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GOLDEN DAY FOR CHINA & SWEDEN



Team Lavec: Peter Billgren, Björn Sanzen, Mats Pettersson, Sven-Olov Flodqvist, the winners of the Seniors Teams.

Today's Schedule

Open Teams Knockouts

10:00 - 12:00

12:20 - 14:20

15:20 - 17:20

17:40 - 19:40

China I, Xuefeng Feng, Wen Fei Wang, Liping Wang, Yu Zhang, Zejun Zhuang (NPC) defeated **Dutch Women**, Carla Arnolds, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol, Alex van Reenen (NPC) to win the European Open Women Teams, with **Italia I**, Caterina Ferlazzo, Gabriella Manara, Simonetta Paoluzi, Annalisa Rosetta, Ilaria Saccavini, Marilina Vanuzzi, Gianpaolo Rinaldi (NPC) taking the bronze.

Lavec, Peter Billgren, Sven-Olov Flodqvist, Björn Sanzen & Mats Pettersson (PC) overcame **Hansen**, Heinrich Berger, Hubert Obermair, Franz Terraneo & Renate Hansen (PC) to become the Senior Team Champions with **Bardin**, Franco Garbosi, Luigina Gentili, Carlo Maria Gentili, Silvio Tosi, Paolo Uggeri & Antonio Bardin (PC) third.

In the Open Teams, the four semi-finalists are **Groupe France**, **Breno**, **Isrmany** and **Mazurkiewicz**.

Today's Schedule

Open Pairs Qualification (Day 1/2) Side Events

10:00 - 11:30

11:45 - 13:15

14:15 - 15:45

16:00 - 17:30

17:45 - 19:15



China I, Zejun Zhuang (NPC), Xuefeng Feng, Liping Wang, Yu Zhang, Wen Fei Wang, the winners of the Women Teams.



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!!!!

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.

Prize Giving Ceremony

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place tonight at **20:15**, not at 20:00 as previously announced!!!!

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

Today: 5 matches every round on

<http://www.bridgebase.com>

NO BBO broadcast from Open Pair Qualifying on Wednesday 26th!!!!

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



Such penalties are automatic and compulsory for the first offense.



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	MARILL Philippe	20
	TOFFIER Philippe	20
	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka ..	20
	CRONIER Philippe	20



Göran Sellden and Björn Sellden,
the winners of today's MP Pairs.



Philippe Marill, Philippe Cronier, Philippe Toffier,
Dominique Pilon, the winners of today's Swiss Teams.

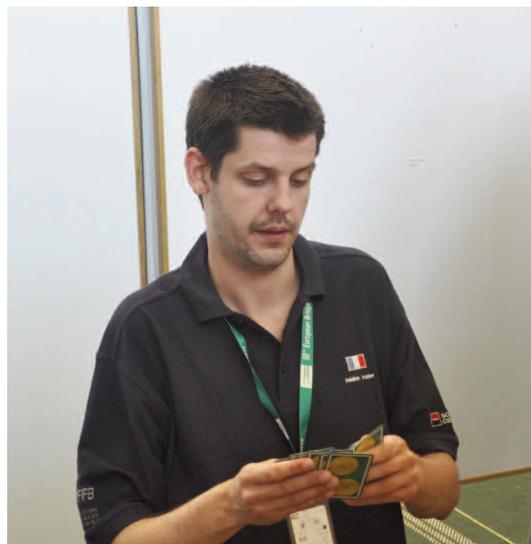
Prize Giving Ceremony

A prize giving ceremony for the Open, Women and Seniors Teams and Side Events will take place **today at 20:15** inside the tent.

La Rubrique.FR

Un Roi impitoyable

Ostende n'est décidément pas l'endroit qui réussit le mieux à Frédéric Volcker. Après sa décevante expérience en équipe de France il y a trois ans, il avait décidé que 2013 serait l'année de la revanche sur la côte belge. Les cartes, têtes, lui ont rappelé qu'il ne décidait que bien peu de son sort.



Frédéric Volcker

Retrouvons-le dans le dernier segment des qualifications de l'open par équipes.
Segment 10 – Donne 7,
Donneur Sud, Tous Vulnérables

Sud

♠ A D 4 2
♥ A R
♦ A 10 4 3
♣ A V 10



Nord

♠ 9 3
♥ V 9 8 7 5
♦ D V 9 5
♣ D 9

♠ 7 6 5
♥ 10 4
♦ 8 7 6 2
♣ R 8 4 2



♠ A D 4 2
♥ A R
♦ A 10 4 3
♣ A V 10

♠ R V 10 8
♥ D 6 3 2
♦ R
♣ 7 6 5 3

Prenez sa place en Sud. Vous êtes déclarant du contrat de 4♥, que vous avez déclaré de la façon suivante :

Sud	Ouest	Nord	Est
2♣	passe	2♣	passe
2SA	passe	3♦	passe
3♥	passe	4♥	Fin

La rectification du Texas est en principe fittée, dans le système que Frédéric Volcker joue avec Alain Lévy, mais il est habituel de considérer qu'on possède un fit quand on détient deux honneurs secs.

Vous recevez l'entame assez agréable du ♠3, pour le Valet d'Est et votre Dame. Vous encaissez ♥As et ♥Roi et vous notez avec satisfaction la chute du 10 en Ouest. Comment continuez-vous ?

Vous pouvez tenter successivement les impasses aux deux Roi mineurs, en commençant par jouer As de Pique et Pique coupé. Dès que l'une d'entre elles réussit, vous assurez dix levées, car vous pouvez alors concéder deux atouts et l'autre Roi sans dommage. Cette ligne de jeu gagne environ trois fois sur quatre.

Frédéric eut une idée qui semble encore meilleure. Il se dit que s'il arrivait à monter au mort deux fois pour jouer les atouts, même en donnant les deux Rois, il parviendrait facilement à dix levées. Regardez : il joue Carreau pour la Dame et le Roi, par exemple. Il s'empare du retour Pique et joue Carreau pour le Valet avant de présenter le ♥V. Est prend et rejoue Trèfle. On plonge sur l'As, on coupe un Pique au mort et on enlève le dernier atout avec le dernier Cœur du mort. En tout, le déclarant réalise bien quatre atouts, trois Carreaux, deux Piques et un Trèfle. Cette ligne de jeu peut parfois coûter une levée supplémentaire, d'accord, mais son avantage est de gagner à peu près tout le temps. Tout le temps ? Il est temps de lever le voile qui couvrait les mains adverses :

♠ 9 3
♥ V 9 8 7 5
♦ D V 9 5
♣ D 9

Eh oui ! Frédéric Volcker a réussi à concéder le ♦Roi sec placé, a perdu le ♣Roi ensuite et a subi une coupe à Carreau d'Est. Ouest a fini d'achever notre jeune international en ajoutant : « C'est drôle, j'ai hésité entre l'entame à Carreau et l'entame à Pique. Et franchement, je ne sais pas pourquoi j'ai préféré les Piques ! » En sortant, Frédéric a juré qu'il éviterait désormais soigneusement toute la côte belge, de Dunkerque jusqu'à Knokke !

