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TEAMS TAKE UP THE BATON



The Duplication Team (clockwise, starting left):

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In the European Open Teams Championship **DeBotton** leads at the end of day 1, followed by **Coldea** and **Apollosoyuz**.

The Women's Championship is headed by **China I** with **Italia I** second and **Dutch Women** third. **Bardin** is in front in the **Seniors** with **McGowan** and **France Seniors** next in line.

Press Conference

The President of the EBL, Yves Aubry, will host a Press Conference today at midday in the Ostend Queen restaurant on the 5th floor.

There will be an **announcement about the location of the 12th European Youth Pair Championships.**

All Journalists and interested parties are invited to attend. The conference will be followed by a reception.

Today's Schedule

**Open, Women, Seniors Teams
(Swiss, Day 2/2)**

10:00 - 11:30
11:45 - 13:15
14:15 - 15:45
16:00 - 17:30
17:45 - 19:15

Same schedule for the Open MP Pairs



Important Information

Badges

At the start of play of each round, you need to enter the code on your badge in the Bridgemates. Please don't forget your badges!!!!

Review Process

Please be reminded of the new appeals process where the classical appeal has been replaced by a review process. For further information, please refer to <http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/1300stende/Microsite/Information.htm#Conditions>

Side Events

Please note that all side events are open which means that pairs and teams can be composed of players of any age or gender

Winners of the side events are asked to stay at their playing area for a few minutes after the results are known in order to be photographed and to collect their certificates.

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.

BBO Matches

5 matches every round on

<http://www.bridgebase.com>

GRATIS CARDS

Those with very tight economy can apply for a number of used EBL cards free of charge at the bookstall on the Mezzanine level.

New and old EBL cards are also sold cheaply.

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/1300stende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf>).



Such penalties are automatic and compulsory for the first offense.



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OPEN/WOMEN/SENIOR TEAM QUALIFIERS

There will be a short **Captains' Meeting** at 19:45 tonight in the room next to the BBO tables on the third floor. This will involve the captains of the top 16 teams in the Open, the top 4 teams in the Women's and the top 4 teams in the Seniors' event.

In the **Open**, the top 4 teams will select their Round of 16 opponents from the teams placed 9th to 16th. Thereafter fixed brackets are created.

In the **Women's** and **Seniors'** the respective 1st placed team will select its semifinal opponent from the teams placed 3rd to 4th.

Please refer to the *Supplementary Conditions of Contest § 5.2* for further details.

Pairs from teams not qualifying are welcome to play, free of charge, either at the Open Pairs or the Open Swiss Teams on Monday.



Master Point Races incl. June 21st

Cumulative

1	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka ..	80
	WERNLE Sascha	80
3	POPOVA Dessy	75
	GUNEV Rossen Georgiev	75
5	BOMPIS Marc	65
	WILLARD Sylvie	65
7	PROOIJEN Ricco van ...	60
	BERTENS Huub	60
	MICHELSEN Marion	60
	VERBEEK Martine	60
11	SAYER Netsy	55
	ZAHARIEV Zahari	55
13	AUKEN Sabine	50
	WELLAND Roy	50
15	HELNESS Gunn	45
	HELNESS Tor	45

Side Events Only

1	WERNLE Sascha	20
	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka ..	20
	BRENNER Anne	20
	CAPRERA David	20
5	KLUKOWSKI Michal	15
	KALITA Jacek	15
	ZMUDA Justyna	15
	HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica	15
9	PSZCZOLA Jacek	10
	MILNER Reese	10
	KELDERMANS Georges .	10
	SIMPSON Gigi	10
	MIZEL Jack	10
	BERBERS Katrien	10
	GOLD David	10
	GROSS Susanna	10
	JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	10
	GAWEL Wojciech	10

La Rubrique.FR

Combien, la tournée générale ?

Dans l'équipe vainqueur du quatre mixtes figure l'une des joueuses les plus attachantes du circuit international, qui a l'avantage supplémentaire, comme nombre de ses compatriotes, de comprendre correctement notre langue. Il était donc naturel que l'Autrichienne Jovi Smederevac accepte de nous raconter une donne de cette dernière journée de la compétition qui l'a vu sacrée championne d'Europe.

« C'est une donne du deuxième match de la matinée, l'avant-dernier match de qualification. Nous jouions contre l'équipe Collector, avions plutôt pas mal d'avance et tout ce que j'avais à faire était d'éviter les grosses bêtises pour assurer notre place en finale. C'était sans compter sur le petit lutin qui quelquefois vient habiter mon cerveau. Après une première donne banale, je reçus en Ouest la main suivante :

♠ R7532
♥ 1062
♦ 43
♣ RD8

Nous étions seuls vulnérables. En première position, Sacha Wernle, mon partenaire, passa. Sud ouvrit d'1♣ polonais et je passais sagement. Nord répondit 1♦, 0-7, et Sud annonça alors 1♥, une enchère ambiguë en force et quasi forcing, d'après ce que me dit Nord. Et, à cet instant, me vint l'envie irrépressible d'annoncer mes Piques. Après



Sascha Wernle

mon enchère d'1♠ tout s'enchaîna très vite : Nord passa, Sacha dit ISA et Sud contra. Et à cet instant, j'eus envie de disparaître sous terre. J'aurais volontiers dégagé, mais je n'avais pas de couleur pour le faire ! Je me mis à réfléchir à ce qui allait se passer. Dans ma tête, un scénario se construisit très vite : nous allons perdre une lourde pénalité et nous allons nous faire éliminer de la finale de quelques points. Pour nous consoler, comme c'était ma faute, j'allais devoir offrir à boire à tous mes équipiers. Et croyez-le ou non, j'en suis venu à réfléchir à la somme que ça allait me coûter en bière et en vin blanc ! Finalement, je passai et ISA contré devint le contrat final. Sud, la jeune Polonaise Justyna Zmuda entama du ♦As et contre-attaqua bien vite de la ♠D. J'étais au bord de la crise cardiaque ! Il est peut-être bon, maintenant, de vous montrer les quatre jeux :

Match n°12 – donne n°22.

Sud donneur, Est donneur, Est-Ouest vulnérables

♠ R 7 5 3 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #006400; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8
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♦ 43		♦ 1065			
♣ R D 8		♣ A 106432			
	♠ A D 9 4				
	♥ R V 7 3				
	♦ A R V 2				
	♣ V				

Sacha, parfaitement tranquille, appela le ♠Roi du mort. Puis il encaissa ses six Trèfles maîtres mais ne réussit pas à monter une fin de coup sur Sud pour réaliser deux Cœurs. Finalement, nous dûmes nous contenter d'une surlevée, pour 380 et 10 imps quand nos partenaires réussirent à gagner 3♦ dans l'autre salle. Ce qui assura cette fois définitivement notre qualification. Un peu plus tard, j'interrogeai quand même mon partenaire. :

Quand même, tu aurais pu enlever à 2♣, tu ne crois pas ?

Si, bien sûr, mais je n'ai pas bien compris les explications sur les enchères de Sud, j'ai cru qu'elle avait cinq Trèfles et quatre Cœurs. Et puis après out, tu es bien intervenue vulnérable, n'est-ce pas ? »

Ce qui, avouez-le, clôt définitivement le débat.

Philippe Cronier

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Mixed Teams R8: NedAut v. Austria

by Jos Jacobs

For Round 8, we again saw a clash of the two leading teams. The Dutch team with an Austrian flavour had to meet a fully Austrian team. The match was basically decided on the two boards below.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
2♦	Pass	2♥	2NT
All Pass			

After West's Multi and East's relay, South had a perfectly normal 2NT overcall, and played there when North correctly decided his hand was not worth a raise.

After a spade lead, declarer could win the spade in dummy and cash out the hearts then play three rounds of diamonds, and had nine tricks as soon as either defender opened up the clubs for her, which they eventually had to do. NedAut +150.



Huub Bertens

In the other room, Bertens' aggression backfired:
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertens	Grümm	Verbeek	Lindermann
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Faced with a 3♠ opening bid, South had little option but to reopen with 3NT. Against this contract, West led a spade. Declarer ran this to the nine and ten, cashed the ♥A unblocking dummy's jack, followed by the ♦A and a diamond to East's ten. When East returned a club to the jack, king and ace, Lindermann could first run the ♥10 successfully and then lead a club off dummy to his ten. After this, he simply played ♦K and a club to put on lead East, who could win one more diamond but then had to return a heart to present declarer with the last two tricks. That was worth 10 Imps to Austria.

Later on in the match, the following board occurred:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

It is a rarity to see two competent declarers in 3NT emerge with five and ten tricks respectively, though nothing ridiculous occurred. Still, this is what happened here.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

A natural inverted-minor auction made North the declarer in 3NT. East led a diamond, a good start for the defence. Dummy's queen won and declarer then successfully ran the ♣Q. A low club went to the ten and East's king, East continuing a low diamond to her partner's jack.

When West shifted to a low heart, declarer went up with the king and the roof fell in. East won the ace and cleared

the diamonds, removing the entry to dummy's clubs in the process. Declarer could do little else but cash his ♣A and exit in hearts but East won the nine, cashed a diamond and led another heart. Schifko thus took two more heart tricks before returning a spade, upon which East's ♠K was the fourth defensive trick. Austria +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertens	Grümm	Verbeek	Lindermann
	1♥	DbI	Redbl
1♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Because the Austrians can open four-card majors, we got a completely different auction at the other table, as a result of which South became the declarer. West led a normal enough spade, which gained a tempo for declarer when East won the king and returned the suit to declarer's jack. Next came the ♣Q. East won her king immediately and cleared the spades.

Declarer then took a successful diamond finesse before running his clubs. East had blanked her ♥A trying to keep a few diamonds, but Lindermann correctly read the position and exited with a low heart, ducked in dummy to East's ace. As West had thrown his two small hearts on the clubs, this play actually resulted in an overtrick...Austria another +430 and 12 more Imps.

They eventually won the match 30-14 or 15.05 – 4.95 VP.

Cardine v. Green Eyes

By Jos Jacobs

Mixed Teams Swiss Round 6

Here is the decisive deal from Thursday morning's match between Cardine, an Italian team, and Green Eyes, a Romanian team. It was a grand slam with 13 top tricks. For some reason, bidding these hands to the seven-level is frequently more difficult than one might expect.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

In the Open Room, the Romanians had a fully natural auction.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ionita	Lauria	Stegarioiu	Morgantini
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♥	All Pass

Strong NT, transfer, second suit, 4♦ agreeing both suits for the time being, 5♦ four key-cards and 7♥ the logical conclusion to the second-best contract. After so many days of pairs' events, we are still on the lookout for NT contracts whenever possible. This board proved no exception.

Of course, the chance of 7♥ going down on an initial ruff is pretty remote...so well done by Stegarioiu and Ionita.

