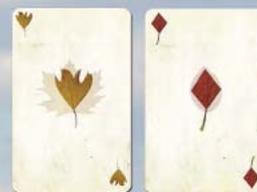




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The Closer You Get



The record breaking start to the European Open Pairs

The nearer you get to the summit, the greater is the fear of failure and the disappointment that inevitably goes with it. That will certainly be true for the teams who are eliminated today at the semi final stage, but it applies in equal measure to the ones who were eliminated yesterday. While we rejoice for the winners and commiserate with the losers, we are reminded of the inscription on the wall of the Centre Court players' entrance at Wimbledon 'If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same.'

Teams Prize Giving

The Teams Prize Giving Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 29th June immediately after the end of the last match, in front of the playing area C1

Today's - Schedule

- 10.00 Open Teams Round of 8 (R1)
- 10.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R6)
- 10.30 Women/Senior Teams Round of 4 (R1)
- 12.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R7)
- 12.30 Open Teams Round of 8 (R2)
- 14.00 Women/Senior Teams Round of 4 (R2)
- 15.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R8)
- 15.30 Open Teams Round of 4 (R1)
- 17.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R9)
- 17.00 Women/Senior Teams Round of 4 (R3)
- 18.00 Open Teams Round of 4 (R2)
- 19.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R10)



OPEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 32

		1st	2nd	total
1	WRANG	21	71	92
	ANAVA	25	1	26
2	ERICAS	30	18	48
	ISRAEL	37	31	68
3	MONACO Z	44	2	46
	TEXAN ACES	10	38	48
4	PATANE	40	48	88
	RIEHM	20	12	32
5	MAHAFFEY	28	68	96
	NETHERLANDS JUNIORS	19	15	34
6	SHANURIN	19	57	76
	DENMARK OPEN	51	32	83
7	IRENS	28	38	66
	VITO	29	48	77
8	LAVAZZA	21	54	75
	KANIN	16	38	54
9	KOPECKY	50	55	105
	HUNGARY STEVE	10	48	58
10	NETHERLANDS WHITE	49	44	93
	OTVOSI	15	35	50
11	BESSIS	37	33	70
	APTEKER	25	43	68
12	JOKER	10	50	60
	ISRAEL MONGOS	26	19	45
13	MONACO A	20	51	71
	HELLE	27	33	60
14	NETHERLANDS RED	49	26	75
	KRAJEWSKI LOWICZ	1	41	42
15	ROSENTHAL	26	23	49
	VAINIKONIS	19	22	41
16	KAMRAS	23	50	73
	BEGIJNTJE	16	44	60

ROUND OF 16

		1st	2nd	total
1	WRANG	40	49	89
	ISRAEL	12	23	35
2	PATANE	39	4	43
	TEXAN ACES	30	29	59
3	MAHAFFEY	36	22	58
	DENMARK OPEN	15	29	44
4	LAVAZZA	33	41	74
	VITO	25	5	30
5	KOPECKY	22	12	34
	NETHERLANDS WHITE	41	48	89
6	JOKER	5	10	15
	BESSIS	32	34	66
7	MONACO A	52	11	63
	NETHERLANDS RED	18	24	42
8	KAMRAS	14	8	22
	ROSENTHAL	23	27	50

SENIOR TEAMS

ROUND OF 8

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	KUTNER	43	26	43	112
	WOJEWODA	11	27	29	67
2	PHARON	43	11	36	90
	TEAM MARKOWICZ	22	19	34	75
3	GRENTHE	35	46	30	111
	MIROGLIO	26	29	30	85
4	POL-CH	49	19	30	98
	ENERGETYK	3	26	13	42

WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 8

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	CRONIER	45	49	34	128
	PENDER	24	37	8	69
2	POLAND	37	20	27	84
	KAPADOKYA	50	3	32	85
3	CBC MILANO	41	30	29	100
	JOEL	36	55	26	117
4	NETHERLANDS WOMEN I	48	60	29	137
	ITALIA	25	2	28	55

The King Sacrifice

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

In chess the Queen sacrifice is well known but a king sacrifice ends the game. Not so in bridge, witness this effort by Tim Verbeek of the Netherlands and Team Whitehouse. The deal comes from Round 6 of the Open Swiss Teams:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Krupowicz</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Zawislak</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dbl
2♥	All Pass	Dbl	2♣

In this partscore contest the double from Danny Molenaar showed four or more spades. The 1♠ bid by Verbeek showed precisely three spades. The final contract was 2♥ by East, Slavomir Zawislak.

The defence began with ♦9 to the king and ace. Verbeek switched to the ♣9 and declarer's finesse lost to the king. A second club was taken by the ace.

Declarer's problem is that he cannot reach dummy. If he tries ruffing clubs North can over-ruff twice. There are five obvious losers. On lead with the ace of clubs Zawislak tried the effect of leading the trump queen. Verbeek let this hold. Next came the trump jack. This was more testing. Should the king offer his life in a noble cause?

Yes, indeed. If the king takes the second trump declarer has an entry with the ten to enjoy several diamond tricks. And so Verbeek played low again. The partscore was defeated.

Suppose North actually wins the first trump with the king and the defence cash ace and king of spades before South plays a third club. Declarer can ruff high and cash one diamond throwing his last club.

Just the Facts

Nevena Senior



Date of Birth: 21/09/1959

Place of Birth: Sofia, Bulgaria

Place of Residence: Nottingham

What is your favourite colour?

Black to wear, green to look at

What kind of food makes you happy?

Thai

And what drink?

White wine and champagne

Who is your favourite author?

I have been reading mostly crime in the last ten years and my favourite authors vary. At the moment Jo Nesbo, a Norwegian described as the next Stieg Larsson

All time favourite movie?

Gone with the Wind

Do you have a favourite actor?

Al Pacino

Actress?

Michelle Pfeiffer

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Classical, Bulgarian, Easy Listening

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Da Vinci

What do you see as your best ever result?

Winning the Mind Sports Olympiad in Beijing and managing to stay with Brian for 20 years

Do you have a favourite hand?

Not really

Who is your favourite bridge player?

Catherine D'Ovidio in the women, Rumen Trendafilov in the men

Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?

Polish Bridge Magazine in the second half of the 80s

What is the best bridge country in the world?

Poland & USA

What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)?

Having a good time in the bar after the bridge is over

What is it you dislike in a person?

Dishonesty

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

I don't change pens if I'm winning

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?

A Fox

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

Jason Hackett, David Gold and David Cameron

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Latin

What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

No strong feelings about it

Same system – Different results

by Sviatlana Badrankova

Belarusian bridge owes a lot to Polish bridge and in many different aspects. First of all the Polish bidding system is so popular in Belarus that instances of systems like Precision or Better Minor are rare. So, when Belarus women met the Polish women in RR 7, the match promised to bring a lot of pushes. Nevertheless, 12 boards presented a harvest of 80 IMPs, 49-31 for our hostesses. I offer two boards from this match; one of them could be nominated as best played hand, the another one as a candidate for brilliant defense. The heroine is the same in both cases.

no more hearts and declarer generously allowed her to hold the trick. Now West had to play a diamond, presenting declarer with an entry plus a trick and her contract.. Small cards – the essence of bridge. Attention to the details – the essence of good declarer play. And +110 for Belarus.

Next door, East doubled North's opening 1♠ (INT would have been 4 cards in hearts and 5+ in a minor). South showed her weak fit with 2♣ and North applied full pressure with 3♠. The defenders were happy to collect 5 tricks for +50 – no emotions. But 5 IMPs for Belarus.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 6 3 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ 10 9 6 2 ♣ A Q 3 2	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ A Q 9 5 2 ♥ K 10 8 3 2 ♦ J ♣ K J	♠ K 10 7 ♥ A Q J 7 ♦ A Q 5 3 ♣ 6 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Sawicka</i>	<i>Shokhan</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Beliankina</i>
Pass	1♠	INT	Pass
All Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠

The different approach to the same system was revealed on the very first board. East led a small club (low from a doubleton) and declarer played the jack under West's ace. The spade return went to East's king and then the next trick was taken by dummy's ♠8. Now Elena Shokhan cashed the ♣K and sent the ♦J to the battlefield. East took her ace and played a trump back depriving declarer of a heart ruff. To this trick – attention! – West contributed a small heart.

Elena continued with the ♣10, West played low, small heart from declarer, small diamond from East. As East's bid indicated 15-17, Elena placed East with all the remaining honours (except perhaps the jack of hearts). So she continued with a club ruffed in hand and the ten of hearts hoping for the best. As hoped for, the jack of hearts appeared from East. Now East faced a bitter choice: either exiting with a diamond (allowing declarer to score her club trick) or returning a heart, hoping for partner held the nine. East went for the latter – and found the very important ♥9 with partner. But West had

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Elena Shokhan, Belarus

This time, the contract in both rooms was the same – as expected, actually.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawicka</i>	<i>Shokhan</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Beliankina</i>
	1♦	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♦	3♥	All Pass

At the other table South bid 1♠ (denying four cards in spades) as a transfer to INT. West bid 2♥ and South revealed a fit in partner's suit when she reopened with 3♦. East considered her hand worth one more bid and the same final contract was found.

This time, Elena Shokhan had to prove herself as a defender with a small issue that has surely been discussed, in every bridge book ever written. But let's see how it works on practice. The defence started with the ♦Q and J, ruffed by declarer. A heart to the ten and one back to the ♥K followed. A small spade came next to dummy's ♠J and North ducked smoothly. The experienced declarer had done her job well – if South held the ♠A North must have the ♣AK and declarer's next move was a club to the queen and South's ace. South exited with a club, North took the jack and forced declarer with the ace of diamonds. With one trump in each hand (and one remaining with the defenders) declarer continued spades. North took her ace and (as she confessed after the match, was so excited at the thought that the contract would go down) that she that she didn't cash her club winner before exiting with diamond, so the contract was only one down rather than two. Still, +100 for Belarus. Together with the +140 recorded next door that was 6 more IMPs for Belarus.

