</i> | North<br><i>Bocchi</i> | East<br><i>Piekarek</i> | South<br><i>Duboin</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                        |                        | Pass                    | 1♦                     |
| Pass                   | 1♥                     | Pass                    | 1♠                     |
| Pass                   | 2♣                     | Pass                    | 2♦                     |
| Pass                   | 3♦                     | Pass                    | 4♣                     |
| Pass                   | 4♠                     | Pass                    | 5♥                     |
| Pass                   | 7♦                     | All Pass                |                        |

Contract just made on a trump lead. That was N/S +1440 and 11 IMPs to them.

This board was also a contributed swing to Norway's victory over Denmark.

Open Room

| West<br><i>Hansen</i> | North<br><i>Lindqvist</i> | East<br><i>Bilde</i> | South<br><i>Brogeland</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
|                       |                           | Pass                 | 1♦                        |
| 1♠                    | 2♣                        | 3♠                   | 4♦                        |
| Pass                  | 4♠                        | Pass                 | 5♣                        |
| Pass                  | 5♠                        | Pass                 | 5NT                       |
| Pass                  | 7♦                        | All pass             |                           |

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Helgemo</i> | North<br><i>Caspersen</i> | East<br><i>Lund</i> | South<br><i>Kroejgaard</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
|                        |                           | Pass                | 1♦                         |
| 1♠                     | 2♥                        | 3♠                  | 3NT                        |
| Pass                   | 4♦                        | Pass                | 4NT                        |
| Pass                   | 6NT                       | All pass            |                            |

Note though that at both tables West intervened One Spade, but it did not stop the young partnership of Lindqvist/Brogeland from bidding the grand slam. Against Seven Diamonds a trump was led and then the heart finesse led to thirteen tricks; N/S +1440.

Caspersen/Kroejgaard chose a more straightforward bidding sequence, which this time led to a winning small slam, although a loss of 10 IMPs.

Two grand slams in a row is rather unusual, but this was what happened in this final match. This was the layout:

Board: 15. Dir: South/NS

|  |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ 10 8<br>♥ K 8 7 3<br>♦ 10 7 2<br>♣ 8 7 5 2 | <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">N</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">S</td><td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table> |   | N |  | W |  | E |  | S |  | ♠ 7 5<br>♥ Q 10 6 5<br>♦ K J 9 8 6 4<br>♣ 6 | ♠ K Q 9 6<br>♥ 9 4<br>♦ A Q 3<br>♣ A K Q J |
|  | N   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
| W  |   | E |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |
|  | S   |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |

As you can see, Seven Clubs is cold, but in spades there are only twelve tricks. Would that fact trick any pair?

Open Room

| West<br><i>T Bakkeren</i> | North<br><i>R Pachtman</i> | East<br><i>H Bertens</i> | South<br><i>E Ginossar</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|                           |                            |                          | 2NT                        |
| Pass                      | 3♥*                        | Pass                     | 4C*                        |
| Pass                      | 4NT                        | Pass                     | 5♦                         |
| Pass                      | 5♥                         | Pass                     | 6♣                         |
| Pass                      | 6♠                         | All pass                 |                            |

Three Hearts showed spades. N/S +1430.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Bareket</i> | North<br><i>Drijver</i> | East<br><i>Roll</i> | South<br><i>Brink</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                        |                         |                     | 2NT                   |
| Pass                   | 3♥*                     | Pass                | 4♣                    |
| Pass                   | 4♦                      | Dbl                 | 4♥                    |
| Dbl                    | Redbl                   | Pass                | 4NT                   |
| Pass                   | 5♥                      | Dbl                 | 5NT                   |
| Pass                   | 6♦                      | Pass                | 7♥                    |
| Pass                   | 7♠                      | All pass            |                       |

After East's double over Four Diamonds Brink could count on a singleton diamond in partner's hand and it was quite reasonable for him to take a shot at the grand slam. Unfortunately this was not his lucky day; one down, -100, and that was 17 IMPs to Israel.

This is what happened in the match **Italy v. Germany**.