Philippe Cronier



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Just the Facts

Christina Lund Madsen



Date of Birth

16 June 1979

Place of Birth

My first and last stay in a monastery.

Place of Residence

Copenhagen.

What is your favourite colour?

Purple.

What kind of food makes you happy?

A gourmet burger.

And what drink?

'Pass me the wine and watch me get fabulous!' (my favourite quote)

Who is your favourite author?

Jane Austen.

All time favourite movie?

Die Hard & Pride and Prejudice.

Do you have a favourite actor/actress?

Sjoert Brink.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Music that reinforces my emotions.

What do you see as your best ever result?

Winning the Nordic Championships in 2013.

Do you have a favourite hand?

When my partner redoubled and made 5♣ on the first board of the World Championships in Lille last summer.

Who is your favourite bridge player?

My partner, Anne-Sofie Houlberg

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

How to Read your Opponent's Card's (my first).

What is the best bridge country in the world?

Always the one hosting the next tournament I go to.

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

Making my life richer.

What is it you dislike in a person?

Lack of self-recognition.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

To me superstitions are an expression of fear and as a bridge player you should be fearless.

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

Madonna.

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

The three from heaven that I miss the most.

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Italian.

What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

That you cannot know the score during knock-out matches!

Sweet 16 Beckons

By Brent Manley

Starting play on Sunday, Jim Mahaffey and company, defenders in the Open Teams, were in 11th place, one ahead of their opponents for the sixth round: the Swedish team captained by Kjell Guate Fyrun.

Both teams were looking to solidify the positions in the top 16 and the knockout rounds that start on Monday.

After a push on the first board, Mahaffey broke through with 3 IMPs when East at both tables played in 5♣ off one. At the table where Tony Forrester and Mahaffey were North-South, East played it doubled, for plus 200 to the US team.

More IMPs went their way on the third board of the set.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Jim Mahaffey

Eric Rodwell's pass worked out very well for his side. Had Bjorn Ekren led his singleton spade, the contract would have been defeated with the ♠A, spade ruff, two hearts and a diamond. Ekren, however, made the reasonable lead of a low club. Jeff Meckstroth put in dummy's ♣9 and took the 10 with the queen. He cashed the ♣K and led a diamond from hand, ducked by South. When the ♦K held, Meckstroth played the ♣A and the ♠10. The defenders got two hearts and two spades but Meckstroth had plus 110. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Kindsbekken	Forrester	Voll	Mahaffey
Pass	Pass	2♠	2♦
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Mahaffey led the ♥2 to Forrester's 10. A low heart went to Mahaffey's king, and a third round forced declarer in trumps. Roar Voll played a low spade to dummy's 10, which held, and when he played another spade, Forrester went up with the ace and punched out declarer's next-to-last trump with a fourth round of hearts. Voll then played a diamond from hand, Mahaffey winning the ace and continuing with the ♦J. Forrester ruffed with the ♠8, knocking out declarer's last trump. Declarer managed two club tricks from there, but the defenders had the rest for plus 300 and a 9-IMP gain. Mahaffey was ahead 12-0.

Fyrun gained a couple of IMPs when Rodwell went minus 500 in 3♥ doubled while Forrester was making 10 tricks in 3NT for plus 430.



Eric Rodwell

Board 28 was interesting mostly for what happened – or might have happened – at other tables.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fyrun	Meckstroth	Ekren
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

3♥ . .Showing five clubs.
 3NT “Serious” slam try.

Rodwell took the opening heart lead with the ace, pulled trumps and went to dummy with a diamond. He then ran the ♣10, assuring the contract whether it won or lost. The contract was the same at the other table, but faulty discarding allowed West to take five club tricks to score plus 1010.

At least one declarer in the field arrived in 7♠, going down when he did not come up with the winning line of play.

In the grand slam on the lead of the ♥K, declarer wins, cashes two high spades in dummy and ruffs a heart to hand. He then cashes the ♣A and ruffs a club, cashes the ♦A, unblocking the jack from hand, and ruffs a heart, arriving at this position:

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

When West plays the ♠K, pitching a diamond from dummy, South is caught in a guard squeeze. He cannot release a club without giving declarer the whole suit, and he cannot throw the ♦Q because West can then finesse against North's 10 (after cashing his clubs, of course). So South discards the ♥J and North is subjected to a simple squeeze on the play of the top clubs.

The set ended with Mahaffey the winner 21-5, good enough to move them up two places. In the next set, against the first-day leaders (Janet de Botton and team), they won easily to move up to third place.



Candidate for ‘Best Lead of the Championships’ – and what might have been...

Maureen Hiron

Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

At Green, and first in hand, North, England's Steve Root elected to open with Three Diamonds. East, Colin Simpson, playing on the Mossop team, overcalled with an optimistic Four Diamonds – for the majors – and West, David Price, bid Four Hearts.

Root found the only lead to beat the contract – the jack of hearts. (OK, pedants, the 10 would have done just as well.)

If South rises with the ace and returns a heart – and North clears the hearts – then spades cannot be set up by ruffing them good, and the game fails.

South got the first part right – he rose with the ace. Then switched... (Name withheld to protect the guilty)

Grand Squeeze

By Patrick Jourdain

Board 28 of Round 6 of the Teams presented both bidding and technical play problems for East-West. Your journalist found a couple of pairs who had solved both:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J 5 2 ♥ K Q 10 6 ♦ 10 7 5 3 ♣ 8 4	N W E S	A Q 10 ♥ A 9 8 7 ♦ A K 8 6 2 ♣ 10	♠ 7 6 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ J 7 6 5 2
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First look at this auction from Per-Erik Austberg (West) and Jan-Torre Berg (East) of Abax in their match with Rosenthal:

1♠	2♦
2♣	3♠
4♥	4NT
5♥	5NT
6♣	6♦
7♠	Pass

2♦ was natural and game-forcing. For West to bid 3♣ now would show a stronger hand than he held so Austberg marked time with 2♠. 3♠ set trumps and 4♥ promised shortage. 4NT was Keycard Blackwood and 5♥ showed two keys and no trump queen. 5NT showed grand slam interest, guaranteed the presence of all keycards and the trump queen, and asked for specific kings. 6♣ showed the club king and then 6♦ asked for third round control of diamonds. West with the doubleton diamond and excellent clubs had no problem accepting the invitation. Well bid indeed.

