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ALL EYES ON THE BAROMETER



The women responsible for printing the Daily Bulletin – Ann Chappelle (left) and Leentje Daenen – can play bridge, too. Here they are in action in the Women's final against Sally Brock and Anita Sinclair.

Slemer & Vozabel headed the pairs making it to the final in the Open Pairs Championship, followed by **Auken & Welland** and **Jansma & Zia**.

The entry for the Women's Championship is such that they are able to have an all-play-all event over three days, so the need for a qualification round was eliminated - they are all finalists now. Leading the way are **Faivre & Magis**, **Madsen & Yavas** and **Neve & Rossard**.

In the Senior Pairs, Polish pairs occupy three of the top four places in the race to the final. **Cabal & Ilnicki** lead from **Bergheimer & Fouassie** and **Czyzowicz & Kowalski**.

Press Conference

Attention all Journalists

The President of the EBL will host a press conference today, Friday 28th June at 11.00 a.m. on the 5th floor in the Ostend Queen Restaurant (Press 2nd floor button in the lift).

Together with Yves Aubry, Marc De Pauw, David Harris & Geert Magerman will jointly chair the conference and answer questions from journalists.

A cocktail will be served.

Today's Schedule

Open, Women, Seniors Pairs

10:00 - 11:30

11:45 - 13:15

14:15 - 15:45

16:00 - 17:30

17:45 - 19:15

Same for the Open MP Pairs
and BAM 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.

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony and prize giving for the Open, Women and Seniors Pairs will take place Saturday June 29th at 18:30 in the Old Post Office.

(Hendrik Serruyslaan 18a, 300 meters from the Kursaal)

A cocktail will be served.

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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Cumulative

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2	TUSZYNSKI Piotr	.125
	MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin	125
	GAWRYS Piotr	.125
	JASSEM Krzysztof	.125
	WOJCIESZEK Jakub	.125
	JASSEM Pawel	.125
8	MANNO Andrea	.108
9	ZALESKI Romain	.106
10	INTONTI Riccardo	.100
	D'AVOSSA Mario	.100
	GAROZZO Benito	.100
13	VERBEEK Martine	.90
	BERTENS Huub	.90
	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	.90

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>

La Rubrique.FR

Zia et moi

Le caractère « open » de ces championnats permet à des joueurs de nationalité non européenne de participer. C'est ainsi que le contingent américain, déjà bien pourvu de nombreux champions et championnes, s'est enrichi de l'arrivée de Zia Mahmood pour le tournoi par paires. Dès les éliminatoires, le grand champion a prouvé qu'il était en forme en face du mort. Regardez-le en action sur la première donne de la 9ème série de mercredi :

Qualifications – Donne n°21

Nord donneur – Nord-Sud vulnérables

♠ V 10 9 7 5	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ R D 4
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♥ A D 7		♥ 10 4 2			
♦ V 9	♦ A				
♣ V 9 3	♣ A R 8 7 6 4				
	♠ A 8 3 2				
	♥ R 9 6 5				
	♦ R 7 6 5				
	♣ 10				

La séquence de Zia et de Jan Jansma, son champion hollandais de partenaire en Belgique, fut tout à fait classique :

Sud	Ouest	Nord	Est
	Zia		Jansma
		1♣	1♣
1♠	1♠	3♣	3♣
3♥	3♥	3♠	3♠
4♠	4♠	Fin	

Zia reçut l'entame de $\diamond 3$ pour l'As du mort. Son objectif était évidemment de réaliser douze levées, mais il lui fallait aussi tenter d'en assurer onze si quelque chose allait de travers. Il commença par jouer le \spadesuit Roi du mort. Ayant fait la levée, il rejeta la carte clé pour réussir, le $\spadesuit 4$ du mort. Sud n'aurait eu aucun intérêt à plonger de l'As, aussi fournit-il un petit et le déclarant fit la levée du Valet en découvrant le mauvais partage des atouts. Il décida alors de couper son deuxième Carreau, coupant les communications entre les flancs (1). Il encaissa le \clubsuit As, notant l'apparition du 10 et rentra en main en réussissant l'impasse à Cœur avant de rejouer atout pour l'As de Sud. Il coupa alors le retour à Carreau, purgea le dernier atout de la défense et termina en réussissant l'impasse à Trèfle. Douze levées lui rapportèrent environ 90% sur la donne et les félicitations des kibbitz. Le seul petit défaut de ce coup est qu'il fut réalisé à mes dépens !



— Philippe Cronier

(1) À la table d'Alain Lévy, le déclarant, après avoir encaissé le \clubsuit As, rejoua tout bonnement la \spadesuit Dame du mort. Le partage 4-1 eut raison de ses espoirs. Alain Lévy laissa passer, prit le Pique suivant et rejoua son \diamond Roi pour rendre la main à son partenaire. Celui-ci ne manqua pas de lui offrir une coupe à Trèfle pour réduire le déclarant à dix levées.

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A touch of the Blarney

By Maureen Hiron

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A K 10 5 ♥ Q 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ A Q J 8</p>	<p>♠ J 9 4 ♥ 10 3 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ K 10 7 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; background-color: #008000; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div>	<p>♠ 8 7 3 ♥ A K 8 7 6 4 ♦ A 10 8 7 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ Q 6 2 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ J 9 2 ♣ 9 6 5 3</p>
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They call it the luck of the Irish. Maybe so – but the Irish make their own luck.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Porteous</i>		<i>Barry</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

The hand was given to me by yet another Irishman, Bob Pattinson – who incidentally happened to be my first-ever bridge partner.

Paul Porteous led the ten of hearts; low from dummy and jack of hearts from Kevin. Declarer won with the queen and exited with the queen of clubs. Paul rose with his king and returned the king of diamonds – the Merrimac Coup. West won with dummy's ace, came to hand with the king of spades – and finessed the eight of hearts. End result – 4 down.



The Joy of Bridge

What a pleasure being back in Oostende, enjoying Belgian hospitality (they even have my favourite Douwe Egberts coffee available these days), good food and high-level bridge competition.

The standard of play is impressive. Playing the third round of the Open Teams for instance at a lowly table in the back of the Knights Hall, the Dutch junior world champions played on the right and the German champions on the left.

And this is only one of the many aspects that makes bridge the incredible sport it is. Playing against actual and former national, European and world champions and giving it everything you've got.

What sport compares with that? Who gets a regular opportunity to play soccer against Chelsea or Barcelona, tennis against Nadal or Roger Federer, snooker against Steven Hendry or golf against the likes of Tiger Woods? As a young player, for example, I got to play my heroes the Blue Team a few times in the Caranza and Hoechst tournaments. By far the highlight of my sporting career.

And you know what? I played against Dano de Falco twice again this week. What a joy. And thank you, French ladies and Italian gentlemen, for being such gracious opponents!

