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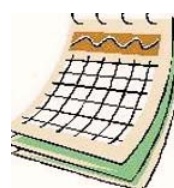
The BAM Gold Medal Goes To Italy



Robin FELLUS, Giuseppe MISTRETTA, Dario ATTANASIO, Giuseppe DELLE CAVE, Eugenio MISTRETTA

Wednesday night also saw the end of the Junior board-a-match World Championship. In yesterday's Bulletin, this event was almost completely overshadowed by the Teams Final and its great, tense finish. What is more, only one picture of a winning team would fit into our front page. So our warm congratulations go once again to Italy Green who therefore find themselves back on today's front page. In this issue, you will as well be able to read a lot about their achievements in today's two qualification sessions.

Today's - Schedule



- 10.00 Pairs MP -
Qualification 3rd Session
- 16.30 Pairs MP -
Final 1st Session
- 16.30 Pairs IMP - 1st Session

MP Pairs qualification, 1st session


by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

Arrigo Franchi and Aldo Paparo were members of the Italian team that lost the final v. Japan-Czech on Wednesday. This should be an extra reason for them to try and do as well as possible in the pairs event. We follow them during the first session.

The brothers Eugenio and Giuseppe Mistretta were part of the Italian team that won the board-a-match Junior World Championship on Wednesday. Maybe, they have celebrated too much overnight, one might think but this was by no means the case, we could see when following them. Below, you will find a selection of the deals played by these two pairs.

Italians are (in)famous for their rather high explosion rate if anything goes wrong. This was board 4:

Board: 4. Dir: West/All

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


Against Ekrem Serdar (North)'s 3NT, Franchi found the good lead of the ♣8. Dummy plays the nine and East the ten which is allowed to hold the trick. Paparo continues the ♣Q which declarer wins. Next comes a diamond which brings down the Jack, Queen and Ace. West now returns the ♣6 to declarer's King. Diamonds are continued, West winning his King and returning the ♣2 which is won by declarer's ♣3, to his astonishment. One overtrick but only 37 mp to Serdar-Ozer, just under average. Just making 3NT would have been worth only 14 mp.

Franchi does not have any words, or rather he has rather a lot of words for his partner's defence.

Curiously enough, the Poles Zmuda and Krysa find exactly the same defence against 3NT by Eugenio Mistretta. The lead was the ♣7 to the nine, ten and Ace and, on lead with his first top diamond, North returned the ♣Q which held, followed by the ♣6.

On the next board, we see a smooth defence by Eugenio against a briskly bid Polish slam:

Board: 5. Dir: North/NS


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

West <i>Igla</i>	North <i>Eugenio</i>	East <i>Machno</i>	South <i>Giuseppe</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Without any hesitation, Eugenio pulled the ♦2 out of his hand. Declarer later lost a spade trick as well for down two and 70 mp to NS.

On board 7, Franchi-Paparo score a lot of mp because of an ill-timed double by North:

Board: 7. Dir: South/All

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

West <i>Paparo</i>	North <i>Gundogdu</i>	East <i>Franchi</i>	South <i>Erkan</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All pass	

Sehmus Erkan might well have led a heart, had North not doubled. Maybe, he should do so here as well because he's only got one spade. He chooses partner's suit, however and thus leads the ♠5. Franchi ("Everyone is very sleepy, I think") calls for the Ace and plays a club to the Queen. South wins the King and returns a diamond. Ten tricks for the Italians and 74 mp. Franchi sings his favourite song: 'It's a wonderful world.'

On board 13, we saw a very fine defence by Eugenio:

Board: 13. Dlr: North/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dan</i>	<i>Eugenio</i>	<i>Dvir</i>	<i>Giuseppe</i>
	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



Eugenio Mistretta, Italy

North led the ♦Q won by the Ace. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps and then led a club on which North contributed the Queen in a flash. Declarer ducked but he was already doomed as the club suit could no longer be exploited. When he later finessed dummy's ten, South won the king to put the contract two down. This was good for 75 mp but the second undertrick cost EW only 5 extra mp's.