North led the heart king. Austberg won the ace, took two top trumps to test the suit, then ace of clubs and a club ruff, and a heart ruff to reach hand to draw the last trump. On this dummy discards a diamond, but what should South throw?

South correctly realised declarer had five clubs and chose to discard a heart. Austberg had the answer to this. He crossed to the ace of diamonds and ruffed another heart. That left only North guarding the hearts. When declarer followed with the two winning clubs North was squeezed in the red suits.

The Norwegian pair had done the best they could but was there a better defence against the grand?

Let us turn to the unopposed auction in the match

between The Cheetahs and Badger. This was the auction of Marius Ionita (West) and Marina Stegaroiu (East) of Romania:

1♠	2♦
2♣	3♠
4♣	4♦
4♥	4NT
5♥	5NT
6♦	6♠
7♠	Pass

The first four bids were the same as the Norwegians but then came three cuebids. 4NT, 5♥ and 5NT meant the same as before except that 5NT asked for the number of kings rather than specific kings. The response therefore merely showed one king outside trumps. To East this might be in hearts or clubs.

This was not enough for East to bid the grand, as West might have four red cards without the heart king or diamond queen. So she could only bid 6♠.

West decided his clubs were good enough to justify a raise to Seven, despite a snag. East's Six Spades had taken some time to make and West promptly agreed this with the opponent on his side of the screen.

The play began as before, namely: heart king to the ace, two top trumps from dummy, club to the ace, club ruff, heart ruff, and a third trump discarding a diamond from dummy.

This is the point at which South is squeezed in three suits. Tom Townsend, who held the South cards, was sure a club discard was immediately fatal, and he worked out that a heart discard would expose his partner Jeff Allerton to a red suit squeeze.

So he correctly put declarer to a sterner test by releasing the diamond nine. Declarer now cleverly played the diamond JACK to the ace, felling South's queen, ruffed a heart, and then cashed the two remaining top clubs.

South followed suit but North had to throw a heart and a diamond.

Correctly reading South as having the winning heart and club declarer triumphantly finessed the eight of diamonds to make 13 tricks.

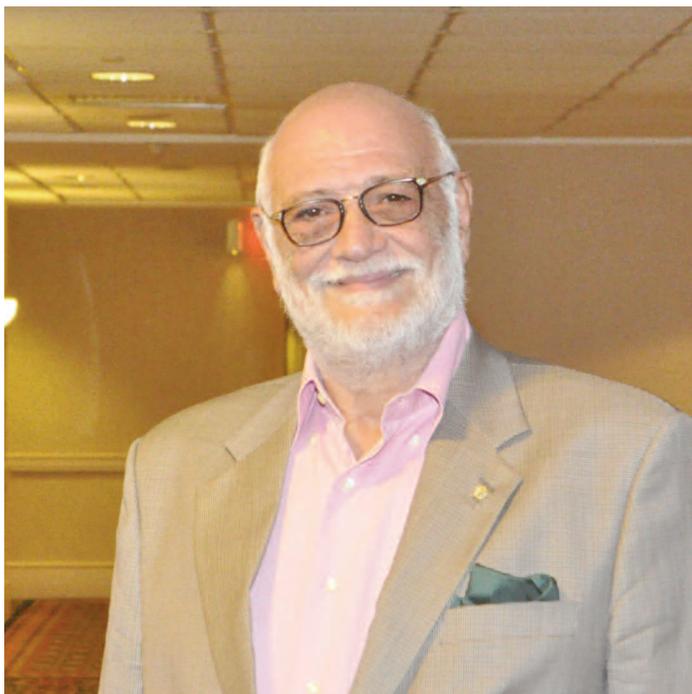
There is a sad end to the story, however. The Director was called about the agreed slowness of East's Six Spades. The TD returned later to say their decision was to disallow the final bid of 7♠ and return the contract to Six Spades.

Worse was to come. As the contract was now deemed to be Six, it was also deemed that declarer would not have risked the diamond finesse in the end-position so his number of tricks was also amended to 12.

There is a point here that caused puzzlement to your reporter. Suppose declarer has misread the ending and in practice South had held ♦ Q 10 9 and a heart less. Then Seven Spades would have gone two off and there would have been no call for the Director by the opponents. It seems ironic that declarer cannot know that if he succeeded in making 13 tricks, his contract would be corrected to Six Spades, so he might as well play his grand slam for a safe one off!

Interview with Mr. Gianarrigo Rona, President of the World Bridge Federation

This is the second of three summaries of interviews with the Presidents of respectively the EBL, the WBF and IMSA.



Gianarrigo Rona, President of the WBF

This is Mr. Rona's fifth visit to Ostend: 1994-1996-2002-2010-2013. In 2010 as EBL President and in 2013 as WBF President and EBL President Emeritus. When he speaks about Ostend he immediately thinks of Paul Magerman – the late father of Geert, a great friend. The first time they met, they had many conversations about bridge, the European Community and entering the EBL. Paul was always very much involved and enthusiastic about bridge and "I have great memories and great respect for him – a great man," Mr. Rona says.

Because of this friendship and close contact with the City of Ostend Mr. Rona feels very much at home here and wonders if by now he is entitled to get the key of the town, but that of course he should discuss with the mayor. Ostend for sure is one of the best places to organise the event. It can easily be reached from many other EU-countries, is not too expensive with a balance between comfort and price. All summed up, Mr. Rona is pleased to be here.

This year 2013, Mr. Rona will complete his third year of WBF presidency. His first year he started to work on what best can be described as team-building within the board in order to obtain unanimous decisions and provide more structure. Like the headquarters in Lausanne in the Maison des Sports and personnel working for the WBF on the technological project and the commission chaired by Al Levy and the members: Gianni Baldi, Anna Gudge (Communications), Jan Kamras, Fotis Skoularikis

(webmaster) and others to create a new website. Six months ago for that purpose two persons have been employed: Carol von Linstow and Fotis Skoularikis. Without a real team it is impossible to get results. Now we have a user friendly front page with quick access to content and Bridge News, links etc. and quick updates.

Another project concerns adapting to the rules and regulations of the Olympic Charter. One of the first actions was to install a disciplinary commission and code of ethics. The WBF has already been recognised as a sport – an International Sport Federation - but by complying with the Olympic Charter we will have more facilities and resources at our disposal. For instance, if an NBO is recognised by their own Olympic Committee it can get subsidies. And the future for the WBF is full recognition as an Olympic sport, to organise an Olympiad.

Most importantly, that bridge becomes part of the education of Youth and the teaching of bridge in the schools is started.

Next year there will be new elections for the presidency and so long as Mr. Rona gets support he will gladly be a candidate for a second term. The big challenge remains the Youth: firstly, to introduce bridge into the schools; secondly, investing in youth bridge, making bridge attractive. Learning at a tender age makes it possible to play bridge throughout one's life. Without the young bridge has no future. We find fine examples in China, Indonesia, Turkey.

