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ISRAEL STILL IN CHARGE

The leaders maintained their advantage, and at the same time probably put paid to their opponents chances, with a maximum victory over England. Second placed Norway also recorded a maximum against Spain, but that still leaves them almost a full match behind the leaders.

Denmark held on to third place, but by only collecting 16 VPs, they allowed the Netherlands to get much closer, as they were the third of the leading teams to collect a maximum. Italy had the bye, and that was good enough to keep them in fifth place. France lost the chance to overtake them when they were held to a draw by Russia. Turkey defeated Germany 19-11 on VuGraph to gain a place, and some ground.

In tomorrow's Daily Bulletin we will bring you an extended report on the activities of yesterday's outings but meanwhile here is something to wet your appetites.



Photo Call



The teams chosen for today are as follows:

SCHOOLS - 10.00
HUNGARY • GERMANY
NETHERLANDS • AUSTRIA

SCHOOLS -14.30 FRANCE • ENGLAND LATVIA

Please assemble at the entrance to the Convention centre.

The full team must be present! That means Captains and coaches as well as players!

Please look smart!

Details of the teams to be photographed will appear in the Daily Bulletin. Please make sure you all attend at the right time, otherwise the scheme will not work.

JUNIOR TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 18

Match		IM	1P's	VF	o's
I ITALY	bye	0	0	18	0
2 RUSSIA	FRANCE	62	60	15	15
3 PORTUGAL	WALES	66	37	21	9
4 SCOTLAND	ESTONIA	34	30	16	14
5 SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	83	П	25	2
6 POLAND	ICELAND	44	44	15	15
7 NORWAY	SPAIN	94	П	25	0
8 FINLAND	DENMARK	53	60	14	16
9 IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	18	66	5	25
10 TURKEY	GERMANY	57	40	19	П
II BELGIUM	CROATIA	49	33	18	12
12 HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	20	74	4	25
13 ENGLAND	ISRAEL	29	78	5	25

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 19

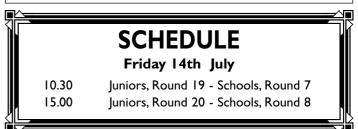
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1	bye	
2	ICELAND	HUNGARY
3	SPAIN	PORTUGAL
4	TURKEY	ENGLAND
5	DENMARK	GERMANY
6	SWITZERLAND	ESTONIA
7	FRANCE	FINLAND
8	SCOTLAND	NORWAY
9	CROATIA	SWEDEN
10	BELGIUM	IRELAND
П	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS
12	ITALY	ISRAEL
13	POLAND	RUSSIA

RANKING AFTER SESSION 18

I	ISRAEL	361.5
2	NORWAY	338
3	DENMARK	326
4	NETHERLANDS	319
5	ITALY	308
6	FRANCE	304
7	TURKEY	302
8	RUSSIA	294
9	SWEDEN	293.5
10	ENGLAND	291
11	AUSTRIA	291
12	GERMANY	290
13	CROATIA	283
14	POLAND	282
15	FINLAND	267
16	BELGIUM	267
17	HUNGARY	254
18	ICELAND	253
19	PORTUGAL	252
20	ESTONIA	228
21	WALES	189
22	SPAIN	187
23	SCOTLAND	182
24	IRELAND	173
25	SWITZERLAND	170

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 20

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





VUGRAPH MATCHES

France - Finland Juniors 10.30 Israel - Sweden Juniors 15.00

Sport News



Cycling

Yesterday's mountain stage of the Tour de France really stretched the field out. It was won on the line by Italy's Marco Pantani, the 1998 overall winner, from Lance Armstrong, who extended his

overall lead over second-placed Jan Ullrich to four minutes 55 seconds. Armstrong is looking very dominant and is heavy favourite to win the race.



Tennis

John McEnroe could make shock comeback in USA's Davis Cup semi-final against Spain. McEnroe, who is the captain of the team, says that if he plays it will only be in the doubles. His decision to

select himself in the four-man team for the match is in response to a serious injury crisis amongst the top American players. Pete Sampras and Andre Agasi are among the players unavailable for selection.



Athletics

Disgraced Canadian sprinter, Ben Johnson made a return to racing in Rome yesterday when a woman and a girl picked his pocket and stole his wallet. On discovering it to be missing, Johnson

chased after the pair. He caught the girl but the woman escaped with the wallet, managing to outsprint him - presumably he had missed his daily dose of steroids with breakfast.



Cricket

England thrashed Zimbabwe in the latest match in the triangular one-day series. Zimbabwe won the toss and elected to bat but were bowled out for only 114 in the 39th over. England

knocked off the runs in the 21st over for the loss of only two wickets.

Zimbabwe still lead the qualifying table and have qualified for the final short of a freak set of results in the remaining qualifying games, while England have greatly improved their own chances of also qualifying. This leaves the third team, the West Indies with it all to do.

Bon Voyage



Please make sure you collect, fill out and return a **Departure Transfer Form**, and give it to the check in desk at the Hotel lobby.

Your pick up time will be announced on the sign-boards at the lobby & convention centre.

You can obtain a form from the reception area in the conference centre.

SCHOOL TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7

ı	ITALY	FRANCE
2	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA
3	NORWAY	GERMANY
4	ISRAEL	POLAND
5	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
6	LATVIA	HUNGARY

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8

ı	NETHERLANDS	ITALY
2	AUSTRIA	NORWAY
3	ISRAEL	HUNGARY
4	SWEDEN	LATVIA
5	GERMANY	FRANCE
6	ENGLAND	POLAND

RANKING AFTER SESSION 6

I FRANCE	118.5
2 POLAND	113
3 NORWAY	106
4 SWEDEN	99
5 ENGLAND	93
6 NETHERLANDS	89
7 ISRAEL	85.5
8 AUSTRIA	84.5
9 HUNGARY	83
IO ITALY	79
II GERMANY	72
I2 LATVIA	38.5









Anagram Corner

Have you met the 'Genuine Jilter from France? Will you please welcome Julien Geitner!

