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DENMARK AND TURKEY JOIN THE ITALIANS IN THE SEMIS



Philippe Busquin, member of the European Parliament, addressing the 4th European Bridge Champions Cup participants at the Town Hall reception, on Friday evening.

After an incredible final round the standings had changed their complexion dramatically when play ended last night. BCOB Brussels, Modalfa and Chlodnia were having high hopes of making it, but none of them succeeded. Chlodnia was beaten all ends up by Parioli and nearly the same happened to Modalfa. So it was left to Besiktas and the hosts to fight it out in a direct confrontation. A side effect of the Parioli outburst was that the Schaltz team, who won their last match v. Gromov 16-14, could even have afforded a narrow defeat. It was a tense evening, but there certainly will be even more tension today. Read more about last night's tension in tomorrow's Bulletin.

Programme & Schedule of play

Saturday 15th October

- 10.00 Semifinal 1st Session
 - 12.00 Lunch
 - 13.00 Semifinal 2nd Session
 - 15.15 Semifinal 3rd Session
 - 17.30 Semifinal 4th Session
- Evening free

Today's VuGraph & BBO Matches

- 10.00 BC Besiktas - Denmark - Schaltz (VG)
TC Parioli - BC Torino Allegra (BBO)
- 13.00 TC Parioli - BC Torino Allegra (VG)
BC Besiktas - Denmark - Schaltz (BBO)

Captains Meeting at 9.40
to decide
the seating rights

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RESULTS**ROUND 3**

Group A

Tennis Club Parioli	- France - Carcy	16 - 14
England - Allfrey	- Denmark - Schaltz	13 - 17
Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn	- Russia - Gromov	20 - 10

Group B

B.C.O.B. Brussels	- BTC Dortmund	25 - 5
Nasby BS	- BC Torino Allegra	13 - 17
BC Besiktas	- BC Modalfa	24 - 6

ROUND 4

Group A

Denmark - Schaltz	- Tennis Club Parioli	11 - 19
France - Carcy	- Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn	5 - 25
Russia - Gromov	- England - Allfrey	8 - 22

Group B

BC Torino Allegra	- B.C.O.B. Brussels	20 - 10
BTC Dortmund	- BC Besiktas	3 - 25
BC Modalfa	- Nasby BS	16 - 14

ROUND 5

Group A

Tennis Club Parioli	- Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn	25 - 2
Russia - Gromov	- Denmark - Schaltz	15 - 15
France - Carcy	- England - Allfrey	6 - 24

Group B

BC Besiktas	- B.C.O.B. Brussels	23 - 7
BC Torino Allegra	- BC Modalfa	21 - 9
Nasby BS	- BTC Dortmund	25 - 2

GROUP A RANKING

After 5 rounds

Tennis Club Parioli	93
Denmark - Schaltz	82
Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn	72
England - Allfrey	70
Russia - Gromov	68
France - Carcy	57

GROUP B RANKING

After 5 rounds

BC Torino Allegra	98
BC Besiktas	83
Nasby BS	79
BC Modalfa	78
B.C.O.B. Brussels	75
BTC Dortmund	32

Round Robin
round 2
Besiktas v Allegra

by Jos Jacobs

In Thursday's evening session, we elected to follow the performance of the other Italian participant, Allegra from Turin. Would they boost the Italian general morale by scoring a big win following the shock defeat of their fellow-countrymen? It did not at all look likely if one takes the very first board of their match against Besiktas from Istanbul into account:

Both sides bid to 4♠ but the lead made all the difference.

Board: 1. Dir: North/None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tarhan</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
	INT	2♣	2♦
4♠	All pass		

Bocchi led a normal enough ♥K. When he continued the suit, Duboin duly got his ruff but his trump return came too late as declarer's hearts were established. Dummy won, a club was finessed and now declarer had time to ruff a club, cross in trumps noting the break, ruff the last club, ruff a diamond and draw the last trump to enjoy the hearts in peace. Besiktas +420.

In the other room, the bidding was basically the same:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>
	1♣	2♣	2♦
4♠	All pass		

Here too, 2♣ showed majors, but when Zorlu led a trump, declarer could no longer come to 10

tricks. So Besiktas had struck a big blow at the earliest opportunity: 10-imps.