A bridge teaching commission has been established which organises seminars for bridge teachers. Furthermore there will be support with materials, but no money. Even programmes for the internet are to be developed, because the young nowadays live with the computer, tablet and smartphone.

And there are even plans to organise competitions, tournaments on the internet playing with/against three robots. Though first a security problem has to be resolved. We have already BBO (in the US and the rest of the world) and Stepbridge (in The Netherlands). Playing bridge on the internet is the future!!

It is a new way of playing and contacting people. As to innovation there is the project for Bali 2013 to broadcast for the first time vugraph matches via the internet with running scores, ranking etc. plus the voice of the commentators. So at home you can follow the vugraph like in the theater at the venue. The WBF's main concern is not only to attract people to bridge, but rather to keep them interested and active in this wonderful and exciting game with the help of role models.

— by Geert Magerman and Jan Swaan

Assael versus Ned Aut

By Barry Rigal

Open Teams Round 9

When the two teams met (the Assael team was named in honour of Salvador Assael of Turkey, who had died a month previously), both were in danger of failing to qualify unless they put two decent rounds together. As we shall see, one team was fated to survive, the other... well, there is always the consolation event.

(The Bakkerens will be referred to as Ton and Frank.)

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ A K 10 8 3
♥ 9
♦ Q J 9 6
♣ J 9 3

Assael-Ned Aut Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Gur	Wernle	Tokay
	Pass	1♥	1♠
INT	2♥	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Assael-Ned Aut Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bakkeren T	Nilsland	Bakkeren F
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dbl	2♥	Dbl	4♠
All Pass			

Frank Bakkeren took something of a flyer at 4♠, perhaps judging that his opponents might have a playable spot in hearts if he was wrong? He was rewarded when Møller selected the only suit in his hand that would let through the game when he fished out a top club lead. One can hardly blame him though; it was a suit that his partner had bid, and it might well have been necessary to cash out or set up clubs before dummy's hearts took care of them.

In the other room, as we shall see later on in the set, Schifko was in playful mood. Here he kept his opponents out of game, but there again on a heart lead they made only +140, so Ned Aut had 10 IMPs.

Both North-South pairs bid competently to a small slam, and Schifko added an IMP for an overtrick in 3NT, then Steen Møller took a flyer:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

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W	S	

Assael-Ned Aut Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Gur	Wernle	Tokay
Pass	INT	2♠	3NT
All Pass			

Assael-Ned Aut Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bakkeren T	Nilsland	Bakkeren F
Pass	INT	2♠	3NT
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Against 4♠ Frank led the top of his doubleton heart rather than a low trump. Nilsland went up with the king, and Ton won the ♥A to shift to a low trump. This was ducked and the defenders won the ♦A to play a spade to the ♠A and a third trump. With the ♦J not falling, declarer had four spades, three diamonds and a trump but no more.

Against 3NT, East led a top diamond and declarer decided not to duck for fear of a spade shift (after all if clubs split he needed only one more trick from the hearts). He tested clubs to find the bad news and cashed two more tricks in the suit, East pitching spade, heart, spade and West following up the line. When declarer now ran the ♥8 to Wernle's ♥Q that player exited with a spade, necessary to defeat the game. (On a heart continuation declarer ducks a spade then cashes the remaining club winner and ♠A and exits in spades to endplay one of his opponents, — either in hearts or in diamonds). Declarer had eight tricks but no endplay, and Ned Aut had 8 IMPs to lead 19-0.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Assael-Ned Aut Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Gur	Wernle	Tokay
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♠	Pass

Assael-Ned Aut Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bakkeren T	Nilsland	Bakkeren F
	2♣(♦)	2♦	3♣
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♦
Dbl	All Pass		

I'm not sure if you could argue that the operation was successful and the patient died, or that someone had blundered (c'est magnifique mais ce n'est pas le bridge!) when Møller stopped off to double 3♦ rather than look for game. His instincts were absolutely right — no game is good for East-West, even when both major-suits split, somewhat unlikely after the pre-empt. However, 4♥ was certainly allowed to make on a non-trump lead far more often than not.



Frank Bakkeren

3♦x went down two when the defenders took their spade ruff plus the ♣A fast, and their top trumps slowly.

In the other room East-West were playing a canapé system so that East had not promised five spades at his second turn; but surely it was not beyond the partnership's ability to distinguish East's pattern on subsequent rounds of the auction? The defenders led diamonds against 4♠ and eventually emerged with a second trump plus three hearts for +200, which made it 19-11 to Ned Aut.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Assael-Ned Aut Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Gur	Wernle	Tokay
INT(!)	2NT	1♠	Pass
Pass(!!!)	Pass(!!!!)	Dbl	Rdbl(!)
Pass	5♦	3♥	4♦
		All Pass	

Assael-Ned Aut Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bakkeren T	Nilsland	Bakkeren F
		1♥	Pass
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

It is rare that an auction garners as many editorial exclamation marks as that from the Open Room, but I commend the series of actions performed by our four theoretically sound and sane participants. Schifko's INT response started the ball rolling, and the combination of South's redouble (value-showing/equal length depending on which side of the screen you were) and North's pass left Wernle in a position where he had the chance to collect 1000 or concede 1680 — a number rarely achieved in that fashion (6NTx and vulnerable also rings the bell) depending on his choice of opening lead. You may care to speculate on whether Wernle's decision to remove the redouble was based on a feeling the match was going well so far, or on over-exposure to Martin Schifko's sense of humour. In any event had Schifko hit on a spade lead he would have defeated 5♦ so one can argue that Wernle had



Mustafa Cem Tokay

left his side in a no-lose position one way or another. But after a heart lead the board became a footnote to history and yet another flat result. Still 19-11.

If that was not exiting enough, the open room decided that the psyching should not be limited to West.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Assael-Ned Aut Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Gur	Wernle	Tokay
			Pass
1♣(STR)	5♣*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Dbl	All Pass
5♣ . .Forgetting that this showed diamonds/both majors.			

Assael-Ned Aut Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bakkeren T	Nilsland	Bakkeren F
			Pass
1♦	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Møller's 5♦ looks like it may have been partly responsible for his side's missing slam — but even so, had he doubled and heard 5♦ he might well not have re-raised himself to slam. In the other room the combination of Gur's forgetting the system and Tokay's 5♦ response had the effect of blind-siding his opponents completely. Worse, on a heart lead and diamond switch the defenders could not set spades up in time, dummy's trump entries allowed declarer to ruff out hearts and enjoy the suit. Down 300 and a positive triumph for Assael, down 19-14 now.