I missed the opening of Wimbledon and the 24 hours of Le Mans.

Next weekend I will not be able to visit the Dutch TT in Assen, but you know what, I did not miss a thing. I played some wonderful bridge with a Belgian, a Dutch and a Polish young lady and the Open Teams with my own favourite partner. Competed against 12 different nationalities and enjoyed every minute of it.

So, once more to the breach, my friends, one final tournament and the best of luck to everybody and may the best pair win.

Hans Metselaar

Open Pairs Qualification, Session 7

By Jos Jacobs

At the start of the second day, Norway's Johansen and Rekstad were leading the field, with France's Michel Duguet and Franck Riehm, who both are from the Alsace, the Strasbourg region, in second place. After the first ten boards, this situation had not changed. As the Norwegians were sitting East-West in session 7, I decided to have a look at the pair in the runners-up spot, who happened to be sitting North-South.

On the first board of the set, the defence might have given declarer a nasty problem:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Filipowicz	Riehm	Martens	Duguet
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♦	3♣	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Franck Riehm

Lead: ♦A. When Filipowicz shifted to a heart, declarer had an easy enough road to 11 tricks. He won cheaply, crossed to the ♣A and ran the ♠Q successfully. The next spade was won by declarer's ten and when Duguet's next move was a club to the king, the rest was easy, East getting only one trump trick.

At the table, I was wondering how declarer would have played the hand on a diamond continuation. Dummy ruffs; but what now? If you run the ♠Q, which holds the trick, and then play on clubs from the top, you can still eke out the overtrick. If East discards, you do the same (pitching hearts first) and if East ruffs, you overruff, ruff a diamond – removing East's last diamond – and revert to clubs. When East ruffs again, you overruff with the ace and there is still a trump in dummy to ruff a heart. To me, this play looks far from obvious: Why should trumps be 4-1? If East covers with the ♠K, you might well duck the trick to stay in full control. That would not work well.

Making the overtrick made all the difference, since +420 was worth 146-128 matchpoints whereas the overtrick would bring you 224-50.

The second board of the first round was a slam with some interesting squeeze possibilities.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Filipowicz	Riehm	Martens	Duguet
		1♣	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Polish Club, natural responses, two KC and nothing more to say over 5NT.

Even if the diamonds were 3-2, twelve tricks were still a long way away. Declarer needed a few finesses to work as well. Martens won the club lead and immediately led a spade to the jack, which held the trick. He now was in a



Michel Duguet

position to make all 13 tricks, since North would have been squeezed in the red suits on the run of the black top tricks.

However, as Martens could not see through the cards that the hearts were breaking 6-2, he contented himself with playing for the most likely way to 12 tricks by leading a diamond from dummy and ducking North's ten. North returned a heart but Martens went up with the ace and simply cashed out for 12 tricks when the diamonds broke. Plus 990 was worth 225-49 matchpoints so the overtrick hardly mattered. Only three pairs made an overtrick and two very ambitious pairs even bid and made 7NT!

On board 6 the French showed their aggressive pairs style:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Paikin</i>	<i>Riehm</i>	<i>Goldfarb</i>	<i>Duguet</i>
1♠	INT	2♦	Dbl
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

North made the effective lead of the ♠A and immediately shifted to a club to the king and ace. Declarer next led his diamond but South jumped in with the ace to return the ♣J to declarer's queen. A top spade now went to South's king but when that player, instead of exiting in clubs, made the speculative return of a low heart, declarer had a chance to make his contract by playing low from his hand. When he went up with the queen instead, the defence did not offer him a second chance, so West had to accept down one for the magical -200 and 257-17 MP.

The next board could have been sub-titled 'A comedy of errors.'

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Driver</i>	<i>Riehm</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Duguet</i>
Pass	2♠	3♥	3♠
Dbl	All Pass		

The Dutch apparently have exported their Muiderberg convention to France successfully (apparently the customs have not banned it as a dangerous substance) since I saw North open 2♠ here on a 5-4 hand. The rest of the auction was natural.

As long as East keeps his ♠A as an entry, 3♠ can be easily defeated on a heart lead. Dummy wins, West jumps in with his ace on a diamond lead from dummy and shifts to a trump. Partner will win the ace and continue hearts. The ruff and the ♠K then lead to a very pedestrian one down.

At the table where I was watching, they had clearly not read the script. East duly led the ♥K to dummy's ace but when West played low on the first diamond, declarer won the queen and now had a chance to make his contract. He took the club finesse, discarded a heart (!) on the ♣A and led another diamond. This time, West took her ace and led a diamond, ruffed by East with his ace in front of dummy. East cashed a heart on which West let go a diamond, and continued the masgter ♥9, West shedding a club. Declarer ruffed in hand and ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed a club to remove West's possible exit in that suit, and led the ♦K, on which East discarded. Had he ruffed this in dummy to lead a trump, West would have had no defence. She can go up with the king but as she has only trumps left, declarer will not lose more than one trick and thus land his

contract. However, when declarer ‘forgot’ to ruff in dummy, he had to lead trumps from hand and concede one down when West ducked the ♠Q. This way, a 268-8 MP score changed into 29-245 MP. It probably cost Duguet-Riehm first place after this session.

They recovered well on the next board:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Driver</i>	<i>Riehm</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Duguet</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

«Standard français» in operation. There was little in the play. East considered himself squeezed in the majors and pitched hearts, but the heart finesse would have been right anyway. Making 7NT was worth 237-37 MP.

On the next board, it was West who felt a little squeezed:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Baroni</i>	<i>Riehm</i>	<i>Cesati</i>	<i>Duguet</i>
1♠	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠9 to the jack, queen and ace. Declarer led a heart to the king and ace, and West returned the ♠6 which held the trick. Another spade went to declarer’s king. When Riehm next started cashing the diamonds, West discarded a heart first, but then next released a spade to protect his club holding. How could he know that his partner held the ♣10, making it safe for him to discard all his clubs? The point is that his partner would need to hold the ♣10 if the contract was to be defeated at all.

As it was, when declarer next gave up a diamond, the defenders thus had only one more spade to cash, which allowed the contract to make for 190-84 matchpoints, rather than going one down for 101-173 matchpoints.

On the last board, declarer missed another chance:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Baroni</i>	<i>Riehm</i>	<i>Cesati</i>	<i>Duguet</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♥ was a relay and 3♣ showed four hearts. North led a low club to the king and declarer’s ace. When declarer next laid down the ♦K and North showed out, the contract could no longer be made. Declarer’s best shot is to a spade to the king and next run the ♠10, but if North plays low twice, there will be no entries back to declarer’s hand both to establish the spades and cash them. At the table, declarer tried the effect of a spade to the ten at trick three, but when South produced the jack the contract was down three, for a score of 16/258 matchpoints for east-West.