By the way, the setting at this table was rather unique, we think. It would not occur very often that two pairs of brothers are meeting at a Junior World Championship. In this case, it were the Hershfangs from Israel and the Mistrettas from Italy.

Another 'wonderful world' for Arrigo Franchi on board 14:

Board: 14. Dlr: East/None

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Milano</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Ojeda</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

The lead of the ♦J costs a trick. Declarer wins the King and plays a club to the Jack and King. North returns a spade, much to your liking when you are desperately looking for tricks from anywhere. ♠K thus wins a trick and the club return goes to South's ♣A. South now cashes ♠Q and exits in clubs. Seven tricks for EW and 74 mp.

The Mistretta brothers did much better on this board, one floor lower.

West	North	East	South
<i>Dan</i>	<i>Eugenio</i>	<i>Dvir</i>	<i>Giuseppe</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Whenever you let the opponents play INT, you get a bad score, is a well-known adage in pairs' events. We don't know if it's completely true but the Mistretta brothers certainly believe in it. With the clubs 3-3 eight tricks are always there but these 4-3 fits often are difficult to defend. West leads a diamond to East's King and a spade comes

back, for Queen, King and Ace. Declarer next cashes the ♠J and the ♣AK (well played, see board 18!) and continues on cross-ruff lines, ending up with an overtrick when East decides to ruff a spade in front of declarer with his Ace, which makes the club loser disappear. +140 was worth 69 mp to NS.

Board: 18. Dlr: East/NS

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

When Marjo wants to write down the name of the North player coming to “her” table, he smiles at her and shows his badge. What a name: “Sarper Uslupehlivan!” Sarper quietly waits till the name has been written down correctly and then says grinningly: “OK, and now I want you to just pronounce my name!” By pure hazard, Marjo finds the right syllables to stress and a quite happy Sarper can concentrate on the bridge again.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sofios</i>	<i>Eugenio</i>	<i>Anastasatos</i>	<i>Giuseppe</i>
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Paparo brought home this contract for 69 mp but against the Mistretta brothers, it was a different story. North led the ♣A after some thoughts; apparently he was already considering a trump lead which would have been devastating as the club position then remains unclear for declarer. At trick 2 he shifted to a spade which ran to the Jack and King. Declarer now tried a diamond to the King and Ace, which looks the wrong tempo. South returned a diamond for declarer to ruff. Next came a heart to the Jack (well guessed) and Ace and now, South put his partner in with the second top club to play another trump. Declarer cashed the ♥K but not the ♣Q; he first ruffed himself back to hand with a diamond in order to ruff a heart in dummy. On this trick, South could discard his last club which enabled him to now ruff declarer’s winning ♣Q for one down. A slight misplay (see board 14) severely punished. One down brought the brothers 57 mp.

Board 25 brings Franchi-Papano an incredible result:

Board: 25. Dlr: North/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Ramirez Zuniga</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Calvo Apitar</i>
	Pass	1♦	Pass
4♥	All pass		

Franchi is softly singing into the reporter’s direction: “Where are all those spades gone?” Apparently, he is not rating his chances in 4♥ very high and is hoping NS can make something in spades. 4♥ is a hopeless affair but as long as you are not down yet, there is life, isn’t it? The club



Ivan Ramirez Zuniga, Costa Rica

lead goes to Jack, Queen and Ace and Paparo next advances the $\diamond J$. It looks as if the NS count signaling system was out of order as the $\diamond J$ is allowed to hold. A club goes to the King and a spade from dummy is taken by South's Ace. He returns a club, ruffed high and overruffed with the Queen by North. He already has a heart in his hand to return but then thinks again and returns the $\spadesuit J$. Paparo has no option but to run this to his Queen. Next, he ruffs his last spade with the Ace and loses only to the $\heartsuit K$. Ten tricks made and 74 mp to EW.

