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POLAND KEEP THE OLD MAESTRO

AT BAY



Winners of the Open Teams: Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Krzysztof Jassem, Jakub Wojcieszek, Pawel Jassem, Piotr Gawrys and Piotr Tuszynski.



Silver goes to team Breno.



Team Isrmany comes third.

After a day full of drama it was **Mazurkiewicz**, Piotr Gawrys, Krzysztof Jassem, Pawel Jassem, Marcin Mazurkiewicz, Piotr Tuszynski & Jakub Wojcieszek who emerged as the new European Open Team Champions.

After a remarkable 1 IMP win in their semi final they came from behind to defeat the sentimental favourites, **Breno**, Mario D'Avossa, Benito Garozzo, Riccardo Intonti, Massimo Lanzarotti, Andrea Manno & Romain Zaleski in an exciting final followed by thousands on BBO.

Isrmany, Alon Birman, Ilan Herbst, Ophir Herbst, Dror Padon, Josef Piekarek & Alexander Smirnov took the bronze medals.

Today's Schedule

Open Pairs Qualification
(Day 2/2)

Side Events

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



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.

Open Pairs Semifinal

The semifinal will consist of 100 pairs, 94 from the qualification and six from the Open Teams semifinals. There will be a linear carry-over capped at 300 matchpoints (about 3 tops). The drop-ins from the Open Teams will get the same carry-over as the 46th placed pair (46 pairs qualify for the final). Drop-ins, please remember that you must have paid for the Open Pairs prior to the start.

Open Pairs Non-Qualifiers

Please remember to register **latest by 20:00 tonight** for Thursday's Open Pairs side event, which is free of charge for you. We are doing our best to speed up the player-search feature in the database, so the process should be much faster than it was the other night. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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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Master Point Races incl. June 24th

Cumulative

1	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	..	90
	BERTENS Huub	90
	VERBEEK Martine	.....	90
4	WILLARD Sylvie	.....	89
5	GUNEV Rossen Geourgiev	84	
	POPOVA Dessy	.....	84
7	WERNLE Sascha	.....	80
8	MICHIELSEN Marion	....	68
9	BOMPIS Marc	.....	65
10	PROOIJEN Ricco van	...	60
11	SAYER Netsy	.....	55
	ZAHARIEV Zahari	.....	55
13	HELNESS Tor	.....	52
	HELNESS Gunn	.....	52
15	WANG Liping	.....	50
	GRUMM Iris	.....	50

Side Events Only

1	CRONIER Benedicte	....	28
2	BRENNER Anne	.....	20
	WILLARD Sylvie	.....	20
	WERNLE Sascha	.....	20
	CAPRERA David	.....	20
	PILON Dominique	.....	20
	MARILL Philippe	.....	20
	TOFFIER Philippe	.....	20
	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	..	20
	CRONIER Philippe	.....	20
11	VAN DE VEN Armand	...	15
	DE SMET Hans	.....	15
	LAENEN Rene	.....	15
	KALITA Jacek	.....	15
	HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica	15	
	KLUKOWSKI Michal	....	15
	ZMUDA Justyna	.....	15
	SOONTJENS Louis	.....	15

BBO Matches

<http://www.bridgebase.com>

NO BBO broadcast from Open Pair Qualifying
on Thursday 27th!!!!

La Rubrique.FR

Pierre Schmidt prend le relais de notre rédacteur habituel. Il nous livre les secrets, révélés par l'ordinateur, des entames et des contres rémunérateurs.

Un Roi impitoyable

Le non-bridgeur de passage devant le Kursaal à la sortie d'une mi-temps aurait bien du mal à comprendre le sujet de conversation et le degré d'excitation de tous ces joueurs qui refont leur match. Dans les restaurants puis dans les bars un peu plus tard, c'est le même phénomène. Si vous êtes vous-même bridgeur, n'oubliez jamais de regarder la tête ahurie des convives de la table voisine ... et vérifiez en même temps par courtoisie que l'éclat de vos échanges reste à un niveau sonore raisonnable ! Il est en effet parfois difficile de se mettre d'accord sur ce qui était la « bonne » enchère ou la « bonne » entame, aussi n'est-il pas déraisonnable – pour tempérer nos passions - d'utiliser un peu de technologie pour y voir clair. Imaginez ainsi que vous déteniez :

♠ 98654
♥ 1072
♦ 64
♣ 732

C'est à vous d'entamer dans la séquence ISA – 3SA. Vanessa Reess, que je kibbitzais à ce moment-là, n'a pas hésité une seconde à poser le 10 de Cœur sur la table. Une douzaine de levées plus tard, elle constatait que le déclarant avait ouvert de ISA avec le Roi de Pique sec, et que son partenaire avait AD1073 dans la couleur ! Est-ce une raison pour se sentir mal et s'excuser ? En fait non. Il est facile de faire distribuer à un ordinateur quelques centaines de donnes compatibles avec la séquence d'enchères, et de lui demander de vérifier le rendement de chacune des entames. Cœur dépasse en effet d'une bonne tête. Dans le détail, vous avez une chance de battre le contrat dans 15% des cas seulement (ce qui n'est pas une surprise au vu de votre jolie collection) et l'entame Pique ne couvre qu'un tiers de ces donnes, alors que Cœur en couvre les 2/3, car vous « touchez » une longueur suffisante chez votre partenaire, seul à posséder par ailleurs les reprises nécessaires. Fin de la conversation sur ce sujet, vous pouvez déguster votre entrée dans le calme.

Plus délicat, pour le plat principal :



Vanessa Reess

♠ AR1062
♥ 982
♦ 64
♣ 732

La séquence est la même (ISA – 3SA) mais vous n'êtes pas à l'entame. Est-ce donc une bonne idée de contrer (à supposer que pour votre paire, ce contre induise de façon quasiment automatique l'entame Pique) ?

Que dit notre ordinateur ? Que le contrat peut être battu dans un peu plus de la moitié des donnes. Éliminons d'abord les cas où votre contre va enlever de la main de votre partenaire son entame naturelle qui, seule, battait (ces cas sont en nombre quasi nul). Vous apprenez ensuite que l'entame Pique de votre partenaire – non naturelle - est indispensable dans la moitié des cas potentiellement « chutant » (donc sur 25 % des donnes : la moitié de 50%). Il vous faut alors comparer le gain sur ces 25% de cas avec le risque d'un méchant surcontre quand les adversaires ont beaucoup de jeu et une tenue à Pique. On peut enfin disserter sur les donnes où l'on remet les adversaires dans un contrat gagnant alors que 3SA chutait ... ou l'inverse !!

Puisque nous en sommes au dessert, il vous restera à commenter de vive voix les avantages et inconvénients comparés du « style » consistant à contrer et de celui plus conservateur des tenants du Passe. De quel côté voulez-vous vous ranger ? Le café et l'addition, s'il vous plaît, merci !

Pierre Schmidt

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A Travelin' Man Comes To Ostend

Geir-Olav Tislevoll – GeO to friends – has been to many tournaments in more than 40 years of playing bridge. It's reasonably safe to say that, on arrival at the 6th European Open Bridge Championships in Ostend, he had made the longest bridge trip of his career. He almost certainly travelled farther to Ostend than any of the other competitors here.



GeO Tislevoll

Since 2008, the 57-year-old native Norwegian has lived in New Zealand. The trip to Ostend started in his new home town of Auckland, whence he flew to Hong Kong to play in the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation team trials. After that, he flew to Paris and arrived at Ostend by train.

Counting the 160-mile trip from Paris, Tislevoll travelled 19,170 kilometers – more than 11,900 miles – from Auckland.

He played for Abax in the Open Teams and is competing in the Open Pairs with Ivar Berg.

Tislevoll grew up in Trondheim, Norway, and learned bridge in his teens, occasionally filling in when his parents had games at home. He was truly smitten when he found out how bridge play went in tournaments.

Except for three years in Luxembourg, where he worked in currency exchange for a bank, Tislevoll lived in Norway. He has represented his homeland several times, earning a gold medal in the European Youth Teams Championship in 1980 and a bronze in the same event two years later. He played a lot with Geir Helgemo in the Nineties.

The move to New Zealand came about after he met Faith Mayer at the 3rd European Open Bridge Championships in Antalya, Turkey, in 2007. Mayer is a Filipino who has lived in New Zealand for many years.

The two met again a year later at the World Bridge Championships in Shanghai, China, where had gone to report on the tournament for Norwegian media. Tislevoll and Mayer played in the Transnational Mixed Teams and the relationship blossomed.

Not long after the tournament, Tislevoll says, "I decided it was time to do something adventurous," and he was on his way to New Zealand. He married Mayer in 2010.

These days, Tislevoll makes his living in bridge – teaching, coaching, occasionally playing professionally and writing a daily bridge column for a newspaper in Norway. He also contributes to Boye Brogeland's Bridge in Norway magazine.

Remarkably, Tislevoll says he did not have much of an adjustment to life in a new land. In fact, he says, except for the weather, the atmosphere of the country and the outlook of New Zealanders is similar to what he knew in Norway. "It's not a big difference between them," he says, "and there's a lot of bridge."