Open Room

| West<br><i>Versace</i> | North<br><i>Gromoeller</i> | East<br><i>Lauria</i> | South<br><i>Kirmse</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                        |                            |                       | 2NT                    |
| Pass                   | 3♥*                        | Pass                  | 4♣                     |
| Pass                   | 4♦                         | Pass                  | 5♣                     |
| Pass                   | 5♦                         | Pass                  | 5♠                     |
| Pass                   | 6♠                         | All pass              |                        |

Just made; N/S +1430.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Smirnov</i> | North<br><i>Bocchi</i> | East<br><i>Piekarek</i> | South<br><i>Duboin</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                        |                        |                         | 2NT                    |
| Pass                   | 3♥                     | Pass                    | 4♣                     |
| Pass                   | 4♦                     | Pass                    | 4♠                     |
| Pass                   | 4NT                    | Pass                    | 5♦                     |
| Pass                   | 5♥                     | Pass                    | 6♣                     |
| Pass                   | 6♠                     | All pass                |                        |

No swing.

This board gave some hope to Denmark. Look at this:

Open Room

| West<br><i>Hansen</i> | North<br><i>Lindqvist</i> | East<br><i>Bilde</i> | South<br><i>Brogeland</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
|                       |                           |                      | 2NT                       |
| Pass                  | 3♥*                       | Pass                 | 4♣                        |
| Pass                  | 4♦                        | Dble                 | 4NT                       |
| Pass                  | 5♥                        | Pass                 | 5NT                       |
| Pass                  | 6♠                        | Pass                 | 7♣                        |
| Pass                  | 7♠                        | All Pass             |                           |

Also here East's double helped North/South to reach the seven-level. However when Lindqvist with only four clubs to the ten converted to Seven Spades, that of course went one off, this created a large swing for Denmark.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Helgemo</i> | North<br><i>Caspersen</i> | East<br><i>Lund</i> | South<br><i>Kroejgaard</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
|                        |                           |                     | 2NT                        |
| Pass                   | 3♥*                       | Pass                | 4♣                         |
| Pass                   | 4♦                        | Dbl                 | Redbl                      |
| Pass                   | 4♥                        | Pass                | 4NT                        |
| Pass                   | 5♥                        | Pass                | 7♣                         |
| All pass               |                           |                     |                            |

N/S +2140 and a difference of 2240 was a juicy 19 IMPs gain for Denmark.

It should be noted that Russia bid and made Seven Spades here, and then bid and made a slam on the next deal off a cashing ace-king. This had a material impact on the final results.

After these two boards, the scores in our three featured matches read:

Germany-Italy: 14-50  
 Norway-Denmark: 72-41.  
 Israel-Netherlands: 24-50.

In two of the three matches, the final boards were relatively quiet. Italy beat Germany 67-17 or 25-5 V.P. As a result of this, Italy finished 5th and Germany dropped back to 3rd, caught at the post by Russia. Norway went on to beat Denmark 90-44 or 24-6 V.P. to win their first European title and also to put Denmark out of the first six.

In our 3rd match, a few things did happen on the last two boards, the Netherlands looking as if they were trying to miss out on their qualification at the very last two hurdles:

Board: 19. Dir: South/EW

|  |  |   |     |   |  |
|--|--|---|-----|---|--|
| ♠ A J 3<br>♥ J 4<br>♦ K 9 4<br>♣ Q 8 6 4 2     | <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 10<br>♥ A 10 9 7 5 3 2<br>♦ Q 6<br>♣ 7 3 |
| N  |  |   |     |   |  |
| W E  |  |   |     |   |  |
| S  |  |   |     |   |  |
| ♠ Q 7 6<br>♥ —<br>♦ A J 10 3 2<br>♣ K J 10 9 5 |  |   |     |   |  |
|  | ♠ 9 8 5 4 2<br>♥ K Q 8 6<br>♦ 8 7 5<br>♣ A   |   |     |   |  |

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Bareket</i> | North<br><i>Drijver</i> | East<br><i>Roll</i> | South<br><i>Brink</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1♦                     | Pass                    | 1♥                  | Pass                  |
| 2♣                     | Pass                    | 3♥                  | All pass              |

This contract quietly went one off. Netherlands +100.

