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The final Countdown



The brains and the heart of the Championships - Management in Charge: Slawek Latala and Maurizio di Sacco (dark vests), and the brilliant scoring team: Michal Zimmiewicz (chief), Maciej Czajkowski, Lukasz Kalbarczyk, Pawel Perz, Piotr Smielinski

The preliminary jousting is over; now the players can settle down to the all play all finals of the Pairs Championships. Leading the qualifiers home in the *Open Pairs* were **Lars Kirkegaard Nielsen** and **Martin Schaltz**, while the B semifinal was topped by **Evgeni Rudakov** and **Max Khven**. **Sylvie Willard** and **Bénédicte Cronier** were at the top of the **Women's** table and the **Senior's** were led home by **Victor Melman** and **Shalom Zeligman**. It promises to be a thrilling day, and BBO will be covering all three finals.

Today's - Schedule

- 10.00 O/W/S Pairs Final A (R1)
- 10.00 O/W/S Pairs Final B (R1)
- 12.00 O/W/S Pairs Final B (R2)
- 14.00 O/W/S Pairs Final A (R2)
- 15.00 O/W/S Pairs Final B (R3)
- 17.00 O/W/S Pairs Final B (R4)
- 17.30 O/W/S Pairs Final A (R3)
- 19.00 O/W/S Pairs Final B (R5)

PRESS CONFERENCE

Today Friday, July 1st a Press Conference will be given by Yves Aubry, European Bridge League President, and Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Polish Bridge Union President

Time & Place: 10:00 hrs at the Vugraph on the 2nd floor
Journalists and Polish Press are invited to attend the conference and ask their questions about this tournament and other EBL events.
Please arrive in time before the conference starts.



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Jewel in the Crown

by Mark Horton

Despite their natural disappointment at failing to reach the final, the French women made no mistake in the play-off for the bronze. They were in sparkling form, as this little gem by Veronique Bessis and Catherine D'Ovidio illustrates:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Joel	D'Ovidio	Sokolow	Bessis
	Pass	1♣	4♥
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

One could engage in a lengthy discussion about what East should do when West doubles. My simplistic view is that West has doubled for takeout and East should act accordingly. With 4♥ being stone cold, bidding 4♠ was certainly the right thing to do on this deal.

South led her singleton club and declarer won in hand and played three rounds of diamonds. South ruffed in with the five of spades and declarer discarded dummy's heart.

Now South played the ace of hearts and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a spade, South winning with the king and playing a heart. Declarer had to ruff, but now if she played a spade South would win and cash a heart trick, so she played a club to her ace. South ruffed with the ace of spades and played a third heart. As declarer ruffed in dummy, North discarded her remaining club, so when declarer played a club she was able to ruff.

'Curious hand', said Oscar the Owl, 'both defenders scored a ruff in the same suit.'

(In case you didn't spot it, declarer can get home by playing a club after ruffing the first heart. South ruffs and plays a heart, but declarer ruffs in dummy and plays another club.)

Fingerfehler?

by Mark Horton

The German chess term "Fingerfehler" means a mistake of the finger in moving a piece. The Manhattan Chess Club cynics have long taken it to be a lame excuse for something the brain did wrong and the player did not want to admit.

Watching the second session of the Pairs semifinal I wondered if this might be the explanation for this deal.

Dealer West. East/West Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Malysa	Balicki	Ryan	Pszczola
1♥	1♠	4♦*	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

North led the queen of spades and South overtook it and switched to the six of clubs, covered by the queen, king and ace. Declarer played back a club and North won and played a second spade. Declarer ruffed and embarked on a cross ruff, which led to this ending:

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

When declarer played the seven of spades from dummy it seems clear to ruff with the eight of hearts, forcing declarer to use an honour there by ensuring a trump trick for North. However, South discarded the two of clubs and declarer could ruff with the six of hearts and cross-ruff the last four tricks.

Did South pull the wrong card?

Notice that if declarer starts on the cross-ruff at trick three, this defence does not work, as when South ruffs West simply discards the losing club.

Some Like it Hot

by Mark Horton

Some Like It Hot was directed by Billy Wilder and starred Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. In 2000, the American Film Institute listed *Some Like It Hot* as the greatest American comedy film of all time.

Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon disguise themselves as women and the character player by Lemmon accepts a proposal of marriage from an ageing millionaire (Osgood). When, at the end of the film he tries to explain to Osgood that he cannot marry him, Osgood is oblivious to all of his objections and remains determined to go through with the marriage — he says that he already told his mother and that the wedding is on. Finally, becoming exasperated, Lemmon removes his wig and yells, "I'm a man!", prompting Osgood to dismissively utter the film's memorable last line: "Well, nobody's perfect."

In the thrilling second session of the Open Teams final nobody was perfect, but as the temperature rose outside so did the number of IMPs that changed hand.

You could sense that this was not going to be a quiet set of boards right from the off when Piekarek opened ♠QJ9874 ♥K2 ♦K753 ♣7 with 3♠ on the first deal, which led to 5♠ doubled and the loss of a couple of IMPs, against the same contract undoubled in the other room. (Their opponents could only make 10 tricks in clubs).

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Bessis	Pszcola	Bessis
Pass	INT	Dbl	Pass
2♠	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

The textbooks might recommend a pass on the North cards, but as I suggested in my Bols Bridge Tip many years ago, you should not be afraid of responding. On BBO

Michael Rosenberg was all in favour of North's choice. Having said that, I'm not sure I would have found his next call, which led to what might be described as a thin game.

East led the ace of spades and switched to the three of clubs. Declarer had to run that to his hand and must have been pleased to see his queen score. He played the six of hearts and guessed well to put in dummy's ten, collecting the ace from West. He ruffed the spade return and played a diamond to the jack, queen and four, claiming a somewhat miraculous +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Rodwell	Piekarek	Meckstroth
Pass	3♣*	Dbl	INT
Pass	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

3♣ Club slam try or sign off in diamonds

East cashed the ace of spades and continued with the king, ruffed by declarer. North knew East had the ♠AK and probably had the ♣K because of the failure to switch to a club.

The question was who held the ace of hearts? Would West bid 4♠ with just four trumps and a queen? (I suspect he would.) So did declarer, as his next move was the six of hearts to the king and ace. Now a club came through and declarer could not avoid two down, -300 and 12 IMPs to Bessis.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lev	Bessis	Pszcola	Bessis
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North led his diamond and South took the ace and returned the queen, covered and ruffed. A club went to declarer's jack and he played a diamond. North decided to ruff and play ace of hearts and a heart, stopping the diamond ruff, but declarer had eight tricks, +670.

Closed Room

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

East led the four of spades and declarer won the first trick in hand with the five, played a diamond to the ace and played the queen of diamonds, ruffing when West played low. He went to dummy with a trump, ruffed a diamond, cashed the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. The ace of trumps was declarer's eighth trick. To lose one 670 is unfortunate, two lose 670's two smacks of carelessness, (though it is clearly better to achieve the dubious feat on the same deal than on two different boards). It was 16 IMPs to Mahaffey.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszcola</i>	South <i>Bessis</i>
	INT	2♣*	2♥*
3♠	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♠	DbI	All Pass	

- 2♣ Majors
- 2♥ Heart stopper

I'm not quite sure how to describe the bidding on this deal, perhaps Kamikaze is the most appropriate word.

North cashed his top spades and played a third round, leaving declarer very short of tricks. He cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, but could only come to the master trump, for down five, -1100.

Closed Room

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
	INT	2♣*	DbI
2♠	DbI	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The same adventurous overcall as at the other table, but this time West wisely stayed low.

Declarer won the spade lead at once, and played the jack of clubs to the ace and the nine of clubs to the queen and king. He now played a heart to the king, a club to the ten and a diamond to the queen and ace. He won the spade return, cashed the last club and the king of diamonds. When the jack did not appear he was one down, -100.

In the four-card ending, East was down to ♠Q10 and ♥A10. If declarer advances the queen of hearts at trick four he can reach an ending where East will be down to ♠Q10 and ♥106. (Having played a low diamond to the queen en route, thereby leaving West's ♦A stranded.) Then a heart or spade forces East to surrender the ninth trick in hearts.

That would have saved 4 IMPs, but in order to follow that sort of line you would have to assume East had the hand he was dealt – and who would do that?

15 IMPs to Bessis.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszcola</i>	South <i>Bessis</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	DbI	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the eight of clubs for the queen and ace and declarer went to dummy with the ace of diamonds and played the queen of hearts, covered by the king and ace. He drew trumps, took one more round and then played a club, setting up a tenth trick, +420.

Closed Room

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♦*

- 1♦ 0-7
- 2♦ 5-7, three hearts

As before, East led a club (this time the seven) for the queen and ace. Declarer laid down the ace of hearts and continued with the nine of hearts, West winning with the king, cashing the king of clubs and playing a third club for East to ruff. There was a diamond trick to come, down one, -50 and 10 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ A 10 8 2 ♦ 10 9 5 4 ♣ K 8 4 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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 9 3 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ A K J 6 2 ♣ J 3
	N										
W		E									
	S										

Open Room

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszcola</i>	South <i>Bessis</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	2♠
3♦	4♠	All Pass	

Suspecting (or hoping) that E/W might be able to make a lot of tricks in a red suit North tried to shut them out. The defenders cashed their red-suit winners on the go and also took the ace of trumps for two down, +100.

Closed Room

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	2♣	2♦	2♠
Dbf*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led his club and North won with the queen, cashed the ace and played the ten, South ruffing as declarer discarded a spade. He won the spade switch, cashed the king of hearts and when North dropped the queen he played a heart to the ace. With the diamond queen behaving that

was +420 and 8 IMPs.

At this point Bessis led 120-62 and it looked as if Mahafey was being blown away, but suddenly the wind changed direction:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ A 10 9 8 7 3 ♦ Q 9 2 ♣ A Q J	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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 3 ♥ J 2 ♦ K 10 4 3 ♣ 10 8 3 ♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 7 6 5 2
	N										
W		E									
	S										

Open Room

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Bessis</i>	East <i>Pszcola</i>	South <i>Bessis</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led a club for the king and ace and declarer played the ace then ten of hearts. South won and tried a club but declarer won with the queen and simply played another



Alexander Smirnov, Germany

Closed Room

West Smirnov	North Rodwell	East Piekarek	South Meckstroth
		INT	Pass
2♥*	2♠*	3♠	4♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Those same breaks made 4♥ comfortable, declarer ruffing the diamond lead and ducking a heart to West. East took the next trick with the ace of spades and returned the suit, but declarer won and played two rounds of hearts, +420 and 6 IMPs.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West Lev	North Bessis	East Pszcola	South Bessis
			Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

North led the three of hearts for the queen and ace and declarer crossed to dummy with a trump and took a diamond finesse. When that held he played another trump to dummy and repeated the finesse, soon claiming twelve tricks and +980.