'It's a wonderful wonderful world,' Franchi is humming again.

On board 29, Franchi shows great judgement:

Board: 29. Dlr: North/All

<p>\spadesuit K 9 3 2 \heartsuit J \diamond J 2 \clubsuit Q J 8 7 5 2</p>	<table border="1" style="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	<p>\spadesuit Q 10 6 \heartsuit K 8 6 2 \diamond Q 7 3 \clubsuit A 10 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit A 7 \heartsuit A 9 7 4 \diamond A 10 8 5 \clubsuit K 9 6</p>
N						
W E						
S						
<p>\spadesuit J 8 5 4 \heartsuit Q 10 5 3 \diamond K 9 6 4 \clubsuit 3</p>						



Giuseppe Mistretta, Italy

West	North	East	South
<i>Paparo</i>	<i>Andrea</i>	<i>Franchi</i>	<i>Kilani</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All pass

No Stayman on a 4-3-3-3 with honours in all suits. The spade lead goes to the ten, Jack and Ace. A heart to the King (and a raised eyebrow to North's Jack) and a low heart to the seven! Now a diamond to the Queen and South's King. Back comes a spade and North clears the suit. Declarer next plays a diamond to the ten and North's Jack. North cashes his spade but on the club return South is squeezed in the red suits. Nine tricks and 51 mp.

On board 30, the Mistrettas get a huge score when declarer misplays:

Board: 30. Dlr: East/None

<p>\spadesuit 10 6 \heartsuit A \diamond Q 9 8 6 4 3 \clubsuit K J 7 5</p>	<table border="1" style="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	<p>\spadesuit A K 9 4 \heartsuit Q J 9 8 \diamond K J 7 5 \clubsuit 3</p>	<p>\spadesuit J 8 7 5 2 \heartsuit 10 6 4 3 2 \diamond - \clubsuit 10 6 2</p>
N						
W E						
S						
<p>\spadesuit Q 3 \heartsuit K 7 5 \diamond A 10 2 \clubsuit A Q 9 8 4</p>						

West	North	East	South
<i>Özgür</i>	<i>Eugenio</i>	<i>Öztürk</i>	<i>Giuseppe</i>
		$1\diamond$	INT
$2\clubsuit$	Dble	Pass	Pass
$2\heartsuit$	Pass	$3\heartsuit$	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

$2\clubsuit$ is a convention to show both majors when the opponents overcall INT but from time to time, it goes wrong. Had East bid anything over the double, EW would have finished one level lower. When he adopted the wait-and-see policy, all should still have been well as $3\heartsuit$ can always be made. A club was led and a trump to the Ace came back, followed by a low spade. Declarer won the Ace and, rather than calling for a trump, went on minor-suit cross ruff lines ending up with an insufficient number of trumps in both hands and thus losing control to go two down for -300 and nearly 71 mp to the Italians.

At the end of the session, both journalists are treated the courteous Italian way. The players very politely rise and thank us for our moral support. Franchi-Paparo scored just over 60% and are lying 6th whereas the Mistretta brothers have no reason to complain too much about their 56.5%. Two more sessions to play.

MP bits and pieces

by Kees Tammens

This World Youth Congress is a special event. When you don't qualify for the quarterfinals in the Teams, you go in the BAM. This discipline you can describe accurately as the ultimate Matchpoint Game. Only one comparison so everything is allowed. It is absolutely not an issue if you score a board as +850 while your teammates also write +800; it only counts as 1-0. Only to experience a bad feeling when the next board your teammates announce +110 in a good 2♥ contract while your opponents in a terrible 2NT with the aid of some finesses make eight tricks for -120 and 0-1.

After the final of the teams and the finish of the BAM everybody continues in the Matchpoint Pairs. Half of the field will reach the finals and the non-qualifiers again return to the battle for the imps. So after returning home every participant can tell which discipline is hers or his: TEAMS or PAIRS?

BOARD-A-MATCH

In the last couple of boards in the BAM the brakes were switched off.