Open Room

| West<br><i>Bakkeren</i> | North<br><i>Pachtman</i> | East<br><i>Bertens</i> | South<br><i>Ginossar</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1♦                      | Pass                     | 1♥                     | Pass                     |
| 2♣                      | Pass                     | 4♥                     | Dble                     |
| All Pass                |                          |                        |                          |

This contract not so quietly went three off. Israel +800 and 12 IMPs back to trail by 40-62.

And then:

Board: 20. Dir: West/All

|  |  |   |     |   |  |
|--|--|---|-----|---|--|
| ♠ A J 6 3<br>♥ 7 6 4<br>♦ K Q 3<br>♣ 10 7 2  | <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 5 2<br>♥ 2<br>♦ J 8 6 2<br>♣ A 9 8 6 5 |
| N  |  |   |     |   |  |
| W E  |  |   |     |   |  |
| S  |  |   |     |   |  |
| ♠ K Q 10 4<br>♥ A Q J 5<br>♦ 10 4<br>♣ Q 4 3 |  |   |     |   |  |
|  | ♠ 8 7<br>♥ K 10 9 8 3<br>♦ A 9 7 5<br>♣ K J  |   |     |   |  |

Open Room

| West<br><i>Bakkeren</i> | North<br><i>Pachtman</i> | East<br><i>Bertens</i> | South<br><i>Ginossar</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1♣                      | Pass                     | 1♦                     | 1♥                       |
| Pass                    | 2♥                       | All Pass               |                          |

Sound bidding led to a fully justified contract that had to go one off when there was no justice for NS in the layout. Netherlands +100.

Closed Room

| West<br><i>Bareket</i> | North<br><i>Drijver</i> | East<br><i>Roll</i> | South<br><i>Brink</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1♣                     | Pass                    | 2♣                  | 2♥                    |
| Pass                   | 4♥                      | Pass                | Pass                  |
| Dbl                    | All pass                |                     |                       |

Less justified NS bidding was punished severely when the layout did not favour the courageous Dutch...Israel +800 and another 12 IMPs.

The final score in this match thus became 62-52 or 17-13 V.P. to the Netherlands, more than enough to hold on to their 6th place in the standings. Still, by losing 800 at each table on the last two boards of the last match, they may well have set a new, be it undistinguished, European record. I can, however, be sure of one thing: today, nobody will care about this!





# 4<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN OPEN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

PALAFIORI  
SANREMO – ITALY  
12<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009

## RIGHT OF ENTRY

Bridge players from all WBF zones are entitled to participate, provided they are a) members of and b) in good standing with their Federation. All events will be TRANSNATIONAL and there will be no restrictions on the number of entries per NBO.

## REGISTRATION

All entries to the Championships tournaments must be submitted electronically, (not by e-mail) starting from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 at

<http://www.eurobridge.org/competitions/09Sanremo/Information.htm>

through the EBL Web-site by **20 April 2009**. All entries will be automatically forwarded to the NBO of the applicant, and are subject to their approval. Applications submitted after the deadline of 20 April 2009 will be accepted only if technically convenient. Withdrawals of accepted entries must be acknowledged by e-mail to the EBL ([eb1@federbridge.it](mailto:eb1@federbridge.it)) by the same deadline, to avoid payment of the entry fee.

