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## HOŞGELDİNİZ ANTALYA LAND OF SUNSHINE BRIDGE



A spectacular opening ceremony was hosted by Murat Molva, on-site organiser of the Turkish Bridge Federation, and Stefan Back of the EBL Youth Committee.

It was a poignant moment when everyone stood in honour of the memory of the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

When the flags of the participating countries had been paraded, the President of the Turkish Bridge Federation, Ata Aydın, welcomed everyone to the championships. The introduction of the teams was accompanied by stirring music, from the Last of the Mohicans.

Panos Gerontopoulos, Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee, introduced the officials, and assured everyone that our hosts would cool down the weather!

The President of the European Bridge League, Giannarigo Rona, declared the Championships open as the flag of the EBL was raised. Then it was time to move to the terrace and enjoy the spectacular scenery.



### VUGRAPH MATCHES

Croatia - Turkey	10.30
Scotland - Belgium	15.00
Norway - Poland	21.00

### SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY 7th July

10.30	Juniors, Round 2
15.00	Juniors, Round 3
21.00	Juniors, Round 4

### INTERNET AVAILABLE

Internet connection is available free of charge for all participants at the Internet Joy Café just by the swimming pool side at Level -I. Tell the Café Manager that you are from the Bridge Group.

### Calling all Captains! Passport Check

Every team that wants to continue playing after today, must have their passports checked by Stefan Back or Heinrick Ron, who can be found in the EBL office.

# JUNIOR TEAMS



## RESULTS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1

	Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	bye	ESTONIA	0	0	0	18
2	NORWAY	RUSSIA	53	21	22	8
3	POLAND	ENGLAND	70	37	22	8
4	IRELAND	HUNGARY	5	120	0	25
5	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL	37	58	11	19
6	WALES	FRANCE	5	94	0	25
7	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	62	46	18	12
8	GERMANY	AUSTRIA	56	67	13	17
9	FINLAND	TURKEY	25	69	6	24
10	CROATIA	SPAIN	62	63	15	15
11	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND	76	13	25	3
12	ICELAND	SWEDEN	39	51	13	17
13	ITALY	DENMARK	63	31	22	8

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

1	bye	AUSTRIA
2	CROATIA	TURKEY
3	RUSSIA	ISRAEL
4	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
5	SPAIN	FRANCE
6	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS
7	SCOTLAND	ICELAND
8	ESTONIA	FINLAND
9	ITALY	PORTUGAL
10	POLAND	HUNGARY
11	SWITZERLAND	WALES
12	BELGIUM	GERMANY
13	DENMARK	IRELAND

### RANKING AFTER SESSION 1

1	HUNGARY	25
2	FRANCE	25
3	NETHERLANDS	25
4	TURKEY	24
5	NORWAY	22
6	ITALY	22
7	POLAND	22
8	PORTUGAL	19
9	ESTONIA	18
10	ISRAEL	18
11	SWEDEN	17
12	AUSTRIA	17
13	SPAIN	15
14	CROATIA	15
15	GERMANY	13
16	ICELAND	13
17	SWITZERLAND	12
18	BELGIUM	11
19	ENGLAND	8
20	DENMARK	8
21	RUSSIA	8
22	FINLAND	6
23	SCOTLAND	3
24	WALES	0
25	IRELAND	0

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

1	bye	ENGLAND
2	FRANCE	ICELAND
3	SWITZERLAND	POLAND
4	CROATIA	ITALY
5	AUSTRIA	SPAIN
6	PORTUGAL	HUNGARY
7	RUSSIA	GERMANY
8	IRELAND	ISRAEL
9	SCOTLAND	BELGIUM
10	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND
11	SWEDEN	TURKEY
12	ESTONIA	DENMARK
13	WALES	NORWAY

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4

1	bye	CROATIA
2	SPAIN	GERMANY
3	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS
4	FRANCE	SCOTLAND
5	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA
6	BELGIUM	FINLAND
7	SWITZERLAND	DENMARK
8	NORWAY	POLAND
9	RUSSIA	ESTONIA
10	HUNGARY	ISRAEL
11	ITALY	ICELAND
12	IRELAND	WALES
13	TURKEY	PORTUGAL

# MAN AT THE TOP

*The President of the World Bridge Federation, José Damiani, recently found the time for an interview with Mark Horton.*



*Another Contract Signed!*

***I would like to begin by finding out a little more about José Damiani when he is not engaged in the role of President. Tell me about your family life.***

It is the most enjoyable part of life, with my wife Monique, my daughter Caroline, who is married to a very good bridge player, my sons Laurent and Emmanuel, who are working in our company, and my six grand children.

***How did bridge become a part of your life?***

By accident, because I discovered that I had congenital avascular necrosis while I was engaged in two tennis tournaments, and I had to stop playing. Then I decided to play bridge, and I was lucky enough to find good partners, and I was asked to become President of the club because of the illness of my best friend. Later on I was asked to become President of the District, and then I was asked to be President...

***Your triumphs at the table?***

I won six National French Championships, many Festivals, and recently a medal in the European Mixed Pairs Championships, as well as a silver medal in the Senior European Team Championships.

Clearly I spend much more time on administration than at the bridge table.