So maybe a better approach would have been to lead a diamond to the ace first. As soon as North shows out, declarer will know he has to revert to Plan B, i.e., leading the ♠K from dummy and running the ten if the king holds. Declarer’s objective, of course, is to keep South off lead.

Today, Plan B would have worked perfectly well, although making the contract would surprisingly have been worth no more than an average.

At the end of the session, Duguet-Riehm had added another score of over 58% to their total, only to find out they had dropped from 2nd to 3rd place.

WBF Women's Bridge Club Online Festivals

The WBF Women's Committee was delighted with the success of the April Women's Online Bridge Festival, run on BBO. There was a 20% increase in participation over the previous year with no less than 98 countries taking part. Thanks to the generosity of the European Bridge League, the overall winner, Mariana Ribarska from Bulgaria is in Ostend competing in the Women's Pairs Championship with the partner she chose – the player who came second in the overall ranking, Stefka Paskaleva (Bulgaria). The third placed player was Maha Malhas from Jordan.



Following on this success, we are organising a second Festival each year in future, with our first Autumn Festival to be held from **11th – 17th November 2013**.

And the exciting news is that the World Bridge Federation has offered free entry to the Women's Pairs Championship World Bridge Series Championships to be held during the autumn of 2014 (exact dates and venue to be announced). The prize will go to the winner of the overall classification, with the partner of her choice.

The results and more information about the Festivals can be found at www.wbfwomensbridgeclub.org – and of course there is information about Women's Bridge on the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org



*Anna Maria Torlontano,
Chairman, WBF Women's Committee*

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Open Pairs Qualification, Session 8

By Barry Rigal

For session eight out of ten I watched Bjorn Fallenius and Peter Fredin, who were in a qualifying position but were not a lock to advance.

After a bad first deal, where their opponents bid to a game generally missed by the field, (one that was approximately on a finesse) they got it all back, and more.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 5 2 ♥ K 10 5 3 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ 10 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E </div>	♠ A 4 3 ♥ A 9 7 4 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ Q 8 6	♠ 7 ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ J 6 5 2 ♣ A K 7 2
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West	North	East	South
Krzeminski	Fredin	Barylewski	Fallenius
Pass	2♠	DbI	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	DbI
3♥	Pass	Pass	DbI
All Pass			

Fredin's value-showing 2♠ got his opponent into the mire. 3♥ doubled cost 800 and earned N/S every single one of the matchpoints.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10 4 ♥ A 10 8 3 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ 10 9 5 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E </div>	♠ Q 3 2 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 ♣ 4 2	♠ J ♥ K Q J 9 7 ♦ 6 2 ♣ K Q J 8 7
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West	North	East	South
Cooper	Fredin	McGregor	Fallenius
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

Fredin showed six spades and (in the context of his opening-bid style) 14-16 HCP. Fallenius had an extremely awkward call now and settled it with a raise to 4♠. McGregor did well not to lead the ♦A in my opinion, but she could not put her fingers on the deadly heart lead. Instead she led a club, and Fredin won in hand and cashed the ♠AK. When the ten appeared on his right, he might well have used an application of Restricted Choice discussed by Max Rebatu in a superb BOLS Bridge Tip 25 years ago. (If one hand follows with an honour in a position of this sort, the other hand is a heavy favourite to have the missing honour). Using that logic, you would exit now with a trump, making at least ten tricks unless West has the ♥A and East both diamond honours.

Fredin saw it differently, assuming that the ♦A was wrong from the failure to lead that suit. He tried to run the club suit, pitching a heart from hand, and when East ruffed in, she had to play a heart now. Fredin ruffed away the ♥A and exited with the ♦K, letting the defenders take two diamonds and one spade but no more.

+620 was worth 167/272 MP.

On the next board the Swedes gave it back; a case of 'the biter bit' one might argue.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 7 3 ♥ A Q 5 2 ♦ 10 9 6 ♣ Q 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E </div>	♠ K Q 2 ♥ 10 9 7 4 3 ♦ A J 3 2 ♣ 7	♠ J 6 5 4 ♥ K J ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ K 8 6 2
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West	North	East	South
Cooper	Fredin	McGregor	Fallenius
2♥(♠+♥)	DbI	Pass	INT
All Pass		4♥	5♣

After the idiosyncratic strong no-trump and Fredin's take-out double of Cooper's raunchy 2♥ both McGregor and Fallenius bid to the limit of their hands – and then some. (It is relatively unusual to say that Peter Fredin was the only sound bidder at the table). McGregor contemplated adding insult to injury by doubling 5♣ but let it go, and +50 scored her 251/272. Just for the record 4♥ doubled down one is still 215/272 for E/W though I suppose declarer might misguess trumps or run into a ruff?

On the next deal the Swedes played Dutch White House champions, the juniors Joris van Lankfeld and Berend van den Bos. On the first deal the Swedes sold out to 2♥ – probably par in abstract – and produced a relatively unchallenging defence, but declarer was always going to make eight tricks anyway. That was worth 173/272 for the Dutch – a fair percentage of the field had bid too much or run into competition and had misjudged the need to double their opponents. This was the second hand:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Van den Bos (West) opened INT and played there and Fredin led the ♦6 (3rd and low) rather than a top club. I have yet to ask him about why he made that choice; if the 'experts' in the bulletin Room are anything to go by, his choice was a distinctly minority position. Fallenius won the first trick and eventually shifted to a heart. Declarer won dummy's jack, and played back a heart, Fallenius winning to shift to a low club. Now declarer could have ducked – but had he done so, Fredin would have reverted to diamonds to set up his side's sixth winner. Instead declarer took the first club and tried to build a second spade trick. The cards did not cooperate and E/W scored only 104/272 for +90 (on a heart or club lead it is easy for declarer to come to 120).



Bjorn Fallenius

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In the next round Fallenius-Fredin would take on Kleinrok-Szepczynski. The latter rather surprisingly opened 3♣ here and played there, when Fallenius wisely stayed silent facing a passed partner. He led the ♠A and Fredin (using reverse signals) in an attempt to get his partner to make the unusual play, dropped the ♦J. After a prolonged study Fallenius did cash the ♥A...but then went back to diamonds, perhaps thinking that his partner had simply wanted him to cash that winner before going for trump promotions – but Fallenius would have done that if his partner had simply encouraged diamonds?