As admitted, Belarusian bridge owes a lot to Poland – Belarusian players can participate in the Polish Championship by correspondence (for free), our tournament directors are regularly invited to director's seminar (with free participation and accommodation). Belarusian teams can improve their skills and gain experience by participating in the Polish Nationals (1st and 3rd divisions as well as macro-regionals). In spite of the modern open world, Belarusians still need Visas to enter the EU – and we know that a helping hand comes every time from Polish officials inviting us for competitions in Poland (there are a lot of tournaments, especially in summer). A lot of Belarusian players participating in competitions in Poland have learned Polish – just because it wouldn't be possible otherwise. All these facts are small pieces of a big picture of the long term and very cordial friendship between bridge players of our two countries. And that's why we, the Belarusian women, will be fans of the Polish team in the upcoming Venice Cup they have qualified for. Lot of success to you, girls! Powodzenia!

Souvenir Cards

The cards that you have been playing with are now for sale at Jannersten's sales stand (next to the coffee bar).

University Bridge 2nd FISU/WBF World University Bridge teams (BBO)



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Started in January 2011, today reaching half finals
Modalities
34 teams entered (highest participation ever at a university event!)

4 continents represented

Several teams participate from countries that never participated at previous events:

Venezuela, India, Latvia, Australia, Hong Kong,
All results on facebook account "Uni bridge"
Launch new 3rd event: start in Jan 2012?

Contact chairman TC FISU:

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Geert Magerman, Chairman Technical Committee FISU

University Bridge - Facebook account "UNI BRIDGE"



Aim: connect university bridge students all around the world
Share continuously information with them

Let them communicate together

Launch new events

Publish results

Created after FISU Championships Taiwan 2010 (8/2010)

Status: 259 students took themselves the initiatives to connect

Information:

Link to www.unibridge.org website with detailed info

Results & matches online events

Launch of EUSA and FISU event

Replaces websites and e-mail

Strongly promoted by FISU

Contact chairman TC FISU:

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Geert Magerman, Chairman Technical Committee EUSA

Good Eidea

by Barry Rigal

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

In the Swiss qualifying it was normal to reach four spades, and to receive the helpful trump lead – but few if any declarers played it correctly, and for the right reasons.

Let's say you capture the spade king with the ace at trick one. Normal play, whether after drawing trumps or not, was to play on clubs by leading to the nine. Now a diamond back and a further diamond after winning the club king would set you.

Instead, you should now draw a second trump and play the three top hearts. If the suit splits 4-2 you can ruff a heart later on and eventually lead a club to the nine for the contract.

When the hearts split 3-3 you draw the last trump...now what? If you play a club to the nine the same forcing defence as described above will prevail.

But in this ending, try the effect of leading a club to the jack – believe it or not this is a 100% guarantee of the contract!

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W		E										
	S											
	♠ — ♥ — ♦ K 9 7 6 ♣ 9 5											

When West wins his club honour he cannot usefully return a club or you can ensure making your game with the loss of just three clubs. If he plays a diamond you simply pitch a club and wait for East to win his ♦A and give you a club or diamond trick for your game.

Championship Diary



(Our first three items appear thanks to Gabriel Chagas aided and abetted by Roy Welland)

From time to time it is useful to extend one's vocabulary. In a previous tournament we gave you interfrastically. Poznan's word is: Paraprozdokians I had to look up 'paraprozdokian'.

Here is the definition: *'Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation.'*

For instance: *'Where there's a will, I want to be in it.'*

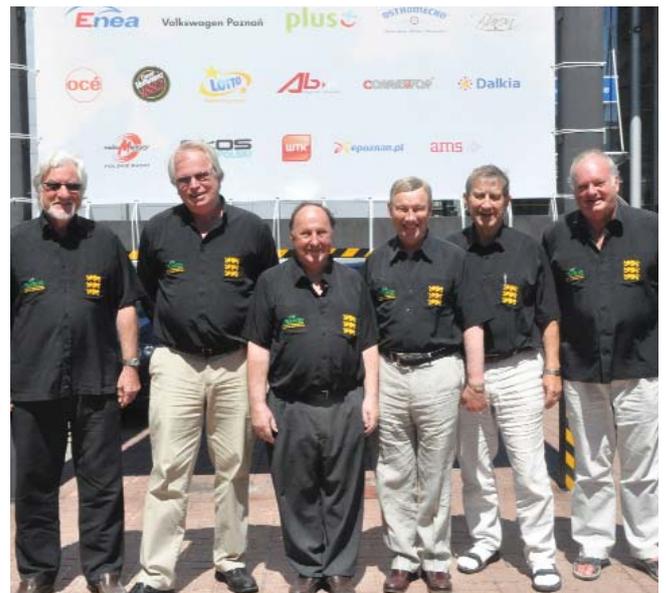
Here's a thought for budding bridge writers:

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

This is very popular:

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

Having made a brief visit to the Old Brewery shopping centre I was making my way to the office when I spotted our intrepid reporter Jos Jacobs making his way to the office. Later I asked him if he had enjoyed his long walk..... from the front door of the hotel to the back seat of the taxi.



The English Senior Team here in Poznan would like to thank their sponsors, Pharon Independent Financial Advisors for their generous support.

Decide with Rodwell

by Jan van Cleeff

Open Swiss A, rnd 3 Mahaffey v. Vainikonis
Eric Rodwell was sitting North with:

♠Q 6 5 3 ♥8 5 4 3 ♦10 9 4 ♣Q 9

The bidding started:

W/All

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Rodwell	Kalita	Meckstroth
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dbl
Pass	?		

Eric figured that it was too risky to pass, as 3♠ might be a make. Which in fact turned out to be the case. So he tried 3NT and hoped to escape undoubled. However:

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Rodwell	Kalita	Meckstroth
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	?		

Now what? Eric figured that West was likely to have long hearts so running away to 4♥ was not an option. Therefore Eric passed and East led a diamond against 3NT doubled:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West won the ♦A and switched to spades. East won the ten and when he cashed his ace and king as well, N/S ended up with a surprising +750.

As described in yesterday's bulletin in another match Helness-Helgemo showed the proper defence against the same (doubled) contract: diamond to the ace, spade to the ten and diamond back. When declarer refrained from taking the losing heart finesse he escaped for minus two hundred 'only'.

The Old Brewery



When you next walk out of the Main building of the Messe, look straight ahead. See the Novotel? Slightly to the left of that building is the "Stary Browar," the Old Brewery.

No, this is not yet another advertisement for Alcoholic Beverages, but a serious piece of advice about what to do when you have a couple of hours free from the bridge table.

The Old Brewery is a modern building, built on the site of a former brewery, preserving the original architecture and style. It was built in 2003 with a second part completed in 2007. The complex contains office space, exhibition galleries, but most importantly one of the largest shopping complexes in Europe, with 210 stores and restaurants.

The complex won the prize, in 2005, for the Best Shopping Center in the World from the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Gentlemen, take your wives and don't forget your wallets!

Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Visit the Jannersten Bookshop on the first floor.

Low-level Disasters

by Jos Jacobs

Occasionally, a hand turns up on which you might almost automatically go for a number.

Yesterday's board 27, from Round 5 of the Open Team Swiss, was a suitable example.

In the Lavazza v. Kamras match, the Italians managed to play in the same suit at both tables – usually not a profitable thing to do, though the opponents may hold a different view on that:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Tokay</i>
			1♦
Dbf	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

After West's double, one wonders why NS let their opponents escape immediately, especially at this vulnerability. Why NS after doing so did not manage to land in 3NT themselves, is also an undisclosed secret. They had to pay heavily for it when they ran into a 5-0 trump break which meant the contract had to go down one. Kamras +50.

In the Closed Room, things went much worse for the Italians:

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Wikner</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Kamras</i>
			1♦
Dbf	Redbf	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Redbf	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Dbf	2♦	Dbf
All Pass			

Two Clubs would probably have gone down three but it looked a reasonable spot. It is difficult to understand why East ran to 2♦. He had to pay heavily for it as the contract went down six for the unusual score of 1400 not vulnerable and 16 IMPs to Kamras.

South led the ♥K which held and shifted to his singleton club. North won the jack and returned the ♥10. Dummy won the ace and tried the ♠K but North took the ace and cashed two top clubs on which South shed his two remaining spades. All was set now for a defensive cross-ruff, declarer coming to just one more trick on the strength of his spot cards.

French Defence (or Neve on a Sunday)

by Barry Rigal

Jerome Rombaut and Joanna Neve combined well here yesterday, to defeat a 3NT contract that had been made round the room.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Sitting South, Neve led a low spade. Declarer played low from dummy and Rombaut went up with the ace and returned a low club to the nine. Declarer ducked and Neve made no mistake, unblocking the club king to leave Rombaut able to cash out when he won the diamond. Would declarer have ducked the first diamond if Neve had not unblocked? We'll never know!

Open Teams Round of 32, First Half

by Jos Jacobs

In this report, I will have a look at the first half of three of the 16 matches played in the Round of 32: Bessis v. Apteker, Monaco Z v. Texan Aces and Netherlands White v. Otvosi.

The set started with a board on which absolute par would be +50 to N/S for beating 5♥. Diamond lead to the ace, spade underlead and diamond ruff. As you can imagine, this defence was generally considered too difficult.

At some tables, however, they managed to beat par in all directions:

Bessis v. Apteker:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ A K 9 8 5 4 ♦ K J 9 3 ♣ A 10	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 4 ♥ Q J 7 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ Q J 8 6 3	♠ A K J 10 8 5 3 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A ♣ K 7 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>M Bessis</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	Pass	4♥	4♣
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Michel Bessis took the obvious save against 5♥. When he used his only entry to dummy to lead a club to his king and West's ace, he was two down. Apteker +300.