***Is being President of the WBF a full time job?***

Unfortunately yes! It is on voluntary basis, but I like to do it properly and the promotion of the game is in my view just as important as the organisation. That is especially important now, and with our aim to become an Olympic discipline, it never ends.

***You have a brilliant record in attracting sponsors, and keeping them. What advice would you offer to other bridge organisations that have been less successful?***

You are right to mention in the same sentence 'attracting sponsors and keeping them'. As a matter of fact it is not difficult

to attract them, but in order to keep them you have to show respect, to work for them, to give them what they are entitled to get back.

***The Olympics: What is the latest news?***

We have a strategy and we follow it. This means that we are working to be present in Salt Lake City, even with a single exhibition match, because our aim is really Turin 2006.

***I understand that negotiations are taking place between the IOC, FIDE (World Chess Federation) and Australian Chess Federation on chess having a presence at the Sydney Olympics. Will bridge have a presence?***

I heard the same rumours and I asked my Australian friends to inquire. I also met some people from the Sydney Organizing Committee and nobody was able to confirm it. As you know, in Chess there are two organisations which are competitors, FIDE and the Chess PGA led by Garry Kasparov. Perhaps there is something happening with the latter, but we all recognise that bridge and chess have a common destiny.

***Mentioning chess, France has recognised it as a sport. What about bridge?***

As far I know we have the same status with the Ministry of Sports.

At the beginning of May, I met the President of the CNOSF (the French National Olympic Committee) and the French Bridge Federation has by now sent its application. I strongly believe the FFB will be accepted before the end of the year 2000.

***Do you have any news about the next Bermuda Bowl?***

We have signed a contract with the Indonesian Bridge Federation to organise in Bali the next Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup and the Transnational Open Teams, at the end of October/beginning of November 2001. It will be a marvellous venue and site, and I do not have any reason today to have any doubt about what will be a great success.

***As I understand it, you have been very successful in France in developing a schools programme. Can you tell us about this and how it was achieved?***

In fact I have worked on that with Jean Claude Beineix while he was President of the FFB. We got the support of the Minister of Education and Schools. We got sponsors: BP and Nesquik to cover the expenses of the seminar to train first the teachers, and finally we got the support of the parents and the media.

But there is still a lot to do in that field.

***In this year's Generali Masters, a Junior event was included. Are there any plans to include a Senior event in the future?***

Not at all, for a simple reason: From the beginning we have invited the most famous seniors and everybody has still in mind the standing ovation given to Giorgio Belladonna, and the bronze medals won by Jean Marc Roudinesco and Bobby Wolff.

As part of our policy towards the Olympics, it was clear that we had to have a Junior event.



**Bridge on Television. Do you see any way in which it can be done?**

I have shown in the past how to do it. After Geneva, and the Generali, we had edited highlights, which attracted several million viewers. The problem is that it is expensive to make such programmes, and from now on we may have free TV on the Internet with, in a few months time, very good image quality and a very simple method of access onto your TV screen.

**We have come a long way in the last ten years, especially in the use of technology. What further developments do you envisage?**

For more than twenty years now I have spent a lot of time in the use of technology, especially in communication, and our bridge show presentations on VuGraph. I am now sure that the Internet revolution will be of great benefit for bridge, because bridge is also the best example of the use of the Internet. Furthermore it opens the field for teaching and learning.

**Is there anything you would like to add, or request that be done to promote bridge in any way? This is very much an open question!**

Of course you know that development is my passion. As Club President I managed to increase the club members, in three years, from 90 to 220.

As District President, also in three years, from 400 to 1200.

As French Bridge Federation President, in five years from 18,000 to 44,000.

As European Bridge League President: in 1987 we numbered 240,000, and 370,000 when I left in 1995.

I am convinced that the present stagnant figures are unacceptable, and I want to promote with the National Federations a development program towards Youth, but especially without neglecting the adults, and the older, which are also of primary importance.

I have in mind also a solidarity program to start in the year 2002, which will be presented and discussed in Maastricht. But many Federations have already benefited from our action with the IOC and our advice in promoting our sport.

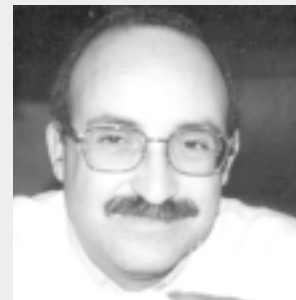
**Thank you José,  
it was a pleasure to talk to you.**



Press Conference

## Competition Corner

Take the name of a bridge player or personality, living or dead, and produce an anagram. The best effort submitted to the Daily Bulletin during the Championships will win a prize.



This idea was inspired by Patrick Jourdain, who, at the Junior Championships in Vienna, managed to convert Panos Gerontopoulos into 'Lap top soon gone sour'.

## Sport News



### World Cup 2006

The 2006 Football World Cup will go to Germany after the voting on Thursday. This will go some way towards consoling German football fans after the inept performance of their national team in Euro 2000 where they even lost to (giggle) England.

Germany edged England out the favourites South Africa by 12 to 11 with one abstention in the final round. Had the abstainee given his vote to South Africa the Championship would have gone to them as the chairman, Sepp Blatter had stated that he would give his casting vote to the African nation.