In Hong Kong, Tislevoll's team qualified to represent New Zealand in the Bermuda Bowl in Bali, Indonesia, later this year. At the same tournament, his wife qualified to play for the Philippines in the Venice Cup, a remarkable feat in Tislevoll's view considering that the Philippine Bridge Federation has only about 140 members.

Tislevoll says he visits Norway regularly – he has a son and two sisters there – but New Zealand is his home now. "It is beautiful there," he says.

— Brent Manley



Open Pairs Qualification R1

By Patrick Jourdain

The Editor gave your reporter free option of a pair to watch for the first ten boards of the Open Pairs. The choice of Thomas Charlsen and Thor-Erik Hoftaniska of Norway proved sound as there were plenty of interesting decisions, and they scored 72.4% on the set to hold fourth place.

The first deal was a humdinger. Our Norwegians were against a Russian pair consisting of the highly experienced Vadim Kholomeev partnering a young Petr Vasilyev competing in his first European event.

Dealer North
None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Vasilyev	Hoftaniska	Kholomeev	Charlsen
All Pass	1♥	5♦	6♥



Vadim Kholomeev

What a decision faced both South and West at their first call of the championships! Both made the right decision, for Six Hearts was made and a sacrifice in spades or diamonds can go for 1100 against 980.

The play had technical interest. On a diamond lead Hoftaniska played with care to detect whether either opponent could have four clubs. He ruffed the first diamond with the nine of trumps and then laid down the ace to pick up the suit successfully. Having drawn trumps, he exited with a spade.

West overtook to play a second spade. When the diamond ace and a ruff showed that East held eight diamonds and at least two spades it was already clear only West could have clubs, so declarer could claim.

On the second deal the Russian pair had a common misunderstanding for a new partnership. The auction began with a Prepared Club (on this occasion a weak notrump), a 1♥ overcall from Charlsen and 2♦ from a responder with game values who thought a change of suit was forcing. Kholomeev had a different view and passed. When Charlsen asked Vasilyev what their agreement was the Russian at once acknowledged he thought it was forcing, so it was easy for Charlsen to decide not to re-open. The missed game by East-West (they make 11 tricks in no-trumps) gave the Norwegians a top.

The next pair up were Bjorn Alenfak and Hans Kvick of Sweden. Board 3 was a classic matchpoint affair:

Dealer South
EW Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Alenfak	Hoftaniska	Kvick	Charlsen
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
All Pass			INT

East-West can make nine tricks in hearts and can beat INT by only one trick, so need to get into the auction. The Prepared Club silenced West on the first round, but both West and East must have considered action on the next.

Both passed and West led a low club. Charlsen won with the jack and tried the jack of spades, which held.

Charlsen could guess the finesse must be losing but also knew East would have difficulty finding a heart switch, so the next spade went to the queen and king. East duly tried a diamond, which was won by the jack. Now Charlsen played a club from hand.

As East was marked with a singleton club West should surely have gone in and found the heart switch. When he played low it cost two tricks, as Charlsen had not only a second club trick but also the entry to play diamonds twice more. INT+1 was close to a top.

Board 4 had technical interest in both, bidding and play:

Dealer West
Both Vul

♠ 7 6 ♥ J 10 6 ♦ J 10 9 7 6 5 2 ♣ 2	♠ K 9 5 ♥ A Q 4 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A K Q 5 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 8 4 ♥ 8 7 5 3 ♦ A K 8 ♣ 9 8 3	♠ Q J 10 3 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ 4 ♣ J 10 7 6 4	
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West	North	East	South
<i>Alenfak</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Kvick</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
Pass	2♣	2♠	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

North's opening 2♣ was the type popular in both France and Benjamin Acol, namely showing a balanced 20/21 or 8/9 tricks in a suit.

When South's take-out double suggested hearts it was



Eric Wielemans

not immediately clear what North would do if he had a strong hand with hearts (for example, a balanced hand with no spade stop might need to bid 3♠). Hoftaniska decided on a jump to Four Hearts. This gave Charlsen a dilemma, he eventually solved by passing.

As dummy went down some words in Norwegian were exchanged in a tone that suggested I should not ask what they meant but the final contract was sensible enough. Hoftaniska won in dummy and immediately guessed the trump suit correctly by playing ace and a low one. That allowed him to claim the rest, as he had a ruff for the 12th trick. A club lead would have held declarer to 11, because the defence obtains a ruff.

In no-trumps, declarer can make 12 tricks by guessing the hearts and then squeezing East in the black suits, but few managed that.

Next to arrive were the Belgian pair of Alain de Duve and Eric Wielemans.

It is not often you conceal good seven-card support for partner to seek another 4-4 fit, but so it happened on Board 5:

Dealer North
NS Vul

♠ J 5 4 ♥ A Q 10 9 7 2 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ 4	♠ A K 8 3 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ 9 7 5 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ Q 9 7 2 ♥ 3 ♦ J ♣ A K J 8 6 3 2	♠ 10 6 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ 10 9 8 7 5 3 ♣ Q 10	
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West	North	East	South
<i>De Duve</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Wielemans</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2NT was explained as Keycard with a 3♣ response showing any hand with only three spades and the other normal keycard responses with four spades, so North's Three Diamonds promised four spades with 0 or 3 keys. 3NT was described as a mild slam try and North's cuebids promised 3 keys. Charlsen signed off in tempo at his next turn as he was worried about trump quality, but when Hoftaniska made another move Charlsen assumed he held both ♠AK.

Against Six Spades West led ♦K. Charlsen won and played the trump ace (West might hold a singleton honour) and then a spade to the queen. Discovering the suit was



Thor Eric Hoftaniska

breaking he carefully played one top club (gaining heavily when West has two trumps and no clubs), and when both followed he drew the last trump and claimed the rest. His 13th trick consisted of ruffing his singleton heart in dummy. +1460 was again a near top.

It looked as if they were about to have their first bad board next:

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

Five Diamonds by West can be beaten by an unlikely heart lead, and the spade sacrifice had to fail but the scoresheet was not unfavourable to North-South. Some had made 5♦ on a top spade lead and successful club guess. Some had made 3NT from East and, even better, some were losing 500 as North-South, whereas Charlsen suffered a penalty of only 300 when West cashed a top diamond, switched to a club to the king and East cashed his heart ace, saving a guess in the suit.

The fourth pair to arrive was Frederic Brunet and Arnaud

Ancessey of France. They gave the Norwegians their first bad board with this auction:

Dealer South
Both Vul

♠ J 9 2 ♥ J 6 5 4 ♦ K 9 ♣ A K 10 6	<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	♠ K 8 7 ♥ K 9 8 7 3 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 ♣ —	♠ A Q 10 6 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ J 7 5 ♣ Q J 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Brunet</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Ancessey</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	2♣
Pass	Dbf	All Pass	Pass

Ancessey bravely protected on the East cards and Brunet gave him the sort of dummy we all deserve, particularly when Charlsen found the unfortunate though natural lead of ♣Q. On a diamond lead and spade return the defence have five easy tricks.

On the club lead declarer quickly took two spade discards on the top clubs and led the trump jack. Hoftaniska gave this some thought and then contributed the ten. Declarer must have been so delighted to have had a favourable lead that he momentarily lost concentration and let the jack run! (If North held the queen and ten he would probably not play low on the jack). That meant he only just made Three Hearts doubled whereas others, also doubled, had made an overtrick. The score was around 60-40 against the Norwegians.



Thomas Charlsen



Helge Larsen

The next deal also had interest:

Dealer West
None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brunet</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Ancessey</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dbl*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West's double was described as two-way.... Either showing three hearts or 18+ so his subsequent call showed the strong hand.

Here East-West can make 6♦ double dummy (on a trump lead and South letting the heart king hold, declarer must himself duck the next heart), and can fail in 3NT but that is not how things turned out.

If you led the spade king against 3NT by West please let the Bulletin know. Hoftaniska did not find this, leading instead a low one. When the queen won, declarer should have tackled hearts at once, as this gives the chance of 11 or even 12 tricks if both red suits behave (and South must find the club switch if he is to stop 11 on the actual layout). As it was, the table had run out of time and declarer merely tested diamonds and then, when Charlsen ducked the first

heart simply claimed ten tricks.

The final pair to arrive were colleagues from Norway: Helge Larsen and Erik Rynning. On board 9 nobody had more than a flat 11 but Charlsen opened and with partner also holding 11 they stopped in 2NT and with a helpful defence scrambled home.

The final board of the set was of interest in the play:

Dealer East
Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 8 4 ♥ K J 5 ♦ A K ♣ 7 6 5	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 5 2 ♥ Q 10 9 8 ♦ J 8 6 2 ♣ 4 3
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W E					
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♠ J 10 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ 10 7 5 3 ♣ A K Q 2	♠ 7 6 ♥ 7 4 3 2 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ J 10 9 8
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West	North	East	South
<i>Larsen</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Rynning</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
1♠	Dbl	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

South finished in the very popular spot of 1NT. Suppose, first, West makes the normal spade lead. That gives declarer a sixth trick and he may well play ace and another heart to obtain a fortuitous two more when the hearts contribute three tricks.