JUNIOR TEAMS

SESSION 15



ISRAEL

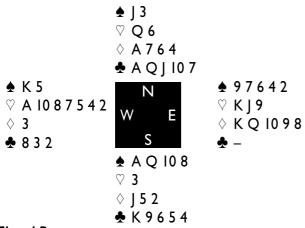
vs CROATIA



Croatia had a very good day on Tuesday and moved up to sixth place overall, well in touch with the qualifying places. On Wednesday morning they met the leaders, Israel. Could Croatia continue their good form?

mond discard, the contract depended on the spade finesse. When it failed Yossi Roll had to go one down, but -50 was a small price to pay with game cold the other way; 12 IMPs to Israel.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amit	Pilipovic	Vax	Sasek
	i ♣	I♦	I♠
2♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Open Room

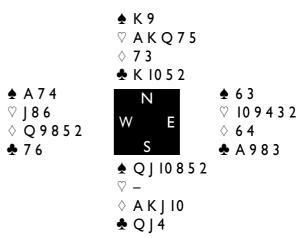
West	North	East	South
Zoric	Roll	Grahek	Schneider
	♣	Pass	I♠
3♡	Pass	4 ♡	5♣
All Pass			

The match started very well for the leaders. In the Closed Room, Asaf Amit's simple 2° overcall caught a raise and he went on to game. I don't really understand Tomislav Sasek's combination of calls on the South hand; his partner had opened $I \clubsuit$, which admittedly might not have been a long suit, yet he never supported clubs and then doubled the final contract for penalty. That was not a success. Marina Pilipovic led two rounds of spades and Amit ruffed and led a diamond up. Pilipovic took her ace but that was the end of the defence; +690.

Had Pilipovic ducked the diamond, declarer would have had no diamond loser but would then have needed to ruff three clubs in the dummy so the defence would have come to a heart trick instead for the same score.

At the other table, Vedran Zoric made a jump overcall and Vanja Grahek raised him to game. Ran Schneider bid 5♣ over that, ending the auction. After Grahek had led the king of hearts and Zoric overtaken it, establishing declarer's queen for a dia-

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amit	Pilipovic	Vax	Sasek
		Pass	I♠
Pass	2♡	Pass	3◊
Pass	4NT	Pass	5◊
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Open Room

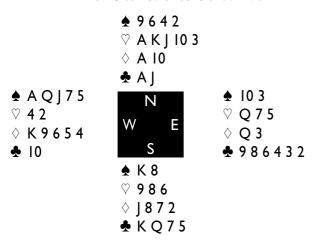
West	North	East	South
Zoric	Roll	Grahek	Schneider
		Pass	I♠
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Roll's 2° was game-forcing and Schneider's 3° showed either extra high-card strength or serious distribution. Roll had a bit to spare for his two-over-one response but no great fit and after a little consideration settled for 3NT. After a club lead to the queen, ducked, he continued with the club jack, also ducked, and made 12 tricks for +690.

Sasek's 30 bid would always deliver extra values and Pilipovic jumped to 4NT. That really ought to be natural in this sequence as North can set any suit as trumps below game and then use Blackwood on the next round. I cannot be certain, but the subsequent auction suggests that Pilipovic agrees with me while Sasek does not. Five Diamonds looks like a Blackwood reponse, as otherwise it seems odd to rebid the four-card diamond suit, but then North's jump to 6NT doesn't make a lot of sense.

Anyway, whoever was doing what in the auction, the bottom line was that the Croatian pair were in a slam off two aces and there was no problem in taking them; one down for -100 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amit	Pilipovic	Vax	Sasek
			Pass
Pass	Ι♡	Pass	INT
2♥ All Pass	Dble	Pass	4 ♡

Open Room

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West	North	East	South
Zoric	Roll	Grahek	Schneider
			INT
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

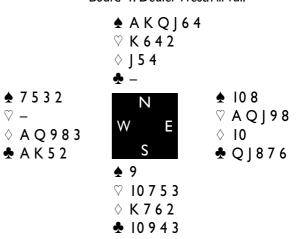
In the Open Room, Schneider opened a mini no trump and Zoric came in with a 2Φ overcall. At this vulnerability, it was clear for Roll to double rather than look for a game his way. Roll led a



Marina Pilipovic

top heart then switched to a trump to cut down possible diamond ruffs in the dummy. Zoric thought for some time before playing low from dummy and this might have tipped Schneider off to the fact that he should also be playing low to prevent dummy's ten from becoming an entry. Indeed, the spade pips were such that the defence would also come to a trump trick by force this way. Schneider actually played the ♠K and Zoric won the ace and played a heart up. Roll won, cashed the ace of diamonds, then played two rounds of clubs. Zoric ruffed and could cross to dummy and cash both red queens. Though he had an eighth trick in the king of diamonds, he couldn't get back to hand to cash it without shortening his trumps and he had to go one down; -200. In the Closed Room, Sasek did not have an opening bid and Amit also chose to pass his 5-5 ten-count. Amit showed his two-suiter on the next round but soon found himself defending against 47. Yaniv Vax found the best lead of the queen of diamonds to declarer's ace. There was nothing declarer could do after that lead and she was one down for another 100 to Israel and 7 IMPs.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amit	Pilipovic	Vax	Sasek
I♦	ĺ♠	Dble	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Open Room

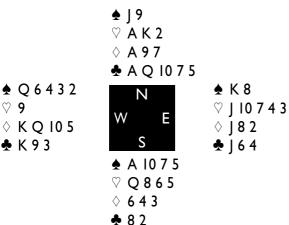
West	North	East	South
Zoric	Roll	Grahek	Schneider
$ \Diamond \rangle$	I♠	2♡	Pass
3♣	3♠	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Croatia were lucky on this board. It might not appear so when they went three down in a freely bid slam, but consider that if the defensive clubs had broken more evenly 6♣ would still have failed while 5♣ would have been making, so that the adverse swing would have been 12 IMPs.

Five Clubs went just one down on three rounds of spades, declarer ruffing with dummy's queen on the third round; one down but 5 IMPs to Israel.