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dbl	All Pass		

Apteker opened 4♣ and played there when Smirnov doubled. He too led a club from dummy to his king, this way going down just one for -100 and the first 5 IMPs to his team.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sunderram</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	4♣	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

As he was not doubled, Zimmermann could afford a small extra chance after ruffing the second heart and cashing his ♦A. If the ♦K happened to be doubleton, there might be time to discard a losing club on the ♦Q, should dummy has two entries. So he decided to lead a low spade from his hand to the seven in dummy. East surprisingly won the nine and returned a low club. When Zimmermann rose with the king, the defenders had three tricks in the suit to put the contract down three. Texan Aces +150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>
	Pass	Pass	4♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

4♦ showed a good 4♦ hand and South's pass of 5♥ confirmed defensive values. When North (obviously) did not find the recommended defence to beat it, Monaco Z scored +650 at this table to win 11 IMPs anyway. So it did not matter after all that they paid an extra undertrick at the other table.

A few boards later, some defenders missed the chance given to them by declarer.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A K 10 7 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 6 5 4 ♣ K 6 3	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q 4 3 ♥ K 8 6 2 ♦ K J 8 7 2 ♣ Q	♠ J 9 8 5 ♥ 10 7 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ A 10 8 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>M Bessis</i>
	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In the Bessis v. Apteker match, East led the ♣Q, which was won by dummy's ace. Thomas Bessis next ran the ♥10 from dummy, which was allowed to hold. Had East won, he could have reached partner with a spade to obtain his club ruff for one down but he was given no second chance after this. On the next trump, declarer put up the ♥A when West showed out and then took a successful diamond finesse to dispose of his spade loser. After that, he could afford to give up a club and suffer a ruff in the suit, the ♥K being the 3rd and last defensive trick. Just made, Bessis +620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

At the other table, the first two tricks were the same as in the other room but when Gower again played low from hand at the second round of trumps, Piekarek was given a second chance which he gratefully took. One down, Bessis another +100 and 12 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sunderram</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	4♥	All Pass	

In the Monaco Z v. Texan Aces match, Multon opened 4♥ and made his contract along the same line as his French compatriot Bessis, when East did not take the ♥K at his first opportunity. Monaco Z +620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	3♥	3♠	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

At the other table, North did not open his hand but elected to show his two-suiter later on in the auction. This led to N/S ending up in the wrong denomination. Down two, +200 more to Monaco Z and 13 IMPs more to them.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Tuszyński</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In the Netherlands White v. Otvosi match, Paulissen adopted a different line after winning the ♥A at trick one. Realising a club ruff was imminent, he went for a scissors coup, playing ♦A and ♦Q, shedding his spade when West did not cover. This play would have worked extremely well had trumps been 3-2. Against the actual 4-1 break, the defenders now were able to tap declarer in diamonds every time they got the lead so the contract went down three. Otvosi +300.

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Puczynski</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>
	3♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

At the other table, Verhees took his life into his own hands by boldly overcalling 4♠.

Declarer lost five tricks on a diamond ruff and thus was down two as well, another +300 for Otvosi and 12 IMPs to take the lead in the match.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

As you can see, the proper defence to beat 4♥ is to stay passive all the time. Once N/S touch diamonds, the game will be made if declarer guesses right.

4♥ was played all round the room but both Zmudzinski and Verhees were among the ones who were allowed to make it when their opponents prematurely opened up diamonds.



Mariusz Puczynski, Poland

This gave Monaco Z and Netherlands White 12 IMPs each. Piekarek also guessed right on a diamond return but his side did not gain on the board as there was a defensive accident at the other table which also allowed the game to make.

Please note that there is a little more to this board, as Australia's Tim Bourke quite rightly observed. You will find it in tomorrow's Bulletin, in Brent Manley's report of the Mahaffey v. Netherlands Juniors' match.

On board 9, the defenders needed to play clubs at the right moment but they did not always find the required defence.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>M Bessis</i>
	INT	2♦	Dbl
2♥	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the Bessis v. Apteker match, Ashley Bach did not bother to lead the suit the cards wanted him to lead. He chose a low spade instead on which Delmonte quite rightly inserted the eight. Declarer won the ace and played ♦A and another to West's jack. West shifted to the ♥K which was won immediately by declarer, who by then had already seen two heart discards (the queen and a low one) from East. When West still had a heart left upon winning the ♦K, he could offer his partner three more tricks to cash in the suit. A surprise one down, Apteker +50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Piekarek led the ♥Q which West overtook to continue the suit when declarer ducked. East won the second heart and, rather than continuing the suit, shifted to a low spade. The idea of a switch was correct but he chose the wrong suit, as a top club would have given his partner the chance to establish two tricks in the suit before declarer would have come to his nine. Apteker +400 and 10 IMPs back to them to retake the lead.

In the Netherlands White v. Otvosi match, Paulissen found the winning move.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Tuszyński</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
	INT	2♦	Dbl
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♥
Dbl	3NT	All Pass	

From East's 2♦ overall, Paulissen knew the hearts would be 6-2 when East led the ♥Q. So he ducked the king when West overtook but rose with the ace on the continuation of the suit. Having thus avoided the lethal club shift, he was never in danger again. The moral of the story is that West effectively is the one who has to shift to clubs after overtaking as declarer cannot afford to win the first round of hearts. Just made for a useful +400 to Netherlands White.

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Puczynski</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

As there had been no opponents' bidding at the other table, declarer was very much left to his own devices. West overtook the ♥Q and continued the suit, but declarer ducked again as he had no clue. (editor: on this hand rather than in general.) When Van Prooijen correctly led the ♣9 next, even 2NT could no longer be made as the defence will get two clubs and two diamonds with the two heart tricks they already got. One down, +50 and 10 more IMPs to Netherlands White who by now were clearly in the lead.



Alon Apteker, South Africa

Three boards later, both Bessis and Netherlands White further increased their leads:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 4 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ K Q 9 6 3	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A J 9 8 7 5 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 8	♠ 10 ♥ J 10 8 7 4 ♦ K 9 7 6 5 4 ♣ 7
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W E						
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West	North	East	South
<i>Delmonte</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>	<i>Bach</i>	<i>M Bessis</i>
INT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

A simple and effective South African transfer. Eleven tricks, Apteker +650.

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	3♣
Dbf	All Pass		

When Apteker mistimed his overcall, Smirnov had an easy double. The cost was 100 or a loss of 10 IMPs. At halftime, Bessis thus led by 12.

In the Netherlands White v. Otvosi match, we saw yet another case of a slam missing two aces:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Tuszyński</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

As we all know, bidding slams like this is not a good proposition. Netherlands White +50.

No overbidding by the Dutch at the other table, who registered an easy +450 and got 11 IMPs for their efforts to lead by 34 at halftime.

The score in our third featured match. Monaco Z v. Texan Aces, was 44-10 at halftime but the Texan Aces from India won the second half 38-2 and thus went through to the last 16 by a margin of just 2 IMPs. The same team reached the semi-finals of the Open Teams two years ago in Sanremo, though not all players present now are the same as on that occasion.



GRAND PRIX OF WARSAW 2011

Thursday, 18th August

1730 - Opening tournament – Open Pairs (30 boards)

Friday, 19th August

1100 - 2nd Additional Tournament - Open Pairs Barometer (26 - 30 boards)

1730 - 3rd Additional Tournament – Open Pairs (30 boards)

Grand Prix of Mazovia Province

Saturday, 20th August

1100 - Opening Ceremony

1st Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)

1730 - 2nd Congress Tournament – Mixed Pairs (30 boards)

1730 - Side event – Open Pairs (26 - 30 boards)

Sunday, 21st August

1000 - 3rd Congress Tournament – the 2011 Budimex Polish Grand Prix

Open Pairs (50 boards)

Monday, 22nd August

1100 – 4th Additional Tournament - Open Pairs (26 - 30 boards)

1730 - 4th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)

Tuesday, 23rd August

1100 - 5th Additional Tournament – Cavendish (26 - 30 boards)

1730 - 5th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)

Wednesday, 24th August

1100 - 6th Additional Tournament – Open Pairs Barometer (26 - 30 boards)

1730 - 6th Congress Tournament – Cavendish (30 boards)

Thursday, 25th August

1100 - 7th Additional Tournament - Open Pairs (26 - 30 boards)

1730 - 7th Congress Tournament - Open Pairs (30 boards)

Friday, 26th August

1100 - 8th Congress Tournament – Individual (24 - 30 boards)

1730 - 9th Congress Tournament – Open Pair IMP (30 boards)

Saturday, 27th August

1100 - 10th Congress Tournament - Teams open

1100 - 11th Congress Tournament – TEAMS WK _ 4

Sunday, 28th August

1000 - 10th Congress Tournament - Teams (BAM) open – final

1000 - 11th Congress Tournament – TEAMS (BAM) WK _ 4 (final)

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Pedal to the metal

by Brent Manley

With two rounds to go in the Swiss portion of the Open Teams, the Jim Mahaffey squad was positioned well to get to the knockout round, but it never pays to relax, and the American squad was firing on all cylinders in the penultimate set, when they met the French-German team of Michel and Thomas Bessis and Josef Piekarek and Alexander Smirnov.

The third board of the set was a push, but it was an extremely interesting play problem that was solved at neither table.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q 7 5 ♥ J 2 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ A J 8 4 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A K 9 2 ♥ K 7 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ K Q 7 6</p>
<p>♠ 10 8 4 3 ♥ A 9 8 5 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ 10 5</p>	<p>♠ J 6 ♥ Q 10 6 4 ♦ J 5 4 3 2 ♣ 9 3</p>	

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>M. Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>T. Bessis</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣	INT	Pass
2♣	Dbl	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Obviously a diamond lead will sink the contract trivially, but when your partner doubles Stayman, you normally obey his strong suggestion. Thomas Bessis started with the ♣9, ducked in dummy by Michel Bessis. Jacek Pszczola took the ♣K and played a low heart to dummy's ace. The ♣10 was taken by North's ace, and the ♥J went to declarer's king. Now declarer played the ♣Q from hand, and South ruffed with the ♠J, declarer discarding a diamond from dummy. The ♥Q was ruffed and a diamond went to the king and ace. The ♣J was ruffed in dummy, and declarer ruffed another heart. The heart suit was good, but declarer had to lose another trump trick. He lost two minor-suit aces and two trump tricks for one down.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
			Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Dbl	4♠	All Pass

Smirnov's 2♣ showed the majors, and Piekarek bid what he thought he could make.