Except for a Turkish bidding misunderstanding which cost them 8 imps, nothing very much happened until almost halfway through the match, as this was board 8:

Board: 8. Dir: West/None

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

As we have seen on a number of occasions in this event, the choice of opening bid made all the difference. So far, we have shown some cases in which one player did open whereas his counterpart at the other table did not, but this time we have a variation.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tarhan</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	3♣	All pass	

In the Open Room, Bocchi opened the bidding with a pre-empt in his long suit, and quite rightly Giorgio was not at all tempted. Allegra +130.

In the Closed Room, Zorlu opened 1♣ after which his side ran into trouble:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dbf
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All pass			

Down two due to a very unfortunate break in what looked like a touch-and-go contract anyway. Allegra 6 imps.

On the next board, when Bocchi did not open, the Besiktas forwards were given a free run:

Board: 9. Dir: North/EW

♠ A Q 9 8 ♥ K 8 6 5 ♦ Q ♣ A 9 5 2	♠ 7 3 ♥ A 7 4 2 ♦ A 10 9 3 ♣ Q J 7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 10 6 4 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 7 6 5 4 ♣ K 6	♠ K 5 2 ♥ J 10 3 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ 10 8 4 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tarhan</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

The play was elegant:

A club was led to dummy's ace and a low heart was won by declarer's queen. Next came a diamond to the queen and ace and North returned a trump, dummy's eight winning. Tarhan now crossed to the ♣K, threw a heart on the ♦K and ruffed a diamond. A club was ruffed in hand and the last diamond ruffed with dummy's queen. Dummy's last club was led, North ruffing with the seven and declarer throwing his losing heart. Bocchi had only hearts left at this point, so he tried the ace, ruffed in hand by declarer for his ninth trick with the highest card of the pack still in dummy. Well played, Besiktas +620.



At the other table, Zorlu made a very light opening bid again, but this time things were back to normal (in this event, at least) and thus his opponents were the ones who ran into trouble:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>
	1♦	Pass	INT
Dbl	Pass	2♠	All pass

Diamond lead and trump return. Di Bello played mainly along the same line as Tarhan, but as the stakes were lower his side lost 10imps in the process. So Besiktas had regained the lead: 23-18 at this point.

With the scores level at 26-26 they went into the last three boards. This was the first:

Board: 18. Dir: East/NS

♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ 5 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ K Q 8 7 5	♠ 2 ♥ Q 10 9 8 4 ♦ Q 9 4 2 ♣ A 4 3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 9 6 ♥ A 7 6 3 ♦ K 7 5 3 ♣ 9	♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ K J 2 ♦ A 8 ♣ J 10 6 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tarhan</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
		1♦	Dbl
1♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

Once again, the light opening did not work well. A heart went to the ace and a club to the king was won by Bocchi who returned a trump. Duboin won the ace and returned the suit, leaving declarer without resources. Down two, Allegra +300.

In the other room, East refrained from making an opening bid, so NS were allowed to register a quiet +120 for a loss of 5imps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	All pass	

On the next board, a rather light opening bid again did the damage:

Board: 19. Dir: South/EW

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

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

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Kandemir</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All pass		

When you see an auction like this, you cannot help feeling that bridge must be an easy game, one way or another. Allegra +600.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tarhan</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Though EW held solid enough red-suit stoppers between them, it never occurred to them to introduce the safest denomination. Trumps were 3-3 alright, but when both the ♥A and the ♣K were wrongly placed one down became inevitable. Allegra thus got 13 moreimps to win by 44-26 or 19-11 V.P.

Semifinals

Semifinals A

Tennis Club Parioli
 v
 BC Torino Allegra
 BC Besiktas
 v
 Denmark - Schaltz

Semifinals B

Nasby BS
 v
 England - Allfrey
 Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn
 v
 BC Modalfa

Semifinals C

Russia - Gromov
 v
 BTC Dortmund
 B.C.O.B. Brussels
 v
 France - Carcy

**Round Robin
round 3**
Chlodnia v Gromov

by Jos Jacobs

After two rounds, Gromov were in 2nd spot on 35 whereas Chlodnia had finished a disappointing first day with a mere 25 V.P., 5 below average. So the Poles definitely needed a good win to keep their chances alive. On the other hand, the Russians could not at all afford a loss as they too were still far away of being sure of qualification. Recent top-level matches between teams from these two countries have very often been very tight, and this match proved no exception.