However, at our table West, Helge Larsen decided to start with a club and the exchange continued diamond, club, diamond, club, diamond, and a triumphant winning club from East, followed by a spade to the jack, queen and ace.

The fourth round of diamonds reduced everyone to four cards and West knew he was doomed. He actually retained two spades and ♥KJ. Charlsen had the luxury of being able to endplay West with either suit.

In case West held three spades and had bared the heart king, Charlsen chose ace and another heart. West won and had to concede the seventh trick to declarer. But this was below average for our heroes.

The score of 72.4% for the set seemed generous and your reporter is confidently expecting an invitation to follow the same pair again.



Open Teams QFI: Breno v. Deutschland

By Jos Jacobs

Open Teams Quarterfinals segment I

This Italian-German encounter happened to be by far the most spectacular segment in any of the four quarterfinals. So in this report, I will concentrate on this match but not without a short look or two into some of the other matches.

On boards 2 and 3, the combined team from Israel and Germany (Isrmany) had taken a 26-0 lead against De Botton, due to a defensive mistake on one board and a killing spade lead against 3NT on the other.

As they did not find this lead at either table in our featured match, we will go straight to board 5, in which a slam was in the cards:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Häusler</i>	<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Garozzo</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The weak INT did not work very well here, as the extra club in East's hand was worth a full extra trick, which never came to light. The slam is not one that you have to be in though, as it basically depends on the ♥J coming down in two or three rounds, a just over 50% chance, apart from a very lucky spade break (QJ bare). You do have some squeeze chances, though, if the defenders take the ♦A on the first round.

When the hearts behaved, that was +490 to Deutschland.

In the other room, the Italians also used a weak INT but Lanzarotti just gave it one more try:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Manno</i>	<i>Rohowsky</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

When Massimo made a quantitative raise, Manno had no problem in bidding the slam as he could now be sure that his fifth club was worth an extra trick. Well done by the Italians and 10 IMPs to them.

On the next board, the Italians dealt their opponents another blow, or maybe the Germans shot themselves in the foot:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Massimo Lanzarotti

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Zaleski	Gromöller	Garozzo
		4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	4NT
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Maybe Garozzo could have bid a slam over Zaleski's redouble but when he contented himself with just 5♣, the Italians had secured a plus: +420 to them.

In the other room, the Germans ran into trouble:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Fritsche	Manno	Rohowsky
		4♥	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Dbl	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	7♣
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

To me, 5♥ was already a considerable overbid but the main question North should have asked himself over 6♥ ought to have been why South did not make a try for a grand slam if he held the ♠A and the ♣AQ himself? A double by North would have netted 800 and thus led to a 9-IMP gain rather than the actual 12-IMP loss. Please note South's redouble which showed absolute (if misplaced) confidence in his partner.

In the Isrmany v. De Botton match, the latter team hit back:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	Herbst O.	De Botton	Herbst I.
		3♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Not very enterprising bidding by the Israelis led to the slam being missed. Isrmany +420.

In the other room, the Poles did much better, even if they were given a slight push in the right direction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Padon	Narkiewicz	Birman	Buras
		3♥	Pass
4♥	Dbl	Pass	4NT
Dbl	6♣	All Pass	

Well judged by Narkiewicz. If partner is showing some serious values in the minors, slam must be OK. So it proved: +920 to De Botton and 11 IMPs back to them.

In their match against Poland, the young French North-

South also reached the slam in convincing fashion:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
		3♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	



Artur Malinowski

On the next board, the good Italian run continued:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, the Italians reached a sound contract:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Zaleski	Gromöller	Garozzo
			1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Just made, +110 to Breno.

In the other room, the Germans had an easy enough auction, too:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Fritsche	Manno	Rohowsky
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	3NT
			All Pass

2NT showed a balanced 12-15 count.

The Italians did not even need a useful gadget to deal with this bidding. Manno as East was on lead himself and could be rather sure that his opponents were not going to make this contract. When nobody ran, he simply led his fourth best spade for down two. Breno +500 and another 12 IMPs.

In the Apollosoyuz v. Mazurkiewicz match, there also was a big swing, as these were the two auctions:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mazurkiewicz	Gromov	Jassem	Dubinín
Pass	2♦	2♠	2♣
Pass	3♠	Dbl	3♣
All Pass			4♣

At this table, the Russians did well to find out they did not have a spade stopper between them but they already were overboard a little. One down, +100 to Mazurkiewicz.

In the other room, the Poles had an easy enough auction, too:



Alexander Dubinin

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Jassem	Rosenberg	Wojcieszek
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	3NT
			All Pass

2♠ also showed a balanced opening hand. Rosenberg's double requested a spade lead so the contract was quickly down two. Apollosoyuz +500 and 9 IMPs to them.

And another swing to Breno on the next board when the German declarer followed a reasonable but unlucky line in his contract:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 9 4 3		♠ A K 7									
♥ K Q J 9 7 6		♥ 5 3 2									
♦ A		♦ K 2									
♣ A Q 8		♣ 9 7 5 4 2									
♠ J 10 8 6 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		
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♥ 10 4		♠ Q 5									
♦ 9 7 6 5 4		♥ A 8									
♣ K		♦ Q J 10 8 3									
		♣ J 10 6 3									

In the Open Room, the Italians came to rest at an extremely dangerous level:

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Zaleski	Gromöller	Garozzo
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

East led a trump, which Zaleski won in hand with his king. Realising that he was in a pretty hopeless contract, he immediately laid down the ♣A, no doubt intending to continue with the ♣Q. When the ♣K made a surprisingly early appearance, Zaleski was quick to adapt his plan. He crossed to dummy's ♥A, returned to his ♦A, drew the last trump and cashed his clubs for an easy-looking 11 tricks. Breno +450.

In the other room, play and defence were slightly different:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Fritsche	Manno	Rohowsky
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led a top spade and shifted to a trump, won by declarer. At this table, too, declarer realised he had to make a few club tricks later on so he carefully started off by leading the ♣Q. West won his king, led a spade to his partner's ace and got a club ruff. One down, Breno another +50 and 11 more IMPs to them.

Declarer's line of play was as good as anything. He was by no means the only declarer to go down...Gromov duplicated this line for Apollosoyuz to lose 11 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

On board 10, Fritsche-Rohowsky reached the slam in spades. Their auction is not recorded, but their achievement brought them a much needed 13 IMPs back to trail by 14-49 now. Slam is certainly not much better than 50% – even the fall of the doubleton ♣K might not be enough, and a bad trump break might get you even when clubs behave?

In another match, the Russians also reached the slam and their auction has been recorded:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mazurkiewicz	Gromov	Jassem	Dubiniv
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Well done by them as well, for a 13-IMP gain in their match to increase their lead to 18 at this point.

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On the last board of the set, the Germans registered another double-figure swing:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Zaleski	Gromöller	Garozzo
		1♣	2NT
3♥	4♦	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

2NT showed the two lower-ranking suits and Three Hearts showed spades. The slam depends on the way you tackle the clubs. Though they would rate to be 3-1, the chances of South holding a singleton honour or just a small card would be about even.

Thus staying out of slam is probably a good idea. Declarer did well to take the double club finesse in the play when given the chance and thus ended up with an overtrick for +480 to Deutschland.

In the other room, the Italians did in fact bid the slam:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lanzarotti	Fritsche	Manno	Rohowsky
		1♣	2♥!
Dbl	2NT!	Pass	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

When Manno played the clubs from the top after winning the ♥Q lead with his king, he soon had to concede one down. Deutschland another +50 and 11 IMPs back to trail 49-26 at halftime.



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Poles Apart

By Barry Rigal

Quarter-finals open teams, Second stanza

For the second half of the quarter-finals we shall be focusing on the two matches involving the Polish teams: Groupe France against Poland (initially team Martens) and Mazurkiewicz against Apollosoyuz. As we shall see, the performances of the two teams were indeed diametrically opposite. At the start of the half it was 40-19 for Apollosoyuz and 24-14 for Poland. We shall refer to Bessis père et fils as Michel and Thomas.

defenders got in to draw two rounds of trumps. That was still an IMP to France, when INT made 120 on a club lead. 15-24 now for Poland; but the lead changed hands on the next deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Krzysztof Martens

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Poland-Groupe France Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

Poland-Groupe France Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
1♣(2+)	Pass	1♦(♥)	Pass
1♥	Dbf	Rdbl	2♠
All Pass			

Poland-Groupe France Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥(FG)	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Poland-Groupe France Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
1♦	Pass	INT(R)	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

At almost every table in the event, North-South could not find a way into their opponents' auction, but Rombaut got to double hearts for takeout at a convenient level, letting Lorenzini steal the pot in 2♠. There seem to be eight tricks (three spades, three diamonds and two plain winners – if the defenders ruff away your diamond winners you get a ruff in dummy instead) maybe repeated diamond leads make that awkward, but though Gawel led a diamond, Jagniewski shifted to clubs because of the diamond blockage. Lorenzini elected to overtake a diamond winner, and now the 5-2 split was too much for him when the