Meckstroth, too, led the ♣9, covered by dummy's 10 and Rodwell's ace (a slight inaccuracy by North). The ♣J came back, declarer winning the queen. Piekarek played the ♥K and a heart to the ace followed by a heart ruff. He cashed the ♠A and ♠K and was headed for plus 620 before he slipped up by playing the ♣K, pitching a diamond from dummy. He was able to ruff his low club in dummy and establish the long heart with a second ruff, but when he played a diamond to dummy's king, Rodwell won, cashed the ♠Q and had a winning club to cash (he had discarded the ♦Q on the fourth round of hearts).

Had Piekarek ruffed his low club before playing the king, he could have ruffed the long heart good, and if Rodwell had discarded the ♦Q on the fourth round of hearts, declarer could then play low diamonds from both hands to establish the king. If Rodwell retained the ♦A Q, then Piekarek could ruff his good ♣K with dummy's ♠10. Rodwell could ruff the heart at the end but would have to surrender a trick to dummy's ♦K for the 10th trick.

The first big swing of the match came on the next board with Mahaffey ahead 1-0. It was a deal custom-made for the Precision system played by Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ K Q J 2 ♥ A J ♦ K J 9 6 4 2 ♣ A</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ 9 4 3 2 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ K 5 4 3</p>
<p>♠ 8 6 3 ♥ K Q 8 7 6 ♦ 8 ♣ Q J 10 6</p>	<p>♠ A 10 7 4 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A Q 10 ♣ 9 8 7 2</p>	

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>M. Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>T. Bessis</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Redbl	2♣	Dbl
Pass	4♣	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

There was no way to avoid losing a heart trick in the contract of 6♦. Meckstroth and Rodwell found the perfect spot.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Here is the interpretation:

- 1♣ = Precision
- 2♦ = Balanced 8-10
- 2NT = Majors?
- 3♦ = 4 spades but not 4 hearts
- 3♠ = Setting trumps
- 3NT = Serious 3NT, showing slam interest
- 4♣ = Cuebid
- 4♦ = Cuebid
- 4NT = Roman Key Card Blackwood
- 5♥ = Two key cards without the trump queen
- 6♦ = Diamond holding?
- 6♠ = The queen but not the king
- 7♠ = We have arrived

East led the ♠5. Rodwell claimed after a second round of trumps showed the suit to be 3-2. Plus 2210 was good for 13 IMPs.

The score was 19-0 for Mahaffey after seven deals, and they picked up another 4 IMPs on this one.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ J 8 7 ♥ 7 6 5 4 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ 4 3											
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West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	INT
Pass	Pass	2♣	All Pass

Meckstroth cashed his two high clubs and gave Rodwell a ruff. Rodwell exited with a trump to Meckstroth's ace, and he continued with the ♦8. Declarer had no choice but to

duck, so the defenders collected the ♦K and ♥A to defeat the contract by a trick.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>M. Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>T. Bessis</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dbf
Pass	2♥	2♠	All Pass

Thomas Bessis also cashed the top clubs and gave his partner a ruff, and North also exited with a spade to South. Instead of switching to a diamond, however, Thomas underled his ♥A, hoping his partner had the queen. It was East who held that card, so Jacek Pszczola was able to pick up trumps and knock out the ♥A to avoid losing a diamond. Plus 110 was good for 5 IMPs and a 24-0 lead.

Board 9 put the cap on an outstanding set for Mahaffey.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 9 5 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ A 6 4 3 2 ♣ 9 5											
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Josef Piekarek, Germany

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
	1♦	1♥	Dbl
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Meckstroth led the ♦9 to the king and ace, and Rodwell switched to a low spade: queen, king, 2. A spade was returned to Rodwell's ace and a third round of the suit put declarer in his hand. Desperately trying to create an entry to dummy's good diamonds, Piekarek played the ♥Q from hand, ducked by Rodwell. It would have been necessary for Rodwell to duck again had Piekarek tried the ♥J, but he continued by playing the ♣Q. Meckstroth won, drove out the ♣A with the jack. Piekarek tried to ruff a club in dummy, but Rodwell overruffed with the 9 and got out with the ♥K. That was two down and minus 200.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>M. Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>T. Bessis</i>
	1♦	1♥	Dbl
Pass	1♠	Dbl	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Thomas Bessis started with the ♦9 to the king and ace, but when his father returned a low spade, he took the king and played the ♥7: 8, 9, jack. A low club from East was won with the 10, and a second heart was played to the 10, king and ace. The ♣A was followed by a club ruff, and declarer discarded his other club loser on a good diamond. Pszczola ended with nine tricks for plus 140 and a 9-IMP gain.



Thomas Bessis, France

Mahaffey picked up 1 IMP on the final board to finish off a 33-0 victory.

On the final round of the Swiss, the Americans faced the Swedish Kamras team. The match started off with a lively deal.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West <i>Cullin</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Upmark</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
			3♣
4♣	Dbl	4♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Per-Ola Cullin led the ♦2, taken by Meckstroth with the ace. He had to lose a spade and two diamonds for minus 100.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Tornqvist</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>Wikner</i>
			3♣
3♠	3NT	4♠	All Pass

A club to the ace was followed by a heart to the ace and a heart ruff. Declarer still had to lose to the ♦A and the trump king. That was minus 100 and 5 IMPs to Kamras.

Mahaffey got it back and a bit more on the next deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
2♦*	Dbf	Redbl	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A diamond lead would have sunk the contract before declarer could take a trick, but Johan Upmark, guessing his partner's suit (2♦ showed a weak two-bid in a major), started with the ♠Q. Rodwell ran home with six clubs, two spades and a heart for plus 600.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Tornqvist</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Wikner</i>
2♦	Dbf	2♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Sam Lev was one down in 3♠, but it was an 11-IMP pick-up.

The Swedes went ahead on a slam swing three boards later.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Rodwell hit on the opening lead of the ♥J. Cullin won in dummy, cashed the ♣K and played a spade to his king. He pitched a heart on the ♣A, and when the ♣Q fell, he played a diamond to the king and a diamond to the ace before discarding dummy's other heart on the ♣J. The defenders had a trump trick and that was all – plus 920.

At the other table, Lev and Pszczola settled in 3NT on the East-West cards for plus 430 and a 10-IMP loss.

Another 4 IMPs went to the Swedes on the next deal, and it could have been more.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Tornqvist</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Wikner</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
Dbf	Redbl	4♦	Pass
4♥	Dbf	Redbl	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♥
Dbf	All Pass		

Meckstroth lost five tricks for minus 800, but if he had not bid 6♥ the loss would have been 12 IMPs because 6♦ is cold and Lev and Pszczola played 4♠ for plus 650 at the other table. That made the score 19-12 for the Swedes, and they tacked on 2 more IMPs the rest of the way to 1 for Mahaffey, to come out with a 21-13 win.



Arvid Wikner, Sweden

Open Teams Round of 32, Second Half

by Jos Jacobs

At halftime, Lavazza were leading Kanin 21-16 whereas the Vito v. Irens match was even closer: 29-28. So we might well get a hard-fought second half in either of these matches. The prospects for this would look extremely bright if you would take the very first board as an indication:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ — ♥ J 10 9 6 5 ♦ K Q 6 3 2 ♣ K 10 6</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ K 9 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ A J 7 4 ♣ A 9 5 3</p>	<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ Q J 8 7 4 2</p>
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West <i>Hoiland</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Brekka</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
1♥ 5♦	4♠ All Pass	Dbl	Pass Pass

Hoiland had no trouble in removing partner's double after opening the bidding on a hand without any defensive prospects. As you can see, only an unlikely heart lead would defeat this. Kanin +400.

At the other table, Duboin could not open the bidding, so Kvangraven opened a bold 4♠:

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Kvangraven</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Harding</i>
Pass Dbl	4♠ All Pass	Pass	Pass Pass

Sementa, holding three defensive tricks, saw no reason to do anything but leave the double in. He was soon to regret this when his opening lead of the ♣A was ruffed. Declarer went on to cash the ♠A and cross to the ♥A to present the ♣Q. West covered and declarer ruffed, so after ruffing his last heart in dummy the diamond loser disappeared on the ♣J. Making six, +1190 to Kanin and 17 IMPs back to take the lead by 12 straight away.

In the Vito v. Irens match, we saw basically the same swing:

West <i>Karaivanov</i>	North <i>Townsend</i>	East <i>Rusev</i>	South <i>Bakhshi</i>
2♥ Pass	4♠ Pass	5♥ Dbl	Pass 5♠ All Pass

On this auction, Rusev must have been even more disappointed to find out that he could not beat the contract. His only consolation may have been that they did not chalk up an overtrick...Irens +850.

At the other table, Groetheim too could take advantage of his 1st seat opening bid:

West <i>Groetheim</i>	North <i>Popov</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Skorchev</i>
1♥ 5♦	4♠ All Pass	Dbl	Pass Pass

Maybe, it's Norwegian style but Groetheim also chalked up an easy enough +400 when the heart lead was not found. That was 15 IMPs for Irens who thus took the lead by 14.

On the next board, Vito hit back immediately;

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 10 7 ♥ J 10 5 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ K 10 9 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ A 8 5 4 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ K 9 5 ♣ Q J 6</p>	<p>♠ 9 6 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q J 8 6 3 2 ♣ 4 3</p>
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West <i>Karaivanov</i>	North <i>Townsend</i>	East <i>Rusev</i>	South <i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass Pass All Pass	1♣ INT	Pass Pass	1♥ 3NT

East led a diamond and declarer ducked this. This seems a routine play but from here on, declarer would always have to lose two black tricks so he has to time his play very well.

Upon winning the $\diamond A$ he should play a low club to the queen and a low spade back to the queen. With the heart suit frozen for the defenders and the spades 3-3, the $\spadesuit J$ and $\heartsuit Q$ will serve as the necessary entries to repeat the low club play from dummy and to get back to dummy to cash the last club. If the defence play hearts at any time, declarer will lose only one trick in the suit.