Different views on opening calls caused a number of swings during Thursday's play; this trend seemed to be continued immediately on Friday. This was board 3:

Board: 3. Dir: South/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Pikus</i>
Pass	1♦	INT	2♥
3♠	Pass	4♣	All pass

In the Open Room, Gierulski ventured a light 1♦ in 3rd position, thus enabling his partner to show his hearts. Though EW duly (?) reached their game, they quickly became the victims of a devastating defence when North led the ♥7. Dummy's queen was covered by king and ace and a trump went to the queen and king. Pikus cashed his ♥J and continued the ♦J. Gierulski won the ace and gave his partner a diamond ruff. South next led a low heart on which declarer discarded her losing club. North won a surprise ♥9 and continued diamonds, ruffed in dummy and overruffed by South with the jack. As declarer still had a losing diamond she had to

concede one more trick in the end for down four, +400 to Chlodnia.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kierznowski</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Dubinina</i>
Pass	3♦	Dbf	Pass
4♠	All pass		

At the other table, Gromov had opened 3♦ so the hearts never came into the picture. He led the ♦A and switched to the ♥7 on which dummy wisely played low. Declarer won South's ♥10 with the ace and led a spade to the queen and king. Dubinina's next move was to cash his ♥K first instead of immediately switching to a club. Gromov won the ♣K and gave his partner a diamond ruff, but that was all the defenders could get at this table. Down only two and 5 imps to the Poles.

A few boards later, too much action cost the Russians dearly:

Board: 6. Dir: East/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Pikus</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	All pass	

In the Open Room, the Poles were allowed to play INT and they just made their contract for +90 to them.

There was much more bidding in the Closed Room:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kierznowski	Gromov	Skrzypczak	Dubinina
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Dbl	All pass		

(1):12-15

West led the ♥J to declarer's ace. A trump went to dummy's ten and a club was taken by East's king. The ♠Q came next which held the trick, and East then played another club to West's ace. When Kierznowski returned the suit, Skrzypczak got his ruff. He next led another spade to the ten and ace, dummy ruffing. As West could not be deprived of his two trump tricks the contract thus was down two for another +300 to Chlodnia or 9 moreimps. The score stood at 17-5 to them now.

Next came a series of three consecutive slams. The first was bid at both tables, the second at one table and the third at neither table. Is slam bidding really that exhausting?

This was the second slam:

Board: 9. Dir: North/EW

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

♠ 9 7 2		
♥ 9 7 2		
♦ 10 5		
♣ 10 9 8 5 3		

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Gierulski	Gromova	Pikus
Redbl	2♣	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All pass

With the ♦K well-placed one would rather expect the Russians to bid the grand after South's double, but surprisingly enough they did not venture anything at all. Declarer easily made all 13 tricks of course, Gromov +710.

In the other room South did not interfere so it was left to the Poles to explore the possibilities of the hand completely on their own. They succeeded quite well as this was their auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kierznowski	Gromov	Skrzypczak	Dubinina
2♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♦	Pass
		6♠	All pass

Skrzypczak also made all 13 tricks but scored 13imps in the process as well.

Just for the record, this was the third:

Board: 10. Dir: East/All

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ponomareva	Gierulski	Gromova	Pikus
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All pass	3♦

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kierznowski	Gromov	Skrzypczak	Dubinina
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
All pass		Pass	3NT (1)

(1):6♦ no short suit

Apparently it is virtually impossible to express the full value of the South hand.

The boards then came to rest again until we saw board 14:

Board: 14. Dir: East/None

♠ A J ♥ A 10 9 2 ♦ Q J 5 4 ♣ 10 7 2	♠ 10 9 5 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ 10 2 ♣ A Q 8 6 5 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W S E </div> ♠ 7 6 4 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 9 8 7 ♣ K J 3	♠ K Q 8 3 ♥ K J 7 5 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ 9 4	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Pikus</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kierznowski</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All pass		

A normal enough 4♥ contract but the lead made all the difference.

Gierulski led a spade which made life easy for Ponomareva. She won, unblocked the ♠J and cashed two top trumps. North could ruff the fourth spade, but two of the club losers had gone in the process so the only other trick declarer could lose was the ♦K. Just made, Gromov +420.

At the other table, Gromov led the ♦10. Declarer ducked this, so Dubin could win and shift to a low club. After this, declarer had to locate the position of the ♥Q. When he failed to do so, he was one off for a loss of 10 imps. Chlodnia led only 31-19 now.