## HOW TO REACH SANREMO

By plane: Nice (France) International Airport (shuttle to Sanremo)  
By car: From Italy: Motorway A 7 – Motorway A 26 exit Arma di Taggia – Sanremo  
From France: Autoroute du Soleil – Motorway A 26 exit Sanremo  
By train: Sanremo Railway Station

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION - BOOKING

Please contact:

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## HOTEL RATES PER NIGHT

|                                  | Double B&B                                 | Dus B&B     | H.B. (+) |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|----------|
| Hotel Royal<br>(5 Stars De Luxe) | 161<br>Junior suite<br>307<br>Suite<br>375 | 255         | 60       |
| Other Hotels                     |  |             |          |
| - 4 Stars Superior               | 78   | 120         | 25       |
| - 4 Stars Standard               | 67   | 94          | 24       |
| - 3 Stars Superior               | 67   | 94          | 24       |
| - 3 Stars Standard               | 54   | 79          | 20       |
| - 2 Stars                        | 41   | 64          | 18       |
| - 1 Star (only bed)              | 30   | 33 (single) | ==       |

The prices are in Euro and have to be intended per person per day for people staying at least 5 nights. For a shorter stay a 5% supplement will be added.  
Additional 3<sup>rd</sup> bed: up to 35%

### **ENTRY FEES**

To be paid in cash (Euros and US Dollars) or by Credit Card at the Tournament Reception and Registration Desk at the venue:

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Mixed Teams                | € 800 |
| Mixed Pairs                | € 270 |
| Open, Women & Senior Teams | € 950 |
| Open, Women & Senior Pairs | € 400 |

The entries are calculated on the basis of approximately 20 Euro per person per qualifying session (and semi-final in pairs). There is no extra cost for players reaching the Pairs Finals or the KO phase of the Team events. Players from the finals of the Teams can drop into the Final of the Pairs event of the same category free of charge.

A 25% reduction on the entry fees will be recognized to all the players entering the four events. A personalized identification badge will certify this agreement.

### **AWARDS**

European Bridge League Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded. The winners in each category will receive the title of European Open Champions. Honour prizes will be presented to the best ranking pairs and teams in each category. WBF, EBL and ACBL Master Points will also be awarded.

### **CHAMPIONS' PRIZES**

The Teams and Pairs winning the European title in Sanremo will be hosted by the EBL at the 5th European Open Championship to be held in 2011 for one week (the winners of the Mixed events will be invited to the Mixed playing week, the winners of the Open / Women's and Seniors events will be invited to the O/W/S playing week) with free entry and B&B Hotel accommodation in a double room.

### **CASH PRIZES**

|              | OPEN | WOMEN           | SENIOR          |
|--------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1st          | 4000 | 2500            | 2500            |
| 2nd          | 2000 | 1500            | 1500            |
| 3rd          | 1250 | 1000            | 1000            |
| 4th          | 1000 | 750             | 750             |
| 5th          | 750  | 500             | 500             |
| 6th to 10th  | 500  | 6th to 10th 400 | 6th to 10th 400 |
| 11th to 15th | 400  |                 |                 |

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

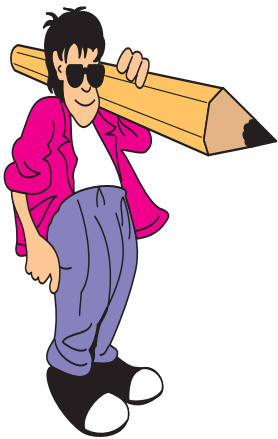
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|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | - 12.00/20.00 | - Mixed Teams Registration                                   |
|                           | - 20.30       | - Opening Ceremony   |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> | - 10.30       | - Mixed Teams Qualification                                  |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | - 10.30       | - Mixed Teams Qualification                                  |
|                           | - 12.00/24.00 | - Mixed Pairs Registration                                   |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | - 08.30/10.00 | - Mixed Pairs Registration                                   |
|                           | - 10.00       | - Mixed Teams (16 <sup>A</sup> Final - 8 <sup>A</sup> Final) |
|                           | - 10.30       | - Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session                             |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | - 10.30       | - Mixed Teams (4 <sup>A</sup> Final - Semi-final)            |
|                           | - 10.30       | - Mixed Pairs Qualifying Session                             |
| Wednes. 17 <sup>th</sup>  | - 10.30       | - Mixed Teams Final  |
|                           | - 10.30       | - Mixed Pairs Semi-Final                                     |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> | - 10.30       | - Mixed Pairs Final  |
|                           | - 12.00/20.00 | - O/W/S Teams Registration                                   |
|                           | - 20.30       | - O/W/S Welcome & Mixed Prize-giving                         |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | - 10.00/13.00 | - O/ W/ S Teams Registration                                 |
|                           | - 14.00       | - Open, Women & Senior Teams Qualification                   |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | - 10.30       | - Open, Women & Senior Teams Qualification                   |
|                           | - 12.00/20.00 | - O/ W/ S Pairs Registration                                 |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | - 08.30/10.00 | - O/ W/ S Pairs Registration                                 |
|                           | - 10.00       | - Open Teams (16 <sup>A</sup> Final - 8 <sup>A</sup> Final)  |
|                           | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Pairs Qualification                                |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Teams (4 <sup>A</sup> Final - Semi-final)          |
|                           | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Pairs Qualification                                |
| Wednes. 24 <sup>th</sup>  | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Teams Final  |
|                           | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Pairs Semi-Final                                   |
|                           | - 20.30       | - O/ W/ S Teams Prize-giving                                 |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Pairs Semi-Final                                   |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>   | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Pairs Final  |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> | - 10.30       | - O/ W/ S Pairs Final  |
|                           | - 20.30       | - O/ W/ S Pairs Prize-Giving & Closing                       |