Once declarer ducked the first diamond, the defence still had their four other tricks coming when declarer first went after the hearts, so the contract was one down, Vito +50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Popov</i>	<i>Tundal</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>
Pass	1 \diamond	Pass	1 \heartsuit
Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At the other table, the Bulgarians took full advantage of placing the contract in the South hand. When West, with nothing to guide him, led a club, declarer's problems were soon over. Another +400 and 10 IMPs back for Vito who thus closed the gap to just 4.

Two boards later, the Bulgarians actually captured the lead when a Norwegian slam on little more than an outside finesse failed, and two more boards later, we saw the start of an Italian rally in the Lavazza v. Kanin match:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit K 7 3 2 \heartsuit 6 \diamond 8 3 2 \clubsuit A Q 8 6 3</p>		<p>\spadesuit A J 6 4 \heartsuit A J 3 \diamond A 6 5 \clubsuit J 9 5</p> <p>\spadesuit Q 10 9 8 \heartsuit 7 5 \diamond K J 10 9 4 \clubsuit 10 2</p> <p>\spadesuit 5 \heartsuit K Q 10 9 8 4 2 \diamond Q 7 \clubsuit K 7 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hoiland</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2 \diamond
Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \spadesuit
Pass	3NT	Pass	4 \heartsuit
All Pass			

On this hand, it is in fact South who should be the declarer as East may find the killing lead of a club from his doubleton. After the club ruff declarer will still lose a diamond.

When Brekka led the $\diamond J$ instead, dummy's queen was put up successfully and Bocchi soon claimed 11 tricks. Lavazza +650.

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Harding</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2 \diamond
Pass	2 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \spadesuit
Pass	4 \diamond	Pass	4 \heartsuit
All Pass			

When North skipped the club cuebid, it was not so difficult any more for Sementa to try the effect of a club lead. One down. Lavazza another +100 and 12 IMPs back to take the lead by 6.

The outcome of the next board also hinged on who was, going to be the declarer.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit A K 9 8 4 \heartsuit 10 7 6 4 3 \diamond 10 8 3 \clubsuit —</p>		<p>\spadesuit 7 2 \heartsuit K J 9 \diamond K 2 \clubsuit A K 9 7 4 3</p> <p>\spadesuit 10 5 3 \heartsuit A 5 2 \diamond 9 7 5 \clubsuit Q 10 5 2</p> <p>\spadesuit Q J 6 \heartsuit Q 8 \diamond A Q J 6 4 \clubsuit J 8 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Hoiland</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1 \clubsuit	Pass	1 \spadesuit
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \diamond
2 \spadesuit	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3 \diamond	3 \spadesuit	All Pass

With the spade lead established, the best the Italians could do was to double 3 \spadesuit . When they left it alone, they had to be content with 150 only, as three down was the outcome.

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Harding</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Norwegians at the other table made bidding a game look ridiculously easy and so it proved when East could not possibly find the spade lead. On a heart lead, declarer could

come to two overtricks when the spade shift was not found either. Kanin +660 and 11 IMPs back to them to regain the lead by 5.

When the Italians bid an easy enough slam on the next board that proved too difficult for the Norwegian methods, the Lavazza rally continued and they once again took the lead, not to lose it again as this was the next board:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K Q 9 4 ♥ 7 ♦ Q J 10 8 ♣ K 9 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 8 7 6 5 2 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ 9 4 ♣ J 7
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W E					
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♠ 10 ♥ A J 9 6 ♦ A 7 6 5 2 ♣ Q 10 5		♠ J 3 ♥ K 10 5 3 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ A 8 4 2			

West <i>Hoiland</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Brekka</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	Dbl	3♠	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



David Bakhshi, England

2♠ showed four-card support so one feels East might have taken the save, being able to see his partner's singleton heart. When he did not, Madala had to cope with the ♠K lead, overtaken by East who played back the ♣7. Madala ducked, West won and returned the suit. Now, Madala won the ace, crossed to the ♥A and ran the ♥J, thus ending up with an overtrick. Well done, Lavazza +650.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Kvangraven</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Harding</i>
			1♥
Dbl	2NT	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

In the other room, the Italians did take the save, so the Norwegians had to be content with +200 only to lose a further 10 IMPs. Lavazza clearly had put the match out of reach with only 5 boards to play.

In the Vito v. Irens match, we saw an even bigger swing:

West <i>Karaivanov</i>	North <i>Townsend</i>	East <i>Rusev</i>	South <i>Bakhshi</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dbl
2♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

South led a heart to partner's ace and North returned a club to partner's ace. The defence needed to beat the contract is to cash the ♦KA now. If you don't but play a club instead, as happened at this table, declarer will ruff, draw trumps, ruff a club felling the queen and discard a diamond loser on the now master ♣9. Just made...Vito +790.

West <i>Groethem</i>	North <i>Popov</i>	East <i>Tundal</i>	South <i>Skorchev</i>
			1♥
Dbl	2NT	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

In the other room, it was South who found an opening bid in 1st seat, and now, Popov not only showed his good four-card raise but even went on to 5♥ when 4♠ came round to him.

When West led the ♠K overtaken by South who returned a club, the only thing Skorchev had to do was to guess the trumps. This proved an easy enough job so Vito added another +650 to gain 16 IMPs. Their lead had gone up to 23 by now.

Irens recouped 10 IMPs three boards later:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Karivanov</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Rusev</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♦

As South could show a constructive four-card raise with 2♦, Townsend simply made as good a shot as any at game. When the hearts only produced one loser, the contract came home easily enough. Irens + 620. Please note that West did not open.

West	North	East	South
<i>Groethem</i>	<i>Popov</i>	<i>Tundal</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
All Pass		2♠	3♥



Geir Brekka, Norway

The Norwegians made life more difficult for their opponents at the other table when West opened 1♠ in 3rd seat. One can understand why game was missed, though both North and South had something in reserve... Vito +140 only so 10 IMPs back to Irens, down by 13 with two boards to go.

Both Lavazza and Vito scored medium-size swings on the penultimate board to put their match out of reach for the opponents but Irens still managed to heavily reduce their deficit on the last board:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoiland</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Madala</i>
4♠	All Pass		

When Hoiland opened 4♠, he was left to play there. Bocchi led a club and Madala took his tricks and returned the suit. For safety reasons, Hoiland ruffed this with the ace so all was well when North did not hold four trumps. Kanin + 420.

At the other table, a lively auction developed when Duboin opened only 1♠ as dealer.

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Harding</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

When the Italians did not manage to put the brakes on in time, they had to pay dearly for it because both club honours were offside. Kanin another +50 and 10 IMPs back to lose by 21.

Open Teams Round of 32, Second Half

by Barry Rigal

These days the commentators do not need to be experts in double-squeezes; a quick surreptitious review of Deep Finesse will enable us to pontificate confidently that 'Slam is cold on the double squeeze'. Sometimes even when we have the tools at our disposal we still can't crack the problem. So let's see if you are any better!

When this board was shown on vugraph between Angelini and Mossop – the last of the Round Robin matches – Mossop needed a big win. Bring home 6♠ here might have been enough – and playing slam from the North seat on a diamond lead gave them an outside chance to do so. Take over the reins with the sight of all four hands and consider what you would discard at trick one (yes, ruffing would be a poor idea) and how you intend to advance the play.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

If you are anything like me you will pitch a club (maybe the nine) from dummy and win cheaply in hand then ruff a diamond to dummy and take a spade finesse. Now a top diamond or a club from East will disrupt the timing (a diamond because it kills your diamond menace or forces dummy into a premature discard). I'm not sure that I understand why – but if DF tells you it is the case, you'd better believe it.

The winning line is to play ace and another spade at tricks two and three – why take a finesse if it is losing? Back comes a club, you win the ace and cash a few more trumps while West pitches diamonds and East lets go a club (If West pitches two hearts he exposes his partner to a finesse in hearts while if he pitches a heart and two diamonds East is caught in a red-suit squeeze) You reach this ending after cashing the club king and diamond ace:

♠ — ♥ Q 9 7 ♦ 9 ♣ Q	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ — ♥ J 6 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ —	♠ — ♥ K 10 ♦ 8 3 ♣ 8
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Now the reason why you couldn't ruff a diamond at trick two becomes apparent; you need to be able to ruff a diamond to dummy now and still have a diamond menace in hand left over. Ruff a diamond, cash the last trump and pitch a club unless West has discarded the ♣Q, and you have the matrix for a perfect double squeeze.

Day of Remembrance, Poznan 28 June 2011



The **Poznan 1956 protests**, also known as **Poznan 1956 uprising** or **Poznan June** (*Poznański Czerwiec*), were the first of several massive protests of the Polish people against the communist government of the People's Republic of Poland. Demonstrations by workers demanding better conditions began on June 28, 1956, at Poznan's Cegielski Factories and were met with violent repression.

A crowd of approximately 100,000 gathered in the city center near the UB secret police building. 400 tanks and 10,000 soldiers of Ludowe Wojsko Polskie and the Internal Security Corps under Polish-Soviet general Stanislav Poplavsky were ordered to suppress the demonstration and during the pacification fired at the protesting civilians.

The death toll was placed between 57 and 78 people, including a 13-year-old boy, Romek Strzałkowski. Hundreds of people sustained injuries. Nonetheless the Poznan protests were an important milestone on the way to the installation of a less Soviet-controlled government in Poland in October.

Many historians consider the Poznan 1956 protests to be an important milestone in the modern history of Poland, and one of the events that precipitated the fall of communism in Poland.

On June 21, 2006, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the events, the Polish Sejm declared June 28 to be a national holiday in Poland; the *Day of Remembrance of the Poznan, June 1956*.

Dziecko + zapałki = pożar

by Wojtek Siwiec

Tytułowe ostrzeżenie przed kilkudziesięciu laty widniało na każdym sprzedawanym w Polsce pudełku zapałek. O brydżową analogię nietrudno – każda z konwencji, nawet tych najprostszych, winna być używana z rozwagą i wyłącznie w celu, do którego została stworzona. Inaczej nietrudno o pożar; przykładem niech będzie jedno z rozdań turnieju teamów, w którym w roli dziecka nierozważnie bawiącego się zapałkami wystąpił jeden z brydżystów polskich. Aby jednak, broń Boże!, nie naruszyć dóbr osobistych bohatera opisywanych wydarzeń, zachowuję jego anonimowość...