Closed Room

West Smirnov	North Rodwell	East Piekarek	South Meckstroth
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When East could not cue-bid over 4♣ West gave up – and another 11 IMPs changed hands. Mahaffey had added 44 IMPs without reply and was right back in the match.

Optional-Blackwood

by Jan van Cleeff

Optional-Blackwood has rapidly become quite popular amongst the top players in The Netherlands. Especially after a fit has been found in one of the minors this new device is an efficient combination of checking key-cards and quantitative bidding. This board from the Open Pairs, Semi final A is a fine example how OB works:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North Paulissen	East	South Jansma
			1♣*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Dbf	4♦*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♣*	Pass	7♦
All Pass			

- 1♣ 2+ (Polish)
- 2♣ inverted
- 2♦ gf relay
- 3♥ short in hearts
- 4♦ Optional Blackwood
- 5♣ max, 2 Key Cards, no trump queen (4♥ would have showed a min)
- 5♦ Kings?
- 6♣ ♥K or ♣K and ♠K

After 6♣ Jansma knew that bidding the grand in diamonds was with the odds. There was only a remote chance that he would be facing ♦K and a low one (though if that were so with the suit 3-3 7♦ would still make). All other diamond holdings implied that it would be a decent or better grand slam.

Making 7♦ resulted in a 90% score for N/S. Anybody interested to learn more on Optional-Blackwood may follow www.bridgetopics.com. In the website's second cycle of Topics Gert Paulissen will describe the convention in depth.

Women's Final - Best of the Rest

by Barry Rigal

Here are two boards from the final third of the women's final.

Board 37; Dealer North; NS Vul.

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

West <i>Vriend</i>	North <i>Gumrukcuoglu</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Babac</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♥
4♠	Dbl	All pass	
West <i>Yavas</i>	North <i>Michelsen</i>	East <i>Kuranoglu</i>	South <i>Dekkers</i>
	1♣	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♣	Dbl	All pass

The defence to 3♦x went very smoothly. West won the lead of the ♠J in hand and cashed her ♦K before shifting to a low heart, making it way for East to read that her partner had the heart length. Back came the diamond jack and



Serap Kuranoglu, Turkey

the defenders took the first five tricks in the plain suits then sat back and waited for their trump trick.

4♠x was a delicate affair. Declarer won the heart lead and played ace and another trump, letting North cash her trump winners. When North shifted to a diamond declarer could cover in dummy and ensure herself an entry for the heart play even if diamonds had not broken. Had North exited with the club ace Vriend would have discarded a heart and left North on play to concede a trick and an entry to dummy. That was 3 IMPs to Netherlands, down 76-26 now.

Board 48; Dealer West; EW Vul.

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

West <i>Vriend</i>	North <i>Gumrukcuoglu</i>	East <i>Arnolds</i>	South <i>Babac</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
1♥ 3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass
West <i>Yavas</i>	North <i>Michelsen</i>	East <i>Kuranoglu</i>	South <i>Dekkers</i>
	3♣	4♥	All pass

Both tables played 4♥ on the final deal of the match. As if to indicate the basic tenor of the contest, the Turkish declarer drew the right inferences from the revealing bidding to land her game while in the other room the silent opposition gave declarer no clues.

Vriend ruffed the second club and laid down the ♥A for the first piece of bad news then led a spade to the ten at once for the next disappointment. The defenders had two more trump tricks for down one now.

Yavas had the benefit of the preemptive overcall, so ruffed the second club and led a heart to the king, then ran the spade jack and played a spade to the ace and another spade. Dekkers could ruff and play a top diamond but declarer simply led out winning spades and had enough trumps to concede just one more trick to the ♠Q. Contract made and a 94-51 win for Kapadokya in what had turned out to be a very low scoring match. The losers had conceded less than 2 IMPs a board – normally enough to win such an encounter.

The Finals, segment I Women's Teams and Seniors Teams

by Jos Jacobs

Believe it or not in the first segments of both these two finals, the slams were the decisive factors.

As both matches were playing the same boards, most of the slam swings occurred on the same boards, so another combined report looks the proper way of reporting about them

The Women's final was Kapadokya v. Netherlands and the Seniors' Final was Grenthe v. Pharon

The slam fun started on boards 3 and 4:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Dekkers</i>	North <i>Gumrukcuoglu</i>	East <i>Michielsen</i>	South <i>Babac</i>
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Once South made a further forward move by bidding 3♦, North was always going to slam. South might hold the wrong ace but even then, there should be some play for the contract. Right she was: Kapadokya +920 when declarer played safe on a diamond lead.

West <i>Yavas</i>	North <i>Pasman</i>	East <i>Kuranoglu</i>	South <i>Simons</i>
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

missing the slam? North or South? Difficult question...

Anyway: Netherlands +420 only, thus 11 IMPs for Kapadokya.

In the Seniors' final, the French, in my view, had a very good auction:

West <i>Price</i>	North <i>Leenhardt</i>	East <i>Simpson</i>	South <i>Piganeau</i>
			1♥
2♠	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

When the free 3♣ bid from Leenhardt was followed by the cuebid he most wanted to hear, bidding the slam suddenly became easy. Grenthe +940.

West <i>Grenthe</i>	North <i>Hallberg</i>	East <i>Vanhoutte</i>	South <i>Gothe</i>
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	All Pass	



David Price, England

To whom would you attribute most of the blame for

The Swedes fell at the last fence, as they appeared to be not fully certain about how to go on after 5♣. West led his club so declarer made all the tricks but lost 9 IMPs in the process. The next board was another slam:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West <i>Dekkers</i>	North <i>Gumrukcuoglu</i>	East <i>Michielsen</i>	South <i>Babac</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

2♥ was a relay after the strong 2♣ and with 2♠ North showed just hcp. When 3♥ finally showed South's suit, North immediately went for RKC and settled for the slam in which Babac duly located the ♣Q in East to land it. Kapadokya a fine +1430.

West <i>Yavas</i>	North <i>Pasman</i>	East <i>Kuranoglu</i>	South <i>Simons</i>
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Maybe, South could or should have done more but the pre-empt once again took away too much useful bidding space. If 2NT showed a minimum maybe North should bid on, but if it showed values, it was surely South's fault.

Netherlands +680 but another 13 IMPs going East. The score stood at 24-2 after just 4 boards...

In the Seniors' final, the French once again had a fine auction to the slam.

West <i>Price</i>	North <i>Leenhardt</i>	East <i>Simpson</i>	South <i>Piganeau</i>
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

* Fewer than 9 HCP, natural

What more can I say? Grenthe +1430.

The Swedes also got to slam but they had to solve the ♣Q problem before anything else.

West <i>Grenthe</i>	North <i>Hallberg</i>	East <i>Vanhoutte</i>	South <i>Gothe</i>
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♠	Dbl	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

One wonders why Gothe did not prefer to play in his solid suit rather than in a possible 4-3 fit. No doubt he expected to be in at least a 5-3 fit...

When Hallberg misgussed in trumps at trick 3, the contract was one down very quickly. Grenthe +100 and 17 IMPs more to lead 27-6 after 4 boards.

Not very much happened in either match until we reached board 12:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Price</i>	North <i>Leenhardt</i>	East <i>Simpson</i>	South <i>Piganeau</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Dbl
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Well, EW hold all the necessary controls but there is no clear source of tricks. However, North could not overruff the 4th spade and the trumps were behaving nicely, so Price just scrambled home in his cross-ruff. ♥A, spade ruff, heart ruff, ♠A, spade ruff, ♥ ruff, last spade ruffed with the ten, ♣A etc. Pharon +1440.

West <i>Grenthe</i>	North <i>Hallberg</i>	East <i>Vanhoutte</i>	South <i>Gothe</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Dbf
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

The French reached a much better slam once again, only to find out afterwards they had lost 11 IMPs for their pains.

For the sake of completeness: in the Women's final they were in six at both tables. Well done there.

On the next board, it for once looked like a pairs' game:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 7 3					
♥ K 8					
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5					
♣ 6 5 2					
♠ Q J 9 6	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 8 4 2
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W E					
S					
♥ 10		♥ 6 5 2			
♦ K Q		♦ A J 2			
♣ K 10 9 8 7 4		♣ A Q J			
♠ A K 5					
♥ A Q J 9 7 4 3					
♦ 4 3					
♣ 3					



Dilek Yavas, Turkey

West <i>Dekkers</i>	North <i>Gumrukcuoglu</i>	East <i>Michielsen</i>	South <i>Babac</i>
	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Once Michielsen let go by her chance to produce an opening bid of any sort, (and I agree with her...), the Dutch were never in with a chance of finding the save. Kapadokya +620.

West <i>Yavas</i>	North <i>Pasman</i>	East <i>Kuranoglu</i>	South <i>Simons</i>
	Pass	1♣	4♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Once again, the opening bid did the trick, this time in Kapadokya's favour. Sitting for her partner's double would have brought Pasman +500 with the help of the likely spade ruff. Removing it just handed the points to the opponents. Another 12 IMPs to Kapadokya who led 43-4 now.

In the Seniors' final, Simpson's opening helped the Pharons to find the save:

West <i>Price</i>	North <i>Leenhardt</i>	East <i>Simpson</i>	South <i>Piganeau</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♥
3♥	Dbf	Pass	4♥
5♣	All Pass		

Down two for -200 only when South did not bother to take any further action...

West <i>Grenthe</i>	North <i>Hallberg</i>	East <i>Vanhoutte</i>	South <i>Gothe</i>
	Pass	1♣	4♥
Dbf	All Pass		

The other side of the coin was exposed at this table: East opened the bidding but this inspired West to double the final contract rather than saving against it.

This was not a good idea: Pharon quickly chalked up +790 as it was impossible to lose more than the three obvious tricks in the minors. So they got 11 IMPs more on this board, to trail by 31-44 after the 1st segment.