For the sake of completeness, here is the auction in the other room.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mariani	Mihai R	Buratti	Mihai G
1♣	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	All pass		

INT was GF and 2NT showed a strong NT. There followed a transfer to hearts, cuebids but when West signed off in 6♥ East had no reason to move on.

As it happened, this board decided the outcome of this match, as all but two of the other boards were pushes. Green Eyes won an overtrick somewhere and there was a board on which the Italian declarer at INT misguessed and went one down for a 5-Imp loss.

The match thus ended 17-0 in IMPs which converted to 15.29 – 4.71 VP.



Cardine v. Green Eyes

Mixed Teams R10: Zimmermann v. Schaltz

By Jos Jacobs

In Round 9 of the Swiss, Zimmermann had done well and scored 16.39VP whereas Schaltz, who had been doing well in the earlier rounds, had just suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the leaders, Austria. So at this point, the two teams were in 7th and 8th position respectively. If either team could score a big win, they might rise to a position that could eventually lead to a medal.

The small lead Schaltz had taken over the first three boards was entirely wiped out on board 4:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥
Dbl	3♥	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
4♣	All Pass		



Catherine D'Ovidio

A well-timed double of 3NT by Cronier made life difficult for his opponents. When Fredin believed him and retreated to 4♣, he had changed +750 into +130 for his side.

In the other room, Willard was left in peace by Dorthe Schaltz in the same auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Schaltz D.</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Schaltz P.</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥
Dbl	3♥	3NT	All Pass

When the ♠K proved right, there were nine easy tricks for +600 and 10 IMPs to Zimmermann.

On the next board, the Schaltz team went into the lead again when the French missed a slam on an auction where they both had a little in reserve during the auction.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

On a heart lead, declarer easily made all the tricks when the hearts broke. Zimmermann +720.

In the other room, Peter Schaltz just found a quantitative raise when his partner suggested extra values.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Schaltz D.</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Schaltz P.</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Nicely done for a well-deserved +1470 and 13 IMPs after a heart lead.

Two boards later, we saw a quiet French auction and an aggressive Scandinavian one:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, the French bid like this:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Schaltz D.	Willard	Schaltz P.
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	INT	2♥	Dbf
			All Pass

After a spade lead, Sylvie Willard, playing in 2♥, could afford to start drawing trumps from the top immediately, ending up with an overtrick for +140 to Zimmermann.

In the other room, Peter Fredin made an aggressive raise to game, only to see his partner rise to the occasion in the play:



Peter Schaltz

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Cronier	Bekkouche	D'Ovidio
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
Pass	INT	2♥	Dbf
4♥	All Pass		3♦

D'Ovidio also led a spade but Bekkouche won this is in hand with the ace, overtook the ♠Q with dummy's king, threw a diamond on the ♠J and successfully ran the ♥10. From there, it was plain sailing for her: heart to the nine, ♥A and she lost just one heart and one club, because her fourth club went on the ♠9 later on. So a fine +650, and 11 IMPs to Schaltz to increase their lead to 22 IMPs.

Two boards later, the opening bid made all the difference.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Cronier	Bekkouche	D'Ovidio
2♣	Pass	1♣	1♠
All Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

When Bekkouche could open a natural 1♣, Fredin had a fully justified raise available after D'Ovidio overcalled 1♠. Cronier now made a free raise on his feeble hand, which induced his partner to bid game. Had North held one of the major suit jacks, this would have been a very reasonable contract...but as it was, Schaltz +50.

In the other room, East had to open 1♦ according to the French system:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Schaltz D.	Willard	Schaltz P.
All Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠

After the same 1♠ overcall, West had nothing to say and the same applied to North. Looking at her ♠Kx, East also called it a day and the Danes registered a quiet +170 and 6 IMPs to win the match easily by 44-12 IMPs or 18.15 – 1.85 VP They had moved up to 3rd place by the end of the second day.

Mixed Teams R11: Alain Levy v. Vriend

By Patrick Jourdain

Teams in the top ten slots were still hopeful of making the cut for the medals that would come after the 13th match, so your reporter took his place at Table 5 where the French team led by Alain Levy met the Dutch squad led by Bep Vriend.

A well-played match had only partscore swings. The Dutch collected an Imp on Board 11, but there was potential for a major swing on Board 12:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

In fourth seat, Anne-Frédérique Levy opened the South hand with a 15-17 no-trump and Alain Levy made an aggressive raise to game with the flat unappealing nine-count opposite.

West, Ton Bakkeren, led a heart. Declarer won cheaply and led the diamond queen to East's ace. A second heart went to the king and a third one cleared the suit with East ditching a diamond.



Carla Arnolds

South ran the diamond nine to East's jack and Carla Arnolds switched to a low spade. South was forced to win at once. With both majors wide open it would have been disastrous to take an early wrong view in clubs so it was natural to cross to the ace of clubs to cash the winning diamonds. Bakkeren discarded the ten of spades and one winning heart, as declarer threw two spades.

A club finesse now would have brought home the game but South must have thought that West was hanging on to a now-bare club queen because she played a club to the KING and then conceded two off.

That was a fortunate 200 to the defence but only 3 IMPs when 2NT went one off at the other table.

The French took the lead with a smart piece of concealment from Alain Levy on the next deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Levy A.	Arnolds	Levy A.-F.
	1NT	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Alain opened an off-shape 1NT and East's Two Clubs showed both majors. The response of Two Diamonds asked for the longer suit, and the invitational heart raise was wisely rejected.

On a trump lead Carla Arnolds drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy and then, in an attempt to deduce the honour layout, led a club off the dummy.

Alain was careful to win with the king and then cash the ace as if he did not hold the queen. He then switched to the king of spades. It certainly looked to declarer as if the diamond ace had to be with North to justify the strong no-trump. So she led a diamond to the jack and queen, and another spade sank the contract.

The same contract was reached at the other table played by West. Two top clubs were cashed and then North switched to a diamond, saving any guess. That was 6 IMPs to the French.

On Board 14 6NT is makeable but there was no swing when both tables stopped in a safe game. As the Dutch were in no-trump and the French in 5♦ that was 3 IMPs to the Dutch.

Board 15 had an amusing twist:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

The French had a natural and unopposed auction to Two Spades:

	Pass
1♠	INT
2♣	2♠
Pass	

A heart lead was ducked to West who continued the suit to the ace. A trump finesse lost and a third heart reduced Alain to the same number of trumps as West. Alain cashed his top trumps but East showed out on the third, releasing a diamond.

Now Alain spotted a way of making eight tricks without guessing clubs. He took two top clubs ending in dummy intending to lead the fourth heart to secure his small trump en passant. The diamond suit would provide an eighth trick.

However, when declarer led to the club king, Ton Bakkeren went into the tank. If partner held three clubs to the jack he could avoid an embarrassing endplay by divesting himself of the queen. And so he ditched the queen, allowing Alain nine tricks and a flat board.

What would you lead from this hand:

♠ 6 3 2
♥ A 8 6 4 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ Q 6

You pass as dealer and the opponents then bid unopposed:

1♣	1♠
2♣	2♦*
2♠	3♣
4♦	4♠
Pass	

2♦ is alerted as a relay and 4♦ as a splinter.

Alain correctly read dummy as being 3316 in shape and boldly underled his ace of hearts! He found the perfect holding in dummy of ♥KJ10 and partner with the queen. But Bakkeren paid Alain the compliment of immediately hopping up with the king! This was worth 12 tricks for a flat board.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Levy A.	Arnolds	Levy A.-F.
		1♠	Pass
3♠	Dble	4♠	All Pass

The raise to Three Spades was alerted as pre-emptive and North felt obliged to double. It is best for East to pass but Carla pressed on to Four Spades and that proved to cost 5 IMPs as an unnecessary sacrifice.

The last two boards were flat but both North-South pairs did well to reach Six Clubs on the final deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bakkeren	Levy A.	Arnolds	Levy A.-F.
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duguet	Ritmeyer	Duguet	Tichá
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠*
Dbl	Redbl	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

In the Open room Alain's 1♦ was Better Minor, South's Two Clubs was game forcing, 3♦ showed hearts, and Four Clubs was a natural slam try. South might have co-operated by bidding Four Diamonds but she probably felt she had already done enough. Even after the sign-off Alain had enough to continue to Six.

The defence led a spade but Anne-Frédérique won the ace, drew trumps, and ditched her losing spade on the diamonds before giving up a heart.

In the Closed Room South showed her hearts first and then over 2NT (18/19) the Three Spade bid promised Clubs. West doubled for a spade lead, and the redouble showed first round control. After a couple of cuebids 4NT was keycard with the response showing 1 or 4. This was well done by both North-South pairs for no swing and a 15-7 IMP win for the French team, who moved up to sixth place.

Mixed Pairs Round-Up

By Barry Rigal

Here are a couple of nice deals from two of the contending pairs at the top of the Mixed Pairs table.

First Zahary Zahariev and Netsy Sayer (the bronze medal winners) at work:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

South opened a 14-16 INT and got to play there. Zahariev led a spade to his partner's king, and declarer ducked this, put in the jack on the second round, and won the third spade, West leading back his low spade. Now declarer quite reasonably led the ♥Q from hand. Zahariev won his king, cashed his spade, while South and East

pitched clubs, then led a diamond to the six, jack and king. When South exited with a low heart, East cashed both his winners; on these tricks West echoed in clubs to receive a club shift. South went up with the ♣A and exited with a club. Zahariev won the king, then led a low diamond to the queen and a diamond return gave the defenders the rest of the tricks. That meant four down and 42/50 MP.

Had East exited in diamonds before playing the club through, West would have had his diamond tricks but been endplayed to lead clubs at the death for just three down. The reason that West could afford to call for a club was that he knew declarer had eight points in the majors and had already turned up with the ♦A and inferentially had the ♣A from West's discouraging club discard; so there no room for the ♦Q.

On the next deal put yourself in Sabine Auken's position: you hear your RHO open a strong no-trump in third seat, and double for penalty. All pass, and you lead an interior heart to see the following:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Dummy's jack scores; declarer leads a spade to the eight and your king. Play on.

At the table Auken reasoned that partner had a two-or-three-count at best presumably with the spade jack or queen. Declarer's decision to play on spades argued that he was not just missing the club ace and queen or he might have led that suit at trick two. So she shifted to the ♣Q! This was the full deal.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Declarer chose to win the ♣K and play a diamond. Auken won the trick and put her partner in with ♣J to play a heart through, and now the defenders had eight winners, for 500 and virtually all the MP.

Mixed Teams Round 11

By Barry Rigal and Jos Jacobs

For Round 11, Jos would be following Coca Joja versus Dehaye while we would be casting an eye over the other four matches on BBO.