Session 6/board 28

West	North	East	South
	<i>Jamilla</i>		<i>Sigrid</i>
2♦(weak)	Pass	4♦	??

South: ♠A 10 8 ♥A Q 4 ♦K 3 ♣Q 8 6 4 3



Sigrid Spangenberg, Netherlands

I felt sorry for the Dutch twins in the NS seats. Your hand is not that good but you feel preempted by East. So South doubled and it was really impossible for North to pass this. 4♥ went down the terrible vulnerable two: -200 and 0-1:

Board: 28. Dir: West/NS

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

Then things were getting really serious:

Board: 30 Dir: East/None

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

West	North	East	South
		3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♥	5♣	Dble
All pass			

Was a t.o. dble by North directly over 4♣ the right thing to do? And was a pass over 4♣ (Double is surely penalty, and not a late/weak TO double) the right thing to do (South could have two small hearts)? Anyway, 800 looked 1-0, certainly when your teammates announce +50 in East-West. How?

West	North	East	South
		3♣	3NT

all pass and west quickly leads a small diamond for the first five tricks.

MATCHPOINT PAIRS

In the first rounds we saw at many tables pairs from the same country playing each other. For the pairs championship the two Dutch pairs Drijver-Michielsen and Verbeek-Molenaar switched to Michielsen-Verbeek and Drijver-Molenaar. They met in the first round so the knives could come at the table.

Board: 15. Dir: South/NS

♠ 9 6 ♥ J 10 9 7 ♦ K 10 9 7 5 2 ♣ 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ A J 10 8 5 4 3 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 4 ♣ J 10 8
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West	North	East	South
Molenaar	Verbeek	Drijver	Michielsen
2♦(♦+♥)	2NT(tr to ♣)	3♣	INT
Pass	3 NT	All pass	Pass

After a spade for the ace, East returned a diamond. Declarer went up with the ace, checked clubs and claimed twelve tricks on the ♦K+fourcard heart squeeze. Ducking ♠A won't help defenders. West is always the victim of a throw in squeeze. Eleven or twelve tricks will be the most frequent scores, or will pairs go on to 6♣? Doubling 3♣ or 4♣? Wait and see.

Board: 16. Dir: West/EW

♠ A 7 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ Q 9 4 3 ♣ A 10 9 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 6 4 2 ♥ A 10 6 2 ♦ 2 ♣ J 8 4
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		♠ Q 9 8 3 ♥ J 8 7 ♦ K 10 7 6 ♣ Q 2			

West	North	East	South
Molenaar	Verbeek	Drijver	Michielsen
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	INT	2♦	2♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
Dble	All pass		

The common partscore battle, ended by a double of the final contract. West's lead was ♠A followed by a second trump. Declarer took ♠J and played a small diamond for ♦A in East, who returned a diamond, ruffed in dummy. With ♥K and ♥Q offside declarer needed some form of endplay to hold her losers to five. She played a club from dummy to ♣Q and ♣A in West. A heart was played for ♥Q in East. He took ♣K for down one, a heart from hand disappearing on ♣J. But also if East had played a diamond, declarer would have escaped for down one. She takes ♦K, throwing a club from dummy and ruffs the last diamond from South. Now ♣J for ♣K in East who has to give ruff and sluff or play a heart.

Hard to estimate this 100. 3♣ or 3♦ will probably make but also many other scenarios are possible.

BIG NUMBERS ALL AROUND

Of course a bulletin is happy to describe any well bid, played or defended hand. But there is always room for good stories. From +180 till 1070. We will see all possible numbers on the frequency chart during the qualifying rounds of the pairs championship. Juniors are glad to pull



Marion Michielsen, Netherlands

the trigger. The bulletin is also anxious waiting for heroic actions in adventurous boards that produced unusual numbers. Also the redoubled and making contracts have always an interesting angle.