For Dutch and Flemish readers only

IMP doet gewoontegetrouw uitgebreid verslag van het Open EK in Poznan. De EK Special verschijnt 1 september 2011. Hoofdredacteur Jan van Cleeff was twee weken op locatie in Polen. Met steun van de Oranje-selectie verzamelde hij schitterende handen en spannende anekdotes. En Magdalena Ticha beschrijft haar bronzen debuut. Verzekert u zich van het beste dat bridge heeft te bieden en neem een abonnement op Bridge Magazine IMP. www.imp-bridge.nl / editor@imp-bridge.nl / +31 6 558 34036

Never say die

by Brent Manley

The annals of sports are filled with great comebacks, and bridge has its share. In New York City in the summer of 2004, the Nick Nickell team was trailing George Jacobs and company by 72 IMPs with 16 deals to play. Nickell took the final set 84-1 – it has not been determined how that IMP was lost – to win the event in spectacular fashion.

Two members of the winning team in New York – Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell – were playing on the Jim Mahaffey squad in the Open Teams in the 48-board final.

After 24 boards, the French-German foursome of Michel and Thomas Bessis, Josef Piekarek and Alexander Smirnov were ahead 120-62. They had outscored the Mahaffey team 52-19 through eight boards of the second set, and their momentum seemed to be building.


Just like that, however, the teams' fortunes reversed. If the Bessis team was a speeding locomotive, it was as if it had left the tracks.

Over the next 24 boards – the rest of the second set and all of the third – the team scored only 13 IMPs while Mahaffey put 93 IMPs on the board. The remarkable turnaround earned the mostly American squad the gold medal in the fifth edition of the European Open Championships.

A report of the second set of the event appears elsewhere in this Daily Bulletin. This report concentrates on the third and decisive set.

Bessis started the third set with a 120-104 lead. The lead went to 121-104 via an overtrick IMP on the first deal. On the next deal, Mahaffey began to catch up.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass


Meckstroth and Rodwell play 14-16 INT openers, so Rodwell was not tempted to boost his partner's INT

rebid. Michel Bessis started with the ♠9, ducked to Meckstroth's jack. He played a club to dummy's king and continued with a club. When Bessis took the ♣A, he continued with a spade, but Meckstroth went up with the ace and cashed his red-suit winners for eight tricks and plus 120.

The bidding and play record from the other table were not available, but the contract was 3NT, one down for minus 50 – a 5-IMP gain for Mahaffey.

Another useful swing for the American squad came on the next board.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
1♦	Dbl	2♥*	Pass
1♦	Dbl	2♥*	All Pass

Meckstroth's 2♥ showed five or more spades and four or more hearts with less than invitational values. With that knowledge, Rodwell didn't bother mentioning his second suit.

Michel Bessis led a low heart, which solved Meckstroth's problem in the trump suit. Thomas Bessis took the ♥A and returned his singleton ♦J, eliminating another guess for declarer. Banking on a 3-3 trump split, Meckstroth won the ♦Q, cashed the ♥K, entered his hand with a spade to the ace and played the ♥Q. When the outstanding trumps both fell on that trick, Meckstroth had his eight winners via the marked diamond finesse, so he finished at plus 110.

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

Jacek Pszczola also led a low heart to start with, taken by

Sam Lev with the ace, but he returned a heart to dummy's king. Piekarek continued with a low diamond from dummy, which turned out to be a disastrous move. Lev won the $\diamond J$, played a club to his partner's ace – Piekarek discarding a spade – then ruffed when Pszczola's $\diamond K$ was covered by the ace. Lev continued with the $\spadesuit Q$, and Piekarek could come to no more than six tricks for minus 300 – a 9-IMP swing to Mahaffey, now trailing 121-118.

Mahaffey tacked on more IMPs on the next deal, to take the lead for the first time since early in the opening set.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 10 5 4 2 \heartsuit K 7 5 2 \diamond K Q 3 \clubsuit 6 2</p>	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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		<p>\spadesuit A Q J 8 6 \heartsuit Q \diamond 6 4 2 \clubsuit A Q 5 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit 3 \heartsuit A 9 8 6 4 3 \diamond 10 8 5 \clubsuit K 10 9</p>
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<p>\spadesuit K 9 7 \heartsuit J 10 \diamond A J 9 7 \clubsuit J 8 7 3</p>												

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
2 \heartsuit	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 \clubsuit	Pass	3 \heartsuit	All Pass

Meckwell stopped on a dime on this one and were rewarded with a favourable lie of the cards. The defenders took the first three diamond tricks before South switched to a low club. The $\clubsuit 10$ was holding the trick, but Rodwell overtook with the queen in dummy to run the $\heartsuit Q$. Thomas Bessis won the $\heartsuit K$ to switch to a spade, but Rodwell went up with the ace and played the queen, covered by South and ruffed. Rodwell claimed nine tricks when his trump ace picked up South's 10. That was a lucky plus 140.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
Pass	Pass	1 \spadesuit	Pass
1NT	Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass
2 \heartsuit	Pass	2 \spadesuit	All Pass

This did not work out well for Piekarek. Pszczola started with the $\heartsuit J$, taken by Piekarek in dummy. He ruffed a heart, played the $\clubsuit A$, $\clubsuit Q$ and a club to the king, ruffed by Lev to play the $\diamond K$, $\diamond Q$ and a diamond to Pszczola's ace. A fourth round of clubs was ruffed by the 3 and over-ruffed by Lev with the 4. When the smoke cleared, Piekarek was two down for minus 200 and Mahaffey was in the lead 126-121.

Bessis tied the match on the next deal, however.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit K Q 6 \heartsuit 2 \diamond 9 7 5 \clubsuit A J 10 8 6 4</p>	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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		<p>\spadesuit J 3 \heartsuit A 9 4 \diamond J 10 6 3 \clubsuit K 9 3 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit 5 \heartsuit K J 10 8 7 6 \diamond Q 4 2 \clubsuit Q 7 5</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
	1 \clubsuit	Pass	1 \heartsuit
1 \spadesuit	2 \clubsuit	Dbl	3 \clubsuit
4 \spadesuit	All Pass		

Thomas Bessis started with the $\clubsuit A$, which was ruffed. Rodwell lost two trump tricks, but the $\clubsuit K$ provided a parking place for his low diamond (the finesse was working in any case), so he lost only one other trick – a heart – for plus 420.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
	Pass	Pass	2 \diamond
3 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	



Michel Bessis, France

Lev led his singleton heart. Smirnov went up with the ace and played the ♠J to Lev's queen. Lev was endplayed. He couldn't play a spade or he would give up his other trump trick, a diamond would eliminate declarer's losers in that suit and provide an entry so that he could lead up to his ♥Q. It wouldn't matter if Lev got a heart ruff because the ♠K would drop under the ace as soon as Smirnov got in. Lev tried cashing his ♣A but Smirnov ruffed and played the ♠A and another spade. With only minor-suit cards left, Lev had to put Smirnov in dummy. That was plus 590 and 5 IMPs to Bessis. The score was 126-126.

Mahaffey took the lead for good on the sixth board of the set.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
		1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	All Pass

Michel Bessis cashed his ♥A and continued with the ♠A and ♠K. That left Meckstroth with two losers in each of the red suits for minus 100. Lev and Pszczola were more enterprising in the other room, and they had a bit of luck as well.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
		1♠	2♦
Dbl	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Even if Smirnov had hit on the lead of a club, the suit was blocked, so it didn't matter that he started with the ♠J, allowing Pszczola to take the first nine tricks for plus 400 and a 7-IMP gain. Mahaffey was leading 133-126. They picked up an overtrick IMP on the next deal, and more IMPs went Mahaffey's way on board 8.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
2NT	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The opening lead of the ♦9 went to the 10 and jack, and the ♦A was ruffed with the ♥J. The ♥Q went to West's ace, and a third round of diamonds was ruffed with the 9, trumps pulled and dummy entered with a club to the ace. A spade went on the ♣K, which was followed by the ♠Q, covered by the king and ace.

Another round of trumps was played before Bessis led a spade to the 9 and claimed plus 450.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
1♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Piekarek's pass looks like a gamble - and it was one that failed dismally. He also led his singleton diamond to the 10 and jack, and Lev ruffed the diamond return with the 8, then played a heart to dummy's 10 and Smirnov's ace. Hoping that his partner had the ♠A, Smirnov continued with the ♠K, which speeded up the play. Lev quickly claimed the doubled overtrick for plus 690 and a 6-IMP gain.

Board 9 was a push, but another big swing went to Mahaffey on board 10.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>T. Bessis</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>M. Bessis</i>
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	3♣	Pass

A heart lead on the given auction seems decidedly optimistic, and in fact was the only lead other than the ♣6 (blocking the suit) to give away the contract. The lead gave Rodwell three heart tricks to go with four spades and two diamonds, good for plus 600.

West <i>Smirnov</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Piekarek</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
		3♦	All Pass

Piekarek's heavy 3♦ opening was not a success. The heart lead went to dummy's ace, and declarer unblocked the top spades from his hand, then cashed the ♦K and played a diamond to the ace before cashing the ♠Q for a club pitch, the ♥A for another club pitch and finally the ♠J for a third spade pitch. Pszczola ruffed, but declarer had an overtrick – and a 10-IMP loss.

The boards were more or less flat from that point, Bessis outscoring Mahaffey 7-5 over the final six deals. The final score was 155-133.



Sam Lev, USA

Another day at the office

by Jan van Cleeff

Board 30 of the Open Pairs, Semi final A looked like another day at the office. Due to the favourable club layout it seems that E/W have an easy road to nine tricks in a spade partial. Really? Wait and see.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West <i>Molenaar</i>	North <i>Ritmeijer</i>	East <i>Verbeek</i>	South <i>Ticha</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

2♥ Transfer

Having no obvious lead North, Richard Ritmeijer, decided to kick off with a low spade to the jack and ace. Danny Molenaar cashed a second spade and exited with the suit. In with the ♠Q North switched to a low club. Declarer flew with the king and ran the ♥J.

North won the queen and again underlead a club! South won the eight with her ten after which the defence were able to cash all of their winners. Down two resulted in a score of 95% for the winners of last week's bronze medal in the mixed pairs.