Croatia trailed by 37 IMPs after just four boards and desperately needed to halt the slide. They created a golden opportunity on Board 5, only to waste it and fall even further behind.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amit	Pilipovic	Vax	Sasek
	Í♣	Pass	ΙÖ
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
I♠	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zoric	Roll	Grahek	Schneider
	l ♣	Pass	Ι♡
Dble	Rdbl	2◊	Pass
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

After identical starts to the two auctions, Grahek bid his three-card diamond suit while Vax preferred to leave the decision round to his partner. After the $2\Diamond$ bid, Roll was willing to stay out of game and bid only 2NT, where he played. Sasek led a diamond and the suit was cleared. Roll cashed a top heart then led the jack of spades to the king and ace. He played a second spade towards his nine and Zoric erred slightly by winning the queen, leaving two spade winners in the dummy. The 13th diamond was cashed

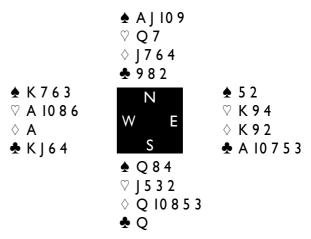


Vanja Grahek

and Roll threw a club from dummy. When Zoric switched to a club he rose with the ace and cashed his winners; +120.

In the Closed Room, Pilipovic cuebid 2\$\Delta\$ then raised the 2NT response to game. Again diamonds were led and cleared. With the clubs breaking 3-3 with an honour onside, there is a simple line to make nine tricks, but Sasek played ace, king and a third heart to get to hand and now East had hearts to cash when he got in with a club. The contract was one down for -100 and 6 IMPs to Israel when it might have been 10 IMPs the other way. Israel led 43-0. The bleeding paused for a while but then came another big swing to Israel.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amit	Pilipovic	Vax	Sasek
♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Open Room

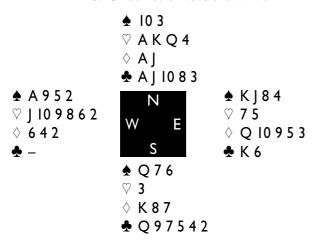
West	North	East	South
Zoric	Roll	Grahek	Schneider
♣	Pass	I♡	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	6.	All Pacc

In the Closed Room, Vax made an inverted raise of his partner's $l \triangleq opening$ and Amit splintered. That was not good news for Vax, who held a minimum $2 \triangleq bid$ including a probably wasted $\Diamond K$, and signed-off in $5 \triangleq Amit$ won the trump lead in hand and played a second trump to dummy. Next he played a low heart to the eight and Pilipovic's queen. Amit won the trump return and got the hearts right for a spade pitch from dummy. He could ruff dummy's last diamond in hand and just concede a spade for +400.

For reasons best known to himself, Grahek responded I° at the other table - surely I^{\diamond} is safer if no number of clubs appeals? Zoric overbid now with a 4^{\diamond} splinter. The West hand is only worth a raise to three and a splinter in a bare ace is hardly ideal anyway if there is any alternative option available. Now Grahek seems to have become afraid of the monster of his own creation. Not wishing to play a 4-3 heart fit, and fearing that a return to 5 \clubsuit would be taken as a cuebid for hearts, which could get him even deeper in the mire, he leaped to $6\clubsuit$, though with the $^{\diamond}$ K likely to be wasted, that is a serious overbid. At least Zoric got the message about the trump suit, but once Roll had resisted the temptation to lead the ace of spades (he did finger it a couple of times before choosing to lead a trump instead), there was no way

to avoid two losers. The slam was actually two down as declarer had to try for the \triangle A onside to have a chance of success and so lost two spades and a heart; I I IMPs to Israel.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Amit	Pilipovic	Vax	Sasek
			Pass
Pass	I♣	I ♦	2♣
2♡	Dble	Pass	3♣
3◊	3NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zoric	Roll	Grahek	Schneider
			Pass
2 ◊ ⁽¹⁾	Dble	Pass	3♣ ⁽²⁾
Pass	3 � ⁽³⁾	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

- (I) Multi
- (2) Natural but showing values
- (3) Cuebid

Israel completed a resounding victory with another game swing when they reached the game that could be let through on the opening lead rather than the one in which the defence would have two chances to attack the correct suit. Note also that 5♣ really is better as, if the clubs play for no losers, it will be cold (short of three rounds of spades promoting a bare king of clubs offside), while 3NT could still lose five spade tricks on a different lay-out.

Sure enough, the lead against 5♣ was a diamond and now Schneider could win, cash the ace of trumps and play winning hearts to get rid of two spade losers before East could ruff and lead spades; +400.

In the other room, Vax also led a diamond against 3NT. Pilipovic won and played ace and another club, Amit pitching the ten of hearts. Vax switched accurately to the jack of spades, picking up four spade tricks for one down; -50 and 10 IMPs to Israel.

Croatia did not show the form that had brought them into contention. They lost by 4-74 IMPs, 2-25 VPs, and would have to do all the hard work all over again to get back in touch with the leading group. Meanwhile, Israel had extended their lead while getting a dangerous opponent out of the way, and were looking good.

Hungary Schools Team Profile





Lajos Linczmayer npc

I'm a 58 year old engineer. I am married, with two children: an 18 year old boy, András, and a 14 year old daughter, Zsófia, I have played several times for Hungary in the European Championships, Olympiads and so on. I like to teach bridge and to dive.



Ágnes Minarik

I am 19 years old, studying economics in the University of Budapest. I love the winter sports, the colour ultramarine, and parties.



Péter Marjai

I am I9 years old, and a student. Besides playing bridge, I like to play basketball and table tennis. Life is a party!



Csaba Szabó

I am I9 years old, and start my third semester in the Polytechnical University of Budapest. My hobbies are sports, especially football and basketball. I like the movies and to be with my friends.



Keil Bálint

I am I8 years old, and I start my last(?) year in a secondary school in Budapest soon. I like to hear the rock group Ten Years After, playing tennis, and I am devoted to good, great parties.



Gábor Marjai

I am I7 years old, a schoolboy in a secondary school in Budapest. I hate to learn, and that includes our bidding system. I loved enormously our Captain's training.



