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## THE SHOW GOES ON



*Players get down to business in the Mixed Pairs*

The 6th European Open Bridge Championships got under way on Saturday with a brief message of welcome from European Bridge League President Yves Aubry. Play began with 208 pairs competing in the first four sessions of the Mixed Pairs.

Qualification continues today. The final sessions will be played on Monday and Tuesday.

The leaders after four sessions are Catherine D'Ovidio and Philippe Cronier from France. Full standings are on pages 11 and 12.

### Schedule for Sunday, June 16

5 sessions from 10:00 - 19:15

Lunch Break is expected to be after the 2nd session.

**Mixed Pairs Qualification** at "Delvaux" on 3rd floor (tables 11-95) and "Hall of Honour" on 2nd floor (tables 101 and up). Starting positions will be posted at the entrance.

**Side events, MP Pairs and BAM Teams:** Entrance hall on the ground floor.

### Mixed Pairs – important information

After today's qualification, the **top 52 pairs** will advance to the final, playing 52 boards tomorrow, Monday June 17, and 50 boards Tuesday, June 18.

As stated in the Supplemental Conditions of contest, there will be **carry-over** scores from the qualification into the final.

It will be linear, ranking based and capped at 150 matchpoints (representing just under 3% of the available total).

Non-qualifiers are welcome to play a side event for free on Monday. Please note, however, that **you must register** for the event as soon as possible on Sunday evening at the manned desk in the tent or, preferably, online at <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/1300ostende/Microsite/Participants.htm>. There are computers at your disposal in the tent.

**If you are not registered, it will be assumed that you will not play.**

In addition to the daily Open Pairs, a one- or two-day Swiss Teams is planned if there are sufficient entries. Should you register for the Swiss Teams and there are not enough entries to stage a sensible event, you will be moved to the Open Pairs.

Please note also that the right to a free event is personal and not transferable.



# Ostend rolls out the red carpet

When bridge players come to town in large numbers, most municipalities are happy. Bridge players, after all, are consumers – especially when it comes to food and drink.



**EBL President Yves Aubry with Niko Geldhof, Ostend's Alderman for Tourism.**

With memories of the 2010 European Bridge League tournament fresh in his mind, Niko Geldhof welcomed the players to the 6th European Open Bridge Championships in the Belgian City by the Sea.

“Ostend is proud to be the host city for this high-standard event,” he said. “It is very important for our city.”

Geldhof is Ostend's Alderman for Tourism, and he joined EBL President Yves Aubry in wishing the bridge players at this tournament good luck and a pleasant stay.

Players from 48 countries are taking part in the tournament.

Aubry and Geldhof predicted that upwards of 1,600 players will take part in the competition, which started on Saturday with the Mixed Pairs and a side game. The tournament concludes on June 29.

Aubry thanked the local committee for helping to prepare for and organize the tournament, and he predicted that the fourth major tournament in Ostend will be a success. “I'm sure everyone will enjoy coming to these championships,” he said.

## Important information

Here follows some important items that, although some of them appear in the Conditions of Contest, deserve special mention.

### Smoking, alcohol, pets

Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the building (which includes the tent and the toilets). So called “electronic cigarettes” are not allowed in the playing area or toilets.



Violations will be penalized as per the General Conditions of Contest (see <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/1300ostende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf>).

Such penalties are **automatic, mandatory and apply from the first offense.**

Bringing alcoholic beverages to the playing area is prohibited.

Pets are **not** allowed in the playing area.

## Other bits and pieces.

### Partnership Desk

There is no formal partnership desk, but there is a board in the tent next to the registration where one can search for partners/team-mates.

### Internet access

There is free wifi in the whole building, including the tent and its immediate vicinity. The network name is ebl-bridge-1 or ebl-bridge-2. No password is necessary.

### Payment at the registration desk

We accept cash or *Credit Cards with a chip.*

### Food and beverages

There is a stand selling sandwiches, soups and beverages in the tent, open at least until the start of the final playing session each day. A more substantial but quickly served lunch will be available at special attractive prices at the Aqua del Mar and Ostende Queen restaurants. The latter is also providing a specially priced dinner menu for our participants.

## Mixed Pairs Session One

by Barry Rigal and Jos Jacobs

Boards one to ten

I sat behind Roy Welland, who was playing with Sabine Auken for the first ten deals of the event. They are playing a short club (may contain balanced or semi-balanced hands with a five-card major) and a host of transfer bids in competition.

The first deal of the tournament produced an excellent example of taking your chances in the right order and maximizing those chances. (The players had rotated the board 180 degrees hence Auken had the North cards).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zobu	Auken	Batov	Welland
	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Lead: ♥6

Sabine Auken led her third highest heart (attitude) to dummy's jack. It might have been right to duck this, if declarer had started with ♥Kx, but Welland could see he did not rate to get on lead early enough to clarify the heart position for his partner; so he covered, and declarer won her ace, crossed to ♦A and led a club to the ten and jack. Auken returned her low heart, and declarer won the ten, (Welland giving present count from his remaining three-cards). Now declarer finessed again in clubs, cashed the ♣A as Auken pitched her spade nine, and was at the crossroads. With North marked with only four hearts and precisely two clubs, if anyone was going to hold a doubleton diamond it would be South not North. Thus declarer should have led her ♦10 from hand, succeeding against the 3-3 diamonds with the ♦Q onside, but also picking up the doubleton ♦9 offside. In fact Zobu led her low diamond to the jack and cashed the ♦A, Welland pitching the ♠J. Zobu now went for her best chance, to endplay North, when she exited with a diamond. But the defenders could win, Welland pitching a spade, then cash two hearts ending in South, and take the ♣K for down one and 135/206 MP.