Souvenir Cards

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

Championship Diary



When Barry noticed that the Greek pair Doxiadis and Kannavos were leading the field in the Open Pairs, he asked Fotis (our web editor) if this was a surprise. 'Not at all' he replied, 'it is Doxiadis, not Paradoxiadis.'

We were momentarily surprised when a member of our team reported that according to the Guardian newspaper, the next president of France might be Aubry – it was of course Martine Aubry, the Socialist candidate.

Searching for news on Google, the Polish version pays tribute on its home page to **Czesław Miłosz** who was born on 30 June 1911. He was a Polish poet, prose writer and translator of Lithuanian origin and subsequent American citizenship. His World War II-era sequence *The World* is a collection of 20 "naive" poems. He defected to the West in 1951, and his non-fiction book *The Captive Mind* (1953) is a classic of anti-Stalinism. From 1961 to 1998 he was a professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1980 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

This is one of his poems (we do have a cultural side). (It is a translation of a poem by Anna Swir)

I Talk To My Body

My body, you are an animal
whose appropriate behavior
is concentration and discipline.
An effort
of an athlete, of a saint and of a yogi.
Well trained,
you may become for me
a gate
through which I will leave myself
and a gate
through which I will enter myself.
A plumb line to the center of the earth
and a cosmic ship to Jupiter.
My body, you are an animal
for whom ambition
is right.
Splendid possibilities
are open to us.

Translated from the Polish by Czeslaw Milosz and Leonard Nathan

Spectators were thin on the ground yesterday – for most of the first VuGraph session PO gave a 1 to 1 Masterclass!

Leszek Kwiatkowski 1946-2010



Member of the Organising Committee of 5th European Open Championships, Poznan 2011, Grand Master.

He was the first who believed that Poznan was the right place for our Championships and immediately convinced the local authority to support this idea.

Unfortunately he can only observe our event from a better (different?) perspective.

Welcome to Scotland....

So many players here have commented on our beautiful country that we hope some of you will come to visit.

If you would like to combine a trip with a little bridge, we commend our three National Congresses in Peebles, a lovely little town not far from Edinburgh.

Peebles Hotel Hydro



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A review of the Semi-finals

by Barry Rigal

In the rush to cover the three finals, we neglected to mention a couple of entertaining deals from the Open semi-finals. Both matches went down to the very final deal, so we thought a couple of the critical deals might be worth showing a day or two later.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Everyone knows how to use keycard to stay out of a slam off the trump queen – but what happens when one hand shows two key-cards and a void? How do you ask for the trump queen? Lev didn't care – he just bid the grand slam after Pszczola responded 5NT to his 4NT ask – Pepsi could have had a sixth trump or the jack or they could lead a trump...as indeed they did!

Does that alter the odds? Pepsi took the queen with the ace, led towards dummy...and time stood still. Unkind commentators were speculating that declarer was preparing excuses to offer Lev if he got it wrong (not that Sam would ever criticize his partner) but eventually declarer went with the a priori odds and finessed.

Michel Bessis also reached the grand slam – but on a club lead he had no reason not to take the restricted choice play and go down, as he duly did. So both trailing teams gained 14 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

The next board produced only the smallest of swings; at three tables North stayed out of the auction and defended to two spades by West. The defenders led their singleton heart, so South

gave his partner a ruff, signalling for clubs in the process. Now if North played a club West would win and draw trumps, then discard a diamond on the master heart. So North shifted to a top diamond to kill the discard but declarer ducked and the defence were stymied. There are two small points: the first is that North might deviously have shifted to the ♦9 – but declarer really has no legitimate shot to make unless he puts in the jack. The second is that any pair playing Polish leads (low from doubleton) might have given their partner the ruff at trick two without cashing the second heart winner. Now it might appear that the club play at trick three leaves the defenders better placed. But declarer simply wins and draws trumps, then knocks out the remaining heart honour. Again, the defenders' only chance as the cards lie is the deceptive low diamond lead at trick three.

At the fourth table Meckwell defended 3♦ by South after a 2NT overcall by North. Here the defenders led three rounds of spades. When declarer pitched a club from dummy Meckstroth ruffed low and played a club to the ace. Now a fourth heart would have promoted a third trump trick for the defenders. As it was, one down meant 2 IMPs for Texan Aces.

The last deal saw the trailing teams (Aces and Monaco) needing the opportunity for a big swing; cometh the hour cometh the board.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

While Lev played 2♥ and Bessis defended 4♠, the Aces and Monaco declared 4♥ from North. If either contract made, it would be enough to win the match. Piekarek put paid to the game by leading a spade – and Smirnov went up with the queen when declarer played low from dummy. So Bessis were through.

Meckstroth led a trump after a strong no-trump auction and Stayman, and declarer took the jack with the king in hand; now what were the options?

At the table Venkatesh drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy as Meckstroth threw a discouraging diamond and a small club. He led a diamond to the ♦A and a diamond up, and Meckstroth ducked – as was necessary to set the contract. Now declarer was almost dead; when he guessed to play the ♦Q he stood no further chance. But had he put in the ten his one remaining shot would have been to lead the club queen from dummy; Rodwell would have had to put up the king to play a spade through declarer to defeat the game.



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10 JULY	20.30	- <i>Additional tournament EX - 3 26 boards</i>
11 JULY	10.00	- Holiday tournament W - 2 26 boards
11 JULY	16.00	- Congress tournament K - 3 3 x 10 boards
11 JULY	20.30	- <i>Additional tournament EX - 4 imps 26 boards</i>
12 JULY	10.00	- Holiday tournament W - 3 imps 26 boards
12 JULY	15.00	- Congress tournament K - 4 3 x 10 boards
12 JULY	20.30	- <i>Additional tournament EX - 5 26 boards</i>
13 JULY	10.00	- Holiday tournament W - 4 26 boards
13 JULY	15.00	- Congress tournament K - 5 3 x 10 boards
13 JULY	20.30	- <i>Additional tournament EX - 6 26 boards</i>
14 JULY	10.00	- Holiday tournament W - 5 26 boards
14 JULY	15.00	- Congress tournament K - 6 3 x 10 boards
14 JULY	20.30	- <i>Additional tournament EX - 7 26 boards</i>
15 JULY	10.00	- Holiday tournament W - 6 26 boards
15 JULY	15.00	- Congress tournament K - 7 3 x 10 boards
15 JULY	20.30	- <i>Additional tournament EX - 8 26 boards</i>
16 JULY	10.00	- Holiday tournament W - 7 26 boards
16 JULY	15.00	- Congress tournament K - 8 3 x 10 boards
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Movin' on up

by Brent Manley

Going into round 16 of the Women's Pairs qualifying, Sabine Auken and Janice Seamon-Molson were in sixth place overall. With a bit of luck and plenty of action, they jumped over the five pairs ahead of them into first place. There was one hiccup in the 10-board set, but the other nine boards were just what they needed to move up the ranks.

The first board out of the box started the trend.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.


♠ 5 ♥ K 10 9 8 6 5 3 ♦ 10 8 7 6 ♣ 5		♠ K J 8 6 2 ♥ 7 4 ♦ Q 4 ♣ A Q 9 4	♠ A Q 10 9 7 ♥ 2 ♦ 9 5 3 ♣ J 7 6 2
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West	North <i>Auken</i>	East	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	1♣	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
2♥	3NT	All Pass	

At the vulnerability, North-South weren't going to get rich doubling 2♥, so Auken simply bid the vulnerable game.

East led the ♥7 to the 2, 8 and queen. Auken played a spade to the 9 and continued with the ♣J to East's queen. The ♠8 was taken by dummy's 10, and another club was played to king and ace. East exited with her second heart: ♠7, 9, jack. Auken cashed the ♥A and followed with the top diamonds, getting the good news about that suit. After taking the ♦J, she cashed the ♣10 and put East in with a club to the 9. The ♠A took trick 13 for plus 630 and 82.61%.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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


West	North <i>Auken</i>	East	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	Dbl	All Pass	

It was a typical matchpoint auction – East-West overbidding and North making a penalty double that would jangle the nerves in an IMP game.

Auken led the ♥8 to declarer's queen, which was followed by a club to the ace and a club off dummy. Seamon-Molson hopped up with the ♣Q to shift to the ♦Q: king, ace, 2. A diamond to the jack was followed by a third diamond, ruffed by Auken. The defenders had four tricks in with the trump ace still to come. Plus 200 was good for 95.65% of the matchpoints.

Over the last four boards, they averaged better than 76%.

Board 27. South Dealer. None Vul.

♠ K J 10 6 3 ♥ J 10 ♦ 9 8 7 5 ♣ J 8		♠ A 4 ♥ Q 9 6 2 ♦ 3 ♣ 10 9 7 6 5 3	♠ 8 7 2 ♥ A 8 7 5 3 ♦ K J 10 6 ♣ 4
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West	North <i>Auken</i>	East	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
			2NT
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West could have earned a plus for her side with a spade lead, but she started with the ♦9. Seamon-Molson didn't press her luck by going for overtricks, simply cashing her nine tricks for plus 400 – good for 67.39%.

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Board 28. West Dealer. N/S Vul.

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

West	North <i>Auken</i>	East	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
2♦	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

There was no problem in the play. Seamon-Molson won the ♦J opening lead in hand, pulled trumps and led a heart up. West ducked and the ♥K won. The ♥Q drove out the ace, and declarer could claim plus 1430 and a 71.74% score.

Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North <i>Auken</i>	East	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♦	1♠	INT	2♣
3♦	3♥	4♦	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dbl	All Pass


East led the ♦2, ruffed by Auken. She led a spade from hand at trick two, taken by East with the ace. A second diamond went to the jack and ace, and Auken thought about her play for a time before ruffing. She didn't know it, but two overtricks were available via a heart finesse, but she played the doubler for the ♥K, leading the queen from hand. She was surprised to see West win the trump king and fire back a trump, giving a non-helpful ruff-sluff. Auken

ruffed in hand, pitched a club from dummy and played the ♥A, gratified to see both opponents follow.

Having lost only two tricks at that point, Auken's contract was safe as long as East didn't have all the missing clubs, which was unlikely. Auken played the ♣J from hand, covered by the queen and ace. And when the ♣K picked up the 10 from West and the 2 from East, Auken had plus 990 – a 91.30% score.

Seamon-Molson earned her side a fine score on the last board with expert declarer play.


Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North <i>Auken</i>	East	South <i>Seamon-Molson</i>
Pass	4NT	Pass	INT
		All Pass	

West led a low heart, ducked to the 8 and queen. Double-dummy Seamon-Molson could have played for diamonds to lie as they actually did, but she found a more elegant route to a fine score.

At trick two, she led a low diamond from hand, putting up the king. When that held, she played a club to her queen and another club to the ace. She ran the clubs, pitching a heart and two diamonds. She then played a spade to the ace and cashed the king to reach this end position:

♠ — ♥ A 10 ♦ 10 5 ♣ —		♠ J 10 8 ♥ — ♦ 9 ♣ —
♠ — ♥ K J ♦ A J ♣ —	♠ Q 5 ♥ 7 ♦ Q ♣ —	

When Seamon-Molson cashed the ♠Q, West was caught in squeeze without the count. She eventually let go of the ♦J, so Seamon-Molson pitched the ♥10 from dummy and played the ♦Q, setting up the ♦10 for trick number 12. Plus 490 was worth 76.09%.

Seniorzy także na medal...

by Wojtek Siwiec

...tyle że brązowy. W mistrzowskim turnieju teamów seniorów trzecie miejsce zajęła polsko-szwajcarska drużyna w składzie: Marek Borewicz – Roger Kutner oraz Jacek Stasica – Włodzimierz Wala. W małym finale pokonała ona inny polsko-szwajcarski team, w którym grali Stefan Cabaj z Włodzimierzem Ilnickim oraz Wit Klapper z Sylwestrem Walerowiczem. Serdeczne gratulacje dla zwycięzców i pokonanych!

Popatrzmy na efektowną rozgrywkę jednego z brązowych medalistów – Jacka Stasicy; rozdanie pochodzi z ćwierćfinałowego spotkania KUTNER – WOJEWODA...

Pokój zamknięty:

Rozd. 2/III; rozdawał E, NS po partii

♠ 10 7 6 3 2
♥ 4
♦ A W 8 7 3
♣ 7 5

♠ D 8 5
♥ D W 9 8 5
♦ 5
♣ K D 8 4

N
W E
S

♠ A W
♥ A K 7 2
♦ D 10 9 4
♣ A W 3

♠ K 9 4
♥ 10 6 3
♦ K 6 2
♣ 10 9 6 2

West	North	East	South
Stasica	Salliere	Wala	Adad
1♥	pas	1♣	pas
2BA ²	pas	2♦ ¹	pas
4♣ ⁴	pas	3♥ ³	pas
6♥	pas	4♠ ⁵	pas
	pas	pas	pas

1 odwrotka

2 7–10 PC, pięć kierów

3 zachęcające, wezwanie do cuebidu

4, 5 cuebidy

Przeciwko rozgrywanemu przez Jacka Stasicę szlemikowi kierowemu obrońca N – Gerard Salliere – wyszedł ♠2 (trzecią-piątą najlepszą). Nikt nie lubi przegrywać gry premiowej już w pierwszej lewie, przeto Stasica zabił ją asem, tym bardziej że dysponował jeszcze innymi szansami na sukces niż impas ♠K. Następnie rozgrywający ściągnął dwa razy atuty – gdyby podzieliły się one po dwa, mógłby już pokazać przeciwnikom karty. Niestety, u N ujawnił się tylko jeden kier. Jacek zagrał więc teraz w trefle, z nadzieją, że nie dzielą się one 3–3, a dłuższy fragment tego koloru znajduje się w ręce zawodnika S, u którego pozostał jeszcze atut. Tak też się stało, zatem na czwartego trefla rozgrywający pozbył się z dzi-

adka ♠W, a w lewie następnej przebił tam pika. Udało się, cóż z tego jednak, skoro w końcówce...

♠ 10
♥ –
♦ A W 8 7
♣ –

♠ D
♥ W 9 8
♦ 5
♣ –

N
W E
S

♠ –
♥ K
♦ D 10 9 4
♣ –

♠ K
♥ 10
♦ K 6 2
♣ –

... nie było szybkiego zejścia do ręki, aby przebić na stole jeszcze jednego pika. Nie było też jednak innego wyjścia, jak zagrać teraz ze stołu w karo. Ponieważ techniczne zagranie ♦D (na szansę, iż ♦A K znajdują się u N, który nie posiada już kiera) nie mogło zakończyć się powodzeniem (z ♦A K... N wyszedłby w ten kolor na pierwszym wiście), a także wyjście z dziadka ♦10 czy ♦9 mogłoby jedynie obudzić czujność obrońcy S – Jacek po prostu zadysponował ze stołu „karo”. I jego nadzieja się ziściła, S najwyraźniej zapadł w słodką drzemkę, dołożył bowiem ♦2 (?). I lewę tę musiał wziąć nieposiadający już atutów jego partner, Jacek zdołał zatem przebić na stole ostatniego pika z ręki, a to było równoważne ze zrealizowaniem gry. Stąd 980 punktów dla KUTNERA i 11 impów zysku, jako że w pokoju otwartym WE zegrali tylko 4♥ i wzięli jedenaście lew.

Oczywiście, na zagrane ze stołu karo broniący S powinien był wskoczyć ♦K (dołożenie ♦6 w tym momencie już nie wystarczyłoby, w jednej z poprzednich lew jego partner pozbył się bowiem ♦3), aby następnie wyjść w kiera i położyć grę bez jednej. Do końca rozdania należy zachować czujność, w żadnym momencie nie wolno się odłączać od gry – taką właśnie uwagę kieruje do swoich podopiecznych partner Jacka, a jednocześnie kapitan-selekcjoner reprezentacji Polski seniorów Włodzimierz Wala.

Uważni czytelnicy bez wątpienia spostrzegli, że w widne kary kontrakt można zrealizować zawsze, pod warunkiem że ściągnie się kiery tylko raz (!?), a potem zagra cztery trefle i wyrzuci ze stołu ♠W, następnie zaś przebije się tam pika, wróci do ręki atutem i przebije w dziadku ostatniego pika z ręki. W zakryte karty taka gra jest jednak absolutnie niemożliwa do przeprowadzenia, jako że mogłaby doprowadzić do przegrania wykładanego kontraktu przy wielu rozkładach korzystniejszych niż ten akurat w tym przypadku zwycięski (np. przy podziale atutów 2–2).

Jacka Pszczoły droga do złota

by Wojtek Siwiec

Jacek Pszczoła zdobył już drugi medal tych mistrzostw, po brązie w teamach mikstowych przyszła kolej na krążek z najcenniejszego kruszcu – jego drużyna MAHAFFEY wygrała bowiem najbardziej prestiżową rywalizację poznańskiego czempionatu w konkurencji teamów open. Serdeczne gratulacje dla naszego reprezentanta i jego amerykańskich partnerów! A teraz trzy rozdania z bojów jeszcze przedfinałowych, w których to właśnie Jacek Pszczoła przesądził o sukcesie swojej drużyny...

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

♠ 8 4			
♥ KW 9 5			
♦ DW 5			
♣ A 6 4 2			
♠ AK 5		♠ DW 10 9 7	
♥ 10		♥ AD 7 6 4	
♦ 7 6 4 2		♦ K 8 3	
♣ 10 9 8 7 3		♣ —	
	♠ 6 3 2		
	♥ 8 3 2		
	♦ A 10 9		
	♣ K DW 5		

West Lev	North Wojcieszek	East Pszczola	South Mścisz
			pas
pas	1♥(!?)	1♠	2♥
3♥ ¹	pas	4♠	pas
pas	pas		

I inwit do końcówki z fitem pikowym

Po trzecie ręcznym otwarciu Jakuba Wojcieszka 1♥ Pszczoła pokazał swoje piki i szybko znalazł się w końcówce w ten kolor. Przeciwno 4♠ obrońca S – Jerzy Mścisz – zaatakował ♣K. Jacek nie chciał już w pierwszej lewie skracać swojej ręki, nie przebił więc, tylko wyrzucił i tak przegrywającą blotkę karo. Zgodnie z jego oczekiwaniami w drugiej lewie S wyszedł w atu, dalsza rozgrywka była już zatem prosta: ♠A, impas ♥D w ręce, ♥A, kier przebity w dziadku ♠5, trefl przebity w ręce, kolejna przebitka kiera na stole – tym razem królem atu, przebitka trefla w ręce, ściągnięcie ♠D W i wykorzystanie forty kierowej. I to już było dziesięć lew, w ręce pozostały bowiem do oddania tylko dwa kara.

Jacek był jednak także przygotowany na najgroźniejszą kontynuację ze strony obrońców, jaką byłoby powtórzenie w drugiej lewie ataku treflowego. Przebiłby ją mianowicie w ręce, po czym wszedłby do dziadka ♠A, zrobiłby impas ♥D, ściągnąłby ♥A, przebiłby na stole ♠5 kiera, przebiłby w ręce trefla, przebiłby w dziadku ♠K kiera, przebiłby w ręce ♠W

trefla, ściągnąłby ♠D i w końcówce...

♠ —			
♥ —			
♦ DW 5			
♣ —			
♠ —		♠ —	
♥ —		♥ 7	
♦ 7 6		♦ K 8	
♣ 10		♣ —	
	♠ 6		
	♥ —		
	♦ A 10		
	♣ —		

... wyszedłby z ręki fortą kierową. A S musiałby ją przebić i zagrać w kara, dziesiątą wziętką stałby się więc ♦K w ręce rozgrywającego.

Po trzecie ręcznym otwarciu N 1♥ z tylko czterema kartami w tym kolorze Pszczoła wiedział, że musiało być ono podlimitowe. Zatem po ujawnieniu się tam ♣A oraz ♥KW oczywiste było, iż ♦A musi się znajdować w ręce S, czyli za królem. A to wykluczało związane z dobrym położeniem ♦A alternatywne linie rozgrywki.