At the start of the 3rd day of the Mixed Swiss, there were many teams still in with a chance to make it into the battle for the minor medals. Austria and the NedAut combination both looked pretty sure of staying in the lead, though it might turn out differently by the end of the round, but as far as 3rd place was concerned, much would depend on the Schaltz team's performance.

The first board posed a competitive problem for North-South. With East-West able to take no more than seven tricks in hearts against best defence, North-South wanted to buy the hand in 2♠.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Neither table managed this in Austria-Connector, both playing 4♠ with the Polish team picking up two undertrick IMPs for a better guess in trumps. In Troll-Gotard, Boye Brogeland as North opened 1♣ and rebid 2♠ at his next turn over his partner's negative double of 1♥, with a raise to 2♥ on his left. That was enough to buy the contract.



Boye Brogeland

In the other room, Barbara Gotard heard Espen Erichsen compete to 3♥ after the same start and jumped to 4♠.

In Czech Republic against Beijing Trinerger the Czech East was allowed to open 1NT and play there on a spade lead, down a trick, while in the other room Hoderova brought home 3♠ for +140 and 3 imps. In the all-German clash of Alertplus against DesperateBridgewives, Vechiatto for Alertplus kept her opponents out by opening the North hand 1♠ and brought home +170, while Fresen played 4♠ down one in the other room. 6-0 for Alertplus.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

If left to their own devices, North-South would surely play 3NT; but who passes the East cards in third seat these days? In Austria-Connector, Dufrat opened 1♦ for the latter; the auction proceeded Db1-1♥-Db1-All pass. The defenders did not manage to score their trumps separately and emerged with two trumps, three clubs, and one trick in each of the other suits for +100, a meagre return on investment. But in the other room, Weigkricht passed the East cards and Zmuda declared 3NT as South on an unopposed sequence. After a heart lead, she took dummy's queen to lead a diamond to the nine successfully. Weigkricht won the second diamond and set up the hearts, East pitching a somewhat revealing diamond, leaving South to guess clubs. However, when she passed the ♣J unsuccessfully she had only eight tricks, and Austria led 5-2 now.

Tomasz Gotard played 3NT and guessed clubs, worth a nice pick-up when in the other room (his son) Thomas Gotard opened 2♦ and was doubled for take-out, converted to penalties by Boye Brogeland. Declarer scored two spades, a heart and a ruff, and eventually emerged with two trump tricks for -300. But 7 IMPs to Gotard, leading 7-6.

Both tables made 3NT in Alertplus-DeperateBridgewives. Engel received a diamond lead from West, while Fresen had heard his RHO open 1♦, so after getting a heart lead and guessing diamonds he also negotiated clubs successfully. Hoderova also guessed clubs in 3NT for the Czech

Republic against Beijing Trinerger – especially laudable since here East had passed throughout while West had overcalled 1♥, so it must have been tempting to play West for more in the way of cards. That was worth 12 IMPs to the Czechs when Wang duplicated the unsuccessful Connector line. 15-0 to the Czechs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

This deal did not produce a great deal of excitement, in a sense. If the defenders get round to spades early enough then nine tricks in hearts apparently hinge on the diamond guess, but if you play 4♥ you appear doomed, whatever the defence. Or so it would seem; but appearances...you know the rest!

In Troll-Gotard, Eggeling got to play 3♥ as West for Gotard, after Thomas G. had overcalled 2♣ for the majors over Brogeland's idiosyncratic INT opening. Brogeland cashed the ♣AK and shifted to the ♠K, and Eggeling misguessed diamonds to allow Brogeland to play a second spade and defeat the partscore. In the other room the first three tricks were identical – but for the small difference that it was Espen Erichsen (who had overcalled 1♥ over 1♣) declaring 4♥ from the East side. Now when declarer won the spade and led a diamond up Eggeling hopped up with the ♦A to cash her partner's spade trick. Declarer put up dummy's ♠10 and now had ten tricks. Troll led 18-7 now.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>Spangenberg</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Van Lankveld</i>
	1♣	1♥	Dbl
2♣	3♣	3♥	All Pass

Steven De Donder judged well to sign off in 3♥, against which South led a club. North won the king and tried the effect of returning the ♠K – as did almost all our other Norths though typically at trick three. Declarer won, crossed in trumps and led a spade up. When North followed with the nine, he won the queen, led a trump to dummy and exited in clubs. As North had to win this, she found herself on play, to her dissatisfaction, as she could either open up the diamonds or give a ruff and discard. Elegantly done for +140 to Dehay.

In the other room, the Dutch overbid a little:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>V. den Toorn</i>	<i>Dehay</i>	<i>Westerbeek</i>	<i>Dewasme</i>
	1♣	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2NT showed a sound raise and 3♦ was a help suit-trial as East had no other positive action available below the level of 3♥. West, of course, thought she had the right values and was happy to raise to game, but it had very little play. At the table, declarer was down at trick two when after winning the trump lead in hand, he immediately led a diamond to the jack and queen. His consolation was that no other line of play would have served him any better. Dehay another +100 and 6 IMPs.

Two boards later, Cheryl van den Toorn found the killing lead against 3NT:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobbels</i>	<i>Spangenberg</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Van Lankveld</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2♣...16+ or spades and clubs

In the Open Room, the Dutch North-South had settled for a partscore, making an overtrick for a score of +140. They might have been kicking themselves for not getting to 3NT, vulnerable, a contract that would have made easily had the clubs and spades behaved.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>V. den Toorn</i>	<i>Dehay</i>	<i>Westerbeek</i>	<i>Dewasme</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In a more natural looking auction, the Belgians did indeed reach 3NT, from the South seat. Now, it was up to West to find the lead of a heart honour – far from obvious, to say the least. However, when the ♠Q hit the table, the kibitzers knew that the contract was doomed. Declarer actually went down two when she misguessed clubs in the endgame. +200 more gave the Coca Joja's 8 IMPs, to take the lead.

Where Beijing Trinergy declared 3NT the defenders did not find the ♠Q lead and thus 3NT could no longer be defeated, once declarer went after spades, taking out East's entry, then guessed clubs. 10 IMPs to Beijing, when Slemr-Hoderova played a spade partscore; Beijing were down 15-10 now.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

What looked like a quiet partscore at most tables saw the Brogelands guilty of grand larceny. Boye (North) opened 1♣ and when Thomas G. overcalled 1♥ Tonje tried a jump to 3♥, stopper ask. Boye obediently bid 3NT, won the heart lead in hand to guess clubs, and claimed 10 tricks without further ado. 3NT on 20 HCP. Thank you very much, on to the next.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

The next deal saw the lead change hand in Austria-Connector. 4♠ looks quite high enough, since if you play slam unless you find a miracle in the club suit you will need at the very least to guess hearts. Nowosadzki-Dufrat stayed safely low; 1♣-1♠-2♣-2♦-2♠-3♠-4♠-Pass, East's final

raise to game looking just a little pessimistic. Mind you that was considerably better than the auction from the other room: 2♣-2♦(R)-2NT-3♦-3NT-4♣-4♦P-4NT-5♣-6♣ saw Weigkricht in a nearly hopeless slam, duly down a trick for 11 IMPs to Connector, and a 13-11 lead.

Both tables reached 6♠ from the East seat (well done) in Troll-Gothard. For Troll Espen Erichsen had shown clubs and spade fit in response to a transfer; he won the diamond lead to cash one top spade from dummy. Then he ruffed out the clubs and guessed hearts by leading one to the king. When that held he could draw trumps ending in hand and claim a splendid +980. Since Thomas G. also received a diamond lead but won the ♦A to lead a heart to the jack at trick two, that was down one and 14 IMPs to Troll, leading 40-17.



Arno Lindermann

On the next deal, Connector bought the hand in both rooms, playing a hopeless 3NT off the first five spade tricks, and psyching a 1♦ opening to play 2♦-3. The Austrians therefore regained the lead at 17-13, and picked up ten more on the next deal:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Lindermann's 1♥ opening with the South cards worked a treat. When Grümm raised to 2♥ Dufrat took a cautious position to pass and 2♥ became the final contract, making +140 and going very nicely with the action from the other

room. Here Klukowski opened 2♥ as North in third seat. The auction continued: 2♥-2♠-4♦-4♠, 4♦ being a fit-jump. Klukowski took the intellectual sacrifice based on the double fit – and he was right in the sense that he could get out for -300 but wrong because, with hearts 2-2, his side had four top tricks. 10 IMPs to Austria, leading 27-13, the final match score.

Troll gained 5 IMPs here by buying the hand at the four-level, down 100, in one room and doubling the phantom sacrifice of 5♥ in the other room. The lead was up to 45-20.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Very few pairs bid this hand well, although plenty of pairs were allowed to make 6NT when neither East nor West had a comfortable spade lead. The Brogelands gained 12 IMPs for their side with a very nice sequence. 1♦-1♥-2NT-3♠(♣)-4♣-4♦-4♠-4NT-5♣-6♣. When Boye showed club fit by bidding 4♣ rather than reverting to 3NT then removed 4NT to 5♣.

Tonje had enough to bid the cold slam. Well done. That meant a 57-20 win for Troll, while DesperateBridgewives levelled their match against Alertplus by making 6NT in one room and defending 3NT in the other.



Steven De Donder

Dehaye also snatched victory from Coco Joja on their final deal by bidding the right slam in one room.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dobbels	Spangenberg	De Donder	Van Lankveld
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When Spangenberg opened 1♣ and showed a balanced 17-19 later on, Van Lankveld, who could not be sure about partner's exact club holding (the auction could be based on as few clubs as a doubleton), simply signed off in 3NT. Coca Joja +490 when East did not find the spade lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
V. den Toorn	Dehaye	Westerbeek	Dewasme
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

When Dehaye upgraded his hand and opened 2NT, this was all his partner needed to go on over 3NT. Dewasme used Puppet Stayman to start with and followed with a natural 4♣, which Dehaye was happy to accept. After an exchange of cuebids North used Blackwood to drive to the slam. Even on an unlikely spade lead from East the contract is cold, as declarer can draw trumps and then discard the losing spade on a top diamond. In any event, a great +1370 to Dehaye to win the match 20-13 or 12.51 – 7.49 VP. They had kept their chances of reaching the top four intact.



Bernard Dehaye

Mixed Teams R12 - Schaltz v. Alain Levy

By Jos Jacobs

The Schaltz team had come within striking distance of at least one of the two leaders after beating NedAut heavily in the previous round. As a consequence, the battle for second place was suddenly alive again. It would be important for both NedAut and Schaltz to do well, if they were to preserve their chances of making it into the final.