Board: 19. Dir: South/EW

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	2♠	1♥
All pass			3♥

First a chance for declarer:

After ♠K for ♠A declarer played ♥A and ♥K followed by ♣J, ♣K, ♣A. Last trump drawn with ♥Q and ♣9 for ♣Q



Rens Philipson, Netherlands

in West, East throwing an encouraging diamond. ♦A and diamond, ♦J, ruffed by South who showed the hand announcing to lose one more spade. Too quick: ♣8 overtaken by ♣10 and a diamond ruff would set up a diamond as the eleventh trick, with ♣7 as an entry.

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Philipson</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>van Lankveld</i>
Pass	INT	2♠	1♥
3♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
All pass			Dble

It seemed that most of the field would play in 3♥ for 170 so the vulnerable down against 3♠-doubled could well have been a good score. South led the singleton diamond for ♦J in East who played a spade. South took ♠A and had to decide whether to reach his partner in hearts or clubs (is the first diamond that North played Lavinthal?). In real life, South hoped for ♣K, played a small club after which declarer wrapped up ten tricks for 930.

The second board at the same table also was a battle between hearts and spades.

Board: 20. Dir: West/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Failla</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Zanasi</i>	<i>Michielsen</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass(3♣?)	Dble	Redble
2♠	Pass(3♣/3♥?)	Pass	Dble
All pass			

Maybe it is advisable for North to bid straight away after 2♥. South could have a perfect hand, two aces or ♥A +♠K and anyway it seems unlikely that you are allowed to play in 2♥. After the redouble North with a primarily offensive hand, better bids 3♥ (4♥?) so things will develop smoothly. Maybe hoping for a spade stack in South, North decided to go for the +200.

A heart for the bare Ace, a spade for ♠Q, ♦Q, ♦K and Ace and ♠K for the Ace in South, who played another heart to shorten declarer, who was happy to claim ♥A, four tricks in spades and five in diamonds for +1070.

MP Pairs Qualification, session 2

by Jos Jacobs and Marjo Chorus

In this report, we will mainly be featuring the achievements of the other BAM-winning Italian pair: Robin Fellus and Giuseppe Delle Cave. Maybe, our reports on what both the BAM-winning pairs did today, will also give you an impression about why they won the board-a-match Championship.

On the very first board, the EW high cards are fitting so well together that 3NT is a lay-down with nine top tricks. Another problem might be: how to get there.

Board:1. Dlr: North/None

<p>♠ J 10 2 ♥ A ♦ A 9 3 2 ♣ A K Q 10 3</p>	<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;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ A ♥ K 10 8 3 2 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ 9 8 7 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 8 7 6 3 ♥ Q J 5 4 ♦ K 10 ♣ 6</p>
<p>♠ K 5 4 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ Q J 6 5 ♣ J 5 2</p>			



Giuseppe Delle Cave, Italy

West	North	East	South
Delle Cave	Granath	Fellus	Olofsson
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♥	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South leads the ♠4. Fellus commented in real Italian English: "When I saw dummy, I felt very happy." We can imagine: if the clubs are not 4-0, the ♣9 will be the entry to cash ♥K as the 9th trick. Bidding 3NT brought EW 61% of the matchpoints.

An unexpected magic +200 came by on board 5:

Board:5. Dlr: North/NS

<p>♠ K 9 6 2 ♥ 10 ♦ Q 10 7 4 3 ♣ 9 4 3</p>	<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;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ Q J 5 3 ♥ K J 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ A Q 7 2</p>	<p>♠ A 4 ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ A 9 8 2 ♣ K J 8</p>

West	North	East	South
Delle Cave	Ucar	Fellus	Koclar
	2♣*	Pass	2♦**
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

* 18-19 balanced
** transfer

The ♠Q lead is won by declarer's Ace and next, Ucar cashes the ♦A and plays his remaining diamond to East's King. A spade comes back to West's King and Delle Cave continues the ♣9 to the Jack and Queen. North ruffs the spade continuation, ruffs a diamond and plays a trump to the Queen and East's King. Apart from the ♣A, the ♥J also is a defensive trick for a surprise two down and 81% to the Italians.