## BUTLER OPEN TEAMS - FINAL

|                    |                   |      |     |             |                 |                  |       |     |             |
|--------------------|-------------------|------|-----|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|-----|-------------|
| LINDQVIST Espen    | BROGELAND Boye    | 0.83 | 299 | Norway      | KHOLOMEEV Vadim | KHIOUPPENEN J.   | -0.02 | 220 | Russia      |
| ARMSTRONG John     | HOLLAND John      | 0.64 | 260 | England     | AA Terje        | MOLBERG Jorgen   | -0.02 | 179 | Norway      |
| KHOKHLOV Jouri     | MATUSHKO Georgi   | 0.55 | 220 | Russia      | HRISTOV Hristo  | STOYANOV A.      | -0.03 | 239 | Bulgaria    |
| BRINK Sjoert       | DRIJVER Bas       | 0.50 | 300 | Netherlands | PAZUR Boguslaw  | ZAWISLAK Slawek  | -0.07 | 240 | Poland      |
| GROMOELLER M.      | KIRMSE Andreas    | 0.43 | 180 | Germany     | NEIMANIS Janis  | RUBINS Karlis    | -0.10 | 220 | Latvia      |
| WLADOW Entsch      | ELINESCU Michael  | 0.42 | 239 | Germany     | LEVY Alain      | MOUIEL Herve     | -0.12 | 260 | France      |
| KARAKOLEV Georgi   | DANAIOV Dyan      | 0.41 | 220 | Bulgaria    | BETHERS Janis   | LORENCIS Martins | -0.13 | 220 | Latvia      |
| ISPORSKI Vladis N. | KOVACHEV I.D.     | 0.39 | 220 | Bulgaria    | MULTON Franck   | ZIMMERMANN P.    | -0.16 | 100 | France      |
| KURKA Josef        | MRAZ Tomas        | 0.35 | 240 | Czech Rep.  | BARBOSA Juliano | PINTO Rui        | -0.20 | 220 | Portugal    |
| NYSTROM Fredrik    | BERTHEAU Peter    | 0.35 | 240 | Sweden      | PESSOA Sofia    | CASTANHEIRA J.   | -0.22 | 240 | Portugal    |
| BALDURSSON Jon     | JONSSON Thorlakur | 0.32 | 280 | Iceland     | VOLHEJN Vit     | KOPECKY Michal   | -0.22 | 260 | Czech Rep.  |
| BOMPIS Marc        | QUANTIN J.-C.     | 0.32 | 320 | France      | NILSSON Ulf     | WRANG Frederic   | -0.25 | 219 | Sweden      |
| GROMOV Andrei      | DUBININ Alexander | 0.30 | 240 | Russia      | LAANEMAE Tiit   | KARPOV Maksim    | -0.31 | 239 | Estonia     |
| ASKGAARD Michael   | BJARNARSON G.     | 0.28 | 220 | Denmark     | SENGULER Zafer  | SEN Tezcan       | -0.32 | 219 | Turkey      |
| VERSACE Alfredo    | LAURIA Lorenzo    | 0.20 | 240 | Italy       | RUBENIS Ivars   | JANSONS Ugis     | -0.32 | 219 | Latvia      |
| KROEJGAARD Niels   | CASPERSEN Henrik  | 0.20 | 220 | Denmark     | EINARSSON B.    | JONSSON Steinar  | -0.33 | 180 | Iceland     |
| KOKSOY Enver       | KAHRAMAN Ahmet    | 0.19 | 220 | Turkey      | LUKS Leo        | NABER Lauri      | -0.37 | 240 | Estonia     |
| BOCCHI Norberto    | DUBOIN Giorgio    | 0.17 | 339 | Italy       | HACKETT Jason   | HACKETT Justin   | -0.43 | 220 | England     |
| HELGEMO Geir       | LUND Boerre       | 0.17 | 200 | Norway      | WESTRA Berry    | RAMONDT Vincent  | -0.49 | 140 | Netherlands |
| GIERULSKI Boguslaw | SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy  | 0.13 | 240 | Poland      | KWIECIEN Michal | JAGNIEWSKI Rafal | -0.53 | 200 | Poland      |
| CULLIN Per-Ola     | UPMARK Johan      | 0.12 | 220 | Sweden      | LIMOR Doron     | MINTZ Yaacov     | -0.60 | 140 | Israel      |
| BERTENS Huub       | BAKKEREN Ton      | 0.10 | 240 | Netherlands | ROLL Yossi      | BAREKET Ilan     | -0.62 | 239 | Israel      |
| JORGENSEN A.       | ARMANSSON S.      | 0.05 | 220 | Iceland     | VOZABAL David   | SLEMR Jakub      | -0.77 | 180 | Czech Rep.  |
| ATABEY Yalcin      | ASSAEL Salvador   | 0.05 | 240 | Turkey      | LEVENKO Vassili | SESTER Sven      | -0.77 | 200 | Estonia     |
| SMIRNOV Alexander  | PIEKAREK Josef    | 0.05 | 260 | Germany     | HACKETT Paul D  | WATERLOW Tony    | -0.86 | 200 | England     |
| BILDE Morten       | HANSEN Jorgen     | 0.04 | 240 | Denmark     | SANTOS Jorge    | CRUZEIRO Jorge   | -0.96 | 220 | Portugal    |
| GINOSSAR Eldad     | PACHTMAN Ron      | 0.03 | 300 | Israel      |                 |                  |       |     |             |