Gábor Minarik

I am I6 years old, a schoolboy in a secondary school. My musical affinity is the same as Bálint's. I like all games that are played with a ball. I hate to dance.

Sponsors Corner

All the Hungarians would like to thank both the Hungarian Foreign Bank (MKB, general sponsor of Hungarian Youth Bridge) and the Hungarian Commercial and Creditbank (K&H). It is their support that made possible the participation of the Hungarian teams at this wonderful event.

UNIOR TEAMS

SESSION 16



FRANCE

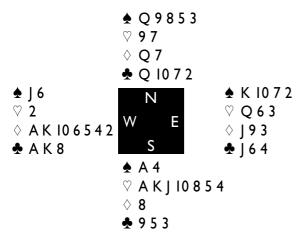
VS

NORWAY



by Paula Leslie

Board 2. Dealer East N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Grenthe	Kvangraven	Labruyere
		Pass	ΙØ
2◊	Pass	Pass	2♡
3◊	3♡	Pass	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	Pass	4♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

3NT is a make for East/West but this was not found when Kvangraven chose to pass over 3\nabla. However, when South repeated his heart suit at the four level, he felt obliged to double.

West led the diamond ace followed by the club king and diamond king which was ruffed by declarer. He led a second round of clubs and subsequently reached dummy with the queen of clubs. He then ran the nine of trumps and conceded a spade for -200.

In the Closed Room North/South were doubled in 3° which made the same nine tricks for +730 and 14 IMPs to Norway.

	Board 3. Dealer South	. E/W Vul.
♣ 864 ♥ 8764 ♦ 1084 ♣ 742	 ♠ A K Q 5 ♡ J ◇ K 7 2 ♠ K Q J 8 6 N W E S ♠ 10 9 ♡ A Q 9 3 2 	♣ J 7 3 2 ▽ K 10 5 ◇ A 6 3 ♣ 9 5 3
	* A 10	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
			IŸ
Pass	2♣	Pass	2◊
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Grenthe	Kvangraven	Labruyere
			ΙÖ
Pass	I♠	Pass	2◊
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

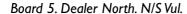
On this deal the French North/South outbid their Norwegian counterparts. Over 3NT, 4NT was Blackwood and when South showed two aces North jumped to 6NT. West led a club which declarer won and played on diamonds, East winning the second one. East did his best by switching to a heart but declarer took the ace, playing for either three diamond tricks or a squeeze. On the run of the clubs and spades, East was forced to discard a diamond and declarer claimed his contract.

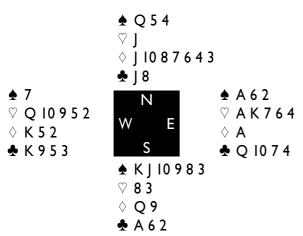
In the Open Room, 4NT was quantitative but South was not tempted to bid on. The same 12 tricks were made for 490 and 11 IMPs to France.

On Board 4 both pairs bid and made slam. Then came another slam decision on Board 5.



Pierre Labruyere





Closed Room West

4♡

5◊

6♡

	Pass	I♡	I♠
3♠	4♡	All Pass	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Harr	Grenthe	Kvangraven	Labruyere
	Pass	I♡	2♠

East

5♣

5♡

South

Pass

Pass

North

Pass

Pass

All Pass

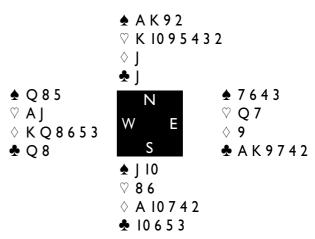
In the Closed Room, North/South made 12 tricks for 480. The stakes were higher in the Open Room, where Kvangraven made a slam try with 5♣ over his partner's 4♥ bid. This was sufficient to persuade Harr to bid slam after cuebidding a diamond control on the way.

South led a trump and declarer drew trumps and eliminated diamonds and spades, ending in hand. By this time he knew South to be 6-2-2-3. He played the queen of clubs for the ace, three and eight from North. South, Labruyere returned a club but declarer rose with the king dropping the jack and made his contact for +980 and 11 IMPs to Norway.



Gunnar Harr

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



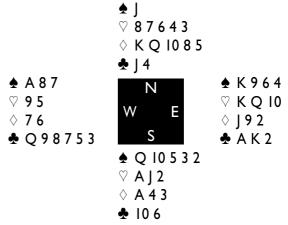
Closed Room

All Pass

West	North	East	South Pass
I ♦	4♡	All Pass	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Harr	Grenthe	Kvangraven	Labruyere Pass
INT	2◊	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	4♡	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	6♣	Dble

In the Closed Room, the contract was a simple $4 \degree$ making 10tricks for +420 to Norway. In the Open Room, West opened a strong no trump and North bid 20 which was a transfer to hearts. East decided to pass and await developments and when $3\heartsuit$ came back to him he chose to bid $4\heartsuit$. When partner bid $5\diamondsuit$ things looked decidedly bleak and the final contract drifted five off for -1100 and 12 IMPs to France.

Board 14. Dealer East, None Vul.



Closed Room

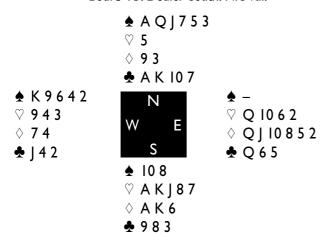
West	North	East	South
		INT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3◊	4♣	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Grenthe	Kvangraven	Labruyere
		INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room, East/West bid to 4♣ which lost the obvious four tricks for +50 to Norway. In the Open Room, West bid an invitational 3♣ over partner's strong no trump opening and East bid 3NT. South led a spade which declarer took with his ace to play a heart to the king and ace. South did well to switch to ace and another diamond and the defenders cashed their five diamond tricks for -100 and 2 IMPs to France.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

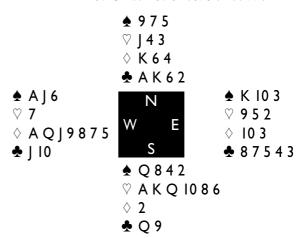
West	North	East	South
			INT
Pass	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Grenthe	Kvangraven	Labruyere I♡
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4♡	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

In the Open Room, Norway made 11 tricks for +650 but in the Closed Room Grenthe had the more difficult task of trying to make 12 tricks. He received a diamond lead which he won to run the ten of spades followed by the eight of spades, neither of which were covered. The winning line is to cash your outside winners while ruffing a heart and diamond in hand. You can then exit with a club and one of the defenders has to lead into your AQ of trumps at trick 12. This was not found at the table and declarer went one down for -100 and 13 IMPs to Norway.