And, two boards later:

Board: 16. Dir: West/EW

♠ K 4 2 ♥ A Q J 8 2 ♦ 4 ♣ K 10 8 6	♠ A Q J 8 6 ♥ K 6 ♦ A K Q J 3 ♣ 4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W S E </div> ♠ 5 3 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 10 9 8 6 5 2 ♣ Q 9 5	♠ 10 9 7 ♥ 9 7 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A J 7 3 2	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Pikus</i>
1♥	2♥	3♦	Pass
4♥	Dbl	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dbl	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass



Convincing bidding all round the place. South was the one in doubt, with a giant fit and no prospect at all in defence. This cost his side 100. Please note that North lack the entries to take and repeat the spade finesse, so it did not hurt that West continued hearts when partner led the suit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kierznowski</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
1♥	2♥	3♣	Pass
4♣	Dbl	4♥	4NT
Pass	5♦	All pass	

More cautious bidding here, maybe in view of the vulnerability. Gromov another +400 and 11 imps to level the scores at 31-31!

The Gromov revival did not last very long, however. The Russians certainly were a little unlucky on the next board:

Board: 17. Dlr: North/None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Pikus</i>
	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♣	All pass	

With both North and South holding minimum opening bids, neither of them could safely enter the auction. So North's balancing 4♣ very much was a shot in the dark, but it earned rich dividends when it proved the only makeable contract. Chlodnia +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kierznowski</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Dubinina</i>
	2♣	2♠	Dbl(1)
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl(2)
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All pass			
(1): TO			
(2): TO			

Once again a difference in opening style. The final contract reached here was fully OK, except that it could not be made on the actual layout – a hint of which had been given at the other table but not here. Down two for another +100 and 6 imps to Chlodnia.

And more serious stuff:

Board: 18. Dlr: East/NS

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Pikus</i>
		2♠(1)	Dbl
2NT	Dbl	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			
(1): 5M+4m			

When East led the ♠Q the hand was quickly over. Declarer lost a spade, an unavoidable trump and the ♣A for +620 to Chlodnia. One would expect a flat board, but...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kierznowski</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Dubinina</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♣
Pass	4♥	All pass	

When West led the ♦Q the pattern changed. Obviously, Dubinina was afraid that the ♠A would be wrong for him, so he played accordingly. ♦A, club to the queen, club to the ten and jack., diamond return to the king and the ♣K from hand throwing dummy's last diamond. Had he drawn trumps before all would have been well, but as it was East overruffed with the ♥5 so the contract suddenly was one down in spite of the ♠A being well placed for declarer. Chlodnia another +100 and an unexpected 12 imps.

So with the Polish lead at 17 imps they went into the last board:

Board: 20. Dir: West/All

♠ A 9 8 2 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K J 8 2	♠ J ♥ 10 9 8 6 4 ♦ K 10 8 7 6 ♣ 5 3	♠ K Q 7 6 5 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ Q 2 ♣ Q 7 4	♠ 10 ♥ A K 5 3 ♦ A J 4 3 ♣ A 10 9 6
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Gierulski did extremely well to sit the double and collected +200.