Rozdawał E, obie przed partią

♠ 8 5		♠ 6 4 2
♥ A D 6 5		♥ 10 8
♦ A 4		♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ 10 6 5 4 2		♣ A D 7 3
♠ K D 9 7 3		
♥ 3 2		
♦ D W 7 6 2		
♣ 8		



Geoff Hampson, USA

Pokój zamknięty:

West <i>a</i>	North <i>Hampson</i>	East	South <i>Greco</i>
pas	IBA ¹	pas	pas
ktr. ^b (??)	rktr. ^c (!)	pas	2♥ ²
pas		pas	pas

1 w tych założeniach i pozycji licytacyjnej 15–17 PC

2 transfer na piki

a dziecko

b zapałki

c pożar!

Teoretycznie kontra na transfer pikowy wskazuje kiery, także w aspekcie wistowym, szczególnie w tym wypadku, gdy kontrujący jest po pasie. W tym rozdaniu takie działanie zawodnika W – jedynie z czwartym asem z damą i niskimi blotkami – było jednakże więcej niż igraniem z ogniem. Szczególnie że trafiło nie na byle kogo, tylko na znakomitą parę amerykańską młodszego pokolenia – Erica Greco z Geoffem Hampsonem. Ten ostatni – z silnym pięciokartem w kierach – zrekontrował. Wprawdzie WE mieli jeszcze bezpieczną ucieczkę na 3♣ (tylko bez jednej), ale żadnych prób w tym kierunku już nie podjęli. Także obrona przeciwko 2♥(S) z rekontrą niespecjalnie rozgrywającego przetestowała, tyle że kosztowało to jedynie nadróbkę, sam kontrakt był bowiem nie do położenia. W pierwszej lewie W pociągnął ♦A. Teraz, aby S zrobił tylko swoje, trzeba było wyjść w blotkę atu; potem, po dojściu na ♣D – E powtórzyłby kierem i broniący wzięliby karo, dwa kiery oraz dwa trefle (najpóźniej w drugiej rundzie tego ostatniego koloru rozgrywający musiałby jednak zadysponować ze stołu dziewiątkę).

W drugiej lewie W wyszedł jednak w trefla, a jego partner zabił dziadkowego waleta damą i – wciąż jeszcze wierząc w możliwość obłożenia kontraktu – próbował ściągnąć ♣A. Greco przebił więc w ręce, a następnie zagrał kiera do króla na stole i kontynuował stamtąd ♥W. Grał pewnie, wiedział bowiem, że kontrujący ma tylko cztery kiery, z piątym asem z damą w tym kolorze oraz ♦A dałby bowiem na trzeciej ręce otwarcie 1♥.

Ostatecznie Eric oddał tylko karo, trefla, oraz dwie wziętki atutowe, wygrał więc zrekontrowany kontrakt z nadróbką. I zapisał sobie niezwykajnie 840 punktów, dokładnie dwa razy więcej (co przełożyło się na 9 impów) niż gracze NS na drugim stole – za wylicytowaną i zrealizowaną dograną w piki.

Balicki – Żmudziński nie tracą formy

by Wojtek Siwiec

Nasza najlepsza para – Cezary Balicki z Adamem Żmudzińskim – występuje w Poznaniu w superteamie Pierre'a Zimmermanna, wraz z Geirem Helgemo, Torem Helnessem, Franckiem Multonem oraz właśnie Zimmermannem. To ten sam skład, który niespełna dwa lata temu wygrał w Sao Paulo mistrzostwa świata teamów ponadnarodowych. Nie raz już pisałem, że – moim zdaniem – najsilniejszą stroną polskiej pary jest gra w obronie, szczególnie przeciwko kontraktom na niskich wysokościach. A że wiele z nich zostaje uprzednio skontrowanych – drżycie, przeciwnicy! Czas płynie, a pod tym względem nic się nie zmienia, Balicki ze Żmudzińskim nadal są prawdziwymi brydżowymi kilerami. Najlepiej potwierdzi to rozdanie z niedzielnego meczu MONACO Z (czyli Zimmermann) – ISRAEL MONGOS...

Rozd. 27/SV; rozdawał S, obie przed partią

♠ A W 9 4											
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Dan Israeli, Israel

Pokój otwarty:

West <i>Zimmerman</i>	North <i>Padon</i>	East <i>Multon</i>	South <i>Israeli</i>
			1♦
ktr.	rktr. ¹	pas	pas
2♣	ktr.	pas	pas
pas			

1 siłowa

Po dosyć oczywistej wywoławczej kontrze W para WE znalazła się w kłopotach, tym bardziej że jej 2♣ łatwo było skontrować. Po ataku ♦3 rozgrywający wpadł bez trzech, za 500. Nie była to tragedia, na NS wychodziło bowiem 3BA (z nadróbkami), na zysk w tym rozdaniu Multon – Zimmermann też chyba jednak nie liczyli. Tymczasem jednak...

Pokój zamknięty:

West <i>Bakeret</i>	North <i>Balicki</i>	East <i>Lengy</i>	South <i>Żmudziński</i>
			1♦
ktr.	rktr. ¹	pas	pas
1♥	pas(!)	pas	ktr.?(!)
pas	pas		pas

1 siłowa

2 karna, a przynajmniej bardzo mocno propozycyjna

Gracze WE odeszli tu na 1♥, ale nasi reprezentanci zdołali karnie skontrować nawet tak niski kontrakt (dużo łatwiej kontruje się przecież grę na szczelbu dwóch). Także obrona była bezlitosna. Balicki zaatakował ♣A, a w drugiej lewie wyszedł w atu – trójką. Żmudziński wstawił na trzeciej ręce ♥D, a rozgrywający zabił ją asem i zagrał ♣D. Cezary pobił ją ♣K, zaś Adam pozbył się w tej lewie pika (piątki). Balicki wyszedł teraz blotką karo – do ósemki ze stołu i króla e-S-a; figura ta została przebita przez rozgrywającego w ręce. W zagrał następnie ♠K – Cezary pobił go ♠A, zgrał ♣W – na którego Adam pozbył się swojego ostatniego pika – po czym powtórzył kierem. A Żmudziński pobił tę lewę ♥K i po raz trzeci połączył atuty. Rozgrywający próbował teraz ściągnąć ♠D, co kosztowało go dodatkową (czwartą) lewę wpadkową (powinien był zagrać trefla i wyrzucić ze stołu pika – dostaliby wówczas jeszcze wziętkę na ♦W). Żmudziński przebił ją bowiem ostatnim w rozdaniu atutem i wyszedł blotką karo – do damy w ręce partnera. A Cezary ściągnął wyrobionego mu ♠W i powtórzył karem – Adam zdobył zatem ostatnie dwie wziętki na ♦A 10, położone za ♦W 9 dziadka.

Skontrowany 1♥ został zatem położony aż bez czterech, za 800, więc ZIMMERMANN nie tylko nic w tym rozdaniu nie stracił, ale jeszcze wygrał 7 punktów meczowych.

OPEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING**(final standings after 5 sessions - subject to confirmation)**