Declarer won the ♦K, led to the ♣J then came back to hand with the ♥Q and played ace and nine of clubs. Fallenius won and exited in hearts to dummy's ♥K. All that remained was for declarer to get back to hand, and since North had shown out on the heart he had a 100% line to do so by ruffing a heart. But when he played a diamond he re-promoted the ♣7 into a trump trick, and had held himself to +110, for only 122/172 MP instead of the 157 he would have scored for +130.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

On the next deal Szepczynski appeared to be out in left field again (an American idiom from baseball, meaning to take an unusual position) but here he did something with which many people would have much sympathy. When Kleinrok opened 2NT he passed – an action that might be right even facing heart length – and especially if his partnership would bid 3NT over the transfer with no fit

(as would be the case in Standard French bidding). As you can see, even on a low spade lead, won by dummy's ten, declarer was in a very poor position after leading a heart to the five ten and queen. Fredin shifted to diamonds and the defenders cleared the suit, and now declarer could establish a long spade for down two; but that was it.

North-South collected 174/272 for +100. Had West played 3♥ the defenders would have led a diamond and taken their spade ruff, but declarer might well have escaped for down one now, with a good view in trumps, and that would have given N/S only 80 MP.

Before we go to board 19, let me give you the problem Tarek Sadek (playing with Nabil Karim, his partner in the Bali Bermuda Bowl next autumn) faced:

♠ A 8 4 3
♥ 8
♦ J 10 8 3
♣ A Q J 4

At favourable vulnerability he heard his partner pass and 1♠ to his right. Bidding his time, he passed, and heard 2♠ to his left, passed back to him. He bid 2NT, implicitly the minors, and partner came forth with 3♦, over which his RHO tried 3♥. What now – have you done enough or can I tempt you to more action?

Sadek found an action that takes on more logic the more you think about it; he doubled for penalties, and everyone passed. He led the ♠A and gave his partner the ruff, got in with the ♣Q and give his partner a second ruff, then cashed the ♣A and sat back for partner's trump ace. +500, thank you very much, next please.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Fredin did not have the opportunity for such heroics since Jon Sveindal as West (playing with Ole Berset) tried for game directly over 2♠ with 3♥. Berset corrected to 3♠ and everybody passed. Fredin pondered his lead, but eventually led his singleton. Fallenius won the ♥A and returned the ♥9, giving Fredin a second problem, which he solved accurately by playing back a low trump. It looks as if declarer could win this in dummy to play a club, but he chose to win in hand and lead a low trump. Fredin took it to exit with a third trump, leaving declarer with three club

losers in the fullness of time. Down 200 and 203/272 for North-South

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Berset</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦(♥)	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Fredin had observed his LHO twitch over his 1♦ transfer, so maybe he could have raised himself to 2♥ and bought the contract more cheaply than he actually did? As it was, the defenders might well have beaten 2♠ here on a heart lead, though it is an uphill struggle. In 3♥ Fallenius was not well placed – even if the defenders did not find the trump lead. In fact, though, Sveindal led a top club and now Fallenius missed his chance, which is to win and play the ♣J to start setting up the suit. After ruffing away the ♣Q he should lead the ♥K, which East does best to duck. Now declarer must play a spade to the ten, and West will win and probably get out with a trump to East for a third heart. Declarer can now lead and pass the club nine. If West covers, declarer can get back to hand with a spade for the two diamond discards he needs.

In fact Fallenius played ace and another diamond at tricks two and three. The defenders shifted to ace and another trump, to kill two of the ruffs, and when the missing diamond honour did not drop and the clubs could not be ruffed out in time, Fallenius was down one for a dismal 40/272 MP. That meant the pair finished fractionally below average for the session, but they still managed to qualify in some comfort in the middle of the pack.



On The Cusp

By Brent Manley

With one session to go, François Stretz and Jean Xerri of France were in 94th place in the Open Pairs qualifying with many pairs right on their heels. Going into the 10th and final qualifying session, they knew a mediocre effort might well leave them out of the event.

With some good luck and good play, they qualified comfortably with a 57.83% effort, putting them in 75th place when semifinal play started on Thursday. Thanks to Jean Paul Meyer for his help in compiling this report.

The first board in the final qualifying session got Stretz and Xerri off to a good start.

Later in the set, Stretz had to decide how to play a 3NT contract that went down at 20 tables when declarer went astray.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ K 8 6 5 4 ♦ K 8 7 6 2 ♣ Q 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	♠ 7 4 3 2 ♥ — ♦ A 5 3 ♣ A J 10 7 6 4
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W E					
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West	North	East	South
Stretz		Xerri	
4♠	Pass	6♠	INT All Pass

The INT opener showed 12-14. Xerri's leap to slam was well reasoned. His partner, after all, had bid to 4♠ at unfavourable vulnerability. North started with his fourth-best heart, ruffed in dummy. Stretz then cashed the ♣A, pitching a diamond and ruffed a club in case South had started with three to the king-queen, which would have simplified declarer's task. One thing Stretz knew: trumps were 2-0 and South had them. After ruffing the club, Stretz cross-ruffed to eliminate his heart losers, easily making all the tricks for 72.79%. Making 12 tricks would have earned them 59.55%.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Stretz		Xerri	
1♣ 2NT	Pass Pass Pass	Pass 1♠ 3NT	Pass Pass All Pass

North led a low heart. Stretz had seven top tricks and needed two more. They might come from clubs, but Stretz saw a better plan. He won the heart in hand to lead the ♠K, hoping South had the ace. Stretz did not know the layout of the diamond suit – except that North probably did not have the KQJ. If, however, South had the three honors that were missing and North could get in first to lead a diamond, the contract could be in danger.

South took the ♠K with the ace and switched to a low diamond, but Stretz had the spots to give him a second stopper in the suit. Plus 400 was a bit above average.

On this board, Stretz had only to make the normal lead to collect a big matchpoint prize.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

1♣ . .Strong
1♦ . .Relay
INT 18-19

At most tables, the auction most likely went 1♦ - 1♠; 2NT - 3NT (or Pass). The club lead seems completely normal and should result in five tricks rather quickly for the defense. Indeed, Stretz led the ♣J to scuttle the contract.

It was a huge board for them because 2NT, 3NT and 4♠ made at several tables. The No-Trump game from the North seat is a far more attractive affair, Plus 100 for Stretz and Xerri was worth 79.04% of the matchpoints.

The key deal occurred on the fourth round against a pair of Romanians, and it may well have made the difference between falling out of the event and playing on.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

N	E
W	S

♠ 3
♥ K 6 4 3
♦ A K Q J 10 6 5 2
♣ —



François Stretz

West Stretz	North	East Xerri	South
Dbf	Pass	1♣	5♦
6♣	All Pass	5♠	Pass

South led the ♦K. Xerri called for a low diamond, but there was a long pause while North considered what to do. If the lead was South's highest diamond, North could ruff out East's ace and perhaps give her partner a spade ruff. She did, after all, know the location of at least 12 of the spades.

What she apparently did not consider was the layout of the club suit. Looking at eight clubs between her hand and dummy and considering that East probably had club length, it was highly likely that South's void was in clubs rather than spades.