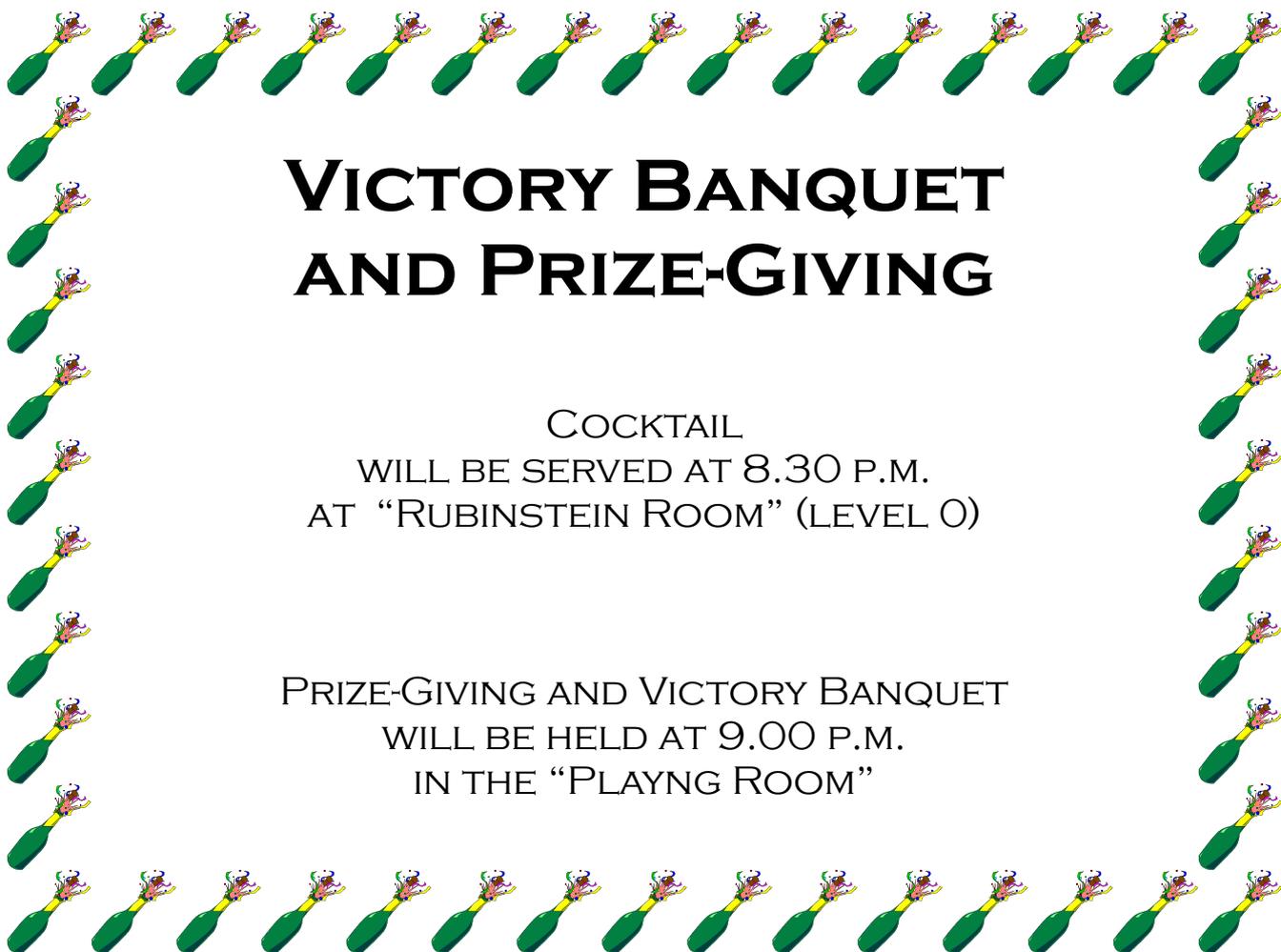
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kierznowski</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Dubinin</i>
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dbf
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All pass	

When declarer finessed the ♦Q the contract was down two. This looks the correct play as declarer should assume that 4♠ will make, which it will if diamonds are 3-1. Chlodnia thus collected 200 at each table for another swing, 9imps this time. The final score: 58-32 or 20-10 V.P. to Chlodnia Olsztyn. They had caught up their opponents; both sides had reached average, 45 V.P. from 3 matches at this stage. Everything was wide open again.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Pikus</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbf
2♥(1)	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbf
All pass			
(1):4♠			



VICTORY BANQUET AND PRIZE-GIVING

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**Round Robin
round 4**

Allegra v BCOB Brussels

by Jos Jacobs

After three rounds, the hosts were leading their group after their big win against Dortmund. They were just 1 V.P. ahead of the Allegra team from Turin, their opponents in this round. So an interesting match certainly was in prospect as any outcome would have its effect on the overall standings and the qualification. Meanwhile, the Modalfa team from Amsterdam was playing Näsby from Sweden; a good win might see them go ahead of both Allegra and BCOB.

With the score at 2-1 to the locals after two boards they seized the opportunity to increase their lead on board 3:

Board: 3. Dir: South/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Middeltem</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♣
2♦	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	All pass		

Guy Van Middeltem judged well to compete once more and got his reward when Coenraets started trumps by laying down the ♠K. After that, his choice of plays was restricted to picking up the ♠J as well without loss for exactly nine tricks and a fine +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Labaere V</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Labaere A</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♦
Dbl	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All pass	

This should have gone one down, one assumes, but at the table it was made when Di Bello underled his ♠A and D'Avossa did not play the king. So Alain Labaere could win the ♠10 lead cheaply and only lost three of the more or less obvious four other tricks to score another +130 and 7 imps.