Where Senior-Penfold were defending 3NT by East, on an uninformative auction Penfold quite sensibly led her ♠J

rather than a heart. Declarer ran this to her ace, led a club to the ten and jack, and Senior was endplayed. He did his best by exiting with the ♦7, trying to look like a man with four small diamonds, but declarer ran this to her ten, repeated the diamond finesse, and repeated the club finesse for nine tricks. This was worth 145 MP out of 206.

At another table, Gigi Simpson, playing with Jacek Pszczo-



Sabine Auken, Germany

la, did find the low heart as South after a simple auction by the Brogelands: 1♦ - 2♣; 2NT - 3NT. North won the king and returned the suit and now Tonje had no chance to come to nine tricks. Down two gave them 87% of the matchpoints.

The next board saw Welland dive into the septic tank and emerge smelling of roses:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Batov</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Welland</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Zobu</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Auken</i>
4♥	5♣	2♥(1)	Pass
Dbl	All Pass	Pass	Pass

(l) Both majors less than an opening bid  
Lead: ♥K

Welland felt endplayed into bidding 5♣, aware that it rated to be a bottom if he was wrong. Dummy put down the clubs, then hearts, then spades, and before the diamonds hit the deck his decision looked very dicey. But all was well when the ♦AK appeared. The defenders cashed their hearts and shifted to diamonds and Welland wrapped up +750 for nearly 90% of the matchpoints.

When East did not open, the auction rated to take an entirely different turn, as was shown at the Pszczola-Brogeland table:

<b>West</b> <i>B. Brogeland</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Pszczola</i>	<b>East</b> <i>T. Brogeland</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Simpson</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	3♣	3♠	Pass
3NT	Dbl	4♠	Dbl
All Pass			

East could not show both her majors in one bid so it was left to West, Boye Brogeland, to temporarily take away North's club suit. One Heart showed spades and Two Clubs was a further relay. Boye's 2♦ woke up Pszczola but it was already too late for North-South: there was no room left for them to find out about their minor suit game. They did well to double their opponents in 4♠ for one down, +100 and a just-under-average score.



Roy Welland, USA

Auken had a lucky escape on the second deal of the next round, after the partnership had overbid to game on the minority of high cards and an eight-card trump fit on board three.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Evcimen</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Welland</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Acar</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Auken</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Lead: ♦5

Auken's decision to jump to 3NT does not look silly (after all a decent partner would have ace-fourth of diamond and jack-fourth of spades instead of his actual holdings) but her position looked desperate after West led what was clearly a singleton diamond. Declarer played low from dummy; Asli Acar won her ace and thriftily returned the ♦5, Auken making sure to release the ♦2 to make sure West knew this was the smallest outstanding diamond. Now when West took his ruff, he trustingly returned a club and declarer wrapped up +650 instead of losing the first four tricks. That was only a 60% board (a few pairs had found their way to 3NT by North, which rates to yield at least 660 once hearts are 3-3) but Auken would happily take it and move on without asking any further questions.

A four-card major opening in third seat opened the road for East-West to find their sacrifice:

<b>West</b> <i>Norling</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Pszczola</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Norling</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Simpson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	Dbl	Pass	4♥
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

As quite a number of North-South pairs had been allowed to make game in no-trump, or even in hearts, the sacrifice, phantom or not, was still worth 75% to East-West.

On the next round Auken-Welland defended 4NT for -490 where slam was on a winning finesse, for just a little below average, since many pairs had played safe for 460. Then were allowed to make 140 in 3♠ for an 85% result when an incautious trump shift converted three+ trump tricks into two.

At this point they were sailing along, but their run of good scores was 'Czeched' by Slumr and Moderova.

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Slumr</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Moderova</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	Dbl (♥)
2♦	2♥	3♦(!)	3♥
Dbl	All Pass		

Lead: ♦K

North-South had the high-card strength, but not quite enough trumps for their auction, East had more than enough for his bidding, and West....more than made up for her partner. When 3♥ was doubled she had nowhere to run, and indeed 3♥ cannot be made on best defence. But Moderova gave declarer a chance by leading a top diamond, rather than her singleton spade. When Welland ducked, she shifted to spades, and now East-West could not be stopped from scoring five tricks and taking a 95% score. Had Welland won the first diamond and returned the suit (playing West for a 4-2-3-4 hand with both top clubs after his double, and the ♥9) he could then have won the ♠A and ruffed a diamond, then played the ♥K and overtaken the ♠J to draw trumps and play on spades. With both club honours outside the defenders would be unable to cash any diamond tricks.