## Championship Diary



As the tournament ends there is just time to make one last report.

When an irate Norwegian sent an email to the Press Room complaining about the absence of his country's Open team from BBO I was reminded of a slogan that emanates from the USA: You can please some of the people all of the time, and you can please all of the people some of the time. But you can't please all of the people all of the time. I 1700 signed on to BBO during the last round.

England's Richard Fleet was a regular correspondent. When he queried one obscure bidding sequence featured in the Bulletin we offered the explanation, 'We play Polish Club, may be weak, may be strong.'

I must mention Patrick Jourdain (I blame him for the last 15 years hard labour), who does a tremendous amount of work for the Bulletin, despite his responsibilities as President of the IBPA.

The final tally for the incredible BBO coverage of the Championships was 228 Tables, 26 Operators, 181 commentators from 28 nations (and 14 Walddk's – BBO organiser Roland Wald). Swan games covered a match every round.

During last night's party, all the members of the staff were presented with a plaque mentioning the recipient's name and a digital display of date and time (Mille Grazie, Gianarrigo). After receiving his plaque, Jos Jacobs started furiously setting the time and date on one of them. After five minutes of frantic button-pushing, Jos was happy with the result. Only then did his neighbour Herman ask, "now shall I do yours, Jos?"

Watching the last round unfold I spotted an interesting deal. 'Where would you like to play this?' I asked Tacchi. 'Tahiti.'