Rank	Names	Percentage	Rank	Names	Percentage
1	D BILDE - E JEPSEN	63.19	49	R ROHOWSKY - E SANSOUR	54.84
2	N KUBAC - N ZORLU	60.30	50	D KOZLOWSKI - H LAKOMSKI	54.69
3	P CRONIER - G D TESSIERES	60.18	51	E CZUBAK - S ROKICKI	54.47
4	M BARYLEWSKI - C KRZEMINSKI	59.09	52	V VROUSTIS - M EIDI	54.41
5	T BAKKE - J HOYLAND	58.56	53	A MORATH - B EFRAIMSSON	54.33
6	P JASSEM - P TUCZYNSKI	58.40	54	J MAKARUK - P NIEDZIELSKI	54.26
7	P GUILLAUMIN - F STRETZ	58.33	55	M ROMANOVSKA - K RUBINS	54.21
8	K NADAR - B SATYANARAYANA	58.32	56	M JAWORSKI - T PILCH	53.91
9	S GARCIA - Q ROBERT	58.29	57	O RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ - W TALAR	53.90
10	J GRANSTROM - K PATANA	58.28	58	A HERMANSDORFER - J UJMA	53.88
11	A JELENIEWSKI - J WACHNOWSKI	58.28	59	M MATISONS - J ALFEJEVA	53.87
12	N BUCHLEV - J LESNICZAK	58.23	60	P BUTRYN - N SAKOWSKA	53.87
13	J CIECHOMSKI - W SKORA	57.97	61	F BJORNLUND - N SANDQVIST	53.84
14	L K NIELSEN - M SCHALTZ	57.94	62	J SCHINZE - J CAPPELLER	53.81
15	R JAGNIEWSKI - M KWIECIEN	57.92	63	A GULA - M TACZEWSKI	53.79
16	P ZATORSKI - S GOLEBIEWSKI	57.35	64	H BERTENS - B WESTRA	53.79
17	P KARLYKOV - B SHUKHMEYSTER	57.33	65	D IORDACHE - D B COTESCU	53.69
18	W SZELKA - C WOLCZAK	57.28	66	A JASZCZAK - M LESNIEWSKI	53.58
19	M DEMBINSKI - M PEDZINSKI	56.87	67	A LEVY - F VOLCKER	53.57
20	R BOWDERY - J HACKETT	56.75	68	M KRASNICKI - P TELESZYNSKI	53.51
21	S ASSAEL - Y KAHYAOGU	56.66	69	T BIRKELUND - L W KUARSVIK	53.51
22	L BREDE - K KOTOROWICZ	56.59	70	W JABLONSKI - A JAKIMIEC	53.47
23	M CHERNY - L GREENBAUM	56.40	71	G KARAKOLEV - Z ZAHARIEV	53.44
24	T WINCIOREK - M WRECZYCKI	56.25	72	O GUR - M YILMAZ	53.39
25	R GARDZIELEWSKI - P KOLWICZ	56.19	73	M BARTOSZEWSKI - T SINKIEWICZ	53.36
26	A HINTERTAN - R URBANSKI	56.14	74	S NYSHCHYI - V ZUBAN	53.36
27	I KANDEMIR - S KOLATA	55.99	75	T FORRESTER - D GOLD	53.29
28	D WARWAS - M TYRAN	55.93	76	E MISZEWSKA - S ZAKRZEWSKI	53.24
29	S DISSARD - S DE DONDER	55.86	77	S O HOYLAND - M EIDE	53.18
30	T GOTARD - T GOTARD	55.81	78	S PETERKIN - S PUNCH	53.10
31	K LATAWIEC - P STOPA	55.62	79	A ALLFREY - A ROBSON	53.07
32	R LACHOWICZ - P SALINSKI	55.61	80	S SIMANAITIENE - A TYLA	52.99
33	E KACZMAREK - W SROCZYNSKI	55.50	81	K CHLOBOWSKI - T BIERNAT	52.98
34	G BAJEK - W SIUDA	55.45	82	I COLDEA - B MARINA	52.76
35	S GUPTA - K R VENKATARAMAN	55.32	83	M YERGIN - V DENIZCI	52.73
36	M GIZA - T LATOS	55.29	84	T SIELICKI - M KWIECINSKI	52.72
37	X MICHAUD-LARIVIERE - T DE MENDEZ	55.26	85	H MATTSON - I HAYES	52.71
38	B AMBROZ - M SENK	55.22	86	F AYDOGDU - N AYDOGDU	52.70
39	G MIHAI - R MIHAI	55.20	87	P GRUSZCZYNSKI - M NOWACZYK	52.68
40	S OLECH - J POLETYLO	55.20	88	K SIKORSKI - W WEJKNIS	52.66
41	O GHIGHECI - I ROTARU	55.14	89	M MALYSA - D RYAN	52.56
42	V GIUBILO - R ZALESKI	55.09	90	J FJALBERG - J E OLSEN	52.55
43	G ZIVKOVIC - D MOSSOP	55.05	91	V KHANUKOV - M FELMY	52.54
44	E BEDNARCZYK - B OSTROWSKI	55.03	92	S NIAJKO - A POMARANSKI	52.47
45	A DELLA MONTA - B HACKETT	55.01	93	J ROMBAUT - P SCHMIDT	52.41
46	S MLYNARCZUK - W TOMASZEK	55.00	94	M LOEFGREN - N BAUSBACK	52.40
47	M DOBRZYNSKI - W ARCZEWSKI	54.99	95	A MALINOWSKI - A RASMUSSEN	52.37
48	S JOHNSEN - A STOKKELAND	54.87	96	M KITA - R WOLINSKI	52.34
			97	T KLUZ - K KLEINROK	52.28

98	F FLORIN - M IONITA	52.25	151	A MALINOWSKI - J P SVENDSEN	50.53
99	P BETHERS - A IMSA	52.25	152	G PROBOLA - J ROGOWSKI	50.48
100	R BOEDDEKER - F ZARKESCH	52.19	153	S MARTINUSSEN - D H PAULSEN	50.48
101	M URBANSKI - W STACHNIK	52.18	154	V PLATONENKO - K TRETYACHENKO	50.47
102	S KOWALCZYK - M PAWLIK	52.18	155	H PEYRET - T SEN	50.47
103	T BLINSKI - S BOLESTA	52.17	156	R FRANZEL - G KRIFTNER	50.45
104	A SMILGAJS - U JANSONS	52.10	157	H ORR - R SLIWINSKI	50.41
105	S ZAWISLAK - M KRUPOWICZ	52.10	158	D NIKOLAYENKO - G RYBNIKOV	50.39
106	M KANE - P SHIELDS	52.08	159	A CHONIAWKO - Z PLESKOT	50.37
107	I KHAZANOV - M LEBEDEVA	52.06	160	F BAKKEREN - T BAKKEREN	50.35
108	C STIRBU - G SERPOI	52.05	161	P KANNAVOS - K DOXIADIS	50.35
109	G ENGBRETSSEN - K SKOV	52.04	162	B WEGNER - R LASKOWSKI	50.35
110	D BOGUCKI - I DZIKOWSKI	52.03	163	T BARSDEN - K C BAUMANN	50.32
111	D KOPRON - T PAWLUK	51.99	164	S ORLOV - D PROKHOROV	50.08
112	P BUSSE - A SYREK	51.97	165	B DANIEL - V ISTVAN	50.04
113	P GOMEROV - E ZAPADINSKIY	51.95	166	J MICHALOWSKI - W DOLNY	49.98
114	P BLASZCZYK - M SAMUJLLO	51.94	167	A GOLYGOWSKI - R PALASZ	49.96
115	J SKWARK - M WITEK	51.94	168	B KRUCZEK - B LESIECKI	49.95
116	P KLIMACKI - I JAROSZ	51.92	169	A MESBUR - N FITZGIBBON	49.85
117	P ZAK - J ZAREMBA	51.91	170	P JASSEM - P MALECKI	49.82
118	A IVANOV - S IVANOVA	51.91	171	Y PAPAKYRIAKOPOULOS - T KOUKOUSELIS	49.76
119	J CARROLL - T GARVEY	51.89	172	J BENDIKS - J BENDIKS	49.61
120	P LYCZKOWSKI - A SERWACH	51.82	173	J H HERLAND - D UELAND	49.59
121	G REKSTAD - P TONDEL	51.82	174	G BILAL - B BROGELAND	49.59
122	M MAKA - P ZIEBA	51.71	175	M MACIAZEK - J ROMOT	49.53
123	E HOMME - K O KOPSTAD	51.69	176	M R SAKIRLER - M O SEN	49.52
124	M KUPNICKI - L MAJDANSKI	51.65	177	A PESZKE - J WROBEL	49.51
125	J PRZYGRDZKI - R NIEDZIELSKI	51.55	178	W GAWEL - P WIANKOWSKI	49.48
126	I RADJUKEVICH - A TIMAKHOVICH	51.52	179	J OSTROWSKI - P WITTENBECK	49.42
127	R ZWOLAK - L KOSTEK	51.52	180	E KLIDZEJA - O NYEMTSEV	49.42
128	O BERSSET - B O EKREN	51.49	181	B O AASAN - J HANSEN	49.36
129	P CHINDELEWICZ - B PAWSZAK	51.38	182	I LYNGEN - B I HANSSEN	49.28
130	T BUCHNAJZER - J NAWROCKI	51.38	183	W ROBINSKI - L ROSOCHOWICZ	49.24
131	A STERKIN - A PETRUNIN	51.32	184	M CICHOCKI - P ZURAKOWSKI	49.21
132	J CIESLAK - D FILIPOWICZ	51.31	185	D LIPUZIC - M NOVAK	49.20
133	W NICINSKI - A PAWLOWSKI	51.30	186	W BROWN - S DYBDAHL	49.18
134	P KAZUB - A KONCZAK	51.22	187	M PITULAN - A SILVASANU	49.17
135	J LOSIAK - J STANCZAK	51.20	188	T E HOFTANISKA - T CHARLSEN	49.17
136	J BETHERS - M LORENCZ	51.19	189	D FORGE - V VENTOS	49.14
137	A ZOBU - V ARONOV	51.15	190	A DEBOWSKI - R SZLACHETKA	49.13
138	W FRUKACZ - J ZADROGA	51.15	191	N R EGE - L TOFTE	49.11
139	J BLAJDA - G SUPERSON	51.11	192	A WILKOSZ - J JELEN	49.11
140	J JAGODZINSKI - R KOWALEWSKI	51.06	193	J NOWAK - S JANIK	49.11
141	S GEORGIEV - S NENOVA	51.00	194	M ARUTIUNIANC - J GACKOWSKI	49.10
142	R BOYD - M RUDZINSKI	50.98	195	M JANECZKO - J SZCZERBOWSKI	49.09
143	S COPE - S SHAH	50.93	196	C CURTIS - P FEGARTY	49.00
144	P ZUBIEL - M SZALEWICZ	50.84	197	D MOLENAAR - T VERBEEK	48.96
145	U KIELICHOWSKI - A KOZIKOWSKI	50.80	198	T SPODENKIEWICZ - W TURANT	48.96
146	J JANOWSKI - S PAJAK	50.77	199	P SAPORTA - J VOLDOIRE	48.95
147	T OSINSKI - R SZCZEPANSKI	50.77	200	H KOPERNOK - T SZYMCZYK	48.95
148	M KLUKOWSKI - T KLUKOWSKI	50.75	201	Z BELING - G LEWACIAK	48.92
149	A KASPRZAK - M SZALINSKI	50.69	202	G LIOSSIS - C SIRAKOPOULOU	48.86
150	R CHMIELAK - M WALCZAK	50.54	203	E RECZUGA - M WILGA	48.73