Sascha Wernle, playing with Jovanka Smederevac, found his way to the better strain, spades after his opponent in the West seat had opened an 11-13 no-trump. Smederevac balanced to show the majors and Wernle bid 2♠ and played there. After the lead of a top diamond Wernle won and led a spade to the nine and queen. The defenders cashed their two top clubs, and shifted back to diamonds. Wernle ruffed the third, crossed to a top heart and (after some laborious counting on his fingers) determined that West's 11-count had to include both black jacks. So he led a spade to the ten, unblocked the ♠K and went back to dummy with a second top heart to draw the last trump and claim the rest for +140 and 178/206MP.

On the next deal Welland-Auken overreached to 3NT, down two, for another poor score, and were back to average now for the set.

In fact, though, 3NT is not without its chances, provided

the ♣K is well-placed for declarer. The Croatian pair Caric-Pilipovic, who were doing well at the time, found a defensive auction which enabled them to diagnose beforehand that 3NT was not a good spot for NS.

## Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Caric</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Dbl	Redbl
1♠	INT	2♠	3NT
Dbl	All Pass		

(Curiously, this auction is identical to that of Welland-Auken except that North initially responded with a transfer bid of 1♦). Even though at both tables East led a seemingly unlucky low spade to West's king and declarer's ace, the contract still stood no chance once the ♣K proved to be with West, as could be expected from his double. The spades thus were cleared in time for the defence and the contract had to go down two doubled for 94% of the matchpoints.

## Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Winciorek</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Dancewicz</i>	<i>Auken</i>
2♠	Pass	1♦	2♣
4♠	All Pass	3NT	Pass

What would you lead as North against this auction? When Welland fished out a small club he had given declarer a chance to make +680 for 75% of the matchpoints. In fact declarer played low, losing to the ♣J, won the spade return to ruff a club, as the ♣9 appeared, and then drew trumps, baring the ♥A in dummy. Now the ♦J, covered all round, saw declarer cross to hand with the ♦10 and set up the diamonds. He was still forced to concede a heart or club in the ending for +650. Had Welland been imaginative enough to duck the ♦J (impossible without sight of all 52 cards) declarer would have followed up with the ♦10, covered. Now might declarer, knowing of the bad diamond break, have led and run the ♣K from dummy? That would succeed for +680 against North having begun with ♣Q9x — because the ten would be established in dummy — but would have been disastrous as the cards lay, since Welland would win and play back a heart and cut declarer off from the fourth diamond!



**Jacek Pszczola, USA**

At another table where Jan Jansma played 4♠ he received a more traditional heart lead. South won the ♥K and did not find the club shift. Instead she played a diamond. Jansma won and unblocked spades, then came to hand with ♥Q to run the trumps, and now played on diamonds. When the ♦J was covered he cashed the ♥A, came to hand with ♦10, and ran the rest of the trumps for a club-heart squeeze and +680.

At another table, the play in 4♠ was amusing, as declarer claimed a possible two overtricks on the diamond finesse being right. A heart had been led to South's king and South played back a heart. Dummy's ace won, the ♠A was unblocked and another heart went to declarer's jack. The trumps were drawn and now, the claim came. When it proved that the suit was 4-1, he had to lose another trick after all, because he was, of course, no longer allowed to play for the squeeze. If North plays low to the lead of the ♦J and then covers the ten, the squeeze is gone, since declarer cannot return to his hand. The alternative line of cashing all the remaining trumps first would have been disallowed after the premature claim. -650 was worth a solid 65% score for North-South.

## Short on points, long on talent

by Brent Manley

This deal was played in an important tournament in Australia by Robby Richman, who died on June 7 during the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Championships in Hong Kong.

Richman was North.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Dbl
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

This deal is typical of the Richman approach to bridge. Once an opponent opens, placing the opponents' high cards should be easier, so Bobby now needs only about 23 points for the vulnerable game. Hence the decision to push with 2♦ instead of a mild 2♠ response to his partner's double.

With unappetizing lead choices, East found the dynamic lead of ♣K: 2, 4, 5 (low encourage). Then came the ♣10 to West's jack.

In some games, declarer might misplace the ♣Q, thinking that the opening leader has it, after the ♣K opening lead. Not Bobby. If East had ♣KQ10x, he wouldn't make an error by squandering ♣10 needlessly at trick two. Therefore, Bobby knew that West had the ♣Q.

West switched to a diamond to the king, followed by a heart to the 10 and queen. Another diamond went to the jack and Bobby cashed the ♣A and the ♣9, then played the ♠Q to the ace. When Richman cashed his diamonds, East could choose between discarding his ♠K or a low heart, either of which would provide Richman's ninth trick. The major-suit squeeze brought home 3NT and a 10-IMP swing for Richman's team (the contract at the other table was 2♠ by North, making three).