In any event, North finally decided to ruff her partner's trick - East following with the 7 - and return a spade. With the help of the winning heart finesse, Xerri chalked up plus 1370 for a 93.30% score.

If North declines to ruff, and South plays another high diamond, forcing Xerri to ruff, the 5-0 trump split would have defeated the slam and left the Frenchmen with a 13.33% score. Worse yet, their 57.83% game would have fallen to below average at 49.83%. Instead of moving up to 75th, they would have dropped four places, dangerously close to missing the final cut.

Championship Diary

Before the start of each Bulletin campaign we have a discussion as how best to proceed. This is typical:

Mark: 'Ron, allow me to explain about the Bridge Bulletin business. The natural condition is one of insurmountable obstacles on the road to imminent disaster.'

Ron: 'So what do we do?'

Mark: 'Nothing. Strangely enough, it all turns out well.'

Ron: 'How?'

Mark: 'I don't know. It's a mystery.'

When the layout Editor asked for another English word for 'happy' Tacchi said 'Widower', while the Editor suggested 'divorced'.

On one of the deals from the Open Pairs Jan Jansma made 3NT on the nose. He explained to Zia that they had 25 points and stoppers in every suit. To which Zia observed, 'With that much we usually end up in slam.'

Bulletin 15 will appear on Saturday morning. Bulletin 16 will be published on Saturday evening, but only as an online edition.

Double-Dummy Defence

By Maureen Dennison

In the 7th set of the Open Pairs qualification, Zia & Jan Jansma defended four boards in a row earning scores between 80% and 91%! This was the most fun

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

East opened 1♦ and Zia overcalled 1♥ on this magnificent suit. West doubled and Jansma bid 2♦, which showed a top heart honour. East jumped to 3♠ and there the matter rested.

South started proceedings with the J♦ taken with the ♦K. Anxious to get to table declarer led the ♥Q to North's king. Back came a diamond and with complete confidence, East played the ♦8. South's ♦Q was an unpleasant surprise to say the least. Zia now had a good idea about declarer's distribution so laid down the ♣A, felling declarer's king. Another club went to the nine, ten and a ruff. Going to table with the ♥A, East ran the ♠J to South's queen. Another club forced declarer, who was now down to the singleton trump king. He could have saved a trick if he had played it but instead he led a master diamond. South ruffed, cashed the ♠A and played a heart to partner's jack. Dummy's trumps won the last two tricks but East-West were down three. This was worth 83%.

At another table, we saw a variation on this ♦QJ theme.

After 1♦-1♠; 3♠ Frank Raes (Belgium) had become declarer in 3♠ against which Riehm led a low club. Duguet took dummy's king with his ace and returned a low heart to his partner's king. Riehm exited with a heart to dummy's queen. A low spade from dummy went to declarer's jack and another spade went to the king and South's ace. A heart came back, declarer winning his ace and leading a diamond to dummy's ace, South following suit with the jack. Declarer now put South on play by leading another trump, and South now had the choice of locking declarer in dummy by returning a club or giving declarer a free choice by leading a heart. Eventually, Duguet led a heart and, much to my surprise, declarer ruffed this in hand to take the losing diamond finesse and just make 3♠. This was already worth 203-71 matchpoints but making four would have brought East-West no less than 251-23 matchpoints.

Smoke Screen

By Brent Manley

There's a reason players line up to see Zia play bridge. Apart from his lively, friendly personality, he is also sneaky and unpredictable at the bridge table, as you can see on this deal from the Open Pairs qualifying.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	INT	2♥	1♠
3♥	All Pass		2♠

South led the ♠A, and Zia knew a ruff was coming, so he played the king, convincing South that it was Zia, not North, with the singleton spade. At trick two, South played a diamond to the king and North's ace. A diamond to Zia's queen allowed him to ruff a diamond to get to dummy. After discarding his losing spades on the top clubs, Zia had to decide how to play hearts.

Zia finally played the ♥J from dummy, reasoning that if North held the ♥Q10, he would certainly cover. When North followed with the ♥10, Zia knew it was singleton or doubleton with the ace. Following his plan, Zia put up the king, dropping the queen to score a fine plus 170.

Did Zia think that North might be executing a Grosvenor Coup, playing the 10 from Q10? "No one is good enough to make that play," he said.

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Open Pairs Semi-Final, Session I

By Jos Jacobs

For the first session of the semi-finals, I chose the highest-placed Belgian pair, Olivier Neve and Patrick Bocken, as the pair to watch. Though they have been playing as a partnership for less than a year, they had done quite well during the first two days of this pairs' event, finishing 5th out of nearly 300 pairs in the 100 boards qualification.

On the initial deals of the semi-final, they found life an uphill struggle. This was their very first board:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Bocken</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
Dbl	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Patrick Bocken's tactical approach immediately backfired when Gábor Winkler found a double of INT from somewhere. When Géza Homonnay jumped to 3♦, Patrick did not have the courage to make the call that he might well have made at his first turn: 3♠. Remarkably, as the



Olivier Neve

cards lie, 4♠ was cold, so letting the opponents play 3♦ when non-vulnerable could never bring you a satisfying score. The defence found the club ruff for one down, but this was still worth only 8% of the matchpoints.



Patrick Bocken

On the next board, the Hungarians achieved another good score when as if by magic a weak jump overcall made the opponents hearts disappear:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>	<i>Bocken</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♠
Dbl	Rdbl	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North's double seems reasonable opposite any normal 1♦ opening bid. The problem arose because South held a hand worth a jump 2NT rebid, but without a spade stopper, and

had no convenient way to show it. As the redouble promised the ♠A, South was obviously hoping for the best when he bid 3NT. After the ♠K lead declarer had some slim chances, but they vanished when West was the one who held the ♣K. Down three when declarer won the ace and immediately ran the ♣Q.

Remarkably, this brought the Hungarians just 66% of the matchpoints, as doubled spade contracts proved quite popular, and especially popular for those East-West pairs who thus could chalk up +730 or even +870.

On the next board, the problem for N/S was to reach 4♥ after an opposing Multi.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Bocken</i>
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	



Tom Hanlon

11 tricks was worth just 33% for North-South. How should the N/S auction go to get to 4♥ and 72%? The problem is that North cannot conveniently double 2♠ with a singleton diamond, and South will know North rates to be limited when he doesn't act directly over 2♦.

On board 8, the tide finally turned for the Belgians. They stayed out of a poor slam and scored a simple +460 which was worth 55%. Every little helps... on the next board, they were at the receiving end of a defensive mistake:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Neve</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Bocken</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
4♠	5♣	Pass	4♣
		Dbf	All Pass

If the defenders lead ♠A and a spade, then even if declarer can guess trumps, East will still be able to score his ♣Q, just so long as West persists with spades after winning his ♣A. When East shifted to a low club away from his queen after cashing his ♠A, this chance of an extra undertrick was gone, though declarer, after some suspicious looks at his LHO, guessed right to play low from dummy. Going down only one was worth 86% to North-South as 4♠ is an easy enough make with all the diamonds well-placed for declarer. Minus two, on the other hand, would have been worth only 59%.