### Wimbledon

Yesterday was Women's singles semi-final day at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. In the battle of the Williams sisters, Venus came out on top, defeating Serena by 6-2, 7-6. In the final, Venus will meet fellow American Lindsay Davenport. The defending champion beat Jelena Dokic of Australia 6-4, 6-2.

### Cycling

The sixth stage of the Tour De France saw a 12-man break-away after just 14 Km of the almost 200 Km day. The 12 held on to finish over eight minutes clear of the peloton. Though the stage was won by Dutchman, Leon van Bon, it is Telekom rider, Alberto Elli of Italy who gained the most out of his ride. He takes over the leader's yellow jersey by 12 seconds from Fabrice Gougot. The big names are all several minutes down on the leaders in the overall standings.



# ANTALYA



*Yivli Minaret*

Ever since Antalya was built, travellers such as the 19th century British sea captain, Francis Beaufort, and 1950's explorer, Freya Stark, have praised its natural beauty.

***"This country...is one of the finest regions of the world".  
Ibn Battuta, Arab Traveller, 1325-1354***

Originally known as Attaleia, the city was founded in 158 BC by King Attalus II of Pergamon, who had ordered his men to find 'heaven on earth'. From then on many nations kept their eyes on the city. The Roman conquest of the Pergamene Kingdom saw Attaleia become a part of the empire, and the visit of the Emperor Hadrian – doubtless taking a break from wall building in Scotland – is commemorated by Hadrian's Arch, built in 130 AD, which remains to this day. As you will all be aware, Roman Blackwood was followed by Byzantine, and during that empire's control, the city was a staging post for the Crusaders on their way to the Holy Land. The Seljuk Turks took over the city around 1206, renamed it Adalya, and built the Yivli Minaret. Next to the minaret, you will find an old olive tree that has grown over the grave of a wise muezzin. You must write a wish on a slip of paper, wrap it in an olive leaf, and put it into the hollow trunk.

The Ottomans followed the Seljuks, and they retained control until 1918, when the city went to Italy in the post war division of the old empire. They only remained for three years, but had already left their mark on the city – la dolce vita was here to stay!

Modern Antalya has a population of over one million, a busy port, and a dynamic tourist resort. Overlooked by the snow-capped peaks of the Taurus Mountains, it is fronted by a long, curving bay and deep turquoise sea. The old city centre was lavishly restored in the 1980's.

## Star Attractions

### ***Antalya Müzesi***

This museum holds a world-class collection of classical

sculpture, prehistoric and ethnographic exhibits from Mediterranean Turkey.

It is located 2km west of the town centre, open from 08.30 until 17.00, but closed on Mondays.

### ***The City Walls***

***The Clock Tower*** and ***Hadrian's Arch*** are the highlights.

### ***Kesik Minaret - the broken minaret***

Once a Byzantine Panaglia church, it was converted into a mosque.

***Karatay Medresesi, Hidirlik Tower, Ahi Yusuf Mescidi, Iskele Mosque, Murat Pasa Mosque, Tekeli Mehmet Pasa Mosque, Balibey Mosque, Musellim Mosque, Seyh Sinan Efendi Mosque*** and ***Osman Efendi Mosque*** are all worth a visit.

### ***Termessos***

A Pisidian city, with remnants of an agora, theatre and an odeon. It is considered the most magnificent necropolis on the Mediterranean, 35 kms northwest of Antalya.

### ***Perga***

Legend has it that it was built by three heroes from Troy. The ruins are spread on two hills. It is 18 kms north-east of Antalya.

### ***Aspendos***

One of the most important Pamphilian cities. It is situated at the point where the Kopru River meets the sea. Once an important port and commercial centre, it is reputed to raise the best horses on earth. The odeon, basilica, galleria and fountains are worth seeing.

### ***Silyon***

Located 34 kms from Antalya in the direction of Alanya, it dates back to the 4th Century BC.



*Kemer*

# GREAT BRIDGE DISASTERS



Tony Forrester

Whilst many top class players have experienced a total disaster, few have encountered more than one. One notable exception is England's Tony Forrester, who has witnessed both sides of the coin. Look what happened when Great Britain faced Sweden in the semi-final of the 1987 Bermuda Bowl.

Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Fallenius	Forrester	Lindkvist	Armstrong
Pass	3♥*	Pass	Pass
3NT	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	All Pass		

John Armstrong and Tony Forrester were playing TRS – The Random System – very aptly named! – and the opening bid showed 7-10 points, and a two suiter excluding clubs. Three Hearts asked South to pass or correct, and when he passed, the fun started.

West bid Three No-Trumps, thinking it would be clear to his partner that he had the minors, as he had not bid on the first round. When North doubled, East, with quite a good hand but no preference for either minor, was content to pass. West now dug his own grave with his redouble. Four Diamonds would have been much safer, and less expensive!

When a confused East passed the redouble, the defenders showed no mercy, ensuring that the West hand took only one trick, and claiming a penalty of 2800 for five down, redoubled and vulnerable.

It cost a massive 21 IMPs, and put Great Britain on their way to the final.

Time marches on, and we relocate to Brighton in 1996, where Great Britain is playing a friendly International against Iceland.

Patrick Jourdain and I were providing the commentary, and we were disappointed that this deal was played on the one day that VuGraph was not operating.

Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Tony and Andrew Robson were experimenting with some new 'germ warfare', but as you will see, they had neglected to discuss one important aspect.