Rozd. 24/RI 6/II; rozdawał W, obie przed partią

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

Pokój zamknięty:

West Lev	North Askgaard	East Pszczola	South Bjarnarsson
pas	pas	1♦	1♥
2♥	pas	2♠	pas
3♥	pas	3BA	pas
pas	pas		

Jacek otworzył na trzeciej ręce 1♦, po czym jego partner Sam Lev nie wypuścił go już z końcówki (miała tu miejsce

pewna konfuzja licytacyjna, ale o to mniejsza). Kontrakt był, delikatnie mówiąc, ostry, niemniej pierwszy wist blotką kierową dał Pszczole szansę, którą ten skrupulatnie wykorzystał. Po wzięciu pierwszej lewy ♠9 w ręce puścił mi-anowicie karo wkoło. S utrzymał się ♦W i powtórzył małym kierem. Jacek wziął tę lewę singlowym już w tym momencie asem na stole, po czym zagrał ♦A i karem. Lewę tę zdobył na ♦D broniący N, który nie miał już kierów, wyszedł przeto treflem. Pszczoła starannie zabił tę lewę ♣K na stole, ściągnął dwie forty karowe, a następnie ♠A i wyszedł pikiem – do damy w ręce. Dziewiątą lewą był znajdujący się tam ♣A.

Teoretycznie rzecz biorąc, tylko wist małym kierem umożliwił zrealizowanie gry, Jacek stwierdził wszakże, że także po ataku w kolor czarny kontrakt jeszcze by się grało...

Co szczególnie ciekawe i zabawne, na drugim stole meczu MAHAFFEY – DENMARK OPEN w rozdaniu tym obiegły cztery pasy (!), tak W, jak i E, a także S, mieli bowiem po jedenaście miltonów. Ten ostatni nie zdecydował się na otwarcie na czwartej ręce ze względu na fakt, że posiadał tylko dwa piki. Team Pszczoły wygrał zatem cenne 9 impów.

Rozd. 26/R4/II; rozdawał E, obie po partii

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

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>Semanta</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>
		1♦	ktr.
3♣ ¹	3♦ ²	pas	3♥
pas	4♥	pas	pas
pas			

1 bilansowo-układowe podniesienie do 3♦

2 kolor przeciwnika: możliwość gry w oba kolory starsze

I wreszcie jedno z decydujących rozdań dramatycznego, zaciętego spotkania ćwierćfinałowego MAHAFFEY – LAVAZZA. Tu z pomocą przyszła Jackowi dynamiczna licytacja przeciwników. Otóż po skoku Duboina na 3♣ nasz reprezentant uznał, że w ręce przeciwnika z lewej powinna znajdować się jakaś krótkość, a ta mogła być jedynie w kierach. Po zabiciu pierwszej lewy ♦A zagrał więc blotkę atu do

dziadkowego króla, a w następnej zaimpasował Semencie ♥D. Gdyby nawet lewę tę wziął Duboin na pierwotnie drugą ♥D, istniałaby ogromna szansa, że druga ze starszych dam – pikowa, leży pod impasem (metoda hipotezy).

To właśnie było clou rozdania, kontrakt został zatem zrealizowany (Pszczola oddał trefla oraz dwa piki).

Pokój otwarty:

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Madala</i>
		1♦	ktr.
2♦	4♦ ¹	ktr.	rktr.
pas	4♥	pas	pas
pas			

I kolory starsze

W pokoju otwartym Eric Rodwell zaliczył mniej dynamicznie niż Giorgio Duboin w pokoju zamkniętym – przede wszystkim dlatego, że otwarcie Jeffa Meckstrotha mogło być przygotowawcze, z tylko dwoma karami, a nawet – w szczególnym wypadku – z singlowym honorem w tym kolorze. Agustin Madala nie dysponował więc w zasadzie przesłanką dostępną Jackowi, zagrał zatem kiery z góry i poległ bez jednej, za 100. Stąd 12 impów dla MAHAFFEYA – w meczu wygranym ostatecznie przez team Jacka różnicą trzynastu punktów meczowych.

Druga część Jacka Pszczoły drogi do złota, czyli kilka rozdań z finału, w którym nasz reprezentant był zdecydowanie najlepszym zawodnikiem (MVP) – w jutrzejszym biuletynie.



Jacek Pszczoła, Poland

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Rank	Names	Percentage	Rank	Names	Percentage
1	L K NIELSEN - M SCHALTZ	59.38	57	M KRUPOWICZ - S ZAWISLAK	51.22
2	R v PROOIJEN - L VERHEES JR	58.72	58	T BARDESEN - K C BAUMANN	51.18
3	R NIEDZIELSKI - J PRZYGRÓDZKI	57.53	59	B EFRAIMSSON - A MORATH	51.13
4	J ROMBAUT - P SCHMIDT	56.99	60	M BAREL - Y ZACK	51.06
5	M BESSIS - T BESSIS	56.30	61	P JASSEM - P TUCZYNSKI	50.86
6	V ARONOV - A ZOBU	56.12	62	J MAKARUK - P NIEDZIELSKI	50.82
7	M NOWOSADZKI - P TUSZYNSKI	55.71	63	J AUKEN - S CHRISTIANSEN	50.79
8	R JAGNIEWSKI - M KWIECIEN	55.66	64	J PIEKAREK - A SMIRNOV	50.64
9	R ROHOWSKY - E SANSOUR	55.32	65	F BJORNLUND - N SANDQVIST	50.59
10	P CRONIER - G D TESSIERES	55.28	66	J GRANSTROM - K PATANA	50.57
11	P BUSSE - A SYREK	55.13	67	T BAKKE - J HOYLAND	50.46
12	M EIDI - V VROUSTIS	54.94	68	P B NEHMERT - M YUEN	50.43
13	A MALINOWSKI - A RASMUSSEN	54.88	69	T DE MENDEZ - X MICHAUD-LARIVIERE	50.41
14	J CIECHOMSKI - W SKORA	54.65	70	B FALLENIUS - P FREDIN	50.36
15	E GINOSSAR - R PACHTMAN	54.63	71	O BESTRZYNSKI - R NOWICKI	50.35
16	W SZELKA - C WOLCZAK	54.53	72	J CIESLAK - D FILIPOWICZ	50.28
17	M KLUKOWSKI - T KLUKOWSKI	54.38	73	M BOMPIS - J QUANTIN	50.27
18	M C TOKAY - A VERSACE	54.32	74	F BAKKEREN - T BAKKEREN	50.13
19	P ZATORSKI - S GOLEBIEWSKI	54.03	75	J ALFEJEVA - M MATISONS	50.12
20	B POPOV - S SKORCHEV	53.98	76	M KOPECKY - J KURKA	50.11
21	T HELNESS - J MOLBERG	53.95	77	V GIUBILO - R ZALESKI	49.94
22	R RITMEIJER - M TICHA	53.77	78	F FLORIN - M IONITA	49.90
23	G MIHAI - R MIHAI	53.72	79	A KASPRZAK - M SZALINSKI	49.86
24	A BACH - I DELMONTE	53.63	80	R GARDZIELEWSKI - P KOLWICZ	49.86
25	P CULLIN - J UPMARK	53.55	81	O GHIGHECI - I ROTARU	49.85
26	M DUGUET - F RIEHM	53.42	82	A JELENIEWSKI - J WACHNOWSKI	49.82
27	L SEBBANE - L THUILLEZ	53.29	83	W NICINSKI - A PAWLOWSKI	49.80
28	F MULTON - P ZIMMERMANN	53.27	84	S PETERKIN - S PUNCH	49.78
29	C BALICKI - J PSZCZOLA	53.12	85	F BIGDELI - P BOCKEN	49.74
30	M CHERNY - L GREENBAUM	53.10	86	I BAREKET - A LENGY	49.74
31	A APTEKER - C GOWER	52.85	87	M EIDE - S O HOYLAND	49.46
32	I RADJUKEVICH - A TIMAKHOVICH	52.77	88	M KANE - P SHIELDS	49.40
33	S GUPTA - K R VENKATARAMAN	52.76	89	P ILCZUK - M JELENIEWSKI	49.33
34	I KANDEMIR - S KOLATA	52.74	90	G SERPOI - C STIRBU	49.32
35	D BAKHSHI - T TOWNSEND	52.63	91	N KUBAC - N ZORLU	49.26
36	E MISZEWSKA - S ZAKRZEWSKI	52.55	92	V DENIZCI - M YERGIN	49.05
37	J JANSMA - G J PAULISSEN	52.42	93	D MOLENAAR - T VERBEEK	49.05
38	J FJAELBERG - J E OLSEN	52.34	94	G KARAKOLEV - Z ZAHARIEV	48.97
39	S MLYNARCZUK - W TOMASZEK	52.34	95	I HAYES - H MATTSON	48.77
40	K SIKORSKI - W WEJKNIS	52.26	96	P BUTRYN - N SAKOWSKA	48.72
41	K BURAS - G NARKIEWICZ	52.17	97	M MALYSA - D RYAN	48.70
42	A JASZCZAK - M LESNIEWSKI	52.01	98	A GOLYGOWSKI - R PALASZ	48.69
43	W GAWEL - P WIANKOWSKI	51.94	99	I COLDEA - B MARINA	48.65
44	A GULA - M TACZEWSKI	51.76	100	M ROMANOVSKA - K RUBINS	48.63
45	D ISRAELI - D PADON	51.68	101	S JANIK - J NOWAK	48.58
46	K DOXIADIS - P KANNAVOS	51.67	102	S JOHNSEN - A STOKKELAND	48.49
47	H BERTENS - B WESTRA	51.64	103	D BOGUICKI - I DZIKOWSKI	48.40
48	G REKSTAD - P TONDEL	51.61	104	N BUCHLEV - J LESNICZAK	48.39
49	E HOMME - K O KOPSTAD	51.50	105	D NIKOLAYENKO - G RYBNIKOV	48.30
50	S ORLOV - D PROKHOROV	51.46	106	K NADAR - B SATYANARAYANA	48.28
51	R BOWDERY - J HACKETT	51.39	107	A PETRUNIN - A STERKIN	48.07
52	U KIELICHOWSKI - A KOZIKOWSKI	51.36	108	A DELLA MONTA - B HACKETT	47.95
53	K JASSEM - K MARTENS	51.35	109	G BREKKA - T HOILAND	47.92
54	A MALINOWSKI - J P SVENDSEN	51.35	110	F AYDOGDU - N AYDOGDU	47.48
55	S ASSAEL - Y KAHYAUGLU	51.34	111	I KHAZANOV - M LEBEDEVA	47.47
56	D DANAILOV - J STAMATOV	51.31	112	T GOTARD - T GOTARD	47.46
			113	J H HERLAND - D UELAND	47.38