Schaltz scored a double partscore on board 22 and increased their lead on the next board:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy AF.	Schaltz D.	Levy A.	Schaltz P.
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
All Pass			3NT

West led a top heart and, upon seeing the layout, cleared the suit. Declarer established his diamonds by conceding a trick to West, who cashed his 13th heart before exiting in diamonds. At this point, declarer needed the fall of the ♠Q to make his contract and thus must have felt relieved when she made her appearance at the most appropriate moment. Schaltz +600.

In the other room, Peter Fredin did not believe in declarer's luck:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Duguet Mi.	Bekkouche	Duguet Ma.
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♦
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3NT
Dbl	All Pass		4♦

The effect of his double was, however, that Marlene Duguet, the presumed declarer, no longer believed in her luck either. She ran to 4♦, which was doubled as well by Peter Fredin.

In 4♦, declarer had two hearts, a club and a trump trick to lose but when she missed the trump endplay against West, she finished up down two, for -500 and a loss of 15 IMPs rather than 13 IMPs.

Two boards later, the Danish pair had an accident:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy AF.	Schaltz D.	Levy A.	Schaltz P.
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	



Alain Levy

If declarer guesses the ♠Q correctly, he cannot possibly go down. The defence can take their two club tricks and shift to a diamond but declarer wins, unblocks the ♥K, crosses to the ♠K, runs the jack and cashes his spade winners, throwing a diamond from his hand. Playing along these lines, Alain Levy quickly made an overtrick for +870, losing just two clubs and two trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Duguet Mi.	Bekkouche	Duguet Ma.
2♥	All Pass	2♦	Pass

In the other room, Fredin's 2♥ relay bought the contract so the French recovered 13 IMPs when the contract made exactly.

When the last two boards arrived, the score still stood at 22-14 to Schaltz. This was the first of those boards:



Anne-Frédérique Levy

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy AF.	Schaltz D.	Levy A.	Schaltz P.
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
	All Pass		

The normal contract of 4♥ was reached easily enough but how should you play it? In view of North's overcall, a trump safety play might be an idea but even if this works out well, you are still looking at three possible club losers and two spade losers, of which only two can go on the ♦AK.

When Anne-Frédérique Levy started off by winning the diamond lead in dummy and then leading a trump to the queen and king, she could no longer make the contract and went two down in the end. Schaltz +200.

In the other room, Peter Fredin was the declarer, so it was no real surprise that he found a brilliant solution.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Duguet Mi.	Bekkouche	Duguet Ma.
3♥	2♠	Pass	2NT
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

He too won the diamond lead in dummy but his next move was to run the ♥9. When this brought down the king, all he needed was an easy (?) endplay on North, who was initially forced to hang on to at least four spades and thus had to let go a diamond on the run of the trumps.

This was the end position:

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

Dummy is on lead after winning the ♠K and plays the ♦K on which declarer discards a spade. The last diamond is ruffed in hand and North is put on lead with his last spade. The ♣K will be the game-going trick. Very well played for +620, and another 13 IMPs to Schaltz.



On the last board, the French were in an inferior game contract at one table, which cost them dearly:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levy AF.	Schaltz D.	Levy A.	Schaltz P.
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass		Pass	3NT

West led a club, which ran to declarer's queen. Had North been the declarer, or had West led the ♣K (!), the side entry to the hearts threatens to disappear prematurely but declarer can overcome this by ducking the king. As it was, declarer could now play on hearts. East could win the ace whenever he wanted but he could not possibly clear the clubs and return a diamond at the same time. So, after winning the ♣A and running the hearts, declarer could establish two spade tricks by leading the jack from dummy, enough for his contract. The defence got two clubs and two major suit aces. Alternatively, the defence might come to a club, a diamond and the two major suit aces. Schaltz +400.

In the other room, North elected to play the board himself:

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Duguet Mi.	Bekkouche	Duguet Ma.
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♠

When East led a spade to partner's ace and got a ruff at trick two, Michel Duguet must have regretted what looked an entirely reasonable choice of contracts. The point was that when East returned a diamond, declarer had to finesse. When West took the king, declarer had to settle for one down. Unlucky, for sure, but another +50 to Schaltz, 10 IMPs and another big win to them: 45-14 or exactly 18-2 in VP. By now, they were just about one VP behind the Ned-Aut combination, but still in 3rd place.

The last round of the Swiss would thus be the decider for the privilege to play Austria in the final.

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Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President



Movin' On Up

By Brent Manley

Mixed Teams Round 12

With two rounds to go in the Mixed Teams qualifying, the NedAut team (Netherlands-Austria) stood in second place, more than 17 victory points out of the first spot (151.35 VPs to 168.82 for Austria). The top two after 13 rounds would face each other for the gold medal, so the Dutch-Austrian squad had a strong incentive to excel so as to maintaining their position or even move up to first. Dropping to third or fourth would leave them playing off for the bronze medal.

In round 12, NedAut (Huub Bertens, Marion Michielsen, Ricco van Prooijen, Jovanka Smederevac, Martine Verbeek, Sascha Wernle) faced Connector Poland (Katarzyna Dufurat, Danuta Kazmucha, Michal Klukowski, Michal Nowosadzki, Cezary Serek, Justyna Zmuda), who were 10 VPs off the pace for the top four.

The first board of the match was a setback for NedAut.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 7 2 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ A 10 9 7 6 ♣ Q 10 9	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ A J 5 3 ♥ J 7 6 4 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8 2	
N		E							
W		S							
♠ 9 ♥ A 10 9 8 5 ♦ Q J 8 ♣ K 7 6 4		♠ K Q 10 8 6 4 ♥ — ♦ K 5 4 ♣ A J 5 3							

West	North	East	South
Serek	v Prooijen	Kazmucha	Michielsen
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dbl	Redbl	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Serek started with the ♦Q, taken by Michielsen in hand. At trick two, she played the ♠Q, ducked by East. Michielsen continued with the ♠K to East's ace, and on the return of the ♣2 (low from doubletons), Michielsen guessed wrong by putting up the ace. When she drove out the ♠J, Kazmucha continued with the ♣8 to get a ruff for one down.

A different opening lead at the other made declarer's job a bit easier.

West	North	East	South
Smederevac	Klukowski	Wernle	Zmuda
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dbl	INT	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

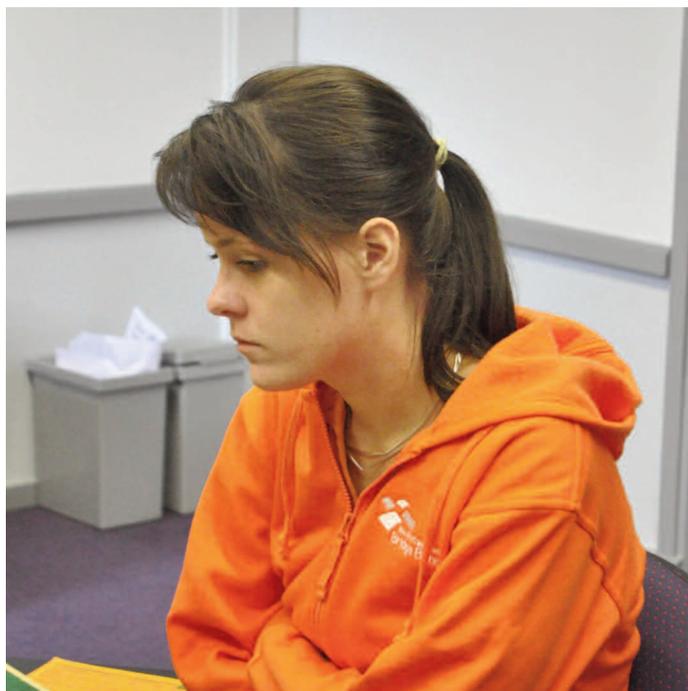
Smederevac started with a low club, dummy's 9 winning the trick. Zmuda next played a low spade to her 10, a diamond to dummy's ace and continued with dummy's other spade. East took the ♠A and played a club. Zmuda went up with the ace, pulled trumps and led a low club from hand. West won the king but the defenders had only one more trick (a diamond) coming. That was plus 620 and 12 IMPs to Connector.

NedAut bounced right back on the next board with a 10-IMP swing.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 10 6 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ Q 9 8 7 ♣ 9 7 5	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ 8 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ A 10 6 4 3 2	
N		E							
W		S							
♠ K 7 5 3 2 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ K Q 8		♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ K J 7 3 ♦ A K J 2 ♣ J							

West	North	East	South
Serek	v Prooijen	Kazmucha	Michielsen
	Pass	2♣	Dbl
3♣	3♦	Pass	Dbl
Pass		All Pass	



Marion Michielsen

East led her singleton spade against 3♦. Van Prooijen went up with the ace, pulled trumps and played the ♠J from hand. When West ducked, van Prooijen took advantage by playing a heart to dummy's king, followed by a third round of spades. He was soon claiming nine tricks for plus 110.

West	North	East	South
Smederevac	Klukowski	Wernle	Zmuda
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	1♥
All Pass		INT	Dbl

1♦ . .0-7 HCP or no major

Zmuda had a strong hand and a 'responding' partner, which apparently accounts for her double of INT, a decision she came to regret. She started with the ♦A, switching to the ♠Q. Wernle played the king and then rattled off six club tricks, which together with the ♠A produced +380 and a useful swing.

This deal could have produced a huge swing for the Poles, but it turned into a modest gain for the Dutch-Austrian squad.



Jovi Smederevac

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Smederevac	Klukowski	Wernle	Zmuda
Dbl	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	Redbl	INT	Pass
	2♣	All Pass	

Klukowski took eight tricks with relative ease for plus 90.

West	North	East	South
Serek	v Prooijen	Kazmucha	Michielsen
2♥	Pass	2♦*	Pass
	Dbl	All Pass	

Declarer always has eight tricks on a double-dummy basis, but even after misguessing spades (understandable, given the auction), Serek could have made his doubled contract.

Van Prooijen led his singleton heart to the 3, 2 and king.

Declarer played a spade to dummy's jack at trick two. Michielsen took the ♠Q and played the ♦5. Serek went up with the ace and cashed three more spades, fatally discarding one of dummy's clubs instead of the lone

diamond. Michielsen ruffed the 13th spade and continued with the ♦Q, which held the trick. Now since Michielsen was out of diamonds, van Prooijen could get in with a club and play a third round of diamonds, promoting an extra trump trick for Michielsen. As it was, declarer ruffed the third round of diamonds low. Michielsen overruffed and still had a trump trick. The defenders took one each in spades, clubs and diamonds, plus three trump tricks for plus 200 and three rather sweaty lmps.

Had declarer discarded dummy's diamond instead of one of the clubs, Michielsen could ruff the fourth spade and play her diamond, but dummy then ruffs and plays a club. If Michielsen ducks to allow van Prooijen to win, declarer discards dummy's club on the diamond continuation. A further diamond can be ruffed with the ♥J or ♥10, and if Michielsen overruffs, it's the last trick for the defence. If she discards her last non-trump card, declarer simply plays a low heart from dummy, leaving Michielsen on play at trick 12 with ♥Q 9 to lead into dummy's ♥A 10.