West	North	East	South
Forrester	Johann'on	Robson	Arnthor'on
2♠	Pass	3♠	Double
Redouble	All Pass		

Two Spades promised either the majors or the minors, usually 5-5 with less than an opening bid. The concentration of honours and the desire to test the new toy were enough to persuade Tony to open the bidding.

Three Spades was to play facing the majors, but also suggested a big fit for one of the minor suits. South doubled to show a good hand, and West was on virgin territory, as the partnership had not discussed this sequence.

A lesser mortal would have bid Four Clubs to confirm a hand with the minors, but Tony reasoned as follows:

A pass would show the majors, and Four Clubs would show the minors with equal length. 3NT would suggest longer clubs than diamonds, and therefore a redouble must show longer diamonds than clubs.

Alas, Robson was not on the same wavelength,



Andrew Robson

and reasoning that South would need some pretty good spades to stand Three Spades Redoubled, he passed.

South was not too surprised to pass, and when North led the five of spades the defenders quickly took the first ten tricks to inflict a penalty of -3400.

That's a sizeable number, but don't leave your seats just yet – our final deal is even more explosive!

A player I know collects bridge scores in the same way that other people collect stamps. He records them all in a book that is getting a little bigger each year. He only counts scores recorded at his table, and his ambition is to collect every possible result – I'll leave you to work out how many that will be!

Scores like +1100, +1400 and +1700 are commonplace, but our hero will doubtless have to wait some time before he matches the score on this deal!

Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A	♠ J	♠ K Q 10 9 4 2
♥ 7 5	♥ J 10 8 6 4	♥ A Q 3 2
♦ Q 9 8 4 2	♦ J 10 7 5 3	♦ –
♣ K 10 8 7 4	♣ 6 5	♣ A Q J
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
	♠ 8 7 6 5 3	
	♥ K 9	
	♦ A K 6	
	♣ 9 3 2	

This looks an innocent enough deal, the main interest appearing to centre on whether East/West can reach a contract of Six Spades. However....

West	North	East	South
Shek	Sowter	Calderwood	Smolski
		1♣	INT
2♦	3♥	Double	3♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	Redouble	All Pass	

The bidding requires some explanation!

East's opening bid was Precision Club, promising 17 or more points.

Roman Smolski, one of the best card players around, is renowned for his flights of fancy in the bidding. Playing with the writer, he once fearlessly overcalled Seven Clubs after the opponents had bid 2NT – 6NT! The bid was alerted and on enquiry I explained "I think we play Asptro over No-Trumps!"

Here his overcall promised spades and diamonds or hearts and clubs. It is generally a good idea to get involved when the opponents open with a strong club, but this hand was hardly ideal, given the disparity in length between the suits, its strength, and the vulnerability. Still, when West bid Two Diamonds it looked as if no great harm had been done. However, Tony Sowter knew he had a tremendous fit for one of the suits his partner was known to have, and West's bid, promising at least five diamonds, surely made it a racing certainty that Smolski had clubs and hearts.

When he jumped to Three Hearts, trying to make life difficult for his opponents, East doubled for penalties. Smolski's retreat to Three Spades said his other suit was diamonds, and East doubled

again. Sowter should have gone back to diamonds, but just in case his partner was 'operating' he preferred an 'SOS' redouble. When Smolski passed, the stage was set for what may still be the biggest score on record.

It quite often happens when you are defending a silly contract that the odd trick disappears, but that did not happen here.

West found the excellent lead of the ace of spades and switched to a diamond, ruffed by East. He now drew all the remaining trumps and switched to clubs. When West played the last club, South was squeezed in the red suits and in desperation blanked the king of hearts. East took the last two tricks and as the other three players were trying to work out the score Smolski calmly informed them it was -5200!

Had he been there before?

When Smolski's teammates came back to compare scores, they proudly announced their score of +1460 on this board. 'Well done', said Smolski. 'The overtrick saves a point! "We only lose 23 IMPs".

Take a look at this deal from the semi-final of the 1989 Venice Cup in Perth between the Netherlands and Germany.

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 6 4 3	♠ J 6 4 3	♠ K 9 8 5 2
♥ A K 9 3	♥ A K 9 3	♥ 6
♦ Q 5 4 2	♦ Q 5 4 2	♦ 9 8 3
♣ J	♣ J	♣ A 8 6 2
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">N</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">W</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">E</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 5px;">S</div> </div>	
♠ A Q 10 7	♠ –	
♥ J	♥ Q 10 8 7 5 4 2	
♦ K J	♦ A 10 7 6	
♣ K Q 9 7 5 4	♣ 10 3	

West	North	East	South
van der Pas	Zenkel	Schippers	von Arnim
		Pass	3♥
Double	4♣	Double	All Pass

Three Hearts was a two-way bid, promising either a pre-empt in hearts, or a solid club suit.

When West doubled for take out of hearts, Sabine Zenkel (now Auker) bid Four Clubs. She knew that if West had passed, this would have asked her partner to pass with clubs, or otherwise correct to hearts. When East doubled, Daniela von Arnim, imagining that in view of West's double, her partner's bid was natural, passed. North now assumed South had clubs, and she too passed.

If a trump had been led, declarer might have been restricted to one trick, but East preferred a spade, and Auker was able to scramble four, via two ruffs in dummy, and two aces.