## Mixed Pairs Session Two

by Jos Jacobs

The first round of the second session brought together the Dutch pair Verbeek-Bertens and the American Gigi Simpson, playing with by now semi-American Jacek Pszczola. Two typical pairs' boards came along in this confrontation and this was the first:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ 5 4 ♦ A K J 5 ♣ 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A K ♥ A 8 7 2 ♦ 10 7 4 2 ♣ 8 7 6</p> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	<p>♠ Q 9 ♥ 10 6 ♦ Q 9 6 3 ♣ A K Q 10 5</p>	<p>♠ J 7 6 4 3 ♥ K Q J 9 3 ♦ 8 ♣ J 9</p>
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West	North	East	South
Bertens	Pszczola	Verbeek	Simpson
Pass	1♥	2♣	3♣
3♦	Pass	4♦	All Pass

3♣ was invitational with hearts, but when Verbeek found a tactical raise to 4♦, Simpson suddenly was in an awkward position to bid again, in view of partner's discouraging pass over 3♦. Perhaps North could have bid on as he was now able to see partner's singleton diamond but when he did not, East-West were allowed to go quietly one down, undoubled, against a possible 420 to their opponents. They were punished with a meagre score of 16 matchpoints (204 was top).

On the other board, East-West handed many of these matchpoints back with an unlucky lead:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 7 2 ♥ A Q 10 6 5 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ 10 3 2</p>	<p>♠ K Q 6 ♥ K J 8 ♦ J 9 4 3 2 ♣ A 8</p> <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	<p>♠ A J 5 3 ♥ 7 4 ♦ K 10 ♣ K J 9 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 8 4 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A 7 6 5 ♣ Q 7 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Bertens	Pszczola	Verbeek	Simpson
2♦	2NT	All Pass	

Now what should East lead? Partner's suit looks the best choice in the long run as it keeps the partnership alive and also might be effective in view of partner's opening weak two in first (and not third) position. As you can see, however, this was not the best choice this time. On a club lead, West's ♣10 is enough to establish three club tricks for the defence after declarer gives up his diamond. The two major suit aces then will put 2NT one down.

When Martine Verbeek put a heart on the table, Huub Bertens won the ace and returned the suit rather than switching to a club himself, which would probably have saved one trick. On the actual heart continuation, declarer ended up with an overtrick when the jack held. Plus 120 was good for 132.31 matchpoints.

Near the end of the session, a board occurred on which taking any action at all after the opening bid might lead to disaster straight away:



Gigi Simpson, USA

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J 8 6 2 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ Q 6 3	♠ 10 7 4 ♥ A 6 2 ♦ Q 6 4 3 ♣ K 10 5	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;">             N              W     E              S           </div>	♠ A K Q 5 3 ♥ J 10 3 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ 4 2
	♠ 9 ♥ K Q 9 5 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ A J 9 8 7		

West	North	East	South
Uszinzki	Pszczola	Waksman	Simpson
3♠	Pass	1♠	Dbl
	??		

As you can see, 3♠ will go down two, so the winning action undoubtedly is “double.” The side advantage is that, if partner takes it as take-out, as she probably should, this will lead to a decent five-three fit rather than any shaky 4-3 fit. Four Clubs should go down one on correct defence but any other NS try at the four-level will yield EW at least five tricks.

Please note that this is the type of situation you can easily run into when it's part of your (pairs) style to make light take-out doubles.

Plus 100 for NS on this deal was worth 160 matchpoints. Plus 50 earned a score of just above average at 104. Where Helgemo-Frey were defending 3♠x (West having raised to 2♠ initially then competed to 3♠ over 3♦) Frey as South led a trump then when declarer drew three rounds of trumps she pitched clubs. Declarer led a club to the queen and king and Helgemo accurately shifted to hearts. The defenders cashed out the hearts then played two more rounds of clubs to let declarer lead diamonds for himself, and go down 300.

## Every IMP should count Why the new VIP scale?

by Jan van Cleeff

*An introduction by Gianarrigo Rona, President of the World Bridge Federation*

After the 2009 World Bridge Championships in Sao Paulo, the WBF was approached by a group of expert players guided by Michael Becker from the USA. We were requested to look into several items, one of those the VIP scale. The idea was to have “every IMP count.” We appointed a committee, which designed a new scale. Basically, we changed the old scale (25-5) to a new scale (20-0). To have every IMP count, it was necessary to make use of decimals.

It is hard to say if this new way of scoring is really better. You could discuss the subject for a week, so to speak. What we do know is that the new scale – the Continuous Scale – is mathematically correct. And, of course, the players have to get used to it. But they will be supported by sheets and computers in order to know their results fast. The bridge world is not completely unused to the new scale. The ACBL has used a scale with quite a few similarities to the Continuous Scale for a long period of time.

### Note from the author

*The new scale is already in use in the round robin matches of zonal championships leading to the 2013 World Bridge Championships at Bali. The method was tested in this year's Yeh Bros. Cup as well and will also be used in the round robin matches of the teams events here in Ostend.*

## New Mobile Device Policy

Please take note that we are using a new policy for mobile phones at these championships. It is **allowed** to bring your mobile phones to the table provided they are completely **switched off** at all times. When going to the rest rooms however, they **must** be left at the table or with the person escorting you to the restrooms. Any breach of these rules (such as a phone ringing or vibrating) will be penalized in accordance with the General Conditions of Contest (available at <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/1300ostende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf> ).