You may not approve of the 1♥ opening bid but at least it did no harm (though you'd much rather play 4♥ after a strong no-trump and transfer). Declarer wrapped up +650, good for 13 IMPs when the Closed Room sequence featured some poor judgment (was the opening bid forced?). Just as in the story of the Giant Rat of Sumatra, the world may not be ready for an explanation of the auction but I'm guessing a key-card sequence told East he was off two key-cards, but 4NT was a horrendous final contract on a club lead. Down 200 and 13 IMPs to France, leading 28-24.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 4 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 8 5 4 3 2 ♣ Q 9 7	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K 9 8 7 6 5 ♥ 7 5 ♦ K ♣ J 10 8 2
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Poland-Groupe France Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
		2♠	3♥
DbI	All Pass		

Poland-Groupe France Closed

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
		2♦	2♥
All Pass			

Filipowicz's undisciplined overcall over Michel's somewhat etiolated 2♠ pre-empt could have been described as cruising for a bruising. Thomas was quick to inform him of the error of his ways and led two rounds of clubs to start the defensive force. Declarer ruffed, led a trump to the ten, then played two rounds of diamonds. Michel ruffed, and played a third club, on which declarer discarded. Now a diamond to Thomas' ♦J left the defenders in position to take one club one diamond and four trump tricks one way or another. Down 300, and a 6-IMP pick-up when 2♥ finished up down one. 34-24 now for France.

On the next deal there was no swing in either of our two featured matches.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 6 4 ♥ K J 9 7 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 10 8 2	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 7 5 3 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ K Q J 4
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	♠ A Q 9 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K Q 10 9 2 ♣ A 9 3				

Both pairs in France-Poland opened a strong no-trump and played 3NT down on a heart lead. Both pairs in Apollosoyuz-Mazurciewicz made 3NT (Gromov played from the North seat on a three-bid suitless sequence on a club lead, ducked and club continuation).

Where Gawrys opened a strong no-trump, Rosenberg doubled Tuszynski's 2♣ response, persuading Weinstein to lead clubs rather than hearts. No swing – and still 40-18 to Apollosoyuz.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 10 7 5 4 2 ♥ A ♦ 8 3 ♣ A 6 5 4	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 3 ♥ Q 8 5 4 ♦ K J 10 4 ♣ K Q 8 2
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W E					
S					
	♠ J 9 8 ♥ J 9 7 6 ♦ A Q 5 2 ♣ J 10				
	♠ A K 6 ♥ K 10 3 2 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ 9 7 3				

Poland-Groupe France Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
			Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Poland-Groupe France Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
			Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Thomas made the natural rebid but Michel's 2NT bid, while giving his side the best chance to get to game, led to a silly partscore. The defenders led hearts, and declarer won to lead diamonds towards his hand twice. Martens ducked the $\heartsuit A$ twice, so declarer took the first six tricks, but had no real prospect for an eighth.

The closed room auction worked well, in a sense, and when Gawel tackled trumps by leading to his queen, he had +170 and 7 IMPs, to make it 34-31 for France. Jassem-Mazurkiewicz duplicated the unsuccessful French auction but after $1\heartsuit$ - $1NT$ - $2\clubsuit$ Weinstein-Rosenberg could use an artificial sequence for East to show a raise to 2NT and four clubs, letting Weinstein play $3\clubsuit$ for +110 and 7 IMPs; 47-19 now for Apollosoyuz.



Thomas Bessis

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Poland-Groupe France Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
2 \diamondsuit	Dbl	3 \heartsuit	Dbl
3 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \spadesuit	Dbl
All Pass			

Against 3 \spadesuit the defenders led a top diamond and shifted to $\heartsuit Q$. Declarer won to play $\spadesuit A$ and another spade, letting North win and take his heart ruff. But the $\heartsuit 10$ was declarer's home for the losing club and Thomas had +140. In the other room the passive defence against 4 \spadesuit x was to lead two rounds of diamonds. Declarer had to play on hearts himself, and when he led low to the jack the defenders ended up with two hearts and one trick in each of the other suits, for -500. That made it 46-31 to France. Meanwhile Mazurkiewicz started the long climb back into their match, taking 5 \diamondsuit x down 500 (2 \diamondsuit -3 \diamondsuit -3 \heartsuit -5 \diamondsuit -Pass-Pass-Dbl) and 4 \spadesuit (2 \spadesuit -Pass-4 \spadesuit) down 200. The running score was 47-31 now.

Poland-Groupe France Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
Pass	1 \diamondsuit	Pass	1 \heartsuit
1 \spadesuit	Pass	2 \diamondsuit	3 \diamondsuit
3 \spadesuit	All Pass		

On the next deal E/W had what looks like one of the world's easier grand slams to bid – if, that is, any grand slam with an ace missing can ever be described as easy.

Rosenberg-Weinstein had an Exclusion Blackwood accident (apparently the first ever accident with that convention) while Gromov doubled 7 \heartsuit for a spade lead and Jassem redoubled, to record +2240, the first time I've ever seen that number. You could argue that the double only cost 3 IMPs, and missing the grand only cost 3 IMPs if teammates were going to concede the redoubled grand slam – so who takes the blame for the other IMPs?

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

The Poland team had gained 2 IMPs for playing the major not the minor, but just when they were trying to make ends meet, the French moved the ends.



Dominik Filipowicz

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

North-South in the open room appeared to achieve par when they sacrificed in 5♦ over 5♣ for -300; there doesn't seem to be any defence to that contract, as Dubinin-Gromov found, even after a diamond lead and repeated spade plays. However in the closed room Gawel fell asleep at his post when he passed 3♦ and Lorenzini wrapped up +110 for a further 9 IMPs. That made it 55-31, while Mazurkiewicz had 12 IMPs for +750 and -50 to lead 58-47.

Three of our four pairs missed a playable vulnerable game on the next deal, where nine tricks could be made on some decent guesswork. Lorenzini-Rombaut bid and made the game; 65-33 now.

The next two deals saw Poland close the margin via overtricks to 65-36, but then the death blow for Poland:

Poland-Groupe France Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
		Pass	1♦
1♥	Dbf	2♣	Dbf
4♣	Pass	5♣	5♦
Dbf	All Pass		

Poland-Groupe France Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
		Pass	1♦
1♥	Dbf	2♣	3♦
All Pass			

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

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

Poland-Groupe France Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis T.	Martens	Bessis M.	Filipowicz
		Pass	3♦
Dbf	3NT	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
Dbf	All Pass		

Poland-Groupe France Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Rombaut	Jagniewski	Lorenzini
		Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Gawel passed over 3♦ Rombaut stole the pot in 3NT and on repeated heart leads tabled his hand for 600. In the other room no doubt Martens' auction systemically allowed partner to save; but with both sides vulnerable why would South feel he needed to bid? Since 4♥ hinges on finding the ♠J the save looks (and was) a very poor idea. 15 IMPs to France, leading 80-36. The match finished 84-38.

Apollosoyuz and Poland had not scored an IMP for a while, but the American-Russian squad finally equalized on the penultimate deal.



Cédric Lorenzini

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

4♥ looks a hopeless affair, but against the auction 1♠-(Dbl)-2♥(♠)-Pass-4♠-All Pass Martens underled his ♥A and declarer's four top losers had turned into three. In the other room the defenders led ♦Q and declarer played a heart. The defenders now cashed their aces and played a diamond to the king to promote a trump for down two and 11 IMPs. 58-58 – now it was all down to the very last board.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Martens-Filipowicz collected 650, Gromov-Dubinina bid on to 6♥ (1♠-(3♦)-3♥-(4♦)-4♥-5♥-6♥) which is only the ♠10 away from being excellent. After a diamond lead and club shift should you finesse or play for the spade 10 to drop? Today, it did not matter: neither worked. That was 13 IMPs to Mazurkiewicz, winners by 71-58.

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Championship Diary

Playing in a tournament named after you should increase your chances of winning it, which might make Brian Senior a favourite for one of the Pairs events.

Eagle eyed readers will have spotted that Zaleski changed its name to Breno during the course of the Open Team Championships. Breno is a small village in Italy with a sports club (which includes bridge) that is supporting the team.

In yesterday's semi-final Breno met Groupe France, the latter being credited with two extra players, an additional Bessis & Lorenzini.

Our Layout Editor was given a little time off yesterday to sit an examination. As a result she is now qualified to direct in French Club tournaments. Next year she hopes to pass the Layout Editor's Exam. (To which she responded, 'Oh really'.)



Eric Wielemans from Belgium is the doyen in this tournament, but beware, he is a very dangerous player for his opponents! For his photo, please see page 7.



This gentleman, one of the two winners of yesterday's MP Pairs, is Björn Wenneberg, not Sellden. He somehow got attributed his partner's last name. We apologize for the error!



Groupe France v. Breno

By Jos Jacobs

Open Teams Semi-final
Segment I

In Monday's quarterfinals, Groupe France had come from behind in grand style to beat Poland whereas Breno, after taking a rather big lead, only just held on to beat Deutschland. Knowing only this, whom would you choose as your favourite team to win this semi-final and qualify for the final?