Stefan Skorchev from Bulgaria earns a lot of matchpoints on board 10:

Board: 10. Dlr: East/All

♠ A J 4 ♥ 10 3 ♦ K J 8 2 ♣ A 10 9 5 ♠ 10 7 5 3 2 ♥ A K Q 9 6 4 ♦ A 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;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 9 8 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 10 7 6 4 3 ♣ Q 6 2 ♠ K 6 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ K J 8 7 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Fellus</i>	<i>Yilmaz</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♠
2♠	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♣	All pass	

For Stefan, it's asking too much to pass partner's double of 3♠. ♠Kx does not look a good prospect in defence. He bids 4♣ and to justify his bid, he shows some impeccable declarer play. He ruffs the third round of hearts with the Ace and, consequently, successfully finesses the ♣Q through East for +130 and 85%.

The unlucky board number 13 is always dangerous:



Robin Fellus, Italy

Board: 13. Dlr: North/All

♠ A 9 8 6 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ Q 8 7 ♣ 10 9 2 ♠ K J 10 5 4 ♥ Q 9 7 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ A 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;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 7 ♥ J 8 ♦ K J 10 9 3 ♣ K 8 5 4 3 ♠ Q 3 2 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ A 4 2 ♣ Q 7 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Lall</i>	<i>Fellus</i>	<i>Fournier</i>
	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Letting the opponents play INT usually is not good for you at pairs, even less so if you happen to hold 5-5 in the minors. When West adds to his side's misfortune by leading the ♠10, South can run this to the Queen and return the suit. West goes up with the King but South correctly ducks this. From here, Jeremy Fournier has six tricks for sure and his -100 brought him no less than 73%.

They get even more of the available matchpoints on a few of the following boards. Here, Luz Ortega and Jonathan Hantos from Venezuela are the victims. After going down four in 5♦ doubled on board 17, they correctly double 4♠ on board 18:

Board: 18. Dlr: East/NS

♠ - ♥ K 8 3 2 ♦ J 9 7 6 5 4 ♣ 5 4 2 ♠ K Q J 10 9 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ K Q 10 8 ♣ 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;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 6 ♥ 9 7 5 4 ♦ 3 ♣ K Q 10 8 7 ♠ A 5 3 ♥ A J 10 6 ♦ A 2 ♣ A 9 6 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Delle Cave</i>	<i>Ortega</i>	<i>Fellus</i>	<i>Hantos</i>
		Pass	INT
2♦	2NT	3♠	Pass
4♥	Dble	All pass	

2♦ showed one major, 2NT was Lebensohl and 3♥ was play or correct.

The diamond lead went to South's Ace and a low trump went to dummy's six. Delle Cave now called for a low club from dummy and, not for the first time this week, South does not go up with her Ace. A diamond was now ruffed in dummy, the ♣K covered and ruffed and ten tricks were home, +590 to EW and 90.5% to Fellus-Delle Cave.

Against the leaders after the first session, something goes terribly wrong for the Italians:

West		North	East	South
Delle Cave	Tuczynski	Fellus	Jassem	
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass	
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass	
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass	
3♦	All pass			

East first shows a weakish hand with both majors but then, he gets the idea that something more should be done. Before the roof comes down completely, East quickly passes 3♦. West has a look at dummy and then creeps under the screen window, asking his partner with a broad grin on his face: "Are you all right, man?"

Down four and just under 3% for the efforts.

So, dear readers, as you can see, Delle Cave and Fellus had their ups and downs but they scored just under 60% in the session. It would be a big shock if they would not be able to qualify from here, averaging about 56% for the day.

Board:28. Dir: West/NS

♠ K 8 2 ♥ A J ♦ A K Q 8 ♣ 9 8 6 5	♠ 10 4 ♥ K 10 8 6 2 ♦ J 7 3 2 ♣ Q 7	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 9 7 5 ♥ Q 9 7 5 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A 10 3
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W		E										
	S											
♠ A Q 6 3 ♥ 4 ♦ 10 9 5 4 ♣ K J 4 2												



Pawel Jassem, Poland

Attention all players!