114	S COPE - S SHAH	47.33	132	P GUILLAUMIN - F STRETZ	45.93
115	S HENCLIK - K OMERNIK	47.28	133	W DOLNY - J MICHALOWSKI	45.90
116	B KRUCZEK - B LESIECKI	47.27	134	D BILDE - E JEPSEN	45.18
117	G PROBOLA - J ROGOWSKI	47.26	135	B AMBROZ - M SENK	44.86
118	P KARLYKOV - B SHUKHMEYSTER	47.25	136	J KAMRAS - A WIKNER	44.84
119	W FRUKACZ - J ZADROGA	47.22	137	L BREDE - K KOTOROWICZ	44.09
120	T BRAUN - V LENZ	47.17	138	B I HANSSSEN - I LYNGEN	43.91
121	J ROMANOWSKI - W ROZWADOWSKI	47.15	139	J F ALLIX - W LIBBRECHT	43.77
122	M BARYLEWSKI - C KRZEMINSKI	47.00	140	W BROWN - S DYBDAHL	43.51
123	T WINCIOREK - M WRECZYCKI	46.98	141	J MSCISZ - J WOJCIESZEK	43.23
124	S GARCIA - Q ROBERT	46.86	142	E CZUBAK - S ROKICKI	42.96
125	FVOLCKER - A LEVY	46.82	143	M DEMBINSKI - M PEDZINSKI	42.90
126	R BOEDDEKER - F ZARKESCH	46.71	144	M TYRAN - D WARWAS	41.99
127	S DE DONDER - S DISSARD	46.68	145	E BEDNARCZYK - B OSTROWSKI	39.03
128	M ASKGAARD - G BJARNARSON	46.58	146	J KOTOROWICZ - P MIECHOWICZ	37.76
129	J JANOWSKI - S PAJAK	46.45	147	T OSINSKI - R SZCZEPANSKI	28.21
130	E KACZMAREK - W SROCZYNSKI	46.27	148	J CVENTIN - F WRANG	28.08
131	A ARLOVICH - EVAINIKONIS	46.19			

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Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	M KHVEN - E RUDAKOV	61.94	40	K KARAIVANOV - T RUSEV	53.02
2	A GROMOV - W STARKOWSKI	60.75	41	A DEBOWSKI - R SZLACHETKA	52.99
3	R OPALINSKI - P ZAWADA	59.45	42	P CHINDELEWICZ - B PAWSZAK	52.84
4	M LANZAROTTI - A MANNO	59.26	43	O GUR - M YILMAZ	52.83
5	A HUSSEIN - T SADEK	58.98	44	D B COTESCU - D IORDACHE	52.76
6	P GAWRYS - J KALITA	57.83	45	B PAZUR - M WOJCICKI	52.76
7	J OSTROWSKI - P WITTENBECK	57.80	46	M LEWIS - I POPOV	52.67
8	R FRANZEL - G KRIFTNER	57.30	47	K KRAJEWSKI - S GAWRYSZCZAK	52.67
9	A BENOIT - O GIARD	57.26	48	T PALUCHOWSKI - J RADECKI	52.66
10	A IVANOV - S IVANOVA	56.58	49	E DEBUS - R VAN MECHELEN	52.60
11	T FORRESTER - D GOLD	55.90	50	B BASARAN - H CIVGINER	52.57
12	T KUS - P RESZCZYNSKI	55.88	51	U JANSONS - A SMILGAJS	52.42
13	J CAPPELLER - J SCHINZE	55.84	52	J HLIWA - R KLEJNY	52.38
14	J HOLMBAKKEN - F JOHNSTUEN	55.67	53	A DUDZIK - A KUSION	52.28
15	K LATAWIEC - P STOPA	55.60	54	N BAUSBACK - M LOEFGREN	52.28
16	A SKOP - A WUJKOW	55.50	55	G GAWRON - J KOWAL	52.01
17	T CHARLSEN - T E HOFTANISKA	55.35	56	S NYSHCHYI - V ZUBAN	51.87
18	J CARROLL - T GARVEY	55.32	57	J BALASOV - U BETHERS	51.84
19	P BETHERS - A IMSA	55.15	58	R BENNETT - H SMITH	51.82
20	A BOWLES - S MOHANDES	55.11	59	M ARUTIUNIANC - J GACKOWSKI	51.78
21	Y CHUMAK - O ROVYSHYN	55.00	60	P ZAK - J ZAREMBA	51.74
22	M KUPNICKI - L MAJDANSKI	54.91	61	A PESZKE - J WROBEL	51.62
23	S CAITI - M PATTACINI	54.61	62	J KLIMCZAK - D KRUPNIK	51.59
24	D FORGE - V VENTOS	54.54	63	A HYNAR - R WAJDOWICZ	51.58
25	A ALLFREY - A ROBSON	54.34	64	D STUURMAN - E WACKWITZ	51.53
26	R DANCEWICZ - W BIEGAJLO	54.16	65	L KOSTEK - R ZWOLAK	51.50
27	J VOLDOIRE - P SAPORTA	54.01	66	P ANGELOPOULOS - G OIKONOMOPOULOS	51.47
28	P LYCZKOWSKI - A SERWACH	53.93	67	R LACHOWICZ - A WITKOWSKI	51.44
29	E AKSUYEK - A GURSEL	53.89	68	A CHONIAWKO - Z PLESKOT	51.35
30	T SEN - H PEYRET	53.83	69	M MAKATREWICZ - J JANIAK	51.26
31	E KLIDZEJA - O NYEMTSEV	53.81	70	M KWIECINSKI - T SIELICKI	51.18
32	E ELIASSEN - T SOILAND	53.72	71	P JOKISCH - U KASIMIR	51.13
33	T SPODENKIEWICZ - W TURANT	53.71	72	J BETHERS - M LORENCIS	51.09
34	P BLASZCZYK - M SAMUJLLO	53.68	73	J GREWLING - P SOLECKI	50.94
35	A CSATLOS - L HITTMANN	53.52	74	Z BELING - G LEWACIAK	50.81
36	J KOSCIELNY - P MACHOWCZYK	53.25	75	T WASILEWSKI - T JARMOLINSKI	50.81
37	T KOUKOUSELIS - Y PAPAKYRIAKOPOULOS	53.24	76	P GOMEROV - E ZAPADINSKIY	50.77
38	J SKWARK - M WITEK	53.23	77	A CZECH - M PIECZKA	50.72
39	B RASULA - J SADAR	53.14	78	R JUNIK - W KOZUCHOWSKI	50.72
			79	J BOROWINSKI - L MIELCZAREK	50.70

80	T BIRKELUND - L W KVARSVIK	50.67	144	M WHELAN - M BALDYSZ	47.22
81	J JELEN - A WILKOSZ	50.67	145	H K PETERSEN - K HANSEN	47.16
82	W MARYNIOWSKI - T NIEDZWIADK	50.64	146	J MACHOTKA - N MERCAN	47.13
83	W JABLONSKI - A JAKIMIEC	50.59	147	L GOLDER - A PELSZYNSKA	47.10
84	M CICHOCKI - P ZURAKOWSKI	50.59	148	E RECZUGA - M WILGA	47.09
85	J BLAJDA - G SUPERSON	50.52	149	J DOMBROWE - W NAQVI	47.01
86	D KOZLOWSKI - H LAKOMSKI	50.52	150	G BAJEK - W SIUDA	46.78
87	M BARTKOWSKI - B SZULEJEWSKI	50.43	151	A GORZEWSKI - P SUCHODOLSKI	46.76
88	E SHANURIN - V TATARKIN	50.35	152	I GLOWACKI - J IWANSKI	46.63
89	R BOYD - M RUDZINSKI	50.34	153	M HJELTE - J SAFSTEN	46.57
90	M VAN HOOIJDONK - M WINKEL	50.20	154	A CHAUDHURI - B ODDEN	46.48
91	M GIZA - T LATOS	50.16	155	C CURTIS - P FEGARTY	46.44
92	M HUBERSCHWILLER - Q LEVOY	50.10	156	S GEORGIEV - S NENOVA	46.38
93	G LIOSSIS - C SIRAKOPOULOU	50.10	157	Z KOWALEWSKI - A RUTKOWSKI	46.38
94	M FELMY - V KHANUKOV	50.06	158	M MACIAZEK - J ROMOT	46.38
95	M MAKA - P ZIEBA	49.99	159	W RADZIAK - W ANDRUK	46.37
96	M HENC - E VELECKY	49.99	160	M CHEBELEU - L OJOGA	46.30
97	M FECHNER - M ROBAK	49.83	161	P KACPRZAK - P LECKI	46.15
98	M CZEREPAK - G JARZABEK	49.82	162	K GOLAS - J ZABROCKI	46.14
99	M KRZYWINA - S SAMOL	49.78	163	J BOJKO - B JAKUBOWSKA	46.11
100	M R SAKIRLER - M O SEN	49.78	164	J KURDEJ - E SEICHTER	45.67
101	J GRZELCZAK - T KRYSZTOFIK	49.74	165	S NIAJKO - A POMARANSKI	45.66
102	Z KULESZA - Z SABALA	49.68	166	K BEYER - R KLUK	45.64
103	V PLATONENKO - K TRETYACHENKO	49.63	167	A KOKORYKA - K WARZOCHA	45.56
104	D MOSSOP - G ZIVKOVIC	49.53	168	J RODZIEWICZ - M RODZIEWICZ	45.10
105	G SZOTS - C CZIMER	49.51	169	M BARTOSZEWSKI - T SINKIEWICZ	45.09
106	S PIEPIORA - P TOMCZAK	49.40	170	R JASKIEWICZ - S JASKIEWICZ	44.96
107	A HERMANDSDORFER - J UJMA	49.24	171	W ROBINSKI - L ROSOCHOWICZ	44.80
108	H KOPERNOK - T SZYMCZYK	49.21	172	FVLAANDEREN - FVLAANDEREN	44.80
109	B DANIEL - V ISTVAN	49.04	173	P JASSEM - P MALECKI	44.79
110	M KEMENOVA - J TOMCANI	48.99	174	J MAJKUT - L MOKRZYCKI	44.74
111	P GRUSZCZYNSKI - M NOWACZYK	48.98	175	W OLANSKI - V VAINIKONIS	44.73
112	R CHMIELAK - M WALCZAK	48.97	176	C C UNGUREANU - D UNGUREANU	44.39
113	C MARRO - J MAZE-SENCIER	48.94	177	M SZALEWICZ - P ZUBIEL	44.39
114	J ZNAMIROWSKI - M PIETRASZEK	48.93	178	S BOLESTA - T BLINSKI	44.36
115	B O AASAN - J HANSEN	48.92	179	J JAGODZINSKI - R KOWALEWSKI	44.24
116	T BIERNAT - K CHLOBOWSKI	48.89	180	I FERANCHUK - I GODUN	43.94
117	R KAZMIERCZAK - M PILECKI	48.87	181	G ENGBRETSSEN - K SKOV	43.82
118	S SIMANAITIENE - A TYLA	48.85	182	L CHERNYAK - D DOBRIN	43.79
119	R KIELCZEWSKI - A WLAD	48.85	183	R KARP - J KOWALOWKA	43.55
120	M JAWORSKI - T PILCH	48.83	184	T BISPING - W STRZEMECKI	43.40
121	T BARANOWSKI - J MAZURKIEWICZ	48.71	185	M BIELAWSKI - I CHALUPEC	43.19
122	J BATOG - R CYLWIK	48.55	186	K BUZALA - M NIEMIR	42.66
123	M HUTYRA - R WOLANSKI	48.54	187	K CZUL - J WESOLOWSKI	41.81
124	T URBANSKI - W DZIACHAN	48.47	188	J LOSIAK - J STANCZAK	41.30
125	K BEDNAREK - Z SZYSZKOWSKI	48.42	189	S CIESLAK - M PATER	41.24
126	R LASKOWSKI - B WEGNER	48.34	190	M KITA - R WOLINSKI	39.27
127	M MLYNARCZYK - P SIWINSKI	48.30	191	D KOPRON - T PAWLUK	35.20
128	W STACHNIK - M URBANSKI	48.22	192	D LIPUZIC - M NOVAK	34.54
129	T MacCORMAC - R McMAUGH	48.17	193	A SUWIK - T WISNIEWSKI	33.38
130	H ORR - R SLIWINSKI	48.10	194	M SINKIEWICZ - J TRETOWSKI	32.17
131	K KLEINROK - T KLUZ	47.98	195	M D MORTENSEN - M ROHRBERG	27.62
132	D BORYSOW - W RAFALSKI	47.94	196	S KOWALCZYK - M PAWLIK	26.36
133	E OTVOSI - J STEPINSKI	47.92	197	J A PAULSEN - R SMISETFOSS	26.22
134	S MARTINUSSEN - D H PAULSEN	47.87	198	J T BERG - O SVENDSEN	24.58
135	J BENDIKS - J BENDIKS	47.76	199	J OVESEN - D STOKKVIK	24.49
136	T BUCHNAJZER - J NAWROCKI	47.62	200	M RODZAJ - T STRYSZAWSKI	23.51
137	L GLAERUM - T UNDEM	47.53	201	I JAROSZ - P KLIMACKI	23.38
138	D PILON - G IZISEL	47.49	202	P KAZUB - A KONCZAK	20.77
139	D MORAWSKI - I SALONEN	47.42	203	M SOROKA - Z STACHOWIAK	14.97
140	G MALAZDREWICZ - R KUJAWSKI	47.41	204	K KUJAWA - T UKRAINSKI	13.64
141	J KACZOROWSKI - G KULAK	47.34	205	S OLECH - J POLETYLO	11.40
142	M JANECZKO - J SZCZERBOWSKI	47.31	206	M KRASNICKI - P TELESZYNSKI	9.44
143	A HINTERTAN - R URBANSKI	47.25			

WOMEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(standings after 18 sessions - subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Percentage	Rank	Names	Percentage
1	S WILLARD - B CRONIER	57.86	25	A BLEWITT - D GEORGEVIC	50.50
2	K BERTHEAU - J LARSSON	56.86	26	L GODFREY - L LHERE	50.22
3	S THORESEN - G HELNESS	55.78	27	L BRIKMANE - N VEKSA	50.19
4	S AUKEN - J SEAMON-MOLSON	55.72	28	N SENIOR - R WOLFARTH	49.99
5	E WEBER - C VECHIATTO	55.19	29	D GRIGOROVA - M NIKOLOVA	49.91
6	C SEALE - C JAGGER	54.94	30	U HAPONAVA - S BADRANKOVA	49.72
7	M ROSSARD - J NEVE	54.56	31	A UGLIETTI - M MAGHEMO	49.57
8	A LEKOVA-KOVACHEVA - R MIRCHEVA	54.41	32	H DOWLING-LONG - G PENDER	49.38
9	J KENNY - E JOYCE	53.65	33	J PASMEN - A SIMONS	49.30
10	J TACZEWSKA - M HOLEKSA	53.65	34	E HARASIMOWICZ - M SAWICKA	49.29
11	M BABAC - L GUMRUKCUOGLU	53.39	35	C BALDYSZ - J KROGULSKA	48.69
12	V YANEVA - B PANCHEVA	53.28	36	M HOMME - J FENESS	48.52
13	C ARNOLDS - B VRIEND	53.14	37	J COOPER - M McGREGOR	48.00
14	M STEGAROIU - M BALINT	52.72	38	C SJOBLUM - C HALLKVIST	47.70
15	J SMEDEREVAC - V BESSIS	52.72	39	G JOEL - T SOKOLOW	47.48
16	E SHOKHAN - Z BELIANKINA	52.14	40	P KLIMENTOWSKA - I CZAJKA	47.14
17	M VERBEEK - R BARENDREGT	51.84	41	S PAOLUZI - C GOLIN	46.77
18	J SPANGENBERG - S SPANGENBERG	51.58	42	C TORSTENSSON - A NORDBJORK	46.66
19	D GIGLIOTTI - A DE BIASIO	51.28	43	M MODLIN - M NIEHAUS	46.37
20	D KAZMUCHA - G BREWIAK	51.24	44	P O NEILL - P MEEHAN	45.55
21	K McCALLUM - L BAKER	50.89	45	A LEVANON - C HOLCZER	45.30
22	S KURANOGLU - D YAVAS	50.86	46	J ZIETARA - E MIELCARZEWICZ	43.64
23	J YARDIMCI - B ATALAY	50.72	47	A SORESINI - M SEVERGNINI	41.81
24	P v MALCHUS - G SMYKALLA	50.64	48	A DOSSENA - L GENTILI	41.78
			49	R CLOW - H CORNFIELD	41.49

SENIOR PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(standings after 18 sessions - subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Percentage	Rank	Names	Percentage
1	V MELMAN - S ZELIGMAN	57.28	24	B STRATER - U KRATZ	51.59
2	F LEENHARDT - P PIGANEAU	56.57	25	J POLEC - W BUZE	51.57
3	O EKINCI - F FALAY	56.00	26	A KONDEJA - W BURAKOWSKI	51.37
4	A BURATTI - A COMELLA	55.82	27	L NIEMIEC - I KOWALCZYK	50.77
5	A JEZIORO - J RUSSYAN	55.62	28	T KACZANOWSKI - K ANTAS	50.70
6	V MARKOWICZ - J KLUKOWSKI	54.93	29	B BUDZYN - L BUDZYN	50.52
7	P D HACKETT - T WATERLOW	54.64	30	N DOREMANS - J TROUWBORST	50.35
8	L LANIEWSKI - Z KUNC	54.51	31	M NOWACKI - A ALEKSANDRZAK	49.67
9	M ROESLER - E WOJEWODA	54.22	32	W ILNICKI - S CABAJ	49.34
10	G SALLIERE - P ADAD	53.98	33	K DRIVER - G DRIVER	49.01
11	G GIGLI - G VIOLINI	53.70	34	M E COPUR - C S GEBECALI	48.72
12	J POCHRON - W TOMASIAK	53.61	35	M SZMAKFEFER - A PIESIEWICZ	48.64
13	A KOWALSKI - G BONGIOVANNI	53.43	36	J STANCZYK - W KOZICKI	47.81
14	J CHODOROWSKI - I CHODOROWSKA	53.42	37	Z KOVACS (2) - A BUZA	47.77
15	C MARI - S WALTER	53.16	38	D LIGGAT - E (McGOWAN	47.76
16	A VERMUND - B O SORENSEN	52.97	39	B LILJEKVIST - G RANGEVALL	47.57
17	W WALA - J STASICA	52.71	40	L WARWOCKI - K POKORSKI	47.41
18	C NIEMEIJER - L VERHEES Sr	52.46	41	K PUCZYNSKI - W WYRZYKOWSKI	47.27
19	J SUCHARKIEWICZ - S KOWALCZYK	52.45	42	G HALLBERG - R RAMER	47.15
20	S OWCZAREK - Z RADWANSKI	52.08	43	A FRONCZAK - J SUKOW	46.44
21	P WEYMANN - W KWIATKOWSKI	52.00	44	L SADOS - R BUDZIK	43.38
22	W HOEGER - S KOSIKOWSKI	51.95	45	D JEDRZEJEWSKI - M LUKASIAK	43.30
23	P GRENTHE - P VANHOUTTE	51.92	46	E COUNIHAN - K O SHEA	40.19
			47	J KOPRAS - W KANIEWSKI	39.79



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INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TEAM TOURNAMENT

December 9-10-11, 2011

NH MILANOFIORI CONGRESS CENTER - Assago (MI)

PROGRAMME

- December 9 - Friday - h 14,00 - End of registration
- h 14,30 - first round
- h 21,00 - rounds
- December 10 - Saturday - h 14,00 - rounds
- h 21,00 - rounds
- December 11 - Sunday - h 10,30 - rounds
- h 16,00 - Prize giving

Participation is allowed to FIGB members, competitors and not competitors, as well as to members of foreign Federations.

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- Entrance fees: € 300 each team - € 150 Junior teams and disabled.
- For the access to special prizes, the team name and category has to be notified at the moment of registration.

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2	€ 3000	€ 700	€ 450	E € 300
3	€ 2000	€ 600	€ 380	F € 300
4	€ 1500	€ 460	€ 300	G € 300
5	€ 1000	€ 420	€ 300	H € 300
6	€ 800	€ 320	€ 300	and following
7	€ 700	€ 300		
8	€ 600	SPECIAL PRIZES € 300 (not cumulative)		
9	€ 600	1*team 2nd 3rd cat -Mixed-Ladies-Seniores-Juniores		
10	€ 600	And also to the best scoring team of B and C Sections		
11	€ 500	in the last three turns of Sunday, December 11.		
12	€ 500			

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ROOMTYPE	PERNIGHT
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