On the first board, the French took the lead by making an overtrick in a routine 6NT. On the next board, they immediately lost the lead, never to get it back during the segment:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 3 ♥ A Q J 8 6 4 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ 8 7	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ — ♥ 10 9 7 3 2 ♦ Q J 6 4 ♣ 10 9 6 3	♠ A K 6 5 ♥ K ♦ 7 5 3 2 ♣ A Q 5 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Garozzo</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♦
3♠	3NT	Pass	2NT
		All Pass	

3NT by South on a spade lead was a perfectly normal contract, but when the hearts broke 5-1, and the club finesse also proved wrong declarer could not find his way home with nine tricks. One down, Breno +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis M.</i>	<i>Intonti</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>
4♠	Dbl	Pass	INT
		All Pass	

Michel Bessis took as good a shot as any by jumping straight to 4♠. Under normal circumstances, going down three would be a good score and bring you 3 IMPs but not today. Breno another +500 and 12 IMPs to them.

On board 3, the French scored 2 IMPs for an extra undertrick, but then the Italians struck again:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 6 2 ♥ A 10 7 6 5 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ 10 9	<table style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A J 5 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A 7 4 3	♠ K Q 10 9 4 3 ♥ J ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ K 8 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Garozzo</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
Pass	1♣	2♠	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT is the sort of contract you would automatically reach after a weak jump overcall in spades. It is not a particularly healthy spot, but it would need proper defence to beat it. Overcoming the first hurdle of not continuing spades after your ♠K lead wins the first trick is easy enough, but what suit should you play next?

Garozzo found the right solution by switching to the ♥J. When Rombaut did not call for dummy's queen, Zaleski found the critical play of rising with ♥A to continue spades. Had he ducked, declarer can, and probably would, make. Diamond to the ♦A, club finesse, win the diamond return with ♦K. Then cash the clubs and ♠A and exit with a diamond to endplay West to lead hearts. The contract finished two down, -200..

In the other room, East was not quite up to the challenge:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bessis M.</i>	<i>Intonti</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>
Pass	1♣	2♠	Dbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Thomas Bessis, of course, also led the ♠K but when he switched to a diamond at trick 2, Intonti called for the ace and immediately ran the ♣Q. Now when East won his king, his spades would no longer take part in the play of the hand. When East exited with the ♥J, declarer covered this with dummy's queen to establish two tricks in the suit. West won the ace and returned a heart, but declarer won the nine and took a losing diamond finesse to ensure his nine tricks. Breno another +600 and 13 more IMPs to them for a 25-3 lead after just four boards.

On the boards 5 and 6, the French registered 2 and 1 IMPs, so had it been a board-a-match, the French would have a comfortable 4-2 lead after 6 boards... As it was, though, they trailed by 25-6 when board 7 arrived.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A 3 2 ♥ 10 5 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ K J 9 7 5	<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 ♥ K J 7 6 4 3 ♦ A 8 6 3 2 ♣ 8	♠ 5 4 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ J 10 7 5 ♣ A 6 4 2
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Both tables reached the same contract, but the declarers and defenders had quite different views:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Rombaut	Garozzo	Lorenzini
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
3♣	3♠	All Pass	Pass

Lead: ♣8. On the auction, Rombaut knew that Garozzo had led his singleton club so he immediately went up with dummy's ace. After that, he could no longer make his contract as there was no way to lead a club from dummy after drawing trumps. Breno +100.

In the other room, Thomas Bessis showed his two-suiter;



Mario D'Avossa

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis M.	Intonti	Bessis T.	D'Avossa
Pass	1♠	3♣	Pass
3♦	3♠	All Pass	Pass

Thomas Bessis also led his singleton club, but at this table, Intonti took his only chance of ever making the contract by ducking in dummy. When West won the king but returned a heart rather than a club, Intonti was home. He won the ♥A and simply started drawing trumps. Breno +140 and another 6 IMPs to reduce the board-a-match deficit to 3-4 but also extend their actual lead to 31-6.

After three pushes, this was board 11:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Once again, the Italians outbid their opponents:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Rombaut	Garozzo	Lorenzini
2♣	Pass	2♠	1♥
3♠	All Pass		Pass

Three Spades was a bit high, but at least, this contract had its chances. Garozzo ducked South's heart lead but went up with his ace when North returned a diamond. He led a spade, South winning his ace and returning another heart. Dummy's ace won and now, Garozzo could simply ruff a heart in hand and cash his minor-suit top tricks before exiting and waiting for his ♠10 8 to come in as his 8th and 9th trick. Breno +140.

In the other room, the French were into and out of a making contract:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis M.	Intonti	Bessis T.	D'Avossa
INT	2♥	Dbl	1♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

East's double of 2♥ would not have been everybody's choice. In this case, it led to the spade contract being missed and the partnership ending up a little bit too high. On the obvious heart lead, the contract had no chance whatsoever. Down two, another +100 and 6 IMPs to Breno to level the board-a-match score at 4-4 but further extend their lead to 37-6.

The next board was again a matter of defence but also of helping partner to find the right defence.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

This is what the Italians did in the auction when given the room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Rombaut	Garozzo	Lorenzini
2♥	Dbl	4♣	Pass
4♦	4♠	5♥	5♠
Dbl	All Pass		

After the Italians had made one lead-directing bid each, Zaleski finished off their good work by going so far as to double the final contract when the French bid one more. 5♠ has its chances if the defence does not find its club ruff but after this bidding, the French had no chance to survive. Garozzo duly led a diamond, which Zaleski took with his ace to returned his club. When Garozzo won the ace and gave his partner a ruff, Breno had scored another +200.

In the other room, the French had little room to exchange any defensive information.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis M.	Intonti	Bessis T.	D'Avossa
3♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
All Pass			

When Michel Bessis opened 3♥ and Intonti overcalled an immediate 4♠, the auction had become a guessing game. East might have tried 5♣ but when he bid 5♥ instead and, understandably, led a heart after the Italians went on to 5♠, declarer's problems were soon over. Breno another +650 and another 13 IMPs to lead by 50-6.

On the last board of the set, the French managed to double their score:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

When East passed as dealer and West opened only 1♥, the French had a mostly free run.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Rombaut	Garozzo	Lorenzini
1♥	1♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	3♠	Pass	2♣
		All Pass	

Even 3♠ was not 100% but this did not really matter as 3♥ would make easily. When both black suits behaved well for declarer, Rombaut would always make his nine tricks. He emerged with an overtrick as the defenders were no longer able to cash their second diamond trick after East led his ♥Q. Groupe France +170.

In the other room, the French aggression finally paid off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis M.	Intonti	Bessis T.	D'Avossa
4♥	Dbl	3♦	Pass
All Pass		Pass	5♣

Once Intonti took action over 4♥ on his semi-balanced hand, the Italians had lost the board. Against 5♣, West led a top heart, cashed his ♦A and led another top heart to crash partner's queen and thus eliminate the chance of putting the contract down two. Not that a heart underlead at trick three would have been a sound idea...Groupe France another +50 and 6 IMPs to them.

At halftime, the score thus stood at 50-12 to Breno, though each team had scored IMPs on an equal number of boards (five). Apparently, the Italians had been much more efficient in scoring...