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## Mixed Pairs Session Three

by Barry Rigal

For the third session I decided to watch Geir Helgemo and Natalie Frey, who had put together two decent initial stanzas. But the third set offered very little to them in terms of possibilities.

They played a partscore down 100 (it could have been 200) then an opponent had an awkward lead:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Khokhlov	Helgemo	Tazenkova	Frey
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	Pass	INT
		All Pass	

Lead: ♠5

Half a top swung on Khokhlov's choice of opening leads. I'm sure if you had told him declarer had two diamonds and five clubs he would have led a diamond. But as it was he was unaware of South's minor-suit patterns, and elected to lead a passive spade. Declarer had 11 tricks now for 69/206 MP rather than 12 tricks for 169 MPs.

On the next round Helgemo-Frey did not come close to coping with the problems inherent in this deal.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

They bid INT-6NT and I cannot say I blame them — can you? It is a good indication of the competence of the field that 27 pairs bid a grand slam. Five played clubs, the rest no-trump.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Helgemo finally scored above average when he played 2NT as North (Pass - 1♠ - Dbl - Pass - 2NT-All Pass). He won the spade lead and spun the ♣J onto the table, going up with the ace when East followed low, to cash one top diamond then run the clubs. East was painfully squeezed, letting go two hearts and two spades. That permitted Helgemo to establish the ♥K for his ninth trick and 128/206 MP.

His opponents got back to average by bidding to the right game on the next deal, and Helgemo-Frey were confronted with another awkward problem on the next deal:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Frey-Helgemo bid 1♦-3♦-3NT, carefully never bidding their best suit, and David Liggat deserves credit for leading a spade not a heart — hands up those of you who would get this right (my hand is conspicuously down). There is not much to choose between 6♦ and 3NT on a spade lead — here, though, the only game you can make appears to be 5♣. After a major-suit lead you can eliminate trumps, cash

♦A and strip off the spades then exit with the third heart to endplay one opponent or the other, no matter how the diamonds break. +400 would have been worth 145 MP, while -100 in 3NT was 67/206 MP.

On the next deal McGowan tried to play safe and missed the overtrick in 4♥, costing herself about half a top. With one round to go Helgemo-Frey had a 45% game over the first eight boards of the session.



**Geir Helgemo, Monaco**

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

With E/W cold for 5♣ or 5♦ it was up to N/S to try to mount a rearguard action to persuade them that this was not so.

West	North <i>Helgemo</i>	East	South <i>Frey</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♦	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	Dbf	Pass	3♥
Dbf	All Pass		

Lead: ♦4

Frey's INT response may not have met with North's approval (it emphatically did not meet with West's, who called the TD and threatened to walk out when no sanction was forthcoming on her) but it seemed to work well enough. The 4-0 trump break was too much for even Helgemo to cope with. He ended up losing three minor-suit tricks, a spade and a trump promotion for -200 and an 80% result.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Another delicate grand slam; E/W had the indelicate auction playing Polish Club:

West	North <i>Helgemo</i>	East	South <i>Frey</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Declarer grumpily claimed his 13 tricks after a trump lead and Helgemo-Frey had 131 MP/206 MPs to get back to average for the session.