204	E ELIASSEN - T SOILAND	48.67	257	J OCHIJEWICZ - C PRZASNEK	46.27
205	A NOWAKOWSKI - A WITKOWSKI	48.67	258	M MLYNARCZYK - P SIWINSKI	46.24
206	A HYCNAR - R WAJDOWICZ	48.58	259	S CIESLAK - M PATER	46.17
207	R DANCEWICZ - W BIEGAJLO	48.57	260	J RODZIEWICZ - M RODZIEWICZ	46.17
208	Z KOWALEWSKI - A RUTKOWSKI	48.54	261	A GORZEWSKI - P SUCHODOLSKI	46.11
209	W KOZUCHOWSKI - R JUNIK	48.54	262	R CYLWIK - J BATOG	46.00
210	M CHEBELEU - L OJOGA	48.54	263	A CSATLOS - L HITTMANN	45.88
211	M D MORTENSEN - M ROHRBERG	48.51	264	K CZUL - J WESOLOWSKI	45.85
212	M HUTYRA - R WOLANSKI	48.44	265	P JOKISCH - U KASIMIR	45.81
213	K WARZOCHA - A KOKORYKA	48.43	266	J MACHOTKA - N MERCAN	45.76
214	G SZOTS - C CZIMER	48.41	267	F MAGRI - P BARTOLOTTI	45.71
215	M KEMENOVA - J TOMCANI	48.41	268	B RASULA - J SADAR	45.70
216	P ILCZUK - M JELENIEWSKI	48.34	269	P KACPRZAK - P LECKI	45.68
217	R JASKIEWICZ - S JASKIEWICZ	48.29	270	M HENC - E VELECKY	45.65
218	J HOLMBAKKEN - F JOHNSTUEN	48.25	271	J A PAULSEN - R SMISETFOSS	45.63
219	J T BERG - O SVENDSEN	48.18	272	M HUBERSCHWILLER - Q LEVOY	45.60
220	J COUNIL - J P DESMOULINS	48.16	273	J RADECKI - T PALUCHOWSKI	45.58
221	J ROMANOWSKI - W ROZWADOWSKI	48.08	274	T MacCORMAC - R McMAUGH	45.58
222	G OIKONOMOPOULOS - P ANGELOPOULOS	48.00	275	W RAFALSKI - D BORYSOW	45.48
223	B PAZUR - M WOJCICKI	47.96	276	T KUS - P RESZCZYNSKI	45.44
224	J KOSCIELNY - P MACHOWCZYK	47.89	277	A SKOP - A WUJKOW	45.39
225	D STOKKVIK - J OVESEN	47.88	278	K KRAJEWSKI - S GAWRYSZCZAK	45.23
226	R BENNETT - H SMITH	47.84	279	R KAZMIERCZAK - M PILECKI	45.19
227	A HUSSEIN - T SADEK	47.84	280	T BRAUN - V LENZ	45.17
228	E AKSUYEK - A GURSEL	47.80	281	I GLOWACKI - J IWANSKI	45.03
229	I POPOV - M LEWIS	47.76	282	D PILON - G IZISEL	44.96
230	J GREWLING - P SOLECKI	47.74	283	J KLIMCZAK - D KRUPNIK	44.91
231	J GRZELCZAK - T KRYSZTOFIK	47.70	284	M WHELAN - M BALDYSZ	44.77
232	M YUEN - P B NEHMERT	47.70	285	W MARYNIOWSKI - T NIEDZWIADK	44.75
233	M STAVRACHE - B BONTAS	47.65	286	J BOROWINSKI - L MIELCZAREK	44.67
234	R KUJAWSKI - G MALAZDREWICZ	47.64	287	M HJELTE - J SAFSTEN	44.59
235	K OMERNIK - S HENCLIK	47.58	288	T BARANOWSKI - J MAZURKIEWICZ	44.42
236	M BARTKOWSKI - B SZULEJEWSKI	47.52	289	J KURDEJ - E SEICHTER	44.42
237	Z KULESZA - Z SABALA	47.50	290	D MORAWSKI - I SALONEN	44.36
238	M SINKIEWICZ - J TRETOWSKI	47.49	291	M VAN HOOIJDONK - M WINKEL	44.28
239	E SAELENSMINDE - F SVINDAHL	47.36	292	B WYSOCKI - M DOBROWOLSKI	44.05
240	L GLAERUM - T UNDEM	47.34	293	A WLAD - R KIELCZEWSKI	44.02
241	T JARMOLINSKI - T WASILEWSKI	47.30	294	J MAJKUT - L MOKRZYCKI	43.81
242	K BEDNAREK - Z SZYSZKOWSKI	47.25	295	M BLACH - W SOLTYSIK	43.77
243	A CZECH - M PIECZKA	47.21	296	R KARP - J KOWALOWKA	43.71
244	I FERANCHUK - I GODUN	47.16	297	K BEYER - R KLUK	43.65
245	A DUDZIK - A KUSION	47.08	298	S PIEPIORA - P TOMCZAK	43.62
246	J DOMBROWE - W NAQVI	47.01	299	H K PETERSEN - K HANSEN	43.58
247	J F ALLIX - W LIBBRECHT	46.93	300	T STRYSZAWSKI - M RODZAJ	43.10
248	A BOWLES - S MOHANDES	46.87	301	R SZCZEPANOWSKI - P DYBOWSKI	43.09
249	Y CHUMAK - O ROVYSHYN	46.75	302	A CHAUDHURI - B ODDEN	42.98
250	M PACHNIEWSKI - W SOLTYSIAK	46.65	303	K GOLAS - J ZABROCKI	42.96
251	P BANG - J MURI	46.63	304	A TOEPLITZ - M PAROL	42.91
252	L CHERNYAK - D DOBRIN	46.47	305	J ROMANSKI - R GRZELAK	42.64
253	A BENOIT - O GIARD	46.37	306	M FECHNER - M ROBAK	42.44
254	J KACZOROWSKI - G KULAK	46.35	307	A PAWLAK - T CZAJER	42.22
255	K BUZALA - M NIEMIR	46.35	308	C MARRO - J MAZE-SENCIER	42.14
256	G GAWRON - J KOWAL	46.31	309	J BALASOVS - U BETHERS	42.05

310	T BISPING - W STRZEMECKI	41.90	317	W DZIACHAN - T URBANSKI	40.13
311	M SOROKA - Z STACHOWIAK	41.73	318	C C UNGUREANU - D UNGUREANU	39.76
312	W RADZIAK - W ANDRUK	41.69	319	M BIELAWSKI - I CHALUPEC	39.69
313	M MAKATREWICZ - J JANIAK	41.63	320	S SAMOL - M KRZYWINA	37.99
314	L GOLDER - A PELSZYNSKA	41.58	321	J BOJKO - B JAKUBOWSKA	37.87
315	R KLEJNY - J HLIWA	40.60	322	B BASARAN - H CIVGINER	36.37
316	M CZEREPAK - G JARZABEK	40.51	323	FVLAANDEREN - FVLAANDEREN	34.17

WOMEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING

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Rank	Names	Percentage	Rank	Names	Percentage
1	R MIRCHEVA - A LEKOVA-KOVACHEVA	59.98	18	S BADRANKOVA - U HAPONAVA	50.05
2	K BERTHEAU - J LARSSON	58.88	19	J SPANGENBERG - S SPANGENBERG	49.62
3	J NEVE - M ROSSARD	58.41	20	L GODFREY - L LHERE	49.53
4	R BARENDREGT - M VERBEEK	57.52	21	A BLEWITT - D GEORGEVIC	48.80
5	G HELNESS - S THORESEN	56.74	22	A DE BIASIO - D GIGLIOTTI	48.66
6	J TACZEWSKA - M HOLEKSA	55.54	23	C HOLCZER - A LEVANON	48.25
7	L BRIKMANE - N VEKSA	54.93	24	P O NEILL - P MEEHAN	48.18
8	C HALLKVIST - C SJOBLOM	54.68	25	M STEGAROIU - M STEGAROIU	48.13
9	C VECHIATTO - E WEBER	53.20	26	M AGHEMO - A UGLIETTI	46.07
10	J YARDIMCI - B ATALAY	52.70	27	D GRIGOROVA - M NIKOLOVA	45.07
11	K McCALLUM - L BAKER	52.52	28	M HOMME - J FENESS	44.19
12	B PANCHEVA - V YANEVA	52.48	29	G MURANTE - F BRACCO	43.61
13	C SEALE - C JAGGER	52.32	30	C TORSTENSSON - A NORDBJORK	42.24
14	P v MALCHUS - G SMYKALLA	51.96	31	I CZAJKA - P KLIMENTOWSKA	42.20
15	E SHOKHAN - Z BELIANKINA	51.89	32	E MIELCARZEWICZ - J ZIETARA	42.01
16	N SENIOR - R WOLFARTH	50.51	33	M MODLIN - M NIEHAUS	40.60
17	J COOPER - M MCGREGOR	50.27	34	R CLOW - H CORNFIELD	38.69

SENIOR PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(final standings after 5 sessions - subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Percentage	Rank	Names	Percentage
1	C MARI - S WALTER	59.63	19	M DRUKIER - U HUSTEN	50.98
2	G VIOLINI - G GIGLI	58.91	20	P ERICH - C NIEMEIJER	50.90
3	F FALAY - O EKINCI	57.02	21	K DRIVER - G DRIVER	49.65
4	S KOSIKOWSKI - W HOEGER	55.29	22	K PUCZYNSKI - W WYRZYKOWSKI	49.59
5	Z KUNC - L LANIEWSKI	55.22	23	D LIGGAT - E (MCGOWAN	48.78
6	N DOREMANS - J TROUWBORST	55.10	24	A NIMHAUSER - D HIRTZ	48.57
7	R TOLUN - E BANKOGLU	55.06	25	G RANGEVALL - B LILJEKVIST	48.32
8	J CHODOROWSKI - I CHODOROWSKA	54.61	26	J STANCZYK - W KOZICKI	48.15
9	K ANTAS - T KACZANOWSKI	54.00	27	J POCHRON - S SZENBERG	47.69
10	A KONDEJA - W BURAKOWSKI	53.84	28	K O SHEA - E COUNIHAN	47.21
11	G YALMAN - A YALMAN	53.60	29	M SZMAKFEFER - A PIESIEWICZ	47.08
12	W BUZE - J POLEC	53.44	30	L WARWOCKI - K POKORSKI	46.96
13	B BUDZYN - L BUDZYN	52.83	31	D JEDRZEJEWSKI - M LUKASIAK	46.33
14	A VERMUND - B O SORENSEN	52.77	32	A FRONCZAK - J SUKOW	46.05
15	P WEYMANN - W KWIATKOWSKI	51.96	33	L SADOS - R BUDZIK	43.41
16	M E COPUR - C S GEBECALI	51.72	34	W KANIEWSKI - J KOPRAS	41.82
17	B STRATER - U KRATZ	51.50	35	Z KOVACS (2) - A BUZA	41.27
18	S OWCZAREK - Z RADWANSKI	51.48	36	M NOWACKI - A ALEKSANDRZAK	41.20
			37	R LEVKOFF - R SEAMON	36.45

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