OPEN PAIRS QUALIFICATION

AFTER DAY 1/2

Pair	Country	%	Pair	Country	%
1 JOHANSEN Lars A. - REKSTAD Gjermund	NOR - NOR	61.77	54 BIRKELAND Tor - LINDQVIST Espen	NOR - NOR	54.93
2 RIEHM Franck - DUGUET Michel	FRA - FRA	61.67	55 FAILLA Andrea - FAILLA Giuseppe	ITA - ITA	54.80
3 KVANGRAVEN Nils Kare - LIE Terje	NOR - NOR	60.84	56 ROSENTHAL Andrew - SILVERSTEIN Aaron	USA - USA	54.75
4 CIMA Leonardo - GIUBILO Valerio	ITA - ITA	60.08	57 DAUVERGNE Sophie - HUGON Elisabeth	FRA - FRA	54.72
5 MAAT Roeland - MEER Mark de	NED - NED	59.44	58 FRIEDLANDER Ehud - LIRAN Inon	ISR - ISR	54.64
6 ADAD Pierre - RINGUET Pascal	FRA - FRA	59.36	59 KALITA Jacek - NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL - POL	54.60
7 BILDE Dennis - JEPSEN Emil	DEN - DEN	58.84	60 JELENIEWSKI Andrzej - WACHNOWSKI J.	POL - POL	54.57
8 BERG Ivar - TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	NOR - NZL	58.80	61 BURN David - SANDQVIST Nicklas	ENG - ENG	54.54
9 KINDSBEKKEN Asbjorn - VOLL Roar	NOR - NOR	58.71	62 KANDEMIR Ismail - KOLATA Suleyman	TUR - TUR	54.45
10 AUSTBERG Per Erik - BERG Jan Tore	NOR - NOR	58.44	63 KARLBERG Svein G.- THOMASSEN K.-O.	NOR - NOR	54.45
11 CARROLL John - HANLON Tom	IRL - IRL	58.25	64 CHARLSEN Thomas - HOFTANISKA T. E.	NOR - NOR	54.25
12 DOREMANS Nico - TROUWBORST Jaap	NED - NED	58.24	65 BAUMANN Karl Christian - BREKKA Geir	NOR - NOR	54.24
13 JANSMA Jan - MAHMOOD Zia	NED - USA	58.24	66 MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw - SZENBERG Stefan	POL - POL	54.13
14 BOCKEN Patrick - NEVE Olivier	BEL - BEL	57.96	67 IONITA Marius - STEGAROIU Marina	ROM - ROM	54.11
15 KLUKOWSKI Michal - ZATORSKI Piotr	POL - POL	57.80	68 BERGHEIMER Serge - FOUASSIER J.-C.	FRA - FRA	54.02
16 AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - USA	57.69	69 BERSET Ole - SVEINDAL Jon	NOR - NOR	53.95
17 GINOSSAR Eldad - PACHTMAN Ron	ISR - ISR	57.68	70 COENRAETS Philippe - DE DONDER Steven	BEL - BEL	53.92
18 HRISTOV Hristo - IVANOV Stoyan	BUL - BUL	57.62	71 SAINTE MARIE - - SAINTE MARIE Thierry De	FRA - FRA	53.70
19 BERTHEAU Peter - HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica	SWE - USA	57.61	72 GARDYNIK Grzegorz - TUTKA Marek	POL - POL	53.65
20 BAKKEREN Frank - BAKKEREN Ton	NED - NED	57.30	73 GLABBEEK Hedwig van - MAAS Willem Jan	NED - NED	53.64
21 LEVY Alain - VOLCKER Frederic	FRA - FRA	57.23	74 BARTOLOTTI Pierangelo - MAGRI Flavio	SUI - SUI	53.62
22 BATOV Vasil - IGNATOV Lubomir	BUL - BUL	57.21	75 KONTOMITROS K. - KOUKOUSELIS T.	GRE - GRE	53.56
23 GAWEL Wojciech - JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	POL - POL	57.12	76 NABIL Karim - SADEK Tarek	EGY - EGY	53.56
24 GULA Artur - TACZEWSKI Mikolaj	POL - POL	57.11	77 BAKER Lynn - McCALLUM Karen	USA - USA	53.51
25 FILIPOWICZ Dominik - MARTENS Krzysztof	POL - POL	56.92	78 MIHAI Geta - MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	53.38
26 MULTON Franck - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	MON - MON	56.88	79 BAKKE Tor - HOYLAND Sven Olai	NOR - NOR	53.36
27 BASARAN Berk - SEN Melih Osman	TUR - TUR	56.82	80 BETHERS Uldis - IMSA Adrians	LAT - LAT	53.34
28 OURSEL Christophe - SCHMIDT Pierre	FRA - FRA	56.80	81 HUTYRA Maciej - WOLANSKI Rafal	POL - POL	53.22
29 FELMY Matthias - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	56.59	82 BARYLEWSKI Marek - KRZEMIANSKI Cesa	POL - POL	53.15
30 HOMONNAY Geza - WINKLER Gabor	HUN - HUN	56.59	83 FREJACQUES Guillaume - LILAMAND Martin	FRA - FRA	52.92
31 TURANT Witold - SKORA Waldemar	POL - POL	56.49	84 GOMEROV Pavel - ZAPADINSKIY Evgeny	RUS - RUS	52.81
32 KARAIVANOV Kalin - RUSEV Tony	BUL - BUL	56.40	85 KLAPPER Wit - SAKOWICZ Ryszard	POL - POL	52.79
33 MELMAN Victor - ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR	56.29	86 CZAJKA Iwona - SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	52.73
34 FOLLIERO DE LUNA T. - RIBAUTL Benoit	FRA - FRA	56.11	87 BIGDELI Faramarz - WOJEWODA Edward	BEL - USA	52.73
35 GRZELAK Roman - ROMANSKI Jacek	POL - POL	56.06	88 JASKIEWICZ Ryszard - GRZELCZAK Jacek	POL - POL	52.61
36 FAIVRE Corinne - MAGIS Isabelle	FRA - FRA	56.03	89 HANSEN Kjeld - PETERSEN Henrik Kruse	DEN - DEN	52.60
37 STRETZ Francois - XERRI Jean	FRA - FRA	55.94	90 ENGBRETSEN Geir - HILDREMYR Terje	NOR - NOR	52.59
39 LEWACIAK Gregor - WALCZAK Piotr	POL - POL	55.76	91 FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - LHUISSIER Nicolas	FRA - FRA	52.47
40 KOKSOY Enver - MOLVA Murat	TUR - TUR	55.57	92 DANYLYUK Tetyana - DANYLYUK Volodymyr	UKR - UKR	52.45
41 HANSEN Jonny - SAELENSMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR	55.55	93 BERRETTINI Lorenzo - GARZI Fabio	ITA - ITA	52.44
42 CABAJ Stephan - ILNICKI Wlodzimierz	SUI - POL	55.51	94 EKINCI Orhan - KAHYAOGLOU Yusuf	TUR - TUR	52.42
43 PEREIRA Paulo Goncalves - PESSOA Sofia	POR - POR	55.43	95 DRIVER Gordon - DRIVER Kathleen	RSA - RSA	52.40
44 SVENDSEN Odin - TONDEL Petter	NOR - NOR	55.30	96 ORLOV Sergei - PROKHOROV Dmitri	RUS - RUS	52.32
45 HAUGE Rune - SVENDSEN Jan Petter	NOR - NOR	55.29	97 YADLIN Doron - YADLIN Israel	ISR - ISR	52.25
46 CLEEFF Jan van - VAN DER HORST J. P.	NED - ARU	55.28	98 ANCESSY Arnaud - BRUNET Frederic	FRA - FRA	52.25
47 DINKIN Sam - TUNCOK Cenk	USA - USA	55.21	99 PILON Dominique - TOFFIER Philippe	FRA - FRA	52.25
48 SAPORTA Pierre - VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	FRA - FRA	55.21	100 BERG Erik - SIMONSEN Steffen Fredrik	NOR - NOR	52.09
49 GHIGHECI Ovidiu - ROTARU Iulian	ROM - ROM	55.17	101 ANKLESARIA Keyzad - VENKATESH Gopal	IND - USA	52.02
50 FALLENIUS Bjorn - FREDIN Peter	SWE - SWE	55.14	102 COUNIL Jean-Louis - DESMOULINS J. P.	FRA - FRA	51.96
51 WACKWITZ Ernst - WESTERBEEK Chris	NED - NED	55.10	103 IP Gabriel - IP Giles	ENG - ENG	51.92
52 SLEMR Jakub - VOZABAL David	CZE - CZE	55.10	104 HACKETT Paul D - HOLLAND John	ENG - ENG	51.85
53 GOODMAN Alan - SHORT Brian	SCO - SCO	54.95	105 MADSEN Christina Lund - YAVAS Dilek	DEN - TUR	51.82