**Nathalie Frey, Monaco**



# MIXED PAIRS (after Rd 4)



Rank	Pair	Country	%	Rank	Pair	Country	%
1	CRONIER P. - D'OVIDIO C.	Fra-Fra	63.59%	60	HANNAH M. - LEDGER J.	Eng-Eng	53.17%
2	MOLLE L. - TER LAARE M.	Net-Net	63.19%	61	WENNING K. - WENNING U.	Ger-Ger	53.13%
3	GOLIN C. - LANZAROTTI M.	Ita-Ita	62.97%	62	ALBERTI A. - BAUSBACK N.	Ger-Lux	53.10%
4	GOMEROV P. - NOKHAEVA T.	Rus-Rus	61.39%	63	LIBBRECHT W. - PUILLET C.	Fra-Fra	53.06%
5	KOWALSKI A. - MISZEWSKA E.	Pol-Pol	60.80%	64	SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER E. -	Net-Net	52.98%
6	RITMEIJER R. - TICHA M.	Net-Net	60.74%	65	DUFRAT K. - NOWOSADZKI M.	Pol-Pol	52.92%
7	HODEROVA P. - SLEMR J.	Cze-Cze	59.56%	66	ANGEBRANDT D. - UTNER B.	Aus-Aus	52.90%
8	PASKE T. - SEALE C.	Eng-Eng	59.28%	67	McINTOSH A. - PORRO L.	Eng-Sco	52.79%
9	BROCK S. - MYERS B.	Eng-Eng	59.20%	68	ERMLICH M. - MARWITZ G.	Ger-Ger	52.67%
10	GOLD D. - GROSS S.	Eng-Eng	59.06%	69	GUR O. - SEMERCI U.	Tur-Tur	52.55%
11	BAHNIK P. - BAHNIKOVA E.	Cze-Cze	58.74%	70	FAIVRE C. - TIGNEL J.	Fra-Fra	52.51%
12	GRAIZER N. - HORVITZ S.	Isr-Isr	58.35%	71	GLABBEEK H. - MAAS W.	Net-Net	52.48%
13	POPA M. - TRAPANI G.	Ita-Ita	58.25%	72	GOUVERITH M. - MULLER S.	Fra-Arg	52.39%
14	CARIC J. - PILIPOVIC M.	Cro-Cro	57.81%	73	GOLDBERG L. - GOLDBERG U.	Swe-Swe	52.30%
15	JASZCZAK A. - SARNIAK A.	Pol-Pol	57.75%	74	BRENNER A. - CAPRERA D.	U.S-U.S	52.24%
16	BARR R. - GINOSSAR E.	Isr-Isr	57.54%	75	CAPLAN E. - FRISBY W.	Aus-Eng	52.13%
17	SAYER N. - ZAHARIEV Z.	Tur-Bul	57.43%	76	CAPELLER B. - CAPELLER J.	Ger-Ger	51.98%
18	ODLUND B. - ODLUND M.	Swe-Swe	56.96%	77	GUNEV R. - POPOVA D.	Bul-Bul	51.89%
19	BENEDETTI R. - PAVIN A.	Ita-Ita	56.94%	78	MARZI F. - VITALE R.	Ita-Ita	51.82%
20	BRAGADIR S. - DE MENDEZ T.	U.S-Swi	56.85%	79	BANULESCU C. - NEDELEA I.	Can-Rom	51.59%
21	SMEDEREVAC J. - WERNLE S.	Aus-Aus	56.26%	80	LIGGAT D. - McGOWAN E.	Sco-Sco	51.53%
22	HOMME E. - HOMME M.	Nor-Nor	56.03%	81	LINDSTROM U. - TORNQVIST T.	Swe-Swe	51.52%
23	AKIN S. - AYDOGDU F.	Tur-Tur	56.02%	82	PRAMOTTON E. - VERSACE A.	Ita-Ita	51.45%
24	GROMOV A. - GROMOVA V.	Rus-Rus	55.98%	83	NORLING L. - NORLING V.	Swe-Swe	51.41%
25	EGE T. - RAULUND O.	Den-Den	55.70%	84	BOURDIN D. - SERGENT D.	Fra-Fra	51.30%
26	JANKOVA J. - VOLHEJN V.	Cze-Cze	55.58%	85	KARRSTRAND L. - NILSLAND M.	Swe-Swe	51.26%
27	BROGELAND B. - BROGELAND T.	Nor-Nor	55.58%	86	BEAUVILLAIN E. - GUILLEBON C.	Fra-Fra	51.20%
28	IGNATOV L. - MINEVA P.	Bul-Bul	55.50%	87	CIMA L. - DESSI B.	Ita-Ita	51.16%
29	SANDQVIST N. - SENIOR N.	Eng-Eng	55.15%	88	ACAR A. - EVCIMEN E.	Tur-Tur	51.12%