In the cold light of day, West had made a take out double of hearts, and East had doubled clubs for penalties. Was it still possible for South to have a solid club suit?

Both the German players regard this deal as their worst moment, and the bridge gods took their time before forgiving them. They had to wait until 1995, when they were members of the team that captured the Venice Cup in Beijing.

All the disasters you have witnessed arose because the players concerned were using complex methods.

**My advice? Don't!**

## ROAD TO THE TOP

What does it take to become a star? A combination of factors to be sure, but in the view of your Editor it is the ability to maintain your concentration throughout the session that is the hallmark of a Champion.

Anyone wanting to drive a taxi in London has to pass an exam to prove they can locate any street within the capital. This awesome task is called 'The Knowledge'. Becoming a good bridge player also involves a lot of effort. After more than forty years the legendary World Champion Benito Garozzo claims that he still learns something new every day!

To become a good player you have to acquire the ability to think about all fifty-two cards, not merely the ones you can see in your own hand. It is possible to become quite a good player without bothering but if you want to make real progress then you simply have to do it.

You don't have to be a genius to count a hand. The bidding and the play to the first few tricks will often establish the distribution of the cards around the table. It will sometimes be easier for the defenders to make this calculation than for declarer.

Whilst the skill required to do this is negligible the effort of doing it over and over again on every hand is considerable.

Even top class players find it difficult to maintain their concentration and that is when mistakes are likely to be made. Terence Reese claimed that a player who could count was one in a thousand. A player who can count and concentrate is perhaps one in ten thousand.

Let me show you what I mean by a loss of concentration. The deal was played in the Prokom Software European Pairs Championship in Warsaw 1999.

Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Kondoch		Kornek
		1♦	Pass
1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

This was not the most instructive auction you will ever see but the final contract was perfectly reasonable. Looking at all four hands it is hard to see how declarer can go down but where there's a will there's a way.

North led the queen of spades and declarer won with the ace

and was persuaded by the bidding to finesse the ten of hearts. No harm done and North won and played the jack of spades. Declarer won with the king and now had to get back to hand in order to draw trumps. The obvious thing to do is to cross to hand with a top diamond and draw trumps. Then declarer can go back to dummy with the ace of clubs and take the diamond finesse. Missing a simple point, West elected to play dummy's remaining spade. South was not hard pressed to ruff with the nine of hearts, ensuring that North's eight became the setting trick.

Of course a defender or for that matter a declarer has to be wide awake to punish a lapse in concentration. This classic example comes from the Rhodes Olympiad in 1996.

Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Holowski	Hackett	Gotard
		1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♥
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

A minor suit slam is a decent proposition on the East-West cards but the bad breaks doom you to failure.

Five diamonds should go down provided the defenders set up their spade trick but Five Clubs looks straightforward – and that is the time to be especially careful.

The opening lead was the four of hearts taken by the ace. North switched to a spade. Declarer should duck this, win the next spade and ruff a heart. A trump to hand reveals the 4-0 split

**Wales will not be short of support at the commentators' table, as Patrick Jourdain will be assisting Barry Rigal with the commentary.**





but declarer simply ruffs a major suit loser with the ace of clubs and draws trumps. His remaining loser goes on the third round of diamonds.

Seeing no danger he won with the ace of spades and cashed the king of clubs. Now he ruffed a heart and exited with the ten of spades. Andreas Holowski went up with the king of spades and found the devastating and brilliant return of the jack of diamonds! That ruined declarer's communications. He could win, return to hand with a trump and ruff a heart or spade but then had no way back to hand to draw trumps.

Many players would have fallen into the trap that ensnared the declarer in my next example. It was played in the Brighton Summer Festival in 1997.

Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Both South's played in Four Spades on this hand from the Swiss Teams.

Both West's found the club lead and the defence started with three rounds of the suit.

One declarer ruffed with the two of spades and cashed the ace and king of trumps. He then started on the diamonds and was pleased to find they were three-three. However, he was less pleased when East ruffed the fourth round and played a heart. The precious two of spades had been wasted at trick three and there was no entry to the dummy.

At the other table World Champion Pat Davies made no mistake, ruffing with six of spades and thereby retaining an entry to those precious diamonds.

When I originally reported this hand I revealed that one of Victor Mollo's immortal characters had also defeated the contract. This is how I described the play.

Chatting to the Rueful Rabbit in the bar he revealed that his partnership had also managed to defeat the contract.

"So your declarer failed to ruff with the six of spades?" I enquired.

"Well no, er, that is I, er didn't, I mean we didn't play three rounds of clubs".

"You mean your partner switched to a heart at trick two and declarer got it wrong by finessing rather than relying on the three-three diamond break?"

"No. You see I had intended to lead the four of diamonds but the king of clubs was next to it and I led it by mistake. When it held I played another club and the Toucan won and switched to a heart".

The rabbit's guardian angel had struck again.

Sometimes a player gets away with a loss of concentration. This recent example comes from the 1999 Generali European Bridge Championships played in Malta.

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Romanski	D.Schaltz	Kowalski	P.Schaltz
2♠	Pass	1♣	1♠
4NT	3♠	4♣	Pass
7♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
	All Pass		

In the face of the intervention this was a great effort. However Romanski had found it difficult to arrive at the winning decision and there was almost a dramatic conclusion.