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106 CHUMAK Yuliy - ROVYSHYN Oleg	UKR - UKR	51.78	164 BOEYKENS Leo - HUYBRECHT Hans	BEL - BEL	49.22
107 ARONOV Victor - ZOBU Ahu	BUL - TUR	51.74	165 BILDE Majka Cilleborg - JEPSEN Peter	DEN - DEN	49.17
108 ALEKSANDRZAK Andrzej - PILECKI Maciej	POL - POL	51.73	167 MATUSHKO Georgi - STERKIN Alexei	RUS - RUS	49.04
109 KLEINROK Krzysztof - SZEPCZYNSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	51.72	168 BOWLES Andy - MOHANDES Shireen	ENG - ENG	49.02
110 BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	51.66	169 DAUVERGNE Bernard - TIGNEL Jeremie	FRA - FRA	48.92
111 BEGAS Han - GROSMANN Lucia	NED - NED	51.64	170 LAKATOS Peter - SZILAGYI Laszlo	HUN - HUN	48.83
112 BOS Berend van den - LANKVELD Joris van	NED - NED	51.58	171 DOBROWOLSKI Marcin - GORKA Adrian	POL - POL	48.81
113 HOILAND Tom - STORNES Helge	NOR - NOR	51.58	172 TOKAY Mustafa Cem - VERSACE Alfredo	TUR - ITA	48.72
114 OLSEN Roy-Hugo - OVESEN Steingrim	NOR - NOR	51.51	173 CHALIBERT Pascal - DUMONT J	FRA - FRA	48.70
115 AUKEN Jens - CHRISTIANSEN Soren	DEN - DEN	51.45	174 CORNELISSEN Kamiel - KRIJGSMAN Albert	NED - NED	48.68
116 ALLFREY Alexander - ROBSON Andrew	ENG - ENG	51.45	175 PLEJDRUP Andreas - BILDE Soren Cilleborg	DEN - DEN	48.66
117 DUBININ Alexander - GROMOV Andrey	RUS - RUS	51.25	176 BAKKE Christian - GRUDE Liv Marit	NOR - NOR	48.61
118 SEN Tezcan - SENGULER Zafer	TUR - TUR	51.24	177 FITZGIBBON Nicholas - MESBUR Adam	IRL - IRL	48.57
119 CULLIN Per-Ola - HALLBERG Gunnar	SWE - ENG	51.22	178 BROGELAND Tonje A. - GLAERUM Lisbeth	NOR - NOR	48.47
120 MARINOVSKI Kiril - ZORIC Vedran	BUL - CRO	51.15	179 BUIJS Pieter - DE HULLU Henk	NED - NED	48.37
121 CRESTEY Gilles - LOUCHART Pierre-Jean	FRA - FRA	51.14	180 SCHIFKO Martin - WERNLE Sascha	AUT - AUT	48.31
122 FROEYLAND Staale - HERLAND John Helge	NOR - NOR	51.10	181 RADJUKEVICH Igor - TSIMAKHOVICH Aleh	BLR - BLR	48.19
123 KENDRICK David - KOLESNIK Alex	ENG - USA	51.08	182 MARILL Philippe - STOPPA Jean-Louis	FRA - FRA	48.15
124 BOVET David - MARGOT Cedric	SUI - SUI	50.97	183 KLANJSCEK Jasminka - SENTIC Kristian	CRO - CRO	48.13
125 MOLENAAR Danny - VERBEEK Tim	NED - NED	50.95	184 CHIZZOLI Paolo - DE GIACOMI Fran	ITA - ITA	48.13
126 ENGEL Joseph - FRYDRICH Julian	ISR - ISR	50.89	185 CHEMLA Paul - ROBERT Quentin	FRA - FRA	47.99
127 DELLA SETA Livio - DELLA SETA Umberto	ITA - ITA	50.72	186 CHIPAIL Gheorghe - NEGULESCU Sorina	ROM - USA	47.95
128 VAN HOOIJDONK Marcel - WINKEL Marcel	NED - NED	50.66	187 ARLOVICH Andrei - VAINIKONIS Erikas	LTU - LTU	47.79
129 BESSIS Veronique - PUILLET Carole	FRA - FRA	50.64	188 CZUBAK Edmund - DUFRAT Katarzyna	POL - POL	47.78
130 NAQVI Waseem - ROSENTHAL Lee	ENG - ISR	50.63	189 DEVOOGHT Dirk - RAES Franky	BEL - BEL	47.71
131 PIKET Roel - THIELE Mark	NED - NED	50.60	190 ANDERSEN Rune - MARSTRANDER Peter	NOR - NOR	47.69
132 MAKARUK Janusz - NIEDZIELSKI Pawel	POL - POL	50.59	191 BARBOSA Juliano - PALMA Antonio	POR - POR	47.59
133 DENIZCI Volkan - YERGIN Mahmut	TUR - TUR	50.59	192 BENNETT Roy - SMITH Harry	SCO - SCO	47.52
134 GERMANIS Aigars - RUBENIS Ivars	LAT - LAT	50.45	193 PECCOUD Janine Elise - SAPORTA Renata	FRA - FRA	47.34
135 ALLIX Jean Francois - LIBBRECHT Wilfried	FRA - FRA	50.42	194 ZAK Piotr - ZAREMBA Jerzy	POL - POL	47.32
136 PODDAR Dipak - SHAH Anal	IND - IND	50.40	195 HETZ Nathan - LEVINGER Asa	ISR - ISR	47.14
137 NEDKOV Stanislav - TENEV Tenyu	BUL - BUL	50.39	196 GOEL Ashok Kumar - VAIDYA Suhas Vaman	IND - IND	47.10
138 MARMONTI Dario - MASSA Gaetano	ITA - ITA	50.33	197 DESSAIN Tom - KABAN Tugrul	ENG - ENG	47.04
139 BUJENITA Daniel - ISTVAN Vidami	ROM - ROM	50.29	199 DE SAINT PASTOU Alain - LESAGE Francois	FRA - FRA	46.99
140 BUUS THOMSEN Emil - SKOVLY Frederik	DEN - DEN	50.26	200 PENFOLD Sandra - SENIOR Brian	ENG - ENG	46.98
141 OIKONOMOPOULOS Giorgos - OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis	GRE - GRE	50.15	201 MORAWSKI Dariusz - SALONEN Irmeli	FRA - FRA	46.98
142 FOSSI Niccolo - PAUNCZ Peter	ITA - ITA	50.05	202 ANFINSEN Ivar M. - SOLHEIM Eli	NOR - NOR	46.82
143 VANDEREET Ben - VANDEREET Piet	BEL - BEL	50.02	203 RITMEESTER Peter - VERDONK Ronald	NED - NED	46.71
144 KING Philip (Phil) - SMALL Cameron	ENG - ENG	49.87	204 IOVESCU Silviu Gabriel - LAZAR Catalin-L.	ROM - ROM	46.70
145 SOLLI HANSEN Jon - SVINDAHL Frank	NOR - NOR	49.85	205 CODRIN Marcu - DUMITRASCU Florin	ROM - ROM	46.68
146 SELLDEN Goran - WENNEBERG Bjorn	SWE - SWE	49.82	206 AZOULAY Yves - GANIVET Jacques	FRA - FRA	46.50
147 GUSITA Cristian - TEODORECI Dragos	ROM - ROM	49.81	207 ANDERSSON Jorgen - JOHANSSON Anders	SWE - SWE	46.31
148 SEBBANE Lionel - THUILLEZ Laurent	FRA - FRA	49.79	208 BAHNIK Ondrej - BAHNIK Petr	CZE - CZE	46.21
149 SERPOI Gheorghe - STIRBU Calin	ROM - ROM	49.74	209 KENNY Joan - KIRBY Brid	IRL - IRL	46.13
150 FRENCKEN Alain - VANDERVORST Mike	BEL - BEL	49.73	210 MOSSOP David - McINTOSH Andrew	SUI - ENG	46.12
151 BARONI Franco - CESATI Alberto	ITA - ITA	49.71	211 BROGELAND Boye - GILLIS Simon	NOR - ENG	46.01
152 KAVALENKA Andrei - KORZUN Aleksandr	BLR - BLR	49.67	212 GERGOV Georgi - RADEV Radi	BUL - BUL	45.98
153 KARLSEN Jan Frode - MARTINUSSEN Stig	NOR - NOR	49.66	213 NARDULLO Ennio - NOVO Antonella	ITA - ITA	45.87
154 COOPER Jenny - MCGREGOR Moira	ENG - SCO	49.57	214 PASKALEVA Stefka - RIBARSKA Mariana	BUL - BUL	45.87
155 DE MENDEZ T. - MICHAUD-LARIVIERE X.	SUI - MON	49.47	215 BAUSBACK Nikolas - GWINNER Hans-H.	LUX - GER	45.69
156 DEBUS Eric - VAN MIDDELEM Guy	BEL - BEL	49.44	216 ENGENES Vidar - NORGREN Bo	NOR - NOR	45.63
157 COLINET Eric - MEYER Jean	BEL - BEL	49.42	217 KAPTEIN Mark - VAN IPENBURG Helena	NED - NED	45.50
158 ERCAN Sehmus - PEYRET Hakan	TUR - TUR	49.41	218 BELLOSTA Philippe - BELLOSTA Veronique	FRA - FRA	45.43
159 CHERNY Mikjail - MEDVEDEV Oleg	ISR - ISR	49.40	219 KURBALIJA Filip - SHIELDS Patrick	WAL - WAL	45.43
160 BAHBOUT Sam - ENGEL Zvi	BEL - BEL	49.38	220 DI FRANCO M. - MARGIOTTA Saverio	ITA - ITA	45.42
161 DE FALCO Dano - TEODORESCU Cornel	ITA - ROM	49.32	221 CRONIER Philippe - TESSIERES Godefroy De	FRA - FRA	45.41
162 WENNING Karin - WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	49.31	222 CAPPELLER Joachim - SCHINZE Jorg	GER - GER	45.39
163 COLDEA Ionut - MARINA Bogdan	ROM - ROM	49.23	223 GILLILAND Dolores - WHELAN Maria	IRL - IRL	45.29
			224 PHILIPSEN Rens - SEVEREIJNS Luc	NED - NED	45.25