30	KAZMUCHA D. - SEREK C.	Pol-Pol	55.06%	89	ANGELINI L. - DEFRANCHI H.	Bel-Fra	51.09%
31	FANTONI F. - RIOLO I.	Mon-Ita	55.05%	90	BROWN F. - McGANN H.	Eng-Ire	51.05%
32	STUYCK D. - VANDERVORST M.	Bel-Bel	55.01%	91	KREUNING H. - OUDA S.	Net-Net	50.92%
33	DE DUVE A. - MIRAVET S.	Bel-Bel	55.00%	92	ROJKO S. - PAVLIN M.	Slo-Slo	50.82%
34	BERTENS H. - VERBEEK M.	Net-Net	54.89%	93	PIEDRA F. - SAESSELI I.	Swi-Swi	50.79%
35	GULEVICH A. - MATUSHKO G.	Rus-Rus	54.81%	94	MALESZA L. - SHAMA J.	Pol-Fra	50.78%
36	BOMPIS M. - WILLARD S.	Fra-Fra	54.71%	95	HETZ C. - PACTHMAN R.	Isr-Isr	50.65%
37	OLIVIERI G. - ZALESKI R.	Ita-Ita	54.66%	96	FAEHR B. - STAHL W.	Ger-Ger	50.65%
38	MARINO L. - PISANI R.	Ita-Ita	54.63%	97	GROMANN I. - SCHUELLER M.	Ger-Ger	50.61%
39	GRAMBERG A. - SCHILHART N.	Ger-Ger	54.50%	98	AUKEN S. - WELLAND R.	Ger-U.S	50.51%
40	DAUVERGNE S. - QUANTIN J.	Fra-Fra	54.46%	99	KOSTADINOV T. - NALBATSKA C.	Bul-Bul	50.48%
41	LEV S. - LEVITINA I.	U.S-U.S	54.41%	100	DE BOTTON J. - MALINOWSKI A.	Eng-Eng	50.47%
42	HELNESS G. - HELNESS T.	Nor-Mon	54.25%	101	GLADIATOR A. - LINDE J.	Ger-Ger	50.26%
43	PENFOLD S. - SENIOR B.	Eng-Eng	54.24%	102	ROMANOVSKA M. - RUBINS K.	Lat-Lat	50.17%
44	JESENICNIK A. - ORACT.	Slo-Slo	54.24%	103	NETSMAN E. - NETSMAN P.	Swe-Swe	50.14%
45	ANFENSEN I. - SOLHEIM E.	Nor-Nor	54.19%	104	FRANCESCONI A. - MANZANO A.	Ita-Ita	50.14%
46	DELMAS-SIRVEN T. - GODFREY L.	Fra-Eng	54.10%	105	DEHAYE B. - DEWASME I.	Bel-Bel	50.06%
47	ENGEL B. - VECHIATTO C.	Lux-Ger	54.09%	106	BOGACKI P. - SAUVAGE V.	Fra-Fra	49.90%
48	IONITA M. - STEGAROIU M.	Rom-Rom	54.00%	107	MICHIENSEN M. - VENTIN CAMPRUBI J.	Net-Spa	49.82%
49	BEKKOUCHE N. - FREDIN P.	Den-Swe	53.87%	108	DE DONDER S. - DOBBELS T.	Bel-Bel	49.80%
50	FREY N. - HELGEMO G.	Mon-Mon	53.85%	109	CORNELIS T. - NIERINCK N.	Bel-Bel	49.62%
51	HENNEBERG J. - HENNEBERG M.	Den-Den	53.74%	110	NUNES C. - SANI F.	Mon-Ita	49.56%
52	BARDSEN T. - HAUGEN T.	Nor-Nor	53.49%	111	HAYMAN PIAFSKY J. - KALITA J.	U.S-Pol	49.55%
53	DUC L. - MAGNUSSON S.	Swi-Swi	53.46%	112	McCALLUM K. - TUNCOK C.	U.S-U.S	49.46%
54	CASPERSEN H. - FARHOLT S.	Den-Den	53.38%	113	IVANOV A. - IVANOVA S.	Bul-Bul	49.41%
55	BASILE M. - FUSARI E.	Ita-Ita	53.32%	114	DIKHNOVA T. - ORLOV S.	Rus-Rus	49.37%
56	HORNISCHER G. - WEIHS B.	Aus-Aus	53.31%	115	JANSMA J. - JANSMA A.	Net-Net	49.36%
57	USZINSKI W. - WAKSMAN S.	Fra-Fra	53.30%	116	KLIDZEJA E. - PROKHOROV D.	Lat-Rus	49.13%
58	NARDULLO E. - NOVO A.	Ita-Ita	53.30%	117	CARCASSONNE-LABAERE V. -	Bel-Bel	49.12%
59	BEINEIX O. - GRENTHE P.	Fra-Fra	53.18%	118	GOTARD B. - GOTARD T.	Ger-Ger	49.10%