The next board was a typical matchpoint board:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♠ A 7 6 ♥ Q 10 5 4 2 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ Q 3	
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West <i>Carroll</i>	North <i>Neve</i>	East <i>Hanlon</i>	South <i>Bocken</i>
1♣	Dbf	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	2♥

On this board, you have to lead an extremely unlikely spade as West to prevent declarer's establish his 9th trick from the clubs. This was really asking too much: +140 was worth 55% since no pair was held to eight tricks. Going one down in three of a minor would bring East-West a score of 91% but only if the opponents were going to be kind enough not to double them. In fact, only one pair doubled for +200, thus collecting all the matchpoints.

On board 3, Bocken opened 4♥ the popular action, and played there, going down two for -100 and 54%. Then came the last board of the session:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

♠ 8 2		
♥ —		
♦ A K J 9 8 7 2		
♣ 10 9 7 6		

	N	
W	E	
	S	

To me, the question was: "How aggressive one can be?" Maybe, West set something of a record here...

West <i>Turant</i>	North <i>Neve</i>	East <i>Sikora</i>	South <i>Bocken</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	3♦
3♥	All Pass		

The best thing East-West can do over 3♦ is to leave it alone and accept their 47% score for +130. Bidding 3♥ had only one advantage for East-West, which was that: North could not possibly double it since he could be sure there was a better contract somewhere for his opponents. When the smoke had cleared, (on a defence which your reporter has been well bribed to keep sealed until Judgment Day) the Belgians had collected only two undertricks –but that was still worth a 71% score. Their unhappy session had finally come to an end with a score of about 45%. It was good to see them recover well as the day progressed.



The world's stupidest lead

By Jan van Cleeff

Playing the final qualification round of the Open Pairs I was sitting North with:

♠ Q 7 6 5 4 2
♥ 5 2
♦ —
♣ 8 7 6 4 2

Dealer East.
E/W Vul.

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	5♦
6♥	?	Dbf	Pass

My first inclination was to double for the lead (Lightner). When I realized that I had to lead myself there was nothing else left but pass. The bidding went on:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	5♦
6♥	Pass	Dbf	Pass
All Pass		Pass	Dbf

Obviously the double of my partner – Johannes van de Horst – was asking for a smart lead. "No problem," at least that is what I thought. Instantly I tabled the ♠Q, clearly indicating a diamond return after the ruff.

After declarer duly took all the tricks I realized I had made the world's most stupid lead:

Dealer East
EW Vul

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

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

	N	
W	E	
	S	

Of course I should have realized that dummy was likely to have long clubs and that declarer upgraded his hand with a three-card club holding with an honour.