On the next deal, Gur stole an overtrick in 2♠; then both pairs played a delicate game, one that appears to be down in top tricks, though it did not always work out that way...

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Assael-Ned Aut Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Gur	Wernle	Tokay
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Okay Gur



Steen Møller

Assael-Ned Aut Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bakkeren T	Nilsland	Bakkeren F
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
All Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

When Nilsland encouraged hearts at trick one Møller simply continued the suit and declarer ruffed and led a spade to the ten and jack. Nilsland won and played back clubs, leaving declarer short of trumps to ruff out the diamonds.

It was much easier to lead and continue hearts against 4♠ when that contract was declared by North. Tokay ruffed the third heart and played on diamonds, ruffing a club back to hand and leading a third diamond, ruffed by the king and overruffed. Another club ruff back to hand and a diamond ruffed in dummy left this ending:

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

Gur, North, led a diamond, West discarding his last heart and North ruffing in hand. Now the winning line is to play the ♣A and lead clubs through East, who is helpless as the cards lie. In fact Gur led the ♠J, smothering the ten, but letting East exit with the long heart to establish his ♠5 as the setting trick. No swing: still 19-15 to Ned Aut. On to the last hurrah...

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Assael-Ned Aut Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Gur	Wernle	Tokay
2♦	2♠	1♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	2NT	4♠
		5♦	All Pass

Assael-Ned Aut Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Møller	Bakkeren T	Nilsland	Bakkeren F
2NT	3♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	Dbl	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	4♠
		Dbl	All Pass

Two wild and woolly auctions, with the Open Room sequence seeing Schifko take a reasonable position to insist on a minor-suit contract facing a hand likely to have only four hearts albeit one with spade cards. The defenders took their heart ruff immediately, and when declarer advanced the ♦Q in an attempt to pin the ♦J, he ended up down two.

In the other room Frank Bakkeren removed the double of 3NT (his side rated to collect 100 from that spot) and played 4♠x instead. Nilsland led a top spade and shifted deviously to a low diamond. Declarer misguessed and lost 300, giving Assael 9 IMPs and a narrow win by 24-19. When Assael won their last match and Ned Aut did not, it would be the former at the big dance while Ned Aut would be the wallflowers.

Open Teams Swiss Round 10

By Jos Jacobs

When the final round of the Open Teams Swiss got underway, many teams were still in with a good chance of making it into the top 16. For any team placed between about 11th and 20th a good win in the last match might be enough to go through. As the Swiss format was in use, each of the teams ranked 13th through 20th would almost certainly have to play its closest rival, which was going to lead for some interesting matches. Below, we will have a look at three of these matches: Ned Aut v. De Botton, Ventin v. Israel Eidi and Rekstad v. Assael.

In the latter two matches, we had to wait till near the end before anything substantial or decisive was going to happen. After eight boards, Ventin were leading Israel Eidi 12-10 and Assael were 6 up against Rekstad. Had those scores remained as they were, all four teams involved would probably have made it into the top 16. However, on the final two boards, things were happening all over the place.

In our third featured match, much more was at stake. Ned Aut and De Botton were in 17th and 18th place, which meant that the winner of this match was almost certain to go through, provided its win was big enough. De Botton made it clear they wanted to become the big winners almost right from the start.

The first board in their match was flat, but then De Botton dealt their opponent a double blow:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Bakkeren T	Buras	Bakkeren F
		3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

When East opened 3♦, West settled for a straightforward contract. Ten easy tricks, De Botton +430.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Hoftaniska	Wernle	Charlsen
		3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

After the same opening bid, the Austrians were more ambitious. The slam was slightly odds against. On the surface of it, it is a make if the ♣A is right for declarer but there always is the small danger of an initial ruff. So it proved here. Charlsen duly led the ♣A on which Hoftaniska did not follow suit...one down on a club ruff at trick two and 10 IMPs to De Botton.

On the next board, there was another slam in the air for the Austrians (but then, one could argue EVERY hand looks like a slam if you are Austrian):

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Krzysztof Buras

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Bakkeren T.	Buras	Bakkeren F.
			3♠
Dbl	4♠	Dbl	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

The Poles had a disciplined auction towards the second-best contract but it has to be admitted that their top spot, 4♥, was already out of reach. 4NT of course showed the two-suiter, and 5♦ confirmed it was a red one. Just made, De Botton +600.

In the other room, the Austrians had a gadget available:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Hoftaniska	Wernle	Charlsen
			3♠
4♦	4♠	6♦	All Pass

4♦ showed the red suits and a fair hand. Had East or West been dealt the ♣9 as well, the slam would only have been slightly odds-against but in real life after a spade lead, it needed one of the spade honours onside, or a very fortunate club layout, to succeed. One down again, another +100 and 12 more IMPs to De Botton who led 22-0 by now, more than enough to qualify.

On the next board, the Austro-Dutch combination hit back:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Bakkeren T.	Buras	Bakkeren F.
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣(♦)	Pass	3♦	All Pass

INT was forcing for one round but when West did not make any further move over 3♦, the Poles had missed a cold game. De Botton +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Hoftaniska	Wernle	Charlsen
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

After a natural 2♦ response and a splinter, the Austrians easily reached the top spot or +600 and 10 IMPs back to their team.

There was not very much in the next four deals but on the penultimate board, things began to happen again:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	Bakkeren T.	Buras	Bakkeren F.
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

If South is the declarer, 3NT is cold even on a heart lead from West. The diamond finesse loses but dummy can go up with the king if West returns a spade.

Alternatively, if West elects to lead a spade, declarer has to go up with the king and immediately take the diamond finesse. If he calls for dummy's ♠J instead, East would win his queen and shift to a heart to set the contract. In real life, when Narkiewicz led a diamond, declarer had no trouble in making ten tricks. Ned Aut +430.

In the other room, the Norwegians bid up to the best contract:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Hoftaniska	Wernle	Charlsen
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Three Hearts showed shortness in the suit and 4NT showed interest in both minors.

East led a heart to dummy's ace. Declarer played a trump to his ace and ran the $\diamond 10$, which held the trick when Schiffko smoothly ducked it. Charlson then crossed to dummy's $\clubsuit K$ and led a spade to his king which held the trick. A spade from dummy was won by West's ace and a heart came back, ruffed in hand by declarer who went on to ruff a spade with dummy's ten. Dummy then led a club to pick up the two outstanding trumps and then repeated the diamond finesse. When West turned up with the king after all, he had to concede one down for +50 and 10 IMPs to Ned Aut.

At this point, De Botton's lead had been reduced to 4 IMPs, which also became the final margin, but that proved to be big enough to see them through to the top 16. Ned Aut thus were out of the contest.

In the Ventin-Israeli Eidi match, this same board was one of the two deciders.