The Belgians' lead had risen to 15-1 when the Italians finally struck back:

Board: 6. Dir: East/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Middeltem</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥
		3NT	All pass

Though 2♥ could have gone down three the Belgians reached their game contract only to find that it was a little too hot to handle on the defence they were treated to.



Duboin led the ♣9 which Coenraets ducked – a good move to guard against a 3-2 break but not

quite adequate this time. Bocchi overtook with the ten and instead of switching to his heart, he led a low diamond. Duboin won his jack when declarer played low and continued the suit, Bocchi winning the king. At this point, it was time for a heart. Coenraets went in with the ace and, not knowing where the $\diamond A$ was, cashed out instead of conceding another diamond. One down and +100 to Allegra.

In the other room, the same contract was played from the other side of the table, after here too, EW had not bothered to double $2\heartsuit$.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Labaere V</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Labaere A</i>
		1 \spadesuit	Pass
1NT	Pass	2 \clubsuit	2 \heartsuit
3 \clubsuit	Pass	3NT	All pass

North led a low diamond to the jack, but now, South continued the $\heartsuit K$ – an unexpected move in sight of dummy when partner does not lead the bid suit. Di Bello immediately returned the $\heartsuit J$ for an easy nine tricks, Allegra + 12 imps to trail by only 2 now.

Allegra took the lead with a small partscore swing on the next board and it stood at 18-16 to them when the final six boards of the set were due:

Board: 15. Dir: South/NS

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Middellem</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
			1 \heartsuit
2 \diamond	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 \diamond	All pass		

As there had been no warning signals from either North or South Van Middellem could only suspect a bad trump break, but not be completely sure of it. When he ruffed the second heart and, in spite of the fall of the jack under the $\diamond A$, went on to cash the $\diamond K$ as well, he could no longer make the hand. One down and what a good idea by Bocchi (or Duboin, for that matter) not to double this!

For this is what happened at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Di Bello</i>	<i>Labaere V</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>	<i>Labaere A</i>
			1 \heartsuit
2 \diamond	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			



$\heartsuit Q$ and another heart, ruffed by declarer. $\diamond A$, $\clubsuit AK$ and a club ruff, three rounds of spades. North has to ruff partner's spade winner and lead trumps into declarer's $\diamond K95$, getting just one more trick when declarer ducks the $\diamond Q$. Allegra an unexpected +280 and 8 imps to lead by 10 now.

Two slam swings then sealed the Belgians' fate:

Board: 17. Dir: North/NONE

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Middeltem	Bocchi	Coenraets	Duboin

	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

Mind you, with clubs 3-3 you can make all the tricks in diamonds! Brussels +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Di Bello	Labaere V	D'Avossa	Labaere A

	Pass	1♦	Pass
2C!!	Pass	2♠	Pass
2N!!	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♠	All pass		

The Italians came much closer to 7♦ but as so often, bidding the small slam was more than enough to register a substantial gain. +11 imps and the lead more than doubled to 21 now.

The hosts recouped another partscore swing when Valérie Labaere overcalled whereas Bocchi did not, but then came the final blow to them:

Board: 19. Dir: South/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Middeltem	Bocchi	Coenraets	Duboin

	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	All pass

Well, had the ♠K been right we would probably have applauded the Belgian auction but this time we can only report that the penalty was 200, on a diamond lead by South.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Di Bello	Labaere V	D'Avossa	Labaere A

			Pass
1♠	Dbl	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All pass		

North led the ♣K, restricting declarer to exactly 10 tricks. Allegra another +13 to win the match 50-22 or 20-10 in V.P., enough to take the lead in their group. An interesting last round would be coming up, as they would have to play Modalfa who had reached second place partly as a result of this match, whereas the Brussels team would have to face Besiktas who were still in with a chance after their blitz in the 4th round against Dortmund.

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**Round Robin
round 4**
BCOB Brussels v BTC Dortmund

by Colette Grosfils

Au moment où j'écris ces lignes, la Belgique caracole en tête, caracole si l'on peut dire puisqu'elle compte 58 points et que son principal poursuivant n'est autre que l'équipe Bocchi contre qui elle joue actuellement. Le match de ce matin contre l'Allemagne fut captivant dès le début telle la donne 2 où l'Allemagne, en salle fermée, joua 3 SA alors que nos compatriotes, en salle ouverte, y allèrent d'un petit chelem à Cœur :

Est donneur/ N/S Vul.