OPEN PAIRS SEMI FINAL

Pair	Country	%	Pair	Country	%
1 SLEMR Jakub - VOZABAL David	CZE - CZE	58.43	51 BERG Ivar - TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	NOR - NZL	50.52
2 AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - USA	58.37	52 COENRAETS Philippe - DE DONDER Steven	BEL - BEL	50.46
3 JANSMA Jan - MAHMOOD Zia	NED - USA	58.29	53 RADJUKEVICH Igor - TSIMAKHOVICH Aleh	BLR - BLR	50.26
4 HOMONNAY Geza - WINKLER Gabor	HUN - HUN	57.85	54 GULA Artur - TACZEWSKI Mikolaj	POL - POL	50.26
5 KLUKOWSKI Michal - ZATORSKI Piotr	POL - POL	57.81	55 BERSET Ole - SVEINDAL Jon	NOR - NOR	50.17
6 BOCKEN Patrick - NEVE Olivier	BEL - BEL	57.63	56 ARONOV Victor - ZOBU Ahu	BUL - TUR	50.15
7 MELMAN Victor - ZELIGMAN Shalom	USA - ISR	57.05	57 GRZELAK Roman - ROMANSKI Jacek	POL - POL	50.12
8 RIEHM Franck - DUGUET Michel	FRA - FRA	56.91	58 CHUMAK Yuliy - ROVYSHYN Oleg	UKR - UKR	50.06
9 JASKIEWICZ Ryszard - GRZELCZAK Jacek	POL - POL	56.65	59 PILON Dominique - TOFFIER Philippe	FRA - FRA	50.01
10 CARROLL John - HANLON Tom	IRL - IRL	55.99	60 FRENCKEN Alain - VANDERVORST Mike	BEL - BEL	49.87
11 GINOSSAR Eldad - PACHTMAN Ron	ISR - ISR	55.86	61 JASSEM Pawel - WOJCIESZEK Jakub	POL - POL	49.86
12 DUBININ Alexander - GROMOV Andrey	RUS - RUS	55.54	62 SAINTE MARIE - - SAINTE MARIE Thierry De	FRA - FRA	49.81
13 BERG Erik - SIMONSEN Steffen Fredrik	NOR - NOR	55.43	63 FOLLIERO DE LUNA T. - RIBAUT Benoit	FRA - FRA	49.70
14 BAKKE Tor - HOYLAND Sven Olai	NOR - NOR	55.06	64 FELMY Matthias - GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	49.68
15 OURSEL Christophe - SCHMIDT Pierre	FRA - FRA	55.00	65 BESSIS Michel - BESSIS Thomas	FRA - FRA	48.99
16 KARLBERG S. G. - THOMASSEN K.-O.	NOR - NOR	54.90	66 ROSENTHAL Andrew - SILVERSTEIN Aaron	USA - USA	48.57
17 FALLENIUS Bjorn - FREDIN Peter	SWE - SWE	54.89	67 LEVY Alain - VOLCKER Frederic	FRA - FRA	48.56
18 BURN David - SANDQVIST Nicklas	ENG - ENG	54.54	68 IONITA Marius - STEGAROIU Marina	ROM - ROM	48.50
19 NABIL Karim - SADEK Tarek	EGY - EGY	54.41	69 HOILAND Tom - STORNES Helge	NOR - NOR	48.35
20 FRIEDLANDER Ehud - LIRAN Inon	ISR - ISR	54.34	70 BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	48.26
21 MARINOVSKI Kiril - ZORIC Vedran	BUL - CRO	54.13	71 ADAD Pierre - RINGUET Pascal	FRA - FRA	48.17
22 KVANGRAVEN Nils Kare - LIE Terje	NOR - NOR	54.01	72 FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - LHUISSIER Nicolas	FRA - FRA	47.23
23 LANZAROTTI Massimo - MANNO Andrea	ITA - ITA	53.99	73 JOHANSEN Lars Arthur - REKSTAD G.	NOR - NOR	46.84
24 AUSTBERG Per Erik - BERG Jan Tore	NOR - NOR	53.75	74 HRISTOV Hristo - IVANOV Stoyan	BUL - BUL	46.28
25 TOKAY Mustafa Cem - VERSACE Alfredo	TUR - ITA	53.41	75 BERTHEAU Peter - HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica	SWE - USA	46.21
26 WACKWITZ Ernst - WESTERBEEK Chris	NED - NED	53.36	76 HAUGE Rune - SVENDSEN Jan Petter	NOR - NOR	46.14
27 CIMA Leonardo - GIUBILO Valerio	ITA - ITA	53.02	77 BITRAN Albert - CHETRIT G	FRA - FRA	45.84
28 DEBUS Eric - VAN MIDDELEM Guy	BEL - BEL	53.00	78 KINDSBEKKEN Asbjorn - VOLL Roar	NOR - NOR	45.83
29 MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw - SZENBERG Stefan	POL - POL	52.93	79 MAAT Roeland - MEER Mark de	NED - NED	45.77
30 PIEKAREK Josef - SMIRNOV Alexander	GER - GER	52.64	80 BARYLEWSKI Marek - KRZEMIANSKI Cesa	POL - POL	45.69
31 MIHAI Geta - MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	52.53	81 KOKSOY Enver - MOLVA Murat	TUR - TUR	45.68
32 MULTON Franck - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	MON - MON	52.51	82 KING Philip (Phil) - SMALL Cameron	ENG - ENG	45.37
33 BAKKEREN Frank - BAKKEREN Ton	NED - NED	52.39	83 GAROZZO Benito - ZALESKI Romain	ITA - ITA	44.32
34 KALITA Jacek - NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL - POL	52.38	84 HUTYRA Maciej - WOLANSKI Rafal	POL - POL	43.88
35 KANDEMIR Ismail - KOLATA Suleyman	TUR - TUR	52.32	85 FAILLA Andrea - FAILLA Giuseppe	ITA - ITA	43.87
36 BAUMANN Karl Christian - BREKKA Geir	NOR - NOR	52.23	86 BATOV Vasil - IGNATOV Lubomir	BUL - BUL	43.86
37 JASSEM Krzysztof - MAZURKIEWICZ Jan	POL - POL	52.18	87 PEREIRA Paulo Goncalves - PESSOA Sofia	POR - POR	43.34
38 GAWEL Wojciech - JAGNIEWSKI Rafal	POL - POL	52.08	88 BOS Berend van den - LANKVELD Joris van	NED - NED	43.23
39 ERCAN Sehmus - PEYRET Hakan	TUR - TUR	52.08	89 LORENZINI Cedric - ROMBAUT Jerome	FRA - FRA	42.95
40 SVENDSEN Odin - TONDEL Petter	NOR - NOR	51.91	90 KLEINROK Krzysztof - SZEPCZYNSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	42.66
41 NIKOLCHEV Klimentin - TRENDAFILOV R.	BUL - BUL	51.81	91 JELENIEWSKI A. - WACHNOWSKI Jaroslaw	POL - POL	42.57
42 CULLIN Per-Ola - HALLBERG Gunnar	SWE - ENG	51.75	92 EKINCI Orhan - KAHYAOGLOU Yusuf	TUR - TUR	42.53
43 SAPORTA Pierre - VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	FRA - FRA	51.64	93 BASARAN Berk - SEN Melih Osman	TUR - TUR	42.27
44 CHERNY Mikjail - MEDVEDEV Oleg	ISR - ISR	51.41	94 SROCZYNSKI Waldemar - TUSZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	42.24
45 CLEEFF Jan van - VAN DER HORST J. Petrus	NED - ARU	50.94	95 STRETZ Francois - XERRI Jean	FRA - FRA	42.03
46 DE MENDEZ T. - MICHAUD-LARIVIERE X.	SUI - MON	50.92	96 ANCESSY Arnaud - BRUNET Frederic	FRA - FRA	41.87
47 TURANT Witold - SKORA Waldemar	POL - POL	50.85	97 AUKEN Jens - CHRISTIANSEN Soren	DEN - DEN	41.81
48 FILIPOWICZ Dominik - MARTENS Krzysztof	POL - POL	50.80	98 DINKIN Sam - TUNCOK Cenk	USA - USA	41.77
49 BILDE Dennis - JEPSEN Emil	DEN - DEN	50.77	99 BUJENITA Daniel - ISTVAN Vidami	ROM - ROM	38.88
50 KARAIVANOV Kalin - RUSEV Tony	BUL - BUL	50.62	100 DENIZCI Volkan - YERGIN Mahmut	TUR - TUR	36.01