In both rooms, the contract was 3NT by South and both Wests led a spade. These were the auctions:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friedlander	Hallberg	Liran	Wrang
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \diamond
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Wrang called for dummy's king, he was safe, as we had discussed earlier. Ventin +430.



Gunnar Hallberg

Ventin made it an even bigger win on the last board of the set:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	\spadesuit K Q 9 2										
	\heartsuit 10 9 8 6										
	\diamond —										
	\clubsuit Q 10 9 7 6										
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\clubsuit A 3 2		\clubsuit K J 8									
	\spadesuit 3										
	\heartsuit A K Q 4 2										
	\diamond J 6 4 3 2										
	\clubsuit 5 4										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friedlander	Hallberg	Liran	Wrang
		1 \diamond	1 \heartsuit
Dbl	4 \heartsuit	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	4 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Making Four Hearts might have been difficult on correct defence, since an early trump, followed by a diamond play by the defence would have the effect of taking an entry out to dummy's established clubs prematurely while preventing the cross-ruff.

Defending 4 \spadesuit doubled, on the other hand, was comparatively easy. South led a top heart, gave his partner a diamond ruff, got the lead again in hearts and gave his partner a second ruff. Down two, Ventin +500.

In the other room, they left 4 \heartsuit in peace:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Yadlin D.	Cullin	Yadlin I.
		1 \clubsuit	1 \heartsuit
Dbl	4 \heartsuit	All Pass	



Peter Bertheau

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bertheau	Yadlin D.	Cullin	Yadlin I.
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \diamond
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Israel Yadlin called for dummy's $\spadesuit J$, he was down two since Cullin could win cheaply and return a heart, as we saw before. Ventin had another +100 and 11 IMPs, enough to qualify and likely to put their opponents out of the top 16.

A trump lead, then a spade to the king and ace, and a trump back, followed by a club to the jack, saw East find the diamond to destroy dummy's entries, and that meant an easy enough down two. Ventin had another +200 and 12 IMPs to make certain of qualification and also seal the fate of their opponents.

In the Rekstad v. Assael match, not very much had been happening at all. The score stood at 13-6 to Assael, which might well have seen both teams through, but the last board changed the situation dramatically:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moller</i>	<i>Thomassen</i>	<i>Nilslund</i>	<i>Karlberg</i>
		1♦	1♥
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbf	All Pass	

North led a heart and South played three rounds of the suit rather than giving his partner one or two diamond ruffs. The contract thus went only one down for +200 to Rekstad.

So it was up to their team-mates to defeat 4♥ and thus ensure qualification:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berg</i>	<i>Gur</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Tokay</i>
		1♦	1♥
Dbf	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led a trump to the jack and queen and declarer correctly led a low club immediately. East won the jack and returned another trump rather than a diamond. Now, declarer could win and lead another club. This time, East won the trick and did in fact return a diamond, but it was too late. Dummy ruffed and led a club, so that when they broke 3-3, declarer could now lead a spade up. That established a top spade as his 10th trick, together with the two established clubs in dummy.

If East returns a diamond after winning the first club and another diamond after winning the second club, declarer can ruff a third club high in hand and play a spade up. East will then win the ace and return yet another diamond for dummy to ruff. Declarer's fourth diamond goes on the ♠Q but as the defence will be able to ruff an established club, declarer will lose four tricks in all and thus go one down.

One other wrinkle: if East does not play his ♥J at trick 1, he can return it after winning his second club, to deny declarer an extra entry to dummy. (That is a useful play for us all to remember!)

Letting this contract through meant that Assael had made it into the top 16 at the cost of Rekstad. Had the contract gone down, the opposite would have been the case...

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The world's first magazine devoted to the game - Bridge Magazine - founded in April 1926, recently produced its final printed edition. From July 1 it will be published monthly online. You can subscribe here in Ostend for a year by dropping into the Bulletin desk and crossing my palm with silver or in this case 10 Euro.

Espen Erichsen represents Norway, but at these Championships you will find an English flag by his name. That is because his entry came via the EBU, so for this event he is designated as 'English'.

When I asked Jean Paul Meyer if he would be attending yesterday's IBPA Executive meeting he replied by quoting Groucho Marx, 'I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member'.

Our photographers have noticed that many players are not wearing their badges, which can make identification difficult (they would not dream of interrupting you during play to ask your name). In this tournament it is not compulsory to wear your badge while playing, but we think it should be, with failure to do so being punishable by an on-the-spot fine of 20 Euro, which will go towards the photographer's retirement fund.

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One and done

By Brent Manley

There will be a new champion in the Open Teams at the 6th European Open Bridge Championships in Ostend. The team captained by Jim Mahaffey lost the first of two sets by 29 IMPs, which proved too much of a deficit to overcome despite a second-half rally. The Polish team led by Marcin Mazurkiewicz triumphed 54-39 to move into the round of eight against the American-Russian team Apollosoyuz.

After a push on board 1, Mahaffey lost a big swing on board 2.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>
1♠	Dbl	3♠	Pass
4♠	6♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

At the other table, in a competitive auction, Mahaffey doubled when the opponents got to 5♠ for just plus 500. Minus 500 and plus 1460 netted Mazurkiewicz 14 IMPs.



Krzysztof Jassem

On board 3, Mahaffey picked up 2 IMPs when Piotr Tuszynski and Piotr Gawrys overbid to 4♠, two down for minus 100 while Mahaffey and Tony Forrester stopped in 3♠ for one down.

The next deal, however, brought more bad news for Mahaffey.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Tuszynski</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

There was no way to defeat 3NT. Rodwell started with the ♣K, switching to his singleton spade at trick two. Tuszynski knocked out the ♦A, Meckstroth winning the second round of the suit and exiting with a third round. Tuszynski realized that cashing more diamonds would subject him to uncomfortable discards, so he cashed the ♠K and played a club to Rodwell's jack. The defenders took three clubs and a diamond for minus 750 and a 13-IMP loss because of what happened at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Forrester</i>
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Mazurkiewicz started with the ♣2, taken by Jassem with the 9. He switched to his singleton spade, and declarer won in dummy with the ace. West ducked the ♦K and ♦9, and at that point, Forrester could have made the contract by playing a spade to his king and continuing with the ♦Q. West could win the ♦A and cash his ♠Q, but Jassem would eventually be endplayed in hearts or clubs to give dummy his ninth trick.

Instead, Forrester played the ♣8 from dummy, taken by Jassem with the jack. He followed with a high club, ruffed by Forrester with the ♦J. He played the ♦Q to West's ace and won the heart return in hand. He could cash diamond

and spade winners, but he had no club to exit with to end play East in hearts. That was one down for minus 100.