There was a bigger swing for NedAut on the next deal.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

The Radetzky March

By Mark Horton

Mixed Teams Final Round 1/2

Johann Josef Wenzel Graf Radetzky von Radetz was a Czech nobleman and Austrian general, immortalised by Johann Strauss I's Radetzky March. General Radetzky was in the military for over 70 years, until 90, almost up to his death at age 91, and is known for his victories at the Battles of Custoza (July 24–25, 1848) and Novara (March 23, 1849) during the First Italian War of Independence.

Austrians featured heavily in both teams contesting the final of the European Open Mixed Teams Championships, but it was impossible to predict which of them would be marching to victory.

(The smart money was on NedAut, as Austria, having won all 13 of their matches in the Swiss would have been huge favourites if there had been no knock-out phase.)

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Grümm	Smederevac	Lindermann
2♣	Dbl*	2♠	I♥ Pass
2NT	Dbl	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

You can understand why East bid 2♣, but one doubts South would have passed North's double. (The old proverb wether 'the wicked flee when no man pursueth' come to mind.)

South led the king of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and cashed the top clubs, disposing of his remaining hearts, ruffed a heart and played a diamond to the queen and king.

North switched to the ten of spades and declarer won with the jack and exited with a diamond to South's nine. The spade switch went to North's ace and South won the diamond return and played a heart. Declarer ruffed, cashed the king of spades and gave up, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
2♣	All Pass		Pass

North led the jack of diamonds and South won with the ace and returned the nine for the queen and king. North cashed the ace of spades and then played the ten of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and played three rounds of clubs. North won and exited with a heart. Declarer took the queen with the ace and exited with a club. South won and cashed two hearts, two down, -100 and 5 IMPs to Austria.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Grümm	Smederevac	Lindermann
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the three of clubs and declarer won with the ten, played a spade to the jack and a heart to the jack and queen. East switched to the ten of diamonds and declarer won with the jack, went to dummy with a spade and played a heart to the ten and king. When that held she exited with a heart and West won and played a club. East cashed three tricks in the suit for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the four of hearts and West took the ace and returned the ten for the jack and queen. When East played a third heart declarer was in business (a diamond switch is

required). Winning with dummy's nine, he played a club to the ten and queen, won the spade switch in dummy and played a diamond to the jack. When that held he played a spade to the king, cashed the jack and played the jack of clubs. East won, but declarer had the rest, +600 and 12 IMPs to NedAut.

Neither pair managed to get beyond 4♥ with ♠AQJ10 ♥K1062 ♦A8 ♣Q92 opposite ♠4 ♥A987543 ♦KJ93 ♣3, both South's responding 4♣ to the opening bid of INT and North simply bidding 4♥ when West doubled. (4♦ would have been some sort of slam try.)

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Grümm	Smederevac	Lindermann
Pass	1♠	Dbl	1♦
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the nine of spades and declarer won with the ace and played the queen of clubs. South took the ace and played a spade, North playing the jack. Declarer ruffed and played a diamond to the king. When that held, she played a heart to the ace, a heart to the queen and the ten of clubs. South won with the jack, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a diamond allowing declarer to ruff, draw the last trump and claim, +420.

North had followed to the clubs with the seven and six, but in hearts with the eight and nine. Still, you would not have expected South to go wrong.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
Pass	1♠	Dbl	1♦
INT	2♦	2♥	All Pass

Quite a contrast in evaluation by the West players. Two hearts was in no danger and declarer emerged with nine tricks, +140, 7 IMPs to NedAut.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

♠ A J 2
♥ 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ A Q 7 6 5 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Grümm	Smederevac	Lindermann
2♥	3♦	Pass	1♣*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	3♥*
All Pass		Pass	5♦
1♣ . .Blue Club			
4♥ . .Cue bid			

It looks as if South was angling for 3NT with his 3♥ bid, but when North bid 4♥ South should certainly have done more than simply bid 5♦.

Declarer won the spade lead and played on a cross ruff twelve tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
1♥	2♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	6♣*

- 2♥ . .Looking for a heart stopper
- 4♥ . .Cue bid
- 4♠ . .Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ . .0-3
- 5NT Any kings
- 6♣ . .No

Once again East led a spade, and declarer won and played on cross-ruff lines, +1370 and 13 IMPs.



Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Grümm	Smederevac	Lindermann
			Pass
1♣*	5♣	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♣	Dbl	All Pass	

1♣ . .Blue Club

I asked the Austrian NPC about the meaning of 5NT (it looks like the grand slam force) but she was not sure. Many pairs now play that in response to that convention you bid 6♣ to show zero honours, 6♦ to show 1, etc.

I was hoping East-West would reach 7♠; as North might well double, leaving it up to South to find a diamond lead. However, when the bidding stopped at 6♣ North tried doubling that.

South led the two of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace, came to hand with a spade and, taking no chances, simply drew trumps and claimed, +1660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
			Pass
1♣*	5♣	Dbl	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

1♣ . .Blue Club



When East doubled 5♣, West simply bid what he hoped he could make. +1390 gave NedAut 7 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wernle	Grümm	Smederevac	Lindermann
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ten of hearts and declarer took North's king with the ace, ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ace and a spade, South winning with the king as North discarded the two of hearts. When South made the obvious looking play of exiting with the jack of spades declarer won in dummy and played the two of clubs. Once the queen held she cashed the jack of hearts and the nine of spades and then ran the jack of clubs to North's king. With the clubs 3-3, she was home, +620.

At the point where he played the jack of spades South must switch to a diamond. That way the defenders will get a club and two diamonds to go with the king of spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

South led the seven of hearts and North allowed dummy's queen to hold the trick, playing the six. Declarer played the two of clubs and North went in with the king and returned the ten of spades. South won with the king and switched to the queen of diamonds. North took the king with the ace and cashed the jack, for one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to NedAut, who led 52-17. It looked as if the smart money was right.



A Tall Order

By Brent Manley

Mixed Teams Final Round 2/2

Going into the second and final set of their championship-round match against NedAut (Netherlands-Austria), Team Austria was down 52-17 with 10 boards to play. That's not a great position to be in, but larger deficits have been overcome.

The first board did not provide a reason for optimism about the outcome, however.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 7 6 3 2 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ J 10 3		♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ A Q 2 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ A 8 4	♠ K 8 5 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q 6 5 ♣ 9 7 6 5 2
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West <i>Schifko</i>	North <i>Van Prooijen</i>	East <i>Weigkricht</i>	South <i>Michielsens</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Dbl	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Marion Michielsens's 4♣ was South African Texas, showing hearts and slamish; 4♦ also showed slam interest and the small slam was duly reached – though the partnership performed some desultory exploration for the grand slam. West, Martin Schifko, accepted his partner's suggestion for the opening lead, and Michielsens took the ♦Q with the ace. With 12 top tricks in view, Michielsens concentrated on making her contract, so she did not develop a 13th trick in spades. Plus 1430 was the result.

At the other table, the contract was 7♥, which was down when the spade finesse – the best percentage play – failed. That was 17 IMPs to NedAut, now ahead 69-17, a very nice position to be in.

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Another 8 IMPs went to NedAut on the next deal.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q J 9 7 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ K 2 ♣ K J 8 5		♠ A 10 3 ♥ 10 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ 7 2	♠ K 6 5 ♥ Q 5 ♦ 9 8 5 4 ♣ Q 10 9 6
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West <i>Schifko</i>	North <i>Van Prooijen</i>	East <i>Weigkricht</i>	South <i>Michielsens</i>
1♠	Dbl	Pass	1♣
3♠	4♥	All Pass	3♥

Schifko led the ♠Q to dummy's ace. Michielsens played a heart to her ace and followed with the ♦Q, ducked. The ♦J was covered by the king and ace. A second round of trumps saw the ♥Q and ♥K fall together, so Michielsens lost only a club, a heart and a spade for plus 420.

West <i>Wernle</i>	North <i>Grümm</i>	East <i>Smederevac</i>	South <i>Lindermann</i>
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass	Pass	Pass

The defenders took one heart, one spade, two diamonds and a club for a less-than-satisfying plus 50 and an 8-IMP loss. The running total was now 77-17.

Austria picked up a good swing on the following deal:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K J ♥ 2 ♦ K J 8 6 ♣ A K Q 10 8 3		♠ Q 9 8 5 ♥ Q 10 8 6 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ 6 2	♠ A 10 4 2 ♥ A J 9 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ 9 7 4
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♠ 7 6 3 ♥ K 7 5 4 ♦ A Q 9 2 ♣ J 5
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West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	INT*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

1♣ . .Strong, artificial and forcing.
 INT Four controls (two for an ace, one for a king).

Ricco van Prooijen led a diamond to South's ace. Schifko won the heart switch with dummy's ace, and elected to pull trumps in two rounds (not by any means an automatic move), then played the ♠K and the ♠J to the ace. Now with only one trump to deal with two potential diamond losers, Schifko took his best chance, playing the ♦10 and letting it run. When it held, he could claim plus 1370 and a 12-IMP swing – the contract was 3NT at the other table. It was the kind of swing they needed a lot more of, and soon.

Pushes on the next two boards was not good news for Austria, and although they had gains on two of the last three boards, it was too little too late.

The penultimate deal was typical of the difficulties Austria had through the 20-board final.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Schifko	Van Prooijen	Weigkricht	Michielsen
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Dbf	3♣	3♥	3NT
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbf
All Pass			

Had everyone passed over 3NT, Schifko was in a position to take six tricks in the majors for plus 200. Instead, the result was minus 500 when he bid on. Michielsen led the ♣K, overtaken with the ace. Van Prooijen cashed the top diamonds and continued with the 10. Terry Weigkricht ruffed with the 7, which was overruffed by Michielsen with the 8 for a two-trick defeat.

Austria went minus at the other table as well, bidding to 5♣ with the North-South cards. Sascha Wernle cashed his top spades and the ♥A for plus 100.

The final score was 92-41 for NedAut.