Bernard

♠ 8 7 6 5 3

♥ R V 5

♦ A R D

♣ A 5

♠ 4 2

♥ 10 4 2

♦ V 10 8 6 2

♣ R D 8



♠ D 10 9

♥ 7 6 3

♦ 9 7 5

♣ V 9 4 3

Zvi

♠ A R V

♥ A D 9 8

♦ 4 3

♣ 10 7 6 2

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	1 SA	Passe	2♣
Passe	2♥	Passe	2♠
Passe	3♣	Passe	3♥
Passe	3♠	Passe	4♦
Passe	4♥	Passe	4 SA
Passe	5♥	Passe	5♠*
Passe	6♥	Fin	

*5♠ arriva après une très longue hésitation de Zvi.

Entame de la Dame de Trèfle pour l'As pour l'As du déclarant. Retour 3 de Pique pour le 10 et le Valet de la table. Le 9 de Cœur est rejoué pour le Roi de Bernard et le Valet pour petit. Un troisième Cœur est relancé pour l'As de la table. Nord se débarrasse maintenant des derniers atouts et réclame le reste des levées. En effet, la perdante à Trèfle du déclarant s'en va sur la Dame d'atout et nos compatriotes réalisent 6♥ + 1 pour une marque de 1460 pour une différence de 740 points et 12 IMPs.

Philippe Coenraets et Guy Van Middellem dont c'était la première « apparition » annonçaient 3 SA (+2) à la donne n° 4, alors qu'en salle ouverte, les Allemands s'arrêtaient trop prudemment à 3♥, ce qui apportait encore 490 points de bonus aux Bruxellois pour 10 IMPs.



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**Round Robin
round 5**
België onderuit tegen Turkije

by Jan Serras

Na de vierde, en voorlaatste ronde, van de round-robin had BCOB (België) na een bijna walk-over tegen Duits viertallenkampioen Dortmund, uitzicht op een plaats in de halve finales. De wedstrijd tegen Besiktas (Turkije) zou derhalve beslissend zijn.

Na 3 boards in deze wedstrijd wees de stand 7-8 in het voordeel van de Belgen.

Board nr. 4: West gever, allen kwetsbaar

♠ A 8 6 5 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 8 ♣ B 10 9 6 4		♠ B 7 ♥ H B 9 7 2 ♦ H V 9 ♣ H 7 2	♠ V 10 9 4 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ B 5 4 3 ♣ V 5
♠ H ♥ A V 8 4 ♦ A 10 7 6 2 ♣ A 8 3			

In de open zaal bereikten de Turken Senguler-Dogan in NZ zes harten, te leiden in noord. Dehaye in oost startte met schoppentien voor het aas van Engel in west. De eerste slag was meteen de laatste voor de Belgen. Zes harten, juist gemaakt, 1430 voor de Turken.

In de gesloten zaal verliep de bieding als volgt

West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
Kubac	Labaere V	Zorlu	Labaere A
2♠	DBL	4♠	4ZT
pas	5♣	pas	6♦
6♠	DBL	a.p.	

Noord startte met ruitenheer en vervolgde met kleine harten voor het aas in zuid. Zuid speelde kleine harten terug, getroefd door de leider. De leider incasseerde schoppenaas waarop de heer in zuid meekwam. Er volgde nog een troefronde en OW dienden nog enkel twee klaverenslagen af te staan. Zes schoppen, gedoubleerd, drie down. 800 voor de Belgen.

Derhalve hielden de Turken aan dit spel 630 punten over, beloond met 12 IMP's.

Board nr. 5: Noord gever, OW kwetsbaar

♠ B 5 3 ♥ H V 7 3 ♦ H 9 7 2 ♣ A 7		♠ A H 9 6 4 ♥ B 6 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ 10 6 5	♠ - ♥ A 9 8 5 4 ♦ A V 10 8 ♣ H B 9 8
		♠ V 10 8 7 2 ♥ 10 2 ♦ B 5 ♣ V 4 3 2	

In de gesloten zaal werd volgend biedverloop genoteerd:

West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
Kubac	Labaere V	Zorlu	Labaere A
	pas	1♥	pas
2NT	pas	3♠	pas
4♣	pas	4♦	pas
4ZT	pas	5ZT	pas
6♣	pas	6♦	pas
6♥	pas	7♥	a.p.