North led the queen of spades and declarer won with the ace discarding the eight of hearts. He cashed the ace and king of diamonds and now made a ridiculous play, continuing with the king of clubs and a club to the ace.

The correct approach is to draw trumps via the marked finesse and then play on clubs, unblocking the ten on an honour and then returning to the king of clubs thereby picking up any four clubs in the North hand.

Luckily the appearance of the jack offered a choice of routes back to hand. Eventually Romanski took South's card at its face value and returned with the ten of clubs.

The relief on his face when North had to follow was visible to the audience.

These examples make it clear that the ability to concentrate plays a significant role on the road to bridge mastery.

What technical skills are required?

One question I am repeatedly asked is 'How much do I need to know about such things as squeezes, safety plays and the like?'

The answer is not as much as you think you do. Giorgio Belladonna, probably the finest player the game has ever seen, was on record that you could get away with no knowledge of squeeze play at all.



Jacek Romanski

# Loose lips sink ships

by Henry Francis



Henri Francis

Henry Francis is a great supporter of Junior Bridge, and has been the Editor of many Junior World Championship Bulletins. Here is his specially commissioned contribution to these Championships.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

How would you play Six Clubs on the lead of the jack of diamonds?

No doubt you win this in hand and consider the possibilities. There appear to be three – play for the ace of spades to be on-side, try the heart finesse, or play for a major suit squeeze against West. But you quickly discard the idea of the squeeze – both the ace of spades and the king of hearts have to be with West. For the other two methods, all that is necessary is that you guess which card East has – the king of hearts or the ace of spades. It so happens it doesn't matter which you try – both fail and you go down one. (Editor's note: better than either of the lines is to try to ruff out the king of hearts and fall back on the spade finesse if it does not drop)

But you haven't seen the bidding, which went like this:

West	North	East	South
			2♣
2♥(!)	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Now you know the heart finesse is destined to fail. And the chances are West has the ace of spades as well – otherwise that's quite an enterprising Two Heart bid. If this is the case, LHO is in serious trouble and can't escape. You win the first diamond in hand, cash seven rounds of trumps, then follow up by taking dummy's two diamonds, pitching a spade from hand. Now you are down to the ♠K and ♥AQ, while it appears that LHO has ♠A and ♥K10. Maybe LHO has blanked the ♥K and kept two spades, but it's not at all likely. So you lead a spade to your king, and as expected West wins. But now West has to lead away from the ♥K to give you the last two tricks.

It's another instance of a player doing too much talking – another case of loose lips sink ships. This was the full deal:

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

The following hand is really special, I think. The fact that it was played by a college kid adds to its attraction.

It occurred during an OKbridge matchpoint game.

You hold:

♠ 10 4 2  
♥ K Q 10 7 4  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ 9 3

and you hear this bidding:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♣	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	?	

Well, did you fall victim and double? Of course you did! It certainly looks safe, and it doesn't appear that the opponents have anywhere to run.

At the table East doubled, and South, Joe Veal, a student at the University of Oklahoma, didn't like the look of his heart suit (♥AJ982). East's double sounded real. He decided to run. First he thought of 6NT, but he feared that an opening heart lead would kill any hope for that contract. Finally he decided on 6♠ – maybe partner had four, hopefully to the jack.

This was the full deal:

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

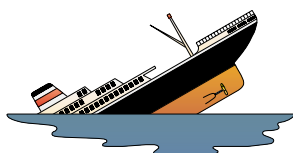
West led the eight of spades, and Veal wasn't at all happy when he saw dummy. "I was amazed that I wasn't doubled – it looked as if I would be going down three or four tricks". Then he thought about the hand a bit. "Probably hearts are 5-0 because West didn't lead one. Clubs probably are 7-2, based on West's bid. That leaves six cards in each hand. Hey, maybe trumps will break three-three! If they do, so will the diamonds! Maybe I've got a chance to make this!"

So Veal won the first trump and led out two more, dropping the suit 3-3. If his figuring was correct, that accounted for 10 cards in each hand, so diamonds were going to fall. Sure enough, they did! On the run of the diamonds, Veal threw a heart and a club and East pitched two hearts. That left this position:

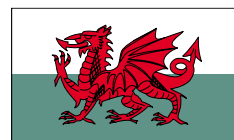
♠ –		
♥ 6 5 3		
♦ –		
♣ A 5		
♠ –		♠ –
♥ –		♥ K Q 10
♦ –		♦ –
♣ K J 10 8 7		♣ 9 3
	♠ 6	
	♥ A J 9	
	♦ –	
	♣ Q	

Veal led a heart. When East put in the queen, Veal ducked and claimed his unlikely slam bonus. East could get out with a club to the queen, king and ace, but now Veal would take the proven heart finesse – making six spades!

Guess it's true – loose lips really do sink ships!



## Wales Team Profile



Some of you may know that in the Chinese Calendar this year is "The Year of the Dragon". This is the first appearance of our Welsh Dragon in European Bridge and we are delighted to be here. Since January, England, Wales and Scotland are devolved within the EBL.

This event was held in Cardiff four years ago. The Swiss Captain on that occasion was heard to remark "When they said to go to Cardiff, I thought – this is a small village in England. It is in Wales and it is bigger than Zurich!"