WOMEN 5 ROUNDS

TEAM	VP
1 CHINA 1	79.00
2 ITALIA 1	66.16
3 DUTCH WOMEN	64.14
4 BALT	62.45
5 AUSTRIA	60.47
6 GERMAN VALKYRIES	58.80
7 MANO	57.66
8 CROATIA	57.12
9 SWEDEN	56.78
10 PINK	56.67
11 ITALIA 2	53.76
12 USRUFRA	51.62
13 BAKER	49.83
14 CHINA 2	49.25
15 TARSUS AMERICAN COLL	49.23
16 GALATASARAY	44.24
17 SABARIAN	44.06
18 POLAND	43.60
19 CASHEL	43.10
20 PHILIPPINES SWEDEN	40.04
21 GERMAN LADIES	36.76
22 TELTSCHER	36.56
23 PECCOUD	34.38
24 IARRTHOIRI	33.72
25 GOOD WINE	28.60

SENIORS 5 ROUNDS

TEAM	VP
1 BARDIN	77.18
2 MCGOWAN	70.27
3 FRANCE SENIORS	62.76
4 JOHNSON	62.36
5 MARKOWICZ	62.35
6 SZENBERG	61.54
7 LAVEC	59.73
8 HANSEN	56.09
9 GERMANY SENIORS	55.29
10 KAMINSKI	50.82
11 LONGCHAMPS	47.90
12 STRETZ	47.55
13 BG SENIORS	46.76
14 EICHHOLZER	45.53
15 CHIZZOLI	45.04
16 CHRISPE	44.75
17 VRIEND	44.24
18 SCOTLAND	43.81
19 WIELEMANS	43.41
20 ZAMBONINI	35.04
21 CAY	34.08
22 HOULIHAN	33.49
23 BEGAS	28.01

OPEN TEAMS 5 ROUNDS

TEAM	VP
1 DE BOTTON	80.53
2 COLDEA	77.52
3 APOLLOSOYUZ	76.89
4 CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	72.38
5 ISRABEL	70.53
6 ONSTEIN ACES	68.87
7 ASSAEL	68.39
8 VITAS	67.31
9 NED AUT	66.84
10 MARTENS	66.53
11 MAHAFFEY	65.34
12 FYRUN	65.28
13 REKSTAD	65.18
14 SMILGAIS	65.03
15 CONSUS	64.59
16 NED BLUE	64.38
17 HUNGARY GAMAX	64.31
18 ISRAEL EIDI	64.26
19 ISRMANY	64.23
20 CHAPUL	63.49
21 PS CZ	61.67
22 AUSTRIA OPEN	61.49
23 ERA	61.23
24 PIEDRA	60.82
25 BARRACUDA	59.69
26 MONACO Z	59.64
27 CAPPELLER	59.43
28 MARUPE	59.40
29 DEUTSCHLAND	59.23
30 BEAUVILLAIN	59.01
31 DE TESSIERES	58.97
32 ANGELINI BRIDGE TEAM	58.33
33 GOTARD	58.07
34 SPS CONSTRUCTION	58.02
35 ALINEO	57.88
36 COOREMAN	57.41
37 SVEINDAL	57.07
38 KCB L	56.41
39 DE MICHELIS	56.29
40 ZALESKI	56.23
41 PAUNCZ	55.88
42 MAZURKIEWICZ	55.87
43 DENMARK	55.72
44 IRENS	55.64
45 VENTIN	55.61
46 VILLA FABBRICHE	54.92
47 HARARI	54.63
48 CIRCUS	54.21
49 RIEHM	53.28
50 EL VICTORIOS	52.94
51 FOX	52.89
51 HAUGE	52.89
53 TEXAN ACES	52.06
54 MCGUIRE	51.32
55 ISRAEL EMERALD	51.19
56 KENDRICK	50.80
57 DOCTOR POLAND	50.21
58 ALLIX	50.21
59 LEBEL	49.89
60 IREAL	49.84
61 HET WITTE HUIS	49.70
62 NORWAY LADIES	49.63
63 SANSAR	49.51

64 LINDQVIST	49.34
65 NED RED	49.27
66 ALFA ROMEO	49.06
67 DAR INDIA	48.92
68 STOKKEN	48.88
69 MABO FROJ	48.29
70 TEXAN AND THE TURKS	48.07
71 MONACO A	47.94
72 TREBOLES	47.66
73 GROUPE FRANCE	47.56
74 PESSOA	47.16
75 ANNA	47.14
76 TEAM PHARMASERVICE	46.93
77 ROBERTSON	46.79
78 ROSENTHAL	46.54
79 ABAX	46.39
80 HELLE	46.36
81 GILLIS	45.88
82 DE LIEDEKERKE	45.28
83 THE WHITE HOUSE 2	44.82
84 BADGER T	44.42
85 THE CHEETAH	43.30
86 MPE LATTERIA TINIS	43.23
87 BEIJING TRINERGY	43.15
88 OPATIJA	42.69
89 NERAZZURRI	41.88
90 TUTU	41.56
91 YAMATA	41.09
92 OSTANDINGOVATION	40.98
93 SQUEEZE	40.51
94 GEEL	40.45
95 DEN U20	40.00
96 BUCHAREST 4	39.29
97 BRICKLAYER	39.14
98 GREECE	38.77
99 PERRON	38.31
100 MORAN	38.12
101 MOSSOP	37.67
102 TOPBRIDGE	37.61
103 DEN U25	36.81
104 KERDIZO	36.57
105 MATUSHKO	35.57
106 PENFOLD	35.49
107 ROYAL ANTWERP	34.61
108 HARRIS	34.54
109 PERRON 2	34.41
110 ZEEROB	32.83
111 SMISPI	32.61
112 NOR WEST	32.37
113 BEILDORF	31.86
114 4 TOPS	30.48
115 K4	30.42
116 JOLLY LOMBARD	29.81
117 MORTON	28.05
118 DOK	26.65
119 OLIVER	23.72
120 MASSELLI	20.26
121 FRENCKEN	14.48



OPEN TEAMS ROSTER



4 TOPS	BATTISTA Alberto, GANDINI Marco, MALYSA Marek, RYAN Dennis
ABAX	AUSTBERG Per Erik, BERG Jan Tore, BERG Ivar, TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav
ALFA ROMEO	CUHADAR Ergun, KAYA Murat, UNVER Bora(pc), VARDAR Rifat
ALINEO	CRONIER Philippe, MARILL Philippe(pc), PILON Dominique, TOFFIER Philippe
ALLIX	ALLIX Jean Francois(pc), LIBBRECHT Wilfried, NEVE Joanna, REESS Vanessa
ANGELINI BRIDGE TEAM	ANGELINI Francesco, BOVE Ercole(npc), CIMA Leonardo, GIUBILO Valerio, LAURIA Lorenzo, PRIMAVERA Federico, VERSACE Alfredo
ANNA	BYLUND Dan, EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik, STROMBERG Helena, ZACK EINARSSON Anna
APOLLOSOYUZ	DUBININ Alexander, GROMOV Andrey, ROSENBERG Michael, WEINSTEIN Steve
ASSAEL	GUR Okay, MOLLER Steen, NILSLAND Mats(pc), TOKAY Mustafa Cem
AUSTRIA OPEN	BABSCH Andreas, FUCIK Jan, LINDERMANN Arno, PURKARTHOFER Gunther(pc)
BADGER T	ALLERTON Jeffrey, HINDEN Frances, OSBORNE Graham, TOWNSEND Tom
BARRACUDA	ARTS Geert, DE ROOS Daniel, DE ROOS Steve, VERMEIREN Raf
BEAUVILLAIN	BEAUVILLAIN Edouard, CHESNY Philippe, FANTUN Jean-Baptiste, LEGRAS R
BEIJING TRINERGY	KANG Meng, LU Yan, LU Dong, SUN Shaolin, WANG Yanhong
BEILDORF	ADELSBERGER Heimo, BEILDORFF Frank, CHIPAIL Gheorghe, NEGULESCU Sorina
BRICKLAYER	BRANTSMA Ronald, HOENSTOK -, JAGROOP Rob, METSELAAR H.
BUCHAREST 4	GUSITA Cristian, LUPSAN Octavian, LUPSAN Corina, TEODORECI Dragos
CAPPELLER	CAPPELLER Joachim(pc), GULLBERG Daniel, SCHILHART Norbert, SCHINZE Jorg, SKAJ Peder, STAHL Wolf
CHAPUL	KOKSOY Enver, MOLVA Murat, SEN Tezcan, SENGULER Zafer
CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	BARANTIEV Nikola, IVANOV Antoni, KARAKOLEV Georgi, MIHOV Vladimir
CIRCUS	BACKES Jean Marie, DEHAYE Bernard, DELFORGE Frederic, DEWASME Isabelle, MAYENCE Jean-Philippe
COLDEA	COLDEA Ionut, GHIGHECI Ovidiu, MARINA Bogdan, ROTARU Iulian
CONSUS	LEWACIAK Gregor, MAKARUK Janusz, NIEDZIELSKI Pawel(pc), WALCZAK Piotr, ZAK Piotr, ZAREMBA Jerzy
COOREMAN	COENRAETS Philippe(pc), COOREMAN Thierry, DE DONDER Steven, ENGEL Zvi, LAFOURCADE Jean-Pierre
DAR INDIA	GOEL Ashok Kumar, KHANDELWAL Rajeev, KHANDELWAL Himani, PODDAR Dipak, SHAH Anal, VAIDYA Suhas Vaman
DE BOTTON	BURAS Krzysztof, CHARLSEN Thomas, DE BOTTON Janet, HOFTANISKA Thor Erik, MALINOWSKI Artur, NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz
DE LIEDEKERKE	BOON Jean, COLINET Eric, DE BODT Michel, DE LIEDEKERKE Tanguy(pc), NAESENS Johan, SPINDEL Jean-Paul
DE MICHELIS	BALBI Gianni Edoardo, BAVARESCO Claudio, CLAIR Paolo, DARBI Luca, DE MICHELIS Luca(pc), MANGANELLA Gennaro
DE TESSIERES	CARBONNEAUX Jessie, CHEMLA Paul, FRANCESCHETTI Pierre, GAVIARD Julien, LHUISSIER Nicolas, ROBERT Quentin, TESSIERES Godefroy De(pc)
DEN U20	BILDE Soren Cilleborg, BUUS THOMSEN Emil, PLEJDRUP Andreas, SKOVLY Frederik
DEN U25	BILDE Majka Cilleborg, BUUS THOMSEN Signe, JEPSEN Rasmus Rask, JEPSEN Peter
DENMARK	ASKGAARD Michael, HOUMOLLER Jonas, KONOW Kasper, SCHAFFER Lauge
DEUTSCHLAND	FRITSCHKE Joerg, GROMOELLER Michael, HAEUSLER Helmut(pc), ROHOWSKY Roland
DOCTOR POLAND	BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa, BREWIAK Grazyna, SOLLI HANSEN Jon(pc), SVINDAHL Frank