This afternoon, the starting times of both the MP Pairs Final and the IMP Pairs are postponed by half an hour. This is to give the organisers the chance to do their preparatory work as carefully as possible. So both events will start at 16.30 hrs.

Maurizio Di Sacco
General Tournament Manager

Missing Participants?

Team players are kindly requested to use the link www.worldbridge.org/tourn/Istanbul.09/Participants.htm in order to cross-check the roster of their team. Click on the Swiss-KO and Board-A-Match links and should you find a missing player or a player who is not actually a member of your team, please contact the WBF Web Editor directly at the Daily Bulletin office, during the World Youth Bridge Congress. Please note that unless these records are corrected now, they are bound to be mistakes in your personal information card, Master Points, etc. which might be difficult to correct later.

Akis Kanaris, WBF Web Editor



A warm welcome to the president of the WBF José Damiani, who will arrive in Istanbul today.

MP PAIRS QUALIFICATION

(after 2 sessions - provisional)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
			48	LANKVELD Joris van	PHILIPSEN Rens 50.30
1	JASSEM Pawel	TUCZYNSKI Piotr 64.41	49	DOBRESCU Raluca Elena	NISTOR Radu 50.28
2	HUNG Andy Pei-en	SCHAFFER Jorrit 61.90	50	AMIGUET Jerome	MARGOT Cedric 50.25
3	DWYER Kevin	MECKSTROTH Matthew 61.07	51	KRALIK Frantisek	TICHA Magdalena 50.21
4	ABIU TALEB Moustafa	ZAYTOUN Mahmoud 60.49	52	KURT Murat Ugur	USLUPEHLIVAN Sarper 50.15
5	MICHIELSEN Marion	VERBEEK Tim 59.57	53	SKORCHEV Stefan	YILMAZ Ovunc 50.14
6	CHIU Jason	FAY Kevin 59.46	54	GIANNOULIS Giorgos	OIKONOMOPOULOS I. 49.97
7	JOCHYMSKI Tomasz M.	KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech 58.66	55	ANDREA Landry	KILANI Alexandre 49.93
8	LEBATTEUX Aymeric	LHUISSIER Nicolas 58.44	56	GRANATH Simon	OLOFSSON Sofia 49.75
9	DRIJVER Bob	MOLENAAR Danny 58.27	57	NAB Vincent	WACKWITZ Ernst 49.56
10	DOXIADIS Konstantinos	KONTOMITROS K. 58.22	58	HOEPLER Markus	KAUTNY Paul 49.39
11	ASULIN Adi	LEVY Hila 58.05	59	BUIJTENHEK Lennie	LEEUVEN Rik van 49.19
12	DAMTY Oshri	EREZ Eyal 57.44	60	SARIOZ Pinar	TEKIN Ozge 49.11
13	CEREK Muharrem	KAYA Emre 57.18	61	GREENBERG Gal	URMAN Lior 48.68
14	FRANCHI Arrigo	PAPARO Aldo 57.00	62	ALLON Yonatan	VAX Gal 48.39
15	IGLA Bartlomiej	MACHNO Artur Marek 56.98	63	JANECZKO Artur	SZCZYPCZYK Agnieszka 48.36
16	KRYSA Adam	ZMUDA Justyna 56.40	64	OZGUR Muhammet	OZTURK Erdem 47.88