On this board, both South players worked a swindle on that paid off at both tables.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West (Meckstroth and Mazurkiewicz) played in 4♥ at both tables after North (Tuszynski and Mahaffey) opened 1♦ and East made a takeout double. At both tables, North started with two high diamonds, South obviously indicating a doubleton. North then cashed the ♣A and continued with the ♦J. At both tables, declarer ruffed with dummy's ace and followed with the ♥10, putting in the king when South (Gawrys and Forrester) played low. Back to dummy with a spade, declarers played another heart, putting in the queen when South again played low. It was an interesting push.

The first half of the match ended with the Polish team in front 34-5.

Mahaffey had work to do in the second set, but with 14 boards to play, anything could happen. The team got just what it wanted on the first board, Meckstroth and Rodwell bidding to a vulnerable 6♣ despite interference from Gawrys and Tuszynski, while Krzysztof Jassem and Jakub Wojcieszek stopped in 4♣. That was a much-needed 13 IMPs to Mahaffey.

On the next deal, Mahaffey was threatened with a 10-IMP loss, but Rodwell came through in the play to hold it to just 1 IMP.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

At one table, Wojcieszek played 3NT from the South seat, and on the lead of the ♥J he had time to develop three tricks in diamonds – misguessing the position as everyone would – for plus 430. At the other table, the same contract was played by Rodwell in the North seat, and the lead of the ♣J was definitely not to his advantage.

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Rodwell	Tuszynski	Meckstroth
2♦	Dbf	2♠	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Rodwell took the ♣J lead in hand with the king and played a diamond to the king and ace. Gawrys played back the ♣Q, ducked, and cleared the suit with a third round to dummy's ace.

It looked like Rodwell was in a hopeless position, but he came up with the solution. He played a spade to his ace, cashed the king, then followed with the ♥A to reach this position:

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

On the play of the ♥K, East had no good discard. A spade pitch meant dummy's queen and 9 would both win tricks, a diamond would give the whole suit to declarer and a club discard would allow Rodwell to play a diamond from hand, ducking when East played the 9. In practice, East pitched a club and Rodwell was able to claim for plus 400.

This board gave the Mahaffey partisans hope.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

At one table, Jacek Pszczola (Pepsi) played in 2♠, making four for plus 170, a potential 10-IMP loss. Luckily for Pepsi and Sam Lev, the wrong contract was reached at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Rodwell	Tuszynski	Meckstroth
			Pass
2♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Meckstroth led his fourth-best club. After dummy's ♠K held the trick (Rodwell playing the 7), Tuszynski entered his hand by playing the ♥Q to the king. He then put a low spade on the table. Meckstroth thought things over briefly before going up with the ♠A and playing the ♣A. When it fetched the queen, he could claim for plus 200. The 9-IMP swing meant the margin was down to 7 IMPs with five boards to go.

The remaining deals, however, were mostly flat, and the Mahaffey cause was not helped when this deal came along:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

	♠ 10 8 4	
	♥ A 7	
	♦ A 10 9 7 2	
	♣ Q 10 2	



West	North	East	South
Pepsi	Jassem	Lev	Wojcieszek
		2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	All Pass

2♦ . .Multi
2NT Inquiry
3♣ . .Hearts

This forlorn contract was three down for minus 300. At the other table, Meckstroth and Rodwell came up with a plus to mitigate the damage.

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Rodwell	Tuszynski	Meckstroth
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dbf	Pass	1NT
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Rodwell led the ♥Q (Rusinow). Meckstroth won the ♥A and switched to a trump, ducked by declarer. Rodwell won the ♠Q and continued with a trump to dummy's jack. Now a diamond to the queen was followed by the ♦K, ruffed by Rodwell, who played a club to declarer's king. Gawrys pulled the last trump and played a diamond to Meckstroth's 9. Hoping to endplay declarer in diamonds again, Meckstroth exited with a heart, but Gawrys simply discarded a diamond and let Rodwell take the fifth trick. Rodwell, however, had to play a club or heart, allowing Gawrys to throw his remaining two diamonds to hold himself to one down for a 5-IMP gain.

From that point, the boards did not offer any opportunities for major swings. Mahaffey was out in the first knockout round.

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PAIRS

#	Player	MP	Result	#	Player	MP	Result
1	SELLDEN G. - WENNEBERG B.	1338,3	63,73%	23	DARLING M. - MCPHEE B.	1055,33	50,25%
2	BAVARESCO C. - MANGANELLA G.	1247,33	59,40%	24	AKER A. - ERDEM S.	1055	50,24%
3	ERCAN S. - PEYRET H.	1200,56	57,17%	25	GULLBERG D. - SKAJ P.	1047,48	49,88%
4	WLADOW E. - HARSANYI J.	1185,19	56,44%	26	PODDAR D. - SHAH A.	1045,58	49,79%
5	MORELLI F. - ZANONI P.	1177,47	56,07%	27	PIWOWARCZYK M. - GLASEK G.	1041,91	49,61%
6	YADLIN D. - YADLIN I.	1175,28	55,97%	28	MARINOVSKI K. - ZORIC V.	1030,61	49,08%
7	GRUDE L. - THOMASSEN K.	1161,15	55,29%	29	VAN DE WERVE - DUREN	1000,91	48,64%
8	CHEDIAK V. - VERBEEK T.	1159,81	55,23%	30	LUYCKX B. - PEETERS C.	1002,29	47,73%
9	ARONOV V. - ZOBU A.	1155,62	55,03%	31	ANDERSSON J. - JOHANSSON M.	997,95	47,52%
10	LUESMANN C. - SMYKALLA G.	1143	54,43%	32	DINKIN S. - TUNCOK C.	959,85	46,64%
11	GOEL A. - VAIDYA S.	1135,95	54,09%	33	V. OVERBERGH - V. OVERBERGH	972,33	46,30%
12	SHIMAMURA K. - YAVAS D.	1112,71	52,99%	34	CHIPAIL G. - NEGULESCU S.	970,41	46,21%
13	GLADIATOR A. - WEBER E.	1110,19	52,87%	35	DE ROOS S. - ROY P.	957,05	45,57%
14	PAVLIN M. - ROJKO S.	1096,47	52,21%	36	ALTINER S. - YALMAN G.	949,38	45,21%
15	DENNISON M. - JOURDAIN P.	1087,82	51,80%	37	CODRIN M. - DUMITRASCU F.	940,47	44,78%
16	ALLIX J. - LIBBRECHT W.	1084,47	51,64%	38	ALTINER H. - CIFTCIOGLU D.	926,67	44,13%
17	COPUR M. - FALAY F.	1081,86	51,52%	39	ENGBRETSSEN G. - HILDREMYR T.	902,67	42,98%
18	BASARAN B. - SEN M.	1079,57	51,41%	40	ADELSBERGER H. - BEILDORFF F.	897,52	42,74%
19	BOWLES A. - MOHANDES S.	1071	51,00%	41	BEARPARK S. - WORSWICK P.	897,2	42,72%
20	DE WASSEIGE C. - GOBBE A.	1067,77	50,85%	42	MIETI R. - SOGLIA R.	895,49	42,64%
21	TELTSCHER K. - GODFREY L.	1061,33	50,54%	43	BREIJS N. - HARTOG J.	837,38	39,88%
22	FEBER A. - POPESCU C.	1059,21	50,44%	44	SCHYNS - REMY	729,95	34,76%