OPEN TEAMS ROSTER



DOK	CHUMAK Yuliy, DANYLYUK Tetyana, DANYLYUK Volodymyr, ROVYSHYN Oleg, ROVYSHYNA Tetyana(npc)
EL VICTORIOS	HOMME Marianne, HOMME Egil, HOMME Egil(pc), OLSEN Roy-Hugo, OVESEN Steingrim
ERA	ARLOVICH Andrei, KALITA Jacek, KLUKOWSKI Michal, NOWOSADZKI Michal, VAINIKONIS Erikas, ZATORSKI Piotr
FOX	ALUF Sedat, ALUF Tuna, ESKINAZI Niso, GATTENIO Sam, KOKTEN Namik
FRENCKEN	FRENCKEN Alain, VANDEREET Piet, VANDEREET Ben, VANDERVORST Mike
FYRUN	BAKKE Tor, EKREN Bjorn Olav, FYRUN Kjell Gaute(pc), HOYLAND Sven Olai, HOYLAND Sven Olai, KINDSBEKKEN Asbjorn, VOLL Roar
GEEL	DE SMET Hans, LAENEN Rene, SOONTJENS Louis, VAN DE VEN Armand(pc)
GILLIS	BROGELAND Boye(pc), GILLIS Simon, SVENDSEN Odin, TONDEL Petter
GOTARD	FELMY Matthias, GOTARD Tomasz, GOTARD Thomas, GULA Artur, TACZEWSKI Mikolaj
GREECE	DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos(pc), KONTOMITROS Konstantinos, KOUKOUSELIS Tassos, PAPAKYRIAKOPOULOS Yankos
GROUPE FRANCE	BESSIS Michel, BESSIS Thomas, BESSIS Michel(npc), LORENZINI Cedric, LORENZINI Cedric, ROMBAUT Jerome
HARARI	HARARI David, OURSEL Christophe, SCHMIDT Pierre, VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel
HARRIS	CAPAL Steve, HARRIS Jonathan(pc), POPE Martin, ROOT STEVEN, SOBELL Andrew
HAUGE	GROETHEIM Glenn, HANSEN Jonny, HAUGE Rune, SAELENSMINDE Erik, SVENDSEN Jan Petter, TUNDAL Ulf Haakon(pc)
HELLE	BRYANT Roger, GREEN Stephen, HELLE Rob, JONES Martin
HET WITTE HUIS	BOS Berend van den, HOP Jacco(pc), LANKVELD Joris van, MOLENAAR Danny, VERBEEK Tim
HUNGARY GAMAX	HOMONNAY Geza, LAKATOS Peter, SZILAGYI Laszlo, WINKLER Gabor
IREAL	DONCIU Sabin-Horia(pc), IORDACHE Dragos, SERPOI Gheorghe, STIRBU Calin
IRENS	AA Terje, ERICHSEN Espen(pc), IRENS Nicholas, LIVGARD Allan, SKJETNE Erlend
ISRABEL	BOCKEN Patrick, HETZ Nathan, LEVINGER Asa, NEVE Olivier
ISRAEL EIDI	FRIEDLANDER Ehud, LIRAN Inon, YADLIN Doron, YADLIN Israel, YADLIN Doron(npc)
ISRAEL EMERALD	BAREKET Ilan(pc), BAREL Michael, GINOSSAR Eldad, LENGY Assaf, PACHTMAN Ron, ZACK Yaniv
ISRMANY	BIRMAN Alon(pc), HERBST Ilan, HERBST Ophir, PADON Dror, PIEKAREK Josef, SMIRNOV Alexander
JOLLY LOMBARD	HELMICH Aarnout, HOP Gerbrand, LINDEMAN Rob, STUURMAN Dennis
K4	ARONOV Victor, BATOV Vasil, DAMIANOVA Diana, IGNATOV Lubomir, ZOBU Ahu
KCB L	BAUMANN Karl Christian, BREKKA Geir, HOILAND Tom, KVANGRAVEN Nils Kare, LIE Terje, STORNES Helge
KENDRICK	CURTIS Catherine, FEGARTY Paul, KENDRICK David, KOLESNIK Alex
KERDIZO	CORNELISSEN Kamiel, KAPTEIN Mark, KRIJGSMAN Erik-Jan, VAN IPENBURG Helena
LEBEL	LEBEL Michel, MAUBERQUEZ Eric, PAYEN Bernard, SAINTE MARIE Thierry De, SOULET Philippe
LINDQVIST	BIRKELAND Tor, ENGENES Vidar, LINDQVIST Espen, NORGREN Bo
MABO FROJ	BARTNES Marius, HOLMBAKKEN Johnny(pc), JOHNSTUEN Frode Bjoernar, MORKEN Even



OPEN TEAMS ROSTER



MAHAFFEY	FORRESTER Tony, LEV Sam, MAHAFFEY Jim(pc), MECKSTROTH Jeff, PSZCZOLA Jacek, RODWELL Eric
MARTENS	FILIPOWICZ Dominik, GAWEL Wojciech, JAGNIEWSKI Rafal, MARTENS Krzysztof
MARUPE	BENDIKS Janis, BETHERS Peteris, BETHERS Janis, BETHERS Uldis, IMSA Adrians, LORENCS Martins
MASSELLI	IOTTI Pierluigi, MAGRI Maurizio, MASSELLI Mauro(pc), MIETI Renzo, SOGLIA Roberto, TRABUCCHI Leopoldo
MATUSHKO	KHIUPPENEN Yury, KHOKHLOV Jouri, KHOLOMEEV Vadim, MATUSHKO Georgi(pc), RUDAKOV Evgeni, STERKIN Alexei
MAZURKIEWICZ	GAWRYS Piotr, JASSEM Krzysztof, JASSEM Pawel, MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin, MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin(pc), TUSZYNSKI Piotr, WOJCIESZEK Jakub
MCGUIRE	HART Guy, HUTCHISON Fiona, LEHTO Mark, MCGUIRE Brian(pc)
MONACO A	ALLAVENA Jean Charles(pc), BOMPIS Marc, DESMOULINS Christophe, FREY Nathalie, QUANTIN Jean-Christophe, TOGNETTI Rene
MONACO Z	FANTONI Fulvio, HELGEMO Geir, HELNESS Tor, MULTON Franck, NUNES Claudio, ZIMMERMANN Pierre(pc)
MORAN	BARTON Grainne, BOLAND Rory, CARROLL John, GARVEY Tommy, HANLON Tom, MCGANN Hugh, MORAN Mark
MORTON	HELLNER Vibeke, KRISTIANSEN Kare, OLAFSEN Roger, OLSEN Morten
MOSSOP	McINTOSH Andrew, MOSSOP David(pc), PRICE David, SIMPSON Colin
MPE LATTERIA TINIS	DIX Mario(pc), JELENIEWSKI Andrzej, KLAPPER Wit, PARNIS-ENGLAND Margaret, SAKOWICZ Ryszard, WACHNOWSKI Jaroslaw
NED AUT	BAKKEREN Ton, BAKKEREN Frank, SCHIFKO Martin, WERNLE Sascha
NED BLUE	BROERSEN Vincent, OVERBEEKE Tom van, PHILIPSEN Rens, SEVEREIJNS Luc, WESTERBEEK Ricardo
NED RED	SPANGENBERG Jamilla, SPANGENBERG Sigrid, WACKWITZ Ernst, WESTERBEEK Chris
NERAZZURRI	AMSEL Alon, CORNELIS Tom, DE RIDDER Johan, GEENS Bert
NOR WEST	BARDBSEN Tore, ENGBRETSEN Geir, HAUGEN Tove, HILDREMYR Terje
NORWAY LADIES	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin, HARDING Marianne(pc), HOLMOY Stine, VIST Gunn Tove
OLIVER	BUJENITA Daniel, DARIE Costache, DARIE Simona Felicia, ISTVAN Vidami
ONSTEIN ACES	MULLER Bauke, PROOIJEN Ricco van, VERHEES Jr Louk, WIJS Simon de(pc)
OPATIJA	IVANOV Stoyan, MARINOVSKI Kiril, ZAHARIEV Zahari, ZORIC Vedran
OSTANDINGOVATION	AUBONNET Brigitte, CARDE Christophe, COLOMBARO Anne-Marie, DANIC Jean-Yves
PAUNCZ	BURATTI Monica, FOSSI Niccolo, GUNEV Rossen Geourgiev, MARIANI Carlo, NANEV Ivan, PAUNCZ Peter(pc)
PENFOLD	PENFOLD Sandra, SENIOR Brian, SENIOR Nevena, SKORCHEV Stefan, TRENDAFILOV Roumen
PERRON	DEFOSSE Thierry, GVOZDENOVIC Robert, JACQUET Alain, LE BOULENGE Patrick, STAS Gordon, YANS Phillippe
PERRON 2	BRENU MICHEL, DAMSEAUX ERIC, LEBAS MARC, MOULART Alain, WIATR MARC(pc)
PESSOA	BARBOSA Juliano, PALMA Antonio, PEREIRA Paulo Goncalves, PESSOA Sofia
PIEDRA	LANTARON Luis, MAGNUSSON Stephan, NIKOLENKOV Dmitrij, PIEDRA Fernando(pc)
PS CZ	MARTYNEK Jan, SLEMR Jakub, VOZABAL David(pc), ZADRAZIL Michal