Board 18. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Closed Room

2♦

5◊

West	North	East Pass	South I♡
2◊	3◊	Pass	4♡
5◊	Dble	All Pass	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Harr	Grenthe	Kvangraven	Labruyere

2NT

Dble

The auctions in both rooms were virtually identical with both $3\diamondsuit$ and 2NT showing a heart raise. Although $4\heartsuit$ can be defeated, in practice this is unlikely as it would require an underlead of the ace of spades at trick one (or trick two on the ace of diamonds lead). Both players sitting West therefore did well to sacrifice in $5\diamondsuit$. In the Open Room declarer played trumps from the top and subsequently correctly finessed in spades against South for -300. The same result was duplicated in the other room for no swing.

Pass

Pass

All Pass

I

4♡

The match finished 44-43 to France which translated into Victory Points as a 15-15 draw.



Nils Kare Kvangraven

Its OK with Juniors



Many of the people here play regularly on OK Bridge, so we know they will be interested in the latest news of the second Internet World Bridge Championships, provide by our old friend Henry Francis. It also occurred to us that you might like to let people know your OK bridge handle. We will happily publish any that are handed in.

Shades of Alphonse Moyse

Alphonse Moyse would have been proud. The man who became famous for his espousal of playing games in 4-3 fits would have had nothing but admiration for Bjorn Wenneberg and P.G. Eliasson of Sweden. They found their 4-3 spade fit, and avoided the ill-fated 6-4 club fit. They did this despite the fact that Geir Helgemo of Team Turbo, Norway, made a negative double over $1 \diamondsuit - 2 \clubsuit$.

This board, in the second half of a Region 5 semi-final in the OKbridge second annual Internet World Bridge Championship, made the difference. Sweden gained 11 IMPs, then held on for a 1 IMP victory, 59-58, and a place in the regional final.

Board 5. IMPs. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

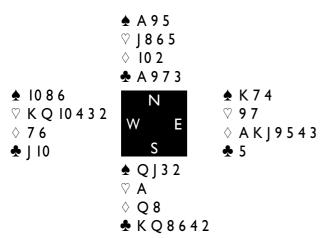


Table I

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Wenneberg	Osbak	Eliasson
	Pass	1♦	2♣
Dble	Rdbl	3◊	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Helgemo's negative double could easily have steered the Swedes away from spades, but Eliasson decided to bring his four-card suit into the action on his second turn. Wenneberg, with two aces and a fit in both black suits, bravely bid the spade game.

Helgemo led the heart king, and Eliasson immediately attacked trumps, crossing to the ace, and continuing the suit. B.G. Osbak rose with the king and led his last heart, but Eliasson pitched the diamond queen as Helgemo won with the queen. He returned another heart to dummy's jack, and Osbak ruffed and Eliasson overruffed. He drew the last trump and claimed with all good clubs, losing a diamond at the end; +620.

Table 2

West	North	East	South
Kristrom	Furunes	Olofsson	Aaseng
	Pass	I ♦	2♣
2♡	3♣	4◊	All Pass

The bidding was too high when it got back to Lasse Aaseng. He liked his hand but didn't feel he was good enough to go to $5\clubsuit$ - which would have gone down one trick on two diamond losers and a spade. Bidding $4\spadesuit$ seemed far too great a gamble, so he passed. Jon-Egil Furunes, North, had good defence - two aces - and not enough to bid on to $5\spadesuit$, so he too passed.

After an opening spade lead to the ace and a spade continuation, Olofsson had to go down one, losing two spades, a club and a heart; -50. But that still represented an 11 IMP gain in a match that was won by a single IMP.

Eighteen nations still remain in the competition. The United States still has 11 teams in Regions 4, 5 and 6. The other countries remaining are Spain, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Ireland, Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, Romania, Israel, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, Argentina, New Zealand, China, Australia and Germany.

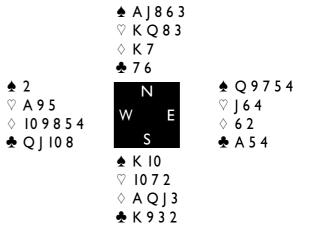
The tournament will climax with a final in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, on Thursday, November 16, 2000 which also will be the opening day of the American Contract Bridge League's Fall North American Championships in Birmingham. Each team reaching the final will be awarded \$5000.

Right start, wrong Finnish!



by Kari Mäkikangas

Round 6.
Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



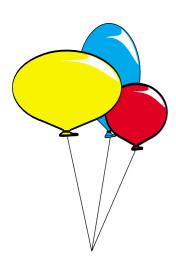
The contract is 3NT by South, and West leads the queen of clubs.

We know that the Finnish declarer played hearts after winning the third round of clubs, but still this deal went to our X-files, because after a heart to the nine and king, declarer played a diamond to the queen and the ten of hearts. When West played the five, declarer let it ride.

The team awarded him a candy, and abandoned him for two days to allow time to analyse suit combinations.

Forty Balloons

by Arseni Chour



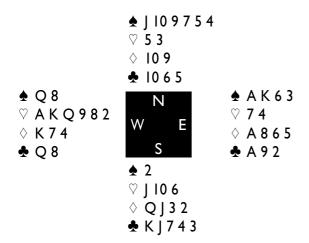
In the only Russian bridge book for beginners there is a story about Winnie the Pooh and his friends, who learn how to play bridge. When they started to play their first rubber, they agreed on the following stake: one balloon (big and bright) for one rubber point. This story had a great success amongst Russian players, and now expressions like 'went for eleven balloons' are very popular.