2ZT: forcing-game met harten vastgelegd als troefkleur

3♠: kort in schoppen

4♣ en 4♦: controlebiedingen

4ZT: Roman Key Card Blackwood

5ZT: twee van de vijf sleutelkaarten (de 4 azen en hartenheer) en een nulkaart (in schoppen dus)

6♣ luidt nog een poging in voor groot slam en met 6♦ wordt een meerwaarde in deze kleur aangegeven

Wegens het bezit van klaverenheer besluit oost tot groot slam.

Zuid startte met hartentwee, voor het aas in oost. Toen in de tweede ronde alle vijandelijke troeven afgehaald bleken en het ruitenresidu zich behoorlijk gedroeg, had de leider geen moeite om de dertien slagen te verzamelen: 1510 voor de Turken.

In de open zaal startte de bieding eveneens met 1 harten in oost (Dehaye) waarop west (Engel) 2 zonder troef antwoordde. Oost vervolgde met 3 klaveren (minimale zone met onbekende korte kleur) waarop west besloot tot 4 harten. Ook aan deze tafel werden alle slagen gemaakt, 510 voor de Belgen, hetgeen resulteerde in een nettowinst van 1000, goed voor 14 IMP's, voor de Turken.

Dit betekende dat België na 5 boards zwaar op achterstand kwam: 33-8.

De Belgen wisten deze klap niet meer te boven te komen en mochten hun ambities op een plaats in de halve finale opbergen.

Behoudens de Turken boden nog vier OW-paren zeven harten bij board 5: Parioli (Italië), Schaltz (Denemarken), Allfrey (Engeland) en Näsby (Zweden).

Butler ranking after Round Robin

1	1,71 Lorenzo LAURIA - Alfredo VERSACE	20	-0,06 Umit TARHAN
2	1,53 Norberto BOCCHI - Giorgio DUBOIN	21	-0,13 Ricco Van PROOIJEN - Sjoert BRINK
3	1,26 Ismail KANDEMIR	22	-0,15 Leszek SZTYRAK
4	1,18 Ton BAKKEREN - Huub BERTENS	23	-0,17 Martin SCHALTZ - Soren CHRISTIANSEN
5	0,94 Bernard DEHAYE - Zvi ENGEL	24	-0,19 Andrew ROBSON - David BAKHSHI
6	0,78 Roman KIERZNOWSKI	25	-0,26 Jan LAGERMAN - Marten GUSTAWSSON
7	0,63 Mirosław CICHOCKI	26	-0,36 Andrew MCINTOSH - Alexander ALLFREY
8	0,61 Thomas MAGNUSSON - Frederik WRANG	27	-0,38 Alain JARLOT - Jean-Pierre CARCY
9	0,50 Nafiz ZORLU	28	-0,41 Stelio DI BELLO - Mario D' AVOSSA
10	0,35 Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	29	-0,42 Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Alain LABAERE
11	0,31 Mathias BRUUN - Peter FREDIN	30	-0,43 Jean-Claude BEINEIX - Pascal LEPRINCE
12	0,25 Victoria GROMOVA - Tatiana PONOMAREVA	31	-0,62 Philippe COENRAETS - Guy VAN MIDDELEM
13	0,24 Dorthe SCHALTZ - Peter SCHALTZ	32	-0,65 Andrei GROMOV - Alexander DUBININ
14	0,21 Irfan DOGAN - Zafer SENGULER	33	-0,66 Boguslaw GIERULSKI
15	0,20 Krzysztof PIKUS	34	-0,73 Claus GUNTHER - Bernd ENGELHARDT
16	0,08 Svante RYMAN - Per Gunnar ELIASSON	35	-0,76 Bart NAB - Gert Jan PAULISSEN
17	0,05 Jerz SKRZYPCZAK	36	-0,84 Marc GIROLLET - Herve FLEURY
18	0,01 Max KHVEN - Jouri KHOKHLOV	37	-1,80 Francesco ANGELINI - Antonio SEMENTA
19	-0,03 Nezh KUBAC	38	-1,83 Hartmut BRUCKNER - Rudiger BECK