OPEN TEAMS ROSTER



REKSTAD	BERG Erik, JOHANSEN Lars Arthur, KARLBERG Svein Gunnar, REKSTAD Gjermund, SIMONSEN Steffen Fredrik, THOMASSEN Kurt-Ove
RIEHM	DUGUET Michel, LEVY Alain, RIEHM Franck(pc), SEBBANE Lionel, THUILLEZ Laurent, VOLCKER Frederic
ROBERTSON ROBERTSON Marion	COPE Simon, GOLD David, HACKETT Jason, HACKETT Justin, PASKE Thomas,
ROSENTHAL	FALLENIOUS Bjorn, FREDIN Peter, NYSTROM Fredrik, ROSENTHAL Andrew(pc), SILVERSTEIN Aaron, UPMARK Johan
ROYAL ANTWERP	BAHBOUT Sam, BAHBOUT Sam, KHOMIAKOV Robert, ORMAY Krisztina, VAN DEN HOVE Wouter(pc), VAN OVERMEIRE Jens
SANSAR	COPUR Mehmet Emin, EKINCI Orhan, FALAY Faik, KAHYAOGLOU Yusuf, YAVAS Dilek(np)
SMILGAJS SMISPI	GERMANIS Aigars, JANSONS Ugis, RUBENIS Ivars, SMILGAJS Andris BITRAN Albert, CHETRIT M, DE FALCO Dano, TEODORESCU Cornel
SPS CONSTRUCTION SQUEEZE	GARDYNIK Grzegorz, GLASEK Grzegorz(pc), PIWOWARCZYK Marcin, TUTKA Marek DAUWE Gunther, DE GRAVE Greet, DE GRAVE Johan, DOBBELS Tine, JANSENS Hubert(pc)
STOKKEN	ANFINSEN Ivar M., FROEYLAND Staale, HERLAND John Helge, JOHNSEN Sverre(pc), SOLHEIM Eli, STOKKELAND Lsmund
SVEINDAL TEAM PHARMASERVICE TEXAN ACES	BERSET Ole, HORNSLIEN Aksel, LUND Boerre, SVEINDAL Jon(pc) BILDE Morten, BILDE Dennis, GRAVERSEN Hans Christian, JEPSEN Emil ANKLESARIA Keyzad, BANERJI Swarnendu, SHAH Jyotindra, SRIDHARAN Padmanabhan, SUNDERRAM Srinivasan, VENKATESH Gopal(pc)
TEXAN AND THE TURKS THE CHEETAH THE WHITE HOUSE 2	AKER A. Orhan, DINKIN Sam(pc), KANDEMIR Ismail, KOLATA Suleyman, TUNCOK Cenk FEBER Alexandru, IONITA Marius, POPESCU Catalin, STEGAROIU Marina AUKEN Sabine, BOER Wubbo de, CLEEFF Jan van, DRENKELFORD Herman, SNELLERS Agnes, WELLAND Roy
TOPBRIDGE TREBOLES TUTU VENTIN	ANDERSSON Jan-Olov, JOHANSSON Mikael, SELLDEN Goran, WENNEBERG Bjorn(pc) CARCASSONNE-LABAERE Valerie, KAPLAN Alain, LABAERE Alain, POLET Guy GREZSA Krisztian, HONTI Laszlo, SZEGEDI Balazs(pc), ZSAK Zoltan Zsolt BERTHEAU Peter, CULLIN Per-Ola, HALLBERG Gunnar, VENTIN CAMPRUBI Juan Carlos(pc), WRANG Frederic
VILLA FABBRICHE	ATTANASIO Dario, DI FRANCO Massimiliano, FAILLA Giuseppe, FRANCHI Arrigo, MEDUGNO Gianni, MONTANARI Matteo, PALMA Filippo(np)
VITAS	BRINK Sjoert, DRIJVER Bas, FISHER Lotan, OLANSKI Wojtek, SCHWARTZ Ron, VAINIKONIS Vytautas
YAMATA ZALESKI	BASARAN Berk, ERCAN Sehmus, PEYRET Hakan, SEN Melih Osman AVOSSA Mario D', GAROZZO Benito, INTONTI Riccardo, LANZAROTTI Massimo, MANNO Andrea, ZALESKI Romain(pc)
ZEEROB	BEIJL Ivar, BOS Aernout, GROOT Niels de, STOMPHORST Jaap(pc)



WOMEN TEAMS ROSTER



AUSTRIA	GRUMM Iris, KUMMEL Monika(npc), SMEDEREVAC Jovanka, TERRANEO Sylvia, WEIGKRICHT Terry
BAKER	BAKER Lynn, BROCK Sally, McCALLUM Karen, MICHELSEN Marion, SMITH Nicola, WORTEL Meike
BALT	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand, DELLA MONTA Annaig, GLAERUM Lisbeth, HACKETT Barbara
CASHEL	BEARPARK Catherine, GILLILAND Dolores, KEMPLE Brid, WHELAN Maria
CHINA 1	FENG Xuefeng, WANG Wen Fei, WANG Liping, ZHANG Yu, ZHUANG Zejun(npc)
CHINA 2	GU Ling, LIU Yan, SHEN (2) Qi, YAN Ru, ZHUANG Zejun(npc)
CROATIA	BRKLJACIC Tihana, LEWIS Marshall(npc), MULLER Renata, PILIPOVIC Marina, RUSO Lara, SVER Nikica, TOMLJANOVIC Sandra
DUTCH WOMEN	ARNOLDS Carla, PASMEN Jet, REENEN Alex van(npc), SIMONS Anneke, ZWOL Wietske van
GALATASARAY	ADUT Vera, ATALAY Belis, BABAC Mine, GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale, KURANOGLU Serap, ZAIM Mey
GERMAN LADIES	BOHNSACK Susanne(pc), KHANUKOVA Yevgeniya, LUESSMANN Claudia, SMYKALLA Gisela
GERMAN VALKYRIES	GIAMPIETRO Cristina, GLADIATOR Anne, NEHMERT Pony Beate, WEBER Elke(pc)
GOOD WINE	HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica, MADSEN Christina Lund, SHIMAMURA Kyoko, YAVAS Dilek
IARTHOIRI	KENNY Joan, KIRBY Brid, PATTINSON Maureen, RIGNEY Teresa
ITALIA 1	FERLAZZO Caterina, MANARA Gabriella, PAOLUZI Simonetta, RINALDI Gianpaolo(npc), ROSETTA Annalisa, SACCAVINI Ilaria, VANUZZI Marilina
ITALIA 2	BOTTA Giorgia, CHAVARRIA Margherita, COSTA Margherita, MARTELLINI Chiara, MARTELLINI Silvia, PISCITELLI Francesca, RINALDI Gianpaolo(npc)
MANO	ANAWATI Claude, CHAMMAA Iman, FARHAT Faten, HAMDAN Nahla, KREIDIEH Hana, RAMADAN Youmna
PECCOUD	BESSIS Veronique, HUGON Elisabeth, PECCOUD Janine Elise(pc), PUILLET Carole, SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO Renata
PHILIPPINES SWEDEN	ANDERSSON Tina, ENCONTRO Mylene, QUIMSON Angeles, VIKSTROM Ann-Katrin
PINK	CHEDIAK Virginia(pc), GRUDE Liv Marit, HELNESS Gunn, HESKJE Torild, MIRKOVIC Ann-Mari, OIGARDEN Bodil Nyheim
POLAND	BALDYSZ Cathy, CICHOCKI Miroslaw(npc), DUFRAT Katarzyna, KAZMUCHA Danuta, SARNIAK Anna, TACZEWSKA Joanna, ZMUDA Justyna
SABARIAN	GROMOELLER Anne(pc), KLEIST Barbara von, KUERSCHNER Ria, WUERDEMANN Sabine
SWEDEN	BERTHEAU Kathrine, LARSSON Jessica, RIMSTEDT Sandra, SJOBERG Emma
TARSUS AMERICAN COLL	ACAR Asli, ADIGUZEL Canan, MERZE Sukriye, UYANIK Guler(pc)
TELTSCHER	BROWN Fiona, DIAMOND Rhona, GODFREY Lizzie, TELTSCHER Kitty
USRUFRA	CRONIER Benedicte, D'OVIDIO Catherine, GROMOVA Victoria, PONOMAREVA Tatiana, SEAMON-MOLSON Janice, WILLARD Sylvie



SENIORS TEAMS ROSTER



BARDIN	BARDIN Antonio(pc), GARBOSI Franco, GENTILI Luigina, GENTILI Carlo Maria, TOSI Silvio, UGGERI Paolo
BEGAS	BEGAS Han(pc), FLORIS Wouter, GROSMANN Lucia, RUITER Kees de, WORM Jan
BG SENIORS	DARAKCHIEV Stoyan, GERGOV Georgi, HRISTOV Hristo, MARKOV Miroliub, RADEV Radi, RUSEV Tony(pc)
CAY	ALTINER Hasan, ALTINER Safinur, CIFTCIOGLU Dundar, YALMAN Gracia
CHIZZOLI	CHIZZOLI Paolo(pc), DE GIACOMI Fran, JELMONI Giampao, LEONARDI Alberto, MORELLI Fabrizio, ZANONI Piero
CHRISPE	GLUBRECHT Christian, HECKMANN Peter, KLUMPP Herbert, MATTSSON Goran
EICHHOLZER	EICHHOLZER Jorg(pc), FELDERER Christian, HASCHEK Georg, ZUPANCIC Michael
FRANCE SENIORS	GRENTHE Patrick, LASSERRE Guy, LEENHARDT Francois, PIGANEAU Patrice(pc), POIZAT Philippe, VANHOUTTE Philippe
GERMANY SENIORS	ELINESCU Michael, KRATZ Ulrich, MARSAL Reiner, SCHROEDER Kareen R(np), STRATER Bernhard, WENNING Ulrich, WLADOW Entscho
HANSEN	BERGER Heinrich, HANSEN Renate(pc), OBERMAIR Hubert, TERRANEO Franz
HOULIHAN	BARRY Kevin, HOULIHAN Desmond, PATTINSON Bob, PORTEOUS Paul
JOHNSON	BIGDELI Faramarz, JOHNSON David(pc), STAS Jacques, WOJEWODA Edward
KAMINSKI	ENGEL Joseph, FRYDRICH Julian, KAMINSKI Amos, LEVIT Yeshayahu, ROMIK Pinhas, SCHWARTZ Adrian
LAVEC	BILLGREN Peter, FLODQVIST Sven-Olov, PETTERSSON Mats(pc), SANZEN Bjorn
LONGCHAMPS	BRUNEL Denys(pc), CHAMPION Francois, ETLIN Alain Philippe, LAROCLETTE Jacques, RIEUNIER Philippe, TITOW Kenneth
MARKOWICZ	KLUKOWSKI Julian, MARKOWICZ Victor(pc), MELMAN Victor, WALA Wlodzimierz, ZELIGMAN Shalom
MCGOWAN	BENNETT Roy, LIGGAT David, MCGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz), SMITH Harry
SCOTLAND	COYLE Willie, DIAMOND Derek, HAASE Gerald, SILVERSTONE Victor
STRETZ	BERGHEIMER Serge, FOUASSIER Jean-Claude, MEYER Jean-Paul, STRETZ Francois
SZENBERG	MACIOR Zbigniew, MICHALEK Jerzy, MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw, SZENBERG Stefan(pc)
VRIEND	JANSSENS Onno, MAAS Anton, NIEMEIJER Christoffer, VERHEES Sr Loek, VRIEND Bep(pc), VRIEZE Koos
WIELEMANS	BADIR Fadhil, DE DUVE Alain, KELDERMANS Georges, TIFOUS Nourredine, WIELEMANS Eric(pc)
ZAMBONINI	CZYZOWICZ Jurek, KOWALSKI Apolinary, LASOCKI Krzysztof, ROMANSKI Jacek, RUSSYAN Jerzy, ZAMBONINI Renato(pc)



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Cavendish Teams

- Monday October 21st and Tuesday 22nd
- Entry fee: 7500 Euros per team
- Auction: no

Cavendish Invitational Pairs

- Auction: Tuesday Evening October 22nd
- Wednesday October 23rd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th
- Entry fee: 1500 Euros per pair
- Auction guarantee: 5000 Euros per pair

Prize Money

- 90% of the entry fees and auctions paid back to the players and bidders.

Hotel Accomodation

- The *Société des Bains de Mer (SBM)*, partner of the Monaco Bridge Fed, will propose great conditions for her prestigious hotels (*Hôtel de Paris, Hôtel Hermitage*), but you may find any other accomodations in Monaco as well at different rates. Tell us about your needs and we'll find solutions for you.

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