WOMEN PAIRS

SENIORS PAIRS

AFTER 5 ROUNDS

Pair	Country	%	Pair	Country	%
1 FAIVRE Corinne - MAGIS Isabelle	FRA - FRA	58.32	1 CABAJ Stephan - ILNICKI Wlodzimierz	SUI - POL	62.42
2 MADSEN Christina Lund - YAVAS Dilek	DEN - TUR	57.02	2 BERGHEIMER Serge - FOUASSIER Jean-Claude	FRA - FRA	60.01
3 NEVE Joanna - ROSSARD Martine	FRA - FRA	56.20	3 CZYZOWICZ Jurek - KOWALSKI Apolinary	CAN - POL	59.69
4 ARNOLDS Carla - VRIEND Bep	NED - NED	56.15	4 MACIOR Zbigniew - MICHALEK Jerzy	POL - POL	59.16
5 CZAJKA Iwona - SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	55.90	5 SELLDEN Goran - WENNEBERG Bjorn	SWE - SWE	57.24
6 KAZMUCHA Danuta - ZMUDA Justyna	POL - POL	54.93	6 LEENHARDT Francois - PIGANEAU Patrice	FRA - FRA	55.53
7 PASKALEVA Stefka - RIBARSKA Mariana	BUL - BUL	54.61	7 LIGGAT David - McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz)	SCO - SCO	55.28
8 LUESSMANN Claudia - SMYKALLA Gisela	GER - GER	54.52	8 MARI Christian - WALTER Stanley	FRA - SUI	55.15
9 PECCOUD Janine Elise - SAPORTA Renata	FRA - FRA	54.39	9 MARILL Philippe - STOPPA Jean-Louis	FRA - FRA	55.10
10 MICHELSEN Marion - WORTEL Meike	NED - NED	54.31	10 ELINESCU Michael - WLADOW Entschö	GER - GER	54.74
11 BESSIS Veronique - PUILLET Carole	FRA - FRA	54.27	11 FITZGIBBON Nicholas - MESBUR Adam	IRL - IRL	54.13
12 SMEDEREVAC Jovanka - WEIGKRICHT Terry	AUT - AUT	54.25	12 CHIZZOLI Paolo - DE GIACOMI Fran	ITA - ITA	53.47
13 SEALE Catherine - SENIOR Nevena	ENG - ENG	53.19	13 CHAUDHURI Amit - MANGSET Dag	ESP - NOR	53.41
14 D'OVIDIO Catherine - SEAMON-MOLSON J.	FRA - USA	53.11	14 JEZIORO Aleksander - RUSSYAN Jerzy	POL - POL	53.19
15 BROCK Sally - SINCLAIR Andrew James A.	ENG - SCO	52.46	15 PENFOLD Sandra - SENIOR Brian	ENG - ENG	53.10
16 COOPER Jenny - MCGREGOR Moira	SCO - SCO	51.91	16 DRIVER Gordon - DRIVER Kathleen	RSA - RSA	53.08
17 GU Ling - SHEN (2) Qi	CHN - CHN	51.90	17 STASICA Jacek - WALA Wlodzimierz	POL - POL	53.06
18 FENG Xuefeng - ZHANG Yu	CHN - CHN	51.65	18 GREENTHE Patrick - VANHOUTTE Philippe	FRA - FRA	52.22
19 LIU Yan - YAN Ru	CHN - CHN	51.45	19 PARISIS Hubert - THABAULT Jean-Roger	FRA - FRA	52.14
20 GILLILAND Dolores - WHELAN Maria	IRL - IRL	51.30	20 COYLE Willie - TELTSCHER Kitty	SCO - ENG	52.02
21 BROGELAND Tonje Aasand - GLAERUM L.	NOR - NOR	50.87	21 COPUR Mehmet Emin - FALAY Faik	TUR - TUR	51.61
22 DAUVERGNE Sophie - HUGON Elisabeth	FRA - FRA	50.86	22 KOWALCZYK Stefan - SUCHARKIEWICZ Jan	POL - POL	51.55
23 CHAVARRIA Margherita - PISCITELLI Francesca	ITA - ITA	50.42	23 BARONI Franco - CESATI Alberto	ITA - ITA	51.36
24 CRONIER Benedicte - WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA	50.41	24 BIGDELI Faramarz - WOJEWODA Edward	BEL - USA	51.19
25 BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa - BREWIAK Grazyna	POL - POL	50.33	25 BANKOGLU Ergun - TOLUN Reha	TUR - TUR	50.95
26 CHEDIAK Virginia - OIGARDEN B. N.	NOR - NOR	50.24	26 KLUKOWSKI Julian - MARKOWICZ Victor	POL - POL	50.93
27 ADIGUZEL Canan - UYANIK Guler	TUR - TUR	50.07	27 AUDENAERT Armand - HENDRICKX Jules	BEL - BEL	50.83
28 MALKOVA Marina - SOSHNIKOVA Maria	RUS - RUS	49.75	28 HOULIHAN Desmond - PATTINSON Bob	IRL - IRL	50.78
29 PICUS Sue - RUSSO Stephannie	USA - USA	49.49	29 HACKETT Paul D - HOLLAND John	ENG - ENG	50.44
30 GLADIATOR Anne - WEBER Elke	GER - GER	49.05	30 TROUWBORST Jaap - DOREMANS Nico	NED - NED	50.26
31 BABAC Mine - GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	TUR - TUR	48.80	31 LASOCKI Krzysztof - WIELEMANS Eric	POL - BEL	50.26
32 KENNY Joan - KIRBY Brid	IRL - IRL	48.51	32 CHIF Alain - ASHLEY Raymond	BEL - ENG	49.47
33 DOBBELS Tine - TOUTENEL Els	BEL - BEL	47.30	33 MALTESE Jacky - SECHERESSE Jean-Claude	FRA - FRA	49.26
34 AGRILLO Cinzia - MOFAHKAMI Shalh	ITA - ITA	46.92	34 JOHNSON David - STAS Jacques	BEL - BEL	49.08
35 BIRD Sinead - O'CONNOR Sarah	ENG - ENG	46.76	35 CHARLIER Guy - TIFOUS Nourredine	BEL - BEL	47.65
36 CHAPELLE Ann - DAENEN Marleem	BEL - BEL	46.34	36 GOODMAN Alan - SHORT Brian	SCO - SCO	46.97
37 BAKER Lynn - McCALLUM Karen	USA - USA	46.12	37 ENGEL Joseph - FRYDRICH Julian	ISR - ISR	46.72
38 LANGER Darina - NIKITINE Ruth	SUI - SUI	45.87	38 FRANCESCONI Andrea - VANDONI Riccardo	ITA - ITA	46.05
39 BEARPARK Catherine - KEMPLE Brid	IRL - IRL	45.43	39 BOREWICZ Marek - KUTNER Roger	POL - SUI	45.42
40 BARBE Elisabeth - THOMPSON-VINCENT K.	SUI - SUI	45.31	40 ROEHL Joergen - WERGE Hans	DEN - DEN	45.33
41 ENCONTRO Mylene - VIKSTROM Ann-Katrin	PHI - SWE	44.27	41 COUPERE Alexandre - LUMBROSO Claude	FRA - FRA	45.28
42 GAMBERUCCI M. C. - SORRENTINO M.	ITA - ITA	43.64	42 CASTELLI Antonio - DI MARTINO Francesco	ITA - ITA	45.16
43 PATTINSON Maureen - RIGNEY Teresa	IRL - IRL	41.93	43 GERGOV Georgi - RADEV Radi	BUL - BUL	44.87
44 DELESENNE Sophie - KUNKERA N. R.	BEL - BEL	41.11	44 BEARPARK Steve - CURRAN Brendan	IRL - IRL	44.68
45 ELBRO Helle Simon - RISOM Karin Strande	DEN - DEN	39.80	45 KRATZ Ulrich - STRATER Bernhard	GER - GER	44.10
46 HELNESS Gunn - MIRKOVIC Ann-Mari	NOR - NOR	39.19	46 CASTIGLIONI Gianantonio - UGGERI Paolo	ITA - ITA	43.69
			47 BUIJS Pieter - DE HULLU Henk	NED - NED	42.14
			48 DENNISON Maureen - JOURDAIN Patrick	ENG - WAL	41.94
			49 CHARLES Darrell - CHARLES Irmgard	GER - GER	41.13
			50 LARSEN Helge - RYNNING Erik	NOR - NOR	39.84
			51 DE DUVE Alain - MIRAVET Solange	BEL - BEL	39.64
			52 JONGE Govert de - O'SHEA Kitty	NED - IRL	38.12

SIDE EVENT MP PAIRS

Pair	Country	%	Pair	Country	