17	KOPECKY Michal	MACURA Milan 56.06	65	MOHARAM Hisham	SAWIRES Mina 47.85
18	HOLEKSA Magdalena	WEINHOLD Izabela 54.92	66	FLURY Marc	GHIEMMETTI Fabio 47.81
19	FRANCESCHETTI Pierre	GROSSET Christophe 54.36	67	ERCAN Sehmus	GUNDOGDU Mehmet 47.81
20	DEKKERS Laura	NAB Judith 54.25	68	BILLIET Sven	GEENS Bert 47.58
21	KOCLAR Akin	UCAR Ali 54.02	69	ANASTASATOS Aris	SOFIOS Michalis 47.42
22	SPANGENBERG Jamilla	SPANGENBERG Sigrid 53.96	70	BORZI Antonio	MORTAROTTI Andrea 47.30
23	DELLE CAVE Giuseppe	FELLUS Robin 53.95	71	AKAN Efraim	GULENC Baturalp 47.14
24	FISHER Blair	WHIBLEY Michael 53.65	72	CELIK Taner	OZKURT Kenan 46.97
25	STUURMAN Dennis	VISSER Frank 53.58	73	LEANEZ Luis	SAR-SHALOM Nathalie 46.74
26	MISTRETTA Eugenio	MISTRETTA Giuseppe 53.34	74	KANETA Kenji	KIDO Yoshiro 46.67
27	GORSKI Michal	PIOTROWSKI Przemyslaw 53.04	75	DE VISSCHERE Willem	DEVRIENDT Rien 46.52
28	HELMICH Aarnout	HOP Gerbrand 52.78	76	DARKADAKIS Athanasios	ROUSSOS Petros 46.14
29	BRESCOLL Zachary	LIEN Owen 52.68	77	AKSUEYEK Efe	EREN Baran 45.31
30	OZER Ahmet Can	SERDAR Ekrem 52.58	78	HUSSAIN Mirza Asfandiyar	MANSOOR Arslan 45.11
31	IMAMOGLU Levent	SOFU Serkan 52.50	79	CASIMIRRI Tommaso	SCHIASSI Jacopo 44.48
32	LAZAR Alon	MEYUCHAS Moshe 52.20	80	ABDELFATTAH Ahmed	DARWISH Ahmed 44.41
33	SEKER Olgu	YILDIZ Ceyda 52.18	81	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	MANNO Andrea 43.72
34	KAPLAN Adam	SHUNTA Cameron 52.14	82	CHACON CESPEDES C.	SEGURA UGALDE E. 43.44
35	HANTOS Jonathan	ORTEGA Luz 52.13	83	VAN DEN HOVE Wouter	VAN MECHELEN Joram 43.35
36	SUZER Ugurcan	TASKIN Arda Can 51.81	84	AGARWAL Mohit	BAYAKHCHEV Leonid 42.38
37	EDGTON Adam	HOWARD Justin 51.77	85	HANDA Kouichi	MURAI Kentaro 41.97
38	SIDEROV Zhivko	STEPHENS Robert 51.69	86	HERSHFANG Dan	HERSHFANG Dvir 40.41
39	ETCHEPAREBORDA Juan	GARDINER Luke 51.42	87	OWEN Christopher	SHARP Jonathan 40.16
40	KOIKE Noriaki	MIURA Hiroaki 51.39	88	KARPOUZELI Chrysoula	KOUGIOUMTZI Athanasia 38.71
41	KANIA Michal	WITKOWSKI Lukasz 51.39	89	SMYTH Brona	WOODS Aimee 38.25
42	HOLLANDS Peter	WU You 51.33	90	FOTOPOULOS Evangelos	TOGIAS Stratos 36.78
43	FAILLA Andrea	ZANASI Gabriele 51.17	91	BASARIR Ipek	GORMALLY Hugh 34.70
44	FOURNIER Jeremy	LALL Justin 51.13	92	MILANO Eryck	OJEDA Carlos 33.79
45	HUDSON Alex	MARRIOTT John 50.55	93	GORMALLY Niamh	O'KANE Eilish 31.28
46	LEUFKENS Lotte	VERBEEK Thijs 50.52	94	CALVO ALPIZAR Juan G.	RAMIREZ ZUNIGA Ivan 30.92
47	GOGOMAN Adele	SCHULZ Dieter 50.47			