From issue to issue of this bulletin I found an increasing number of balloons, gifted by

one team to another. Fourteen, seventeen, twenty...what more? In two boards of successive rounds, the Russian players acquired no less than forty balloons. Maybe it is not unusual here, but both parts of this collection were found at the very highest level of building - sorry, I mean bidding.

Part I of the story is non-serious.

Round 11.
Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



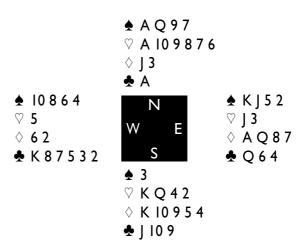
West	North	East	South
		INT	2♣
6NT	7♠	Dble	All Pass

After a strong no-trump the Danish player sitting South bid 24, alerted and explained as the majors. Nikita Malinovski decided that his hearts had good chances to run anyway because of his good pips and bashed 6NT. North looked at 'Green v Red' and decided to make a cheap sacrifice on a huge fit. Not quite right this time, as the cost was 2300.

(Declarer probably claimed he was unlucky he didn't simply lose 2 or 3 IMPs against a possible 2210 or 2220)

Part II is serious.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Krasnosselski		Kelina
	I♡	Dble	4♡
4♠	5♣	Pass	5◊
Pass	6♡	Pass	Pass
7♣	Dble	All Pass	

One Heart was limited to 11-16 points, and the raise to Four Hearts was based on distribution. When West bid Four Spades, the right hand of Mikhail Krasnosselski made an uncontrolled move towards the bidding box (apparently a common disease at these championships) and the bloody red card. However, sometimes he uses his brains too, and he found an 'expert' bid of 5. With a maximum, Marina showed her diamond control, and Mike bid the slam. Now West decided to show his best suit. North led the ace of spades and a small spade. When declarer put up the king, he was held to just six tricks, -1700. Compared to the previous day it was just a pin-prick!



That's Amore

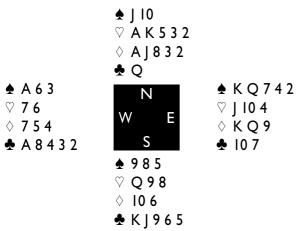
Not worst defense of the championship.

by Steen Möller, Denmark.

In the Nordic derby between Iceland and Denmark the declarer made a small error that enabled the Danes to find the setting trick in a surprising way.

Round 14.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Thorsson	Askgaard	Stefansson	Bjarnarson
	Ι♡	I♠	2♡
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♡
All Pass			

The defence played three rounds of spades, North ruffing the third round. When he played the queen of clubs, Gregers Bjarnarson took his ace, and led back a diamond. North innocently ducked. This proved fatal as Michael Askgaard could win with the queen and play a fourth round of spades. Now, look at those heart spots!

North could not afford a discard from dummy as the six of hearts from West would set up a trump winner for the defense. He therefore ruffed with the heart eight and West discarded a diamond. North drew two rounds of trump and tried to discard his two remaining losers on the clubs, but East was able to ruff, and the contract went one down for a push. Four hearts down one in the other room.

North could have made the contract by ruffing a diamond in dummy, as West cannot overruff, but this smacks of double dummy.



Frimann Stefansson

Kees for the Defence



First in hand you pick up a nice looking collection:

★ K 10 4 ♥ K 10 ♦ A Q 9 7 6 2 ♣ A 2

Green versus red. Would you open with INT (15-17)? Bas Drijver thought his hand too powerfull and elected to open 10.

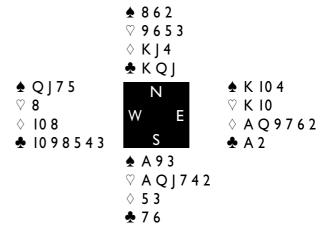
West	North	East	South						
		I ♦	2♡ (11-13)						
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT						
All Pass									

So instead of declaring some contract, you find yourself on lead. So do not look at the diagram, and imagine what your thoughts are.

Your lead?

Round 12.

Board 18. Dealer East, N/S Vul.



Bas's choice was a small diamond. Declarer took the heart finesse, played a club for the king and ace, after which Bas, playing partner for three diamonds, cashed the $\Diamond A$. A reasonable defence, only to let declarer score +660.

The other table

West	North	East	South						
		I ♦	ΙŸ						
Pass	2♡	3♦	Dble						
Pass	3♡	All Pass							

South, Niek Brink played with skill. The defence started with three rounds of diamonds (A spade switch at trick three is the winning alternative), ruffed by declarer with the $\heartsuit Q$. He then played a club for the king and ace. A fourth diamond saw declarer discard a spade from hand and ruff in dummy. Now a heart went to declarer's jack, and he cashed the ace of hearts. Niek was happy to score +170 (with $3\lozenge$ cold) only to find out he lost 10 IMPs.

Full credit nonetheless to North, Gal Hegedus, for his 2NT, one of the best bids of this chamionship so far. Hegedus realised the limited defensive potential of the combined N/S hands and also visualised that a heart contract by South was not a good proposition.



Israel Juniors

Asaf Amit, 25, is the veteran of the team, playing his third European Juniors Championship. He is busy studying for a second degree in computer science. His partner here is Yaniv Vax, 23, who works for e-bridge, an internet bridge service, and also a bridge club located in his own home. This year he won the national Israeli teams championship, playing in partnership with his father, and with his npc as a team-mate.

Yossi Roll, 25, is getting married this summer, and he will welcome IMPs as wedding gifts. He is 'officially' a student of accounting, but devotes most of his time getting updated on sports news and looking for casinos. He 'works' as a poker and rubber bridge player and when he has some spare time also works in the airport in the security department. His partner is Ranny Schneider, 24. He works for a financial company, in his parent's bridge club, and studies business management. He feels jealous about this partner getting married, and is looking here for suitable candidates.

They are the current Israeli junior champions, and won a major pairs tournament, just a few weeks before coming here.

Inon Liran, 25, who lives in a kibbutz, used to be a professional musician, playing the cello in an orchestra, but now he studies for a degree in computer science. He tells everyone he has executed a 'non-serious squeeze', but no one seems to understand what this means.