Rank	Pair	Country	%	Rank	Pair	Country	%
119	KOLESNIK A. - PICUS S.	U.S-U.S	49.02%	180	MIHAI G. - MIHAI R.	Rom-Rom	44.60%
120	DUGUET M. - DUGUET M.	Fra-Fra	48.94%	181	LECIS LOI M. - SPANU C.	Ita-Ita	44.45%
121	HAUGE R. - MALINOWSKI A.	Nor-Nor	48.82%	182	AZERRAF H. - BENYES E.	Ven-Ven	44.38%
122	APPERTET M. - FOLLIERO DE LUNA T.	Fra-Fra	48.75%	183	KRAUS C. - ZEITLER K.	Ger-Ger	44.19%
123	HERLAND J. - HESKJET.	Nor-Nor	48.65%	184	FORNACIARI E. - GIANARDI C.	Ita-Ita	43.78%
124	CICHOCKI M. - HOCHEKER D.	Pol-Pol	48.39%	185	LEWIS M. - MULLER R.	Cro-Cro	43.69%
125	GERLI A. - LICURSI A.	Ita-Ita	48.29%	186	KONDAKCI SEN E. - SEN T.	Tur-Tur	43.69%
126	SCHNEIDER M. - SMYKALLA G.	Ger-Ger	48.29%	187	ALLGOWER M. - OLSSON E.	Swe-Swe	43.31%
127	COOPER J. - REES T.	Eng-Wal	48.28%	188	ARONOV V. - DAMIANOVA D.	Bul-Bul	43.25%
128	KLUKOWSKI M. - ZMUDA J.	Pol-Pol	48.15%	189	LUCCHESI G. - MICHELOTTI R.	Ita-Ita	43.18%
129	GWINNER H. - LANGER D.	Ger-Swi	48.04%	190	MONOD E. - RIDOLFO J.	Fra-Fra	43.10%
130	EGGELING M. - GOTARD T.	Ger-Ger	47.98%	191	BESSIS T. - BESSIS V.	Fra-Fra	42.90%
131	DANCEWICZ R. - WINCIOREK T.	Pol-Pol	47.94%	192	PSZCZOLA J. - SIMPSON G.	U.S-U.S	42.59%
132	DAUWE G. - TOPIOL Y.	Bel-Bel	47.93%	193	EFRAIMSSON B.	-	-
133	BASA M. - ZADEL M.	Slo-Slo	47.93%		ZACK EINARSSON A.	Swe-Swe	42.34%
134	BELLUSSI F. - BELLUSSI L.	Ita-Ita	47.77%	194	KHOKHLOV J. - TAZENKOVA T.	Rus-Rus	41.77%
135	COYLE W. - TELTSCHER K.	Sco-Eng	47.70%	195	WARD-PLATT K. - MULTON F.	U.S-Mon	41.72%
136	BEGAS H. - GROSMANN L.	Net-Net	47.64%	196	PELED B. - PELLÉ A.	U.S-Ger	41.71%
137	ROMANOWSKI J. - ROSSARD M.	Fra-Fra	47.64%	197	LAGADEC H. - ROLLAND S.	Fra-Fra	41.17%
138	CAMEO G. - PAOLUZI S.	Ita-Ita	47.63%	198	MAHAFFEY J. - RADIN J.	U.S-U.S	41.07%
139	NEHMERT P. - YUEN M.	Ger-Can	47.60%	199	BUSI E. - RICCI S.	Ita-Ita	40.96%
140	KANDEMIR I. - NUHOGLU S.	Tur-Tur	47.59%	200	JAKOBY R. - JONSSON G.	Swe-Swe	40.83%
141	SAADA N. - ZACK Y.	Isr-Isr	47.48%	201	KOTHARI U. - MUNDY R.	Ind-Eng	40.53%
142	LUNNA K. - OIGARDEN B.	Nor-Nor	47.43%	202	DENIZCI A. - DENIZCI V.	Tur-Tur	39.52%
143	HELLNER V. - OLAFSEN R.	Nor-Nor	47.37%	203	BANKOGLU E. - BANKOGLU L.	Tur-Tur	39.42%
144	MARTELLO B. - PIANA A.	Ita-Ita	47.35%	204	MILMAN V. - STELMASHENKO N.	Eng-Eng	38.91%
145	CRONIER B. - ZIMMERMANN P.	Fra-Mon	47.24%	205	CAKICI F. - OZTURK E.	Tur-Tur	37.20%
146	CAMPANA F. - CAMPANA Y.	Bel-Bel	47.21%	206	DENZ A. - DENZ E.	Aus-Aus	34.54%
147	GILLILAND D. - LESSELLS G.	Ire-Ire	47.17%	207	BEHAGHEL E. - DELLA FAILLE D.	Bel-Bel	34.37%
148	NISHIMURA T. - SAKAMOTO Y.	Jap-Jap	47.17%				
149	JAGROOP R. - MEER A.	Net-Net	47.15%				
150	BERBERS K. - KELDERMANS G.	Bel-Bel	47.14%				
151	DAVIES S. - SOLOMON W.	Eng-Eng	47.10%				
152	LESZCZYNSKA L. - TOMASZEK W.	Pol-Pol	47.10%				
153	BATOV V. - ZOBU A.	Bul-Tur	47.06%				
154	KARLSSON-UISK Y. - UISK A.	Swe-Swe	47.00%				
155	BANASZKIEWICZ E. - JANISZEWSKI P.	Pol-Pol	46.98%				
156	KNOLL M. - SIEGMUND R.	Aus-Aus	46.84%				
157	FISHER L. - WASSERMAN G.	Isr-Bel	46.79%				
158	THIELE M. - VERDEGAAL R.	Net-Net	46.78%				
159	HALFON N. - HALFON T.	Tur-Tur	46.75%				
160	ALBERTAZZI M. - PRATESI A.	Ita-Ita	46.58%				
161	ZIETMAN B. - ZIETMAN M.	Isr-Isr	46.39%				
162	BOEDDEKER R. - ZARKESCH F.	Ger-Ger	46.04%				
163	ENGBRETSSEN G. - NYHEIM R.	Nor-Nor	45.97%				
164	ARNONE A. - CROZET F.	Fra-Fra	45.93%				
165	GALTERI D. - PALMERIO M.	Ita-Ita	45.71%				
166	SKELTON J. - THEELKE M.	Eng-Eng	45.69%				
167	ATALIK L. - ATALIK S.	Tur-Tur	45.68%				
168	ILLNER A. - JEROLITSCH S.	Aus-Aus	45.55%				
169	BABSCH A. - HANSEN R.	Aus-Aus	45.50%				
170	MANNO A. - PISCITELLI F.	Ita-Ita	45.42%				
171	BUELENS PRINCEN M. - VAN DEN	Bel-Bel	45.36%				
172	WALSH J. - WHELAN M.	Ire-Ire	45.29%				
173	COUTEAUX A. - WANGEN M.	Bel-Bel	45.21%				
174	GLAERUM L. - HOYLAND S.	Nor-Nor	45.14%				
175	BRANTSMA R. - DE LEEUW K.	Net-Net	45.06%				
176	KUZNIATSOVA L. - TSIMAKHOVICH A.	Bel-Bel	45.02%				
177	LANE S. - THOMAS D.	Eng-Eng	44.83%				
178	MORAWSKI D. - SALONEN I.	Fra-Fra	44.74%				
179	CLAIR P. - PAGNINI-ARSLAN C.	Ita-Ita	44.70%				



**Rafal Jagniewsky and Wojciech Gawel, the winners of today's side event and current leaders of the Master Pont Race**

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