Representing Wales are:



Mark Roderick (Road Runner), so known for his ability to whiz around in his wheelchair at 100KPH. Watch out for him in the foyer if you look like being dangerous opponents in the next match! Often to be found on OK Bridge being charming to Americans.

Mike Cleaton. (Spiderman), as he can weave many webs. As a buyer for Sainsbury's he handles a budget for millions so he is the only team member who is coping with the Turkish Lira.



Dafydd Jones (Bugs Bunny), as he is capable of digging himself into a hole. Known also for his charming smile and his inability to buy a round. Dafydd has just taken his finals in Bristol.

Jake Dunn (Shaggy), you will have to work that one out. At present studying in Edinburgh where his passport remained when he came to London for the flight. Replaces his older brother Adam in the squad. Adam works at the English Bridge Union as a spy for Wales.



Catherine Evans (Gummy Bear), as she doesn't stop smiling. She is the youngest competitor in the Junior event, weighing in at just fourteen years. Her sister is ten years old and has represented Wales in the Under 20s team. Her ambition is to reach adulthood.

David Davies (Obelix) – but with the brains too! Studying Librarianship at Aberystwyth means he is given the job of running the book.

NPC Paul Cunningham was heard to liken his team to a box of eggs – smooth, well rounded, but he could only get the best out of them when they were smashed.

Paul is assisted in his duties by Coach Jon 'Fluff' Seavers – until last year Fluff was a member of the Welsh Juniors himself. He is so confident that the team will win a medal that he has compulsory singing practice every morning for the National Anthem. They are all delighted to be in Turkey and taking part in these magnificent Championships.





# Red or Black?

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)



To train the VuGraph operators a practice match of 16 boards was staged the evening before the Opening Ceremony between the hosts, Turkey, and the Netherlands. It proved to be a thriller, decided by 1 IMP in Turkey's favour on the final deal.

Turkey, trained by Karen McCallum, gained a slam swing on the first board, a gain that the Netherlands reduced in small steps. Marcel Lagas was perhaps unlucky here, since his defence on this deal, had it come during the real championship, would have been a candidate for an award:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 8 4 2 ♥ 8 7 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ K 8 5 2</p>		<p>♠ J 3 ♥ K 10 5 2 ♦ K Q 9 8 4 3 ♣ 3</p>	
<p>West Lagas</p>		<p>North Tatlcioglu</p>	
<p>Dble</p>		<p>2♦</p>	
<p>All Pass</p>		<p>East Schollardt</p>	
		<p>1♣</p>	
		<p>3♥</p>	
		<p>South Sunamak</p>	
		<p>1♠</p>	
		<p>3♠</p>	

The bidding was similar at both tables, and the final contract 3♠. West led his singleton diamond. East won the ace and led his lowest diamond back. How do you defend?

At the other table West ruffed, put his partner in with the ace of clubs and received a second diamond ruff. That ensured the contract went one off, but only one off, because when West took his second ruff he was endplayed. Lagas saw that coming and after he took his first ruff he continued with a low trump. To see the effect that had, look at the full diagram:

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

If West takes both ruffs early the defence can only come to one club trick. The diamonds are set up, and dummy has an entry with the jack of trumps. West tried his best at the other table by continuing with a low club, but declarer ran it to the queen, and ruffed his last club.

Note the difference when West has taken the chance to duck a trump. The defence can still make their second ruff but also

come to three club tricks.

When declarer won the trump switch he actually played a second trump. West won, put East in with the club ace, received a second ruff, and exited with a heart, sticking South on lead to lose two clubs at the end.

The match was all square going into the penultimate board, when both tables reached this grand slam.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ A K Q 10 7 ♣ K 8</p>		<p>♠ A K 10 4 2 ♥ A Q J 9 7 ♦ - ♣ A 5 4</p>	
<p>West Erdogan</p>		<p>East Erdemil</p>	
<p>1♦</p>		<p>1♠</p>	
<p>INT</p>		<p>3♥</p>	
<p>4♣</p>		<p>5♦</p>	
<p>5♠</p>		<p>7♥</p>	
<p>Pass</p>			
<p>West Lagas</p>		<p>East Schollardt</p>	
<p>INT</p>		<p>2♥</p>	
<p>2♠</p>		<p>3♥</p>	
<p>4♣</p>		<p>5♦</p>	
<p>5♠</p>		<p>6♣</p>	
<p>7♥</p>		<p>Pass</p>	

At both tables East showed hearts at the three level, simultaneously showing five spades, so, when West continued with a cue-bid, there was potential for East to be unsure which trump suit West had agreed. The first point is that when the 3♥ call is game-forcing, the suit agreed by West must be hearts, because if it was spades he would have to start by bidding 3♠. The second point came later, and was fortuitous.

"I don't think they picked up Exclusion Keycard Blackwood", commented McCallum, as the auction of her pair was in progress. But they had, and West's response showed one keycard outside diamonds. If there was any doubt in East's mind about what West thought was trumps this reply cleared it up, as West could not have a keycard outside diamonds if he thought spades were trumps!

The match entered the last board level. It swung on a lead problem. You hold:

♠ K 8 6 4
♥ A
♦ 10 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 5 4

RHO opens 1♥, LHO makes a splinter raise showing short spades, and RHO signs off in 4♥. Which minor would you lead?