Aran Varshavski, 25, is married, and works for a software start up. He has driven all the hotel staff crazy with providing him with Kosher food, because he cannot enjoy the cuisine here in Talya hotel.

The npc is **Michael Barel**, 30, working as a software engineer in a high-tech company. He played in the junior championship in 1994 in Arnhem, where three of the current juniors played in the schools team which won the bronze. (One of each partnership, Asaf, Ranny and Aran).

German Schools Team



Jenny Ewald, born 1981, with international experience, as she lived in New York, Hong Kong and Sydney before coming to Germany. Hobbies: horses, reading books, her friends, and will study biotechs.



Martin Stoszek, born 1980, of Polish descent, is making his alternative service and will study psychology. Hobbies: dancing like Travolta, and roller coasters.



Tamo & Janko Katerbau, born 1985 at the same time, Janko some seconds earlier, are pupils, and a very hopeful pair; one playing as strong as Schwartzenegger, the other clever like Danny de Vito. Hobbies: Computer games and badminton.



Simon Morton, born 1982, with an Austrian mother, and an English father, lives in Switzerland and is playing for Germany; that's a European! He will study economics. Hobbies: Stock-market (no surprise) football, skiing.



Alexander Smirnov, born 1987, is from Russia, and learned bridge when he was five, and is a pupil. Hobbies: Bridge, reading fantasy books, bridge and...bridge!



Claus Daehr, born 1955, npc of the team, is still trying to find out how bridge is played - but never will! Hobbies: Chess, science and philosophy.

SCHOOL TEAMS

BUTLER AFTER SESSION 6

Subject to confirmation

JUNIOR TEAMS BUTLER AFTER SESSION 17

PLAYER		AVG IMPS	BOARDS	74 Sasek T 75 Grahek V	CRO	0.00	260
I Amit A	ISR	1.17	220	76 Canelas T	CRO POR	-0.01 -0.03	260 239
2 Vax Y	ISR	1.17	220	77 Sarmento P 78 Halldorsson	POR ICE	-0.03 -0.04	239 260
3 Marquardsen 4 Schaltz M	DEN DEN	0.97 0.97	220 220	79 Haraldsson S	ICE	-0.0 4 -0.04	260
5 Roll Y	ISR	0.87	220	80 Guariglia R	ITA	-0.04	239
6 Schneider R 7 Hakkebo S	isr Nor	0.87 0.85	220 200	81 Krupp S 82 Moeller M	GER GER	-0.05 -0.05	280 280
8 Jorstad R	NOR	0.85	200	83 Biondo B	ITA	-0.05	278
9 Gloyer A	AUT	0.81	320	84 Nystrom F	SWE	-0.05	260
10 Schifko M 11 Hegedus G	AUT HUN	0.81 0.80	320 320	85 Stromberg P 86 Medusei A	SWE ITA	-0.05 -0.06	260 100
12 Di Bello F	ITA	0.80	299	87 Mazzadi F	ITA	-0.07	139
13 Di Bello S	ITA	0.80 0.79	299	88 Eliazohn N 89 Melander M	SWE SWE	-0.07 -0.07	200 200
14 Balschun R15 Schueller M	GER GER	0.79	300 300	89 Melander M 90 Airaksinen	FIN	-0.08	200
16 Balasy Z	HUN	0.73	340	91 Jafs F	FIN	-0.08	200
17 Kelina M 18 Krasnosselsk	RUS RUS	0.60 0.60	260 260	92 Luks L 93 Naber L	EST EST	-0.10 -0.10	320 320
19 Bazin G	FRA	0.53	220	94 Mraz M	HUN	-0.12	40
20 Charletoux T	FRA	0.53	220	95 Roos D	BEL	-0.19	240
21 Brink S 22 Drijver B	NLD NLD	0.53 0.53	280 280	96 Roos S 97 Roos T	BEL BEL	-0.19 -0.23	240 160
23 Askgaard M	DEN	0.52	280	98 Toutenel E	BEL	-0.23	160
24 Bjarnarson G 25 Lagas M	DEN NLD	0.52 0.51	280 2 4 0	99 Cleaton M 100 Roderick M	WAL WAL	-0.28 -0.28	300 300
26 Schollaardt	NLD	0.51	240	101 Stefansson F	ICE	-0.28	220
27 Frey N	FRA	0.50	220	102 Thorsson P	ICE	-0.28	220
28 Geitner J 29 Noberius H	FRA SWE	0.50 0.47	220 220	103 Masia S 104 Perez I	SPA SPA	-0.30 -0.30	180 180
30 Thornqvist T	SWE	0.47	220	105 Erdemil P	TUR	-0.36	140
31 UzT 32 AlperT	TUR TUR	0.44 0.44	259 259	106 Erdogan I 107 Bergson H	TUR SCO	-0.36 -0.43	140 260
32 Alper I 33 Harr G	NOR	0.43	239 240	107 Bergson H 108 McCrossan D	SCO	-0.43	260
34 Kvangraven N	NOR	0.43	240	109 Andreev V	RUS	-0.49	180
35 Wade R 36 Zivan L	ENG ENG	0.42 0.42	220 220	IIO Semisochenko III Sousa J	RUS POR	-0.49 -0.51	180 220
37 Sunamak G	TUR	0.42	238	112 Teixeira N	POR	-0.51	220
38 Tatlicioglu	TUR	0.42	238	II3 Goded G	SPA	-0.54	240
39 Liran I 40 Varshavski A	ISR ISR	0.38 0.38	200 200	II4 De Tejada L II5 Jerolitsch M	SPA AUT	-0.54 -0.57	240 220
41 Cornelis T	BEL	0.30	240	II6 Veverka A	AUT	-0.57	220
42 Donder S 43 Bennett K	BEL ENG	0.30 0.29	240 220	II7 Rosta E II8 Heche G	HUN SWI	-0.57 -0.57	40 300
44 Hillman R	ENG	0.29	220	119 Kotanyi B	HUN	-0.62	320
45 Ahonen H	FIN	0.29	160	120 Cockburn D	SCO	-0.65	160
46 Nurmi P 47 Green J	FIN ENG	0.29 0.26	160 200	121 Szikszai J 122 Dunn J	HUN WAL	-0.70 -0.72	300 259
48 Hazel Ğ	ENG	0.26	200	123 Tihané A	EST	-0.78	320
49 Charlsen T 50 Ellestad O	NOR NOR	0.24 0.24	200 200	124 Targla T 125 La Spada O	EST SWI	-0.78 -0.78	320 280
51 Baranowski J	POL	0.24	220	126 Jones D	WAL	-0.80	279
52 Rozkrut M 53 Brink N	POL	0.24 0.23	220 160	I27 Grumm I I28 Kriftner S	AUT AUT	-0.80 -0.80	100 100
53 Brink N 54 Groosman B	NLD NLD	0.23	160	I 28 Kriftner S I 29 Bokholt N	GER	-0.80	60
55 Labruyere P	FRA	0.16	200	130 Kornek A	GER	-0.81	60
56 Grenthe G 57 Braga Rf	FRA POR	0.16 0.16	200 220	131 Mac Cormac T 132 Mac Kenzie B	IRE IRE	-0.82 -0.82	240 240
58 Braga Rc	POR	0.16	220	133 Barton A	IRE	-0.85	219
59 Malinovski N	RUS	0.16	200	134 Nolan D	IRE	-0.85	219 220
60 Solntsev E 61 Kucharski P	RUS POL	0.16 0.14	200 259	I 35 Anglada C I 36 Villalonga T	SPA SPA	-0.93 -0.93	220
62 Lutostanski	POL	0.14	259	137 Myles A	SCO	-0.95	180
63 Brguljan K 64 Pilipovic M	CRO CRO	0.11 0.11	240 280	138 Weisweiler J 139 Evans C	SWI WAL	-0.95 -0.97	300 100
65 Zoric V	CRO	0.10	240	140 Justitz N	SWI	-0.98	260
66 Heikkinen T	FIN	0.07	280	141 Davies D	WAL	-1.10	120
67 Tamminen J 68 Einarsson B	FIN ICE	0.07 0.07	280 200	142 Bavalia S 143 Martin J	IRE IRE	-1.22 -1.22	180 180
69 Gunnarsson G	ICE	0.07	200	144 Carr R	SCO	-1.23	200
70 Grunt A 71 Sarniak A	POL POL	0.07 0.07	200 200	145 Gencer B 146 Marshall D	SWI SCO	-1.35 -1.42	140 220
71 Sarniak A 72 Henriksen B	DEN	0.07	140				220
73 Tomsen T	DEN	0.03	140	Sub	ject to confirm	nation	