Pair	Country	%	Pair	Country	%
225 ERLMICH Marianne - MARWITZ Guenter	GER - GER	45.21	251 BEARPARK Catherine - KEMPLE Brid	IRL - IRL	43.21
226 GOLDFARB Iliia - PAIKIN Yotam	ISR - ISR	45.13	253 GLASEK Grzegorz - PIWOWARCZYK Marcin	POL - POL	43.12
227 LONGUEVILLE Johan - VANDENBUSSCHE C.	BEL - BEL	45.11	254 PAROL Marek - SZCZEPANOWSKI Radoslaw	POL - POL	42.92
228 JANSONS Ugis - SMILGAJS Andris	LAT - LAT	44.98	255 DE DUVE Alain - MIRAVET Solange	BEL - BEL	42.89
229 CLAIR Paolo - DE MICHELIS Luca	ITA - ITA	44.98	256 CHARLIER Guy - TIFOUS Nourredine	BEL - BEL	42.89
230 CHELU Eugen - DUMITRASIUC Gabriel	ROM - ROM	44.84	257 MALESZA Leonard - SHAMA Jessica	POL - FRA	42.78
231 CUHADAR Ergun - VARDAR Rifat	TUR - TUR	44.84	259 HOULIHAN Desmond - PATTINSON Bob	IRL - IRL	42.69
232 RYAN Dennis - MALYSA Marek	USA - POL	44.82	260 PATTINSON Maureen - RIGNEY Teresa	IRL - IRL	42.62
233 EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik - ZACK Anna	SWE - SWE	44.63	261 BARSDEN Tore - HAUGEN Tove	NOR - NOR	42.56
234 LARSEN Helge - RYNNING Erik	NOR - NOR	44.41	262 PRINS Henk Jan - VAN HEEST Gabriele	NED - NED	42.43
235 KHOLOMEEV Vadim - VASILYEV Petr	RUS - RUS	44.32	263 ROEHL Joergen - WERGE Hans	DEN - DEN	42.28
236 CURTIS Catherine - FEGARTY Paul	ENG - ENG	44.27	265 BINEAU Thierry - CLAVER J	FRA - FRA	42.18
237 DELIMPALTADAKIS N. - PAPAKYRIAKOPOULOS Y.	GRE - GRE	44.24	266 PAVLIN Milan - ROJKO Silvana	SLO - SLO	42.00
238 MEDUGNO Gianni - TAGLIABUE Lorenzo	ITA - ITA	44.08	267 BOLAND Rory - MORAN Mark	IRL - IRL	41.98
239 HENRI Jacques - LAFOURCADE Jean-Pierre	BEL - BEL	43.97	268 DARLING Marina - MCPHEE Bob	AUS - AUS	41.89
240 LEWIS Marshall - MULLER Renata	CRO - CRO	43.84	269 BONIN Benjamin - BONIN Philippe	FRA - FRA	41.49
241 BENDIKS Janis - BETHERS Janis	LAT - LAT	43.82	270 LUESSMANN Claudia - SMYKALLA Gisela	GER - GER	41.49
242 MALTESE Jacky - SECHERESSE Jean-Claude	FRA - FRA	43.70	271 LIOSSIS Georgios - SIRAKOPOULOU C.	GRE - GRE	41.27
243 GIERULSKI Boguslaw - SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	POL - POL	43.68	272 HOLMBAKKEN Johnny - JOHNSTUEN F.	NOR - NOR	41.05
244 LEVI Stephane - MULLARD Guy	FRA - FRA	43.61	273 LANGER Darina - NIKITINE Ruth	SUI - SUI	40.66
246 DOLIA Mauro - SPANU Carlo	ITA - ITA	43.54	274 ELBRO Helle Simon - RISOM Karin Strande	DEN - DEN	39.58
247 BITRAN Albert - CHETRIT G	FRA - FRA	43.49	275 LUPSAN Corina - LUPSAN Octavian	ROM - ROM	39.49
248 SCHOUW Rick - STIENEN Rene	NED - NED	43.43	277 ADELSBERGER Heimo - BEILDORFF Frank	DEN - DEN	38.64
249 BUUS THOMSEN Signe - JEPSEN Rasmus R.	DEN - DEN	43.38	278 MARRO Christophe - MAZE SENCIER Jean	FRA - FRA	38.43
250 OLANSKI Wojtek - VAINIKONIS Vytautas	LTU - LTU	43.33	279 FAEHR Birgit - STAHL Wolf	GER - GER	38.36



The 41st World Teams Championships, which include the World Transnational Open Teams Championship, will be held on the magical island of Bali in September this year. The Transnational Championship starts on Tuesday 24th September.

The Transnational Teams is open to all players who are members in good standing of their National Bridge Organisation, and of course, being transnational means that they can play with partners or team mates from other countries.

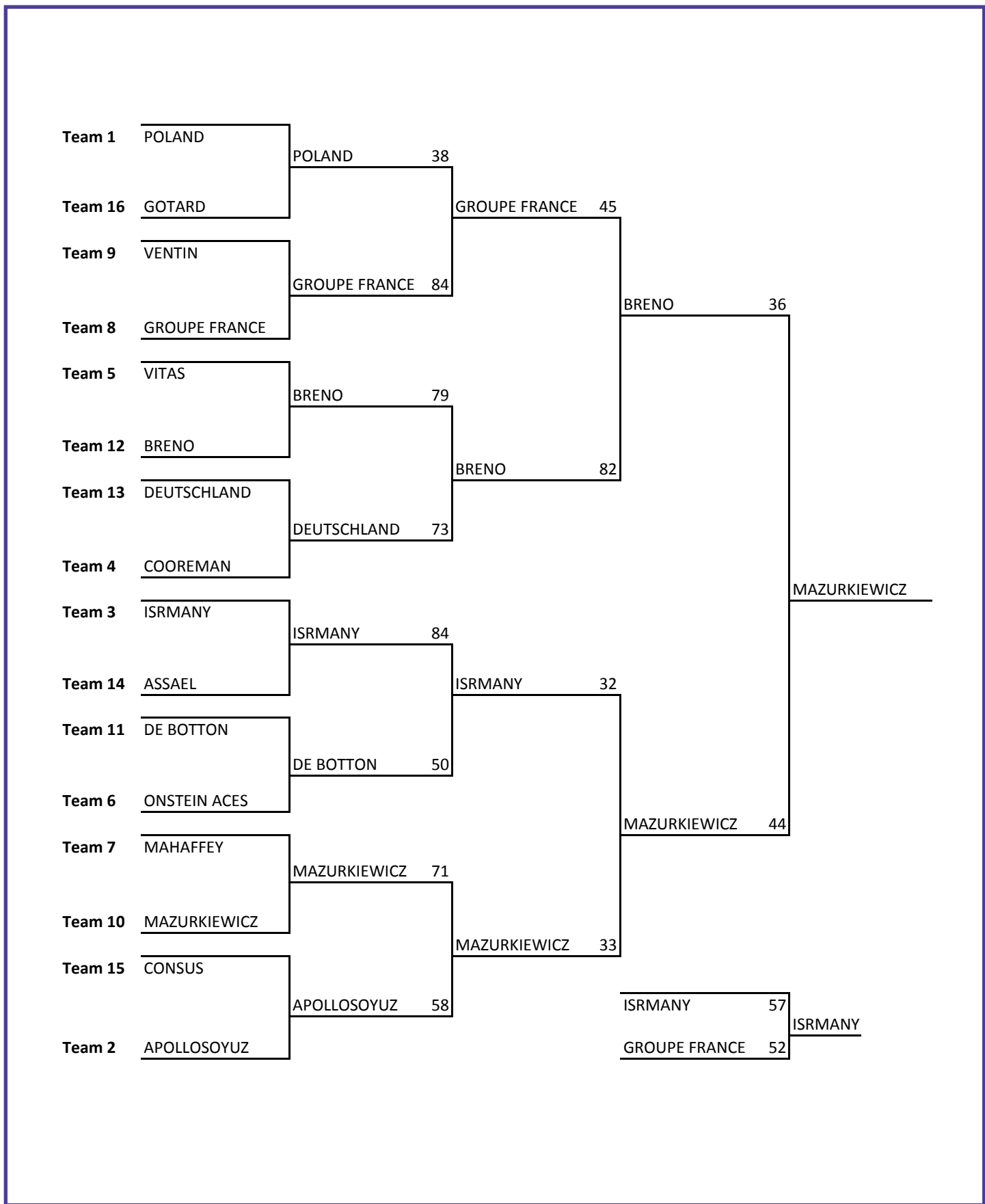
It's an enjoyable and exciting event – a real challenge too, because many of the teams that participate in the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy but do not get through to the knock-out phase drop into the Transnational Teams. This means that teams entering the event get the opportunity of playing against some of the leading players in the world. There are few – if any – other sports where this can happen, and it makes for a truly great competition.

Add to that the atmosphere of the final stages of the main championships – the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and d'Orsi Seniors Trophy, with the excellent vu-graph and all the tension of the Finals and it becomes an unforgettable experience.

Bali is an amazing place to visit as well, and the Championships are being held in the spectacular resort of Nusa Dua. Come and play then stay a few extra days to enjoy the wonderful beaches and the great culture to be found on Bali. We feel sure you will have a truly wonderful time!

To find out more and to register for this great Championship, just go to www.worldbridge.org – the World Bridge Federation looks forward to welcoming everyone to Bali in September.

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September 7th–15th 2013
Hotel Histria, Pula, Croatia

- 100 teams
- 270 pairs
- Players from over 40 countries
- Accommodation from 8 euro/day
- direct low-budget flights to Pula

- Sept. 7th - IMP pairs
- Sept. 8th - Mixed teams
- Sept. 9th - BAM teams
- Sept 10th - Mixed pairs
- Sept. 11th & 12th - Open teams
- Sept. 13th & 14th - Open pairs

- Entries 15 euro/player/session
- Prizes over 30.000 euro



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