RESULTS SIDE EVENTS

TEAMS

1	ALINEO	75.83
2	GEEL	73.78
3	DUTCH SENIORS	73.14
4	LIE NORWAY	70.20
5	STRETZ	69.22
6	IRENS	68.74
7	RIEHM	67.97
8	ROSENTHAL	67.17
9	LAST NONEU CROATIA	63.50
10	HELLE	63.40
11	PENFOLD	61.91
12	ZAMBONINI	61.60
13	HARRIS	61.49
14	PAUNCZ	61.37
15	PHARMASERVICE	59.06
16	KAMINSKI	58.67
17	GREECE	58.57
18	MCGOWAN	58.38
19	THE WHITE HOUSE	57.15
20	BAKER	57.13
21	SZENBERG	56.80
22	ERA	56.51
23	PESSOA	55.72
24	ROBERTSON	55.23
25	FRENCKEN	53.80
26	SENIORS BG	53.49
27	MATUSKO	51.66
28	VILLA FABBRICHE	51.46
29	MARUPE	51.33
30	ALFA ROMEO	50.73
31	ZEEROB	49.97
32	SCOTLAND	49.80
33	TRABUCCHI	49.47
34	MARKOWICZ	49.26

35	NETHERLANDS BLUE	48.79
36	MOSSOP	48.24
37	CHINA2	47.77
37	PHISWE	47.77
39	MONACO Z	47.38
40	TEXAN ACES	47.09
41	DENMARK U25	47.05
42	GERMAN SENIORS	46.98
43	STOKKEN	46.71
44	BRICKLAYER	46.57
45	SWEDEN	46.40
46	CURTIS	46.35
47	DAUGAVA	45.92
49	SMISPI	43.59
50	KERDIZO	43.24
51	JELMONI	41.98
52	EL VICTORIOS	41.39
53	MCGUIRE	40.35
54	WIELEMANS	39.96
55	KIRBY	39.47
56	GEZIDE FOX	39.08
57	WORM	38.36
58	MPE LATTERIA TINIS	37.06
59	MERSIN	36.36
60	NAESSENS	35.51
61	DENMARK U20	34.61
62	POLAND LADIES	34.41
63	MORAN	32.64
64	4TOPS	31.09
65	ITALY 2	27.58
67	BALTAC	22.89
68	CASHEL	19.27

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 Dutch Women 50 - 36 Austria

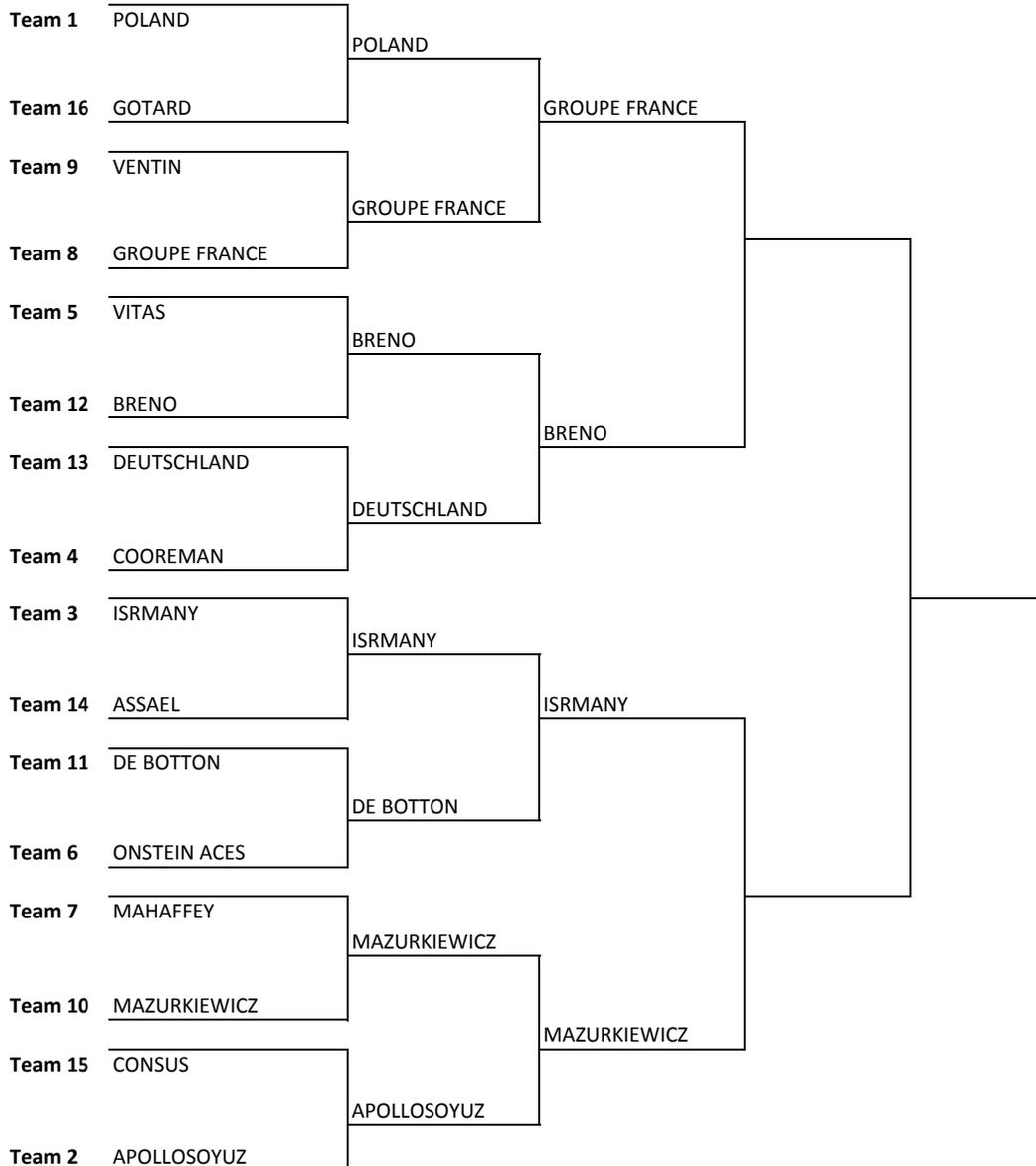
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