SCHOOL TEAMS	POLAND	HUNGARY	GERMANY	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	ENGLAND	LATVIA	ITALY	PENALTY	TOTAL	RANK
I POLAND		19	25	14			17	15				23		113	2
2 HUNGARY	11					16	21	17	9	9				83	9
3 GERMANY	0			14	12					13	25	8		72	11
4 SWEDEN	16		16		18		22	23	4					99	4
5 ISRAEL			18	12		П	14				17	14	-0.5	85.5	7
6 NORWAY		14			19				10	20	21	22		106	3
7 AUSTRIA	13	9		8	16				22			17	-0.5	84.5	8
8 NETHERLANDS	15	13		7					10	19	25			89	6
9 FRANCE		21		25		20	8	20			25		-0.5	118.5	I
10 ENGLAND		21	17			10		П			17	17		93	5
II LATVIA			2		13	9		0	2	13			-0.5	38.5	12
12 ITALY	7		22		16	8	13			13				79	10





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I ESTONIA		14	7	П	ı	3	10		25		15	12	7	П		16		16	18	13	15				16	18		228	20
2 SCOTLAND	16		9	13	3	ı		16	Ξ		24	6		13	18	4	2		17	0				8	3	18		182	23
3 FRANCE	23	21			П		10	П		15		15	25	12	13		20	23	23		15		16	25	10	18	-2	304	6
4 GERMANY	19	17			2	14	20		П		25	4	25		21	15	23		9	16			13	21	17	18		290	12
5 ISRAEL	25	25	19	25		14		25		20	25	21	23			13		25	17			18	20	16	14	18	-1.5	361.5	
6 PORTUGAL	25	25		16	16		21		13	14		15			4	19	13		2	ı	6	25	9	21	7			252	19
7 SWEDEN	20		20	10		9		16	12		14	17			21	13	20		17	23	16	25	6	22	13		-0.5	293.5	9
8 ENGLAND		14	19		5		14			24	19		19	10	8	22	22	13		17		17	П	25	14	18		291	10
9 TURKEY	5	19		19		17	18					21	22	0	17	18	16	14	18	24	24	25			7	18		302	7
10 HUNGARY			15		10	16		6			25	17	25	7	13	19	6	14		18	12	15	4	П	21			254	17
II IRELAND	15	6		0	5		16	П		0		10	10	8	14		5	10				16	8	16	5	18		173	24
12 RUSSIA	18	24	15	25	9	15	13		9	13	20		20	20		19			16	22	8		12			18	-2	294	8
13 SPAIN	23		4	4	7			П	8	5	20	10		7	П			15	6		0	22	14	2		18		187	22
14 DENMARK	19	17	18					20	25	23	22	10	23		16		8	15	13	16		24	19	20		18		326	3
15 POLAND		12	17	9		25	9	22	13	17	16		19	14			5	8	15	25	12	19		25				282	14
16 BELGIUM	14	25		15	17	П	17	8	12	Ш		Ш						18	12	15	7		23	14	19	18		267	15
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19 ICELAND	12	13	7	21	13	25	13		12			14	24	17	15	18	9	16			6		10		8			253	18
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21 NORWAY	15		15			24	14		6	18		22	25		18	23		17	24	23		22	16	25	13	18		338	2
22 SWITZERLAND					12	3	2	13	0	15	14		8	6	П		10	7		5	8		15	25	0	18	-2	170	25
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