The Turkish defender found the crucial diamond lead, the only one to hold declarer to ten tricks. At the other table a club lead allowed the overtrick which decided the match.

"Why did you lead a diamond?" asked McCallum as her team celebrated. After all, the holdings were identical. The reply was startling. "I prefer red suits to black."



# PIOTR GAWRYS



Piotr Gawrys

In the first of a series, we introduce outstanding players who first made their mark in the Junior Game. Our spotlight first falls on a bridge giant from Poland.

Piotr Gawrys was born in 1955. After completing his education, he qualified as an architect, but is now a professional player. In 1984, together with Henryk Wolny, he was placed fifth in a poll of the ten best Polish sportsmen.

He won a gold medal in the first European Junior Pairs Championship, and another in the Olympiad in Seattle in 1984. He was one of the players to collect a silver medal in the Bermuda Bowl in Yokohama in 1991. He took the gold medal in the European Team Championship in Menton in 1983, and won the first Generali Masters World Individual Championship in Paris in 1994. One year later in Rome he was European Pairs Champion. Following that runaway victory, Gawrys and Lasocki were the obvious favourites to win the European Open pairs Championship in The Hague in 1997. However, to prove they are human, they registered a 38% session in one of the qualifying rounds and could not quite recover.

This deal comes from the first session where the Poles played quite well. Try to make the sharp Four Spade contract.

Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A Q 6 3  
♥ J 8 7 6  
♦ J  
♣ K Q 5 3



♠ K J 7 2  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ 8 7 3  
♣ A 7 4

West	North	East	South
	Lasocki		Gawrys
2♦	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
	4♠	All Pass	

West leads the ten of diamonds. East wins with the queen and plays the king of diamonds. How do you continue?

## Solution

Dealer North. All Vul.

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

♠ 9 5  
♥ A 3 2  
♦ 10 9 6 5  
♣ 10 8 6 3

♠ K J 7 2  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ 8 7 3  
♣ A 7 4



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

West led the ten of diamonds. East won with the queen and played the king of diamonds. The first two diamond leads placed all the diamond honours with East. That meant that West was a heavy favourite to hold the ace of hearts, given his raise to Two Diamonds.

Gawrys ruffed the second diamond in dummy, cashed the ace of spades, and returned to hand with the jack of spades. He ruffed his remaining diamond, came back to hand with the ace of clubs, and drew the outstanding trump with the king of spades, on which both West and North discarded a heart. A club to the king produced the following ending:

♠ —  
♥ J 8 7  
♦ —  
♣ Q 5

♠ —  
♥ A 3  
♦ 9  
♣ 10 8

♠ 7 2  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ —  
♣ 7

♠ —  
♥ Q 10 9  
♦ A 4  
♣ —



Gawrys, who was sure that clubs were not 3-3, now played a small heart from the table and allowed East to take the trick with the nine. East could not play back a heart without surrendering the tenth trick, so he tried the ace of diamonds. Gawrys ruffed in

hand, discarding the five of clubs from the table, and played a small heart from his hand. West's ace took thin air, and declarer took the last two tricks with the king of hearts and the queen of clubs.

If West discards a diamond rather than a heart on the third spade, he would be thrown in with the fourth club, and he would have to open hearts himself.

We are sure that you have already noticed that if East switches to either black suit at trick two, it destroys declarer's timing.

Poland won the silver medals at the 1991 Bermuda Bowl in Yokohama, losing in the final to Iceland. This deal comes from the semi-final against Brazil.

Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A 4  
♥ K 6 5  
♦ K  
♣ K Q J 7 6 5 3

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ A Q 8 2  
♦ Q 7 6  
♣ A 4

West	North	East	South
Camacho	Lasocki	Janz	Gawrys
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

The opening lead is the king of spades. It is easy to make the contract without a spade lead. You simply establish the queen of diamonds for a spade discard. You will be okay if the hearts are 3-3 but suppose they are not? Can you see a winning line?

### Solution

♠ A 4  
♥ K 6 5  
♦ K  
♣ K Q J 7 6 5 3

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 8 5 2  
♥ A Q 8 2  
♦ Q 7 6  
♣ A 4

♠ 7 6 3  
♥ J 4  
♦ J 10 9 5 4 3  
♣ 10 9

The opening lead was the king of spades. Gawrys took the ace of spades and played six rounds of clubs arrive at this position:

♠ 4  
♥ K 6 5  
♦ K  
♣ 5

♠ Q  
♥ 10 9 7 3  
♦ A  
♣ —

N  
W E  
S

♠ 7 6  
♥ J 4  
♦ J 10  
♣ —

♠ 10 8  
♥ A Q 8 2  
♦ —  
♣ —

On the last club Gawrys discarded the eight of spades from his hand, and West found himself squeezed in three suits. Whatever he discarded would present declarer with his twelfth trick. If West discards a heart, he will hold declarer to twelve tricks. When West naturally discarded the queen of spades, hoping his partner had the ten, declarer played a spade to the ten, repeating the squeeze to secure all thirteen tricks.

At the other table the Brazilian pair bid stopped in 3NT and made twelve tricks playing along similar lines.

You will be able to read more about the brilliant play of the Polish superstar in the book *Bridge Magicians*, which will be published by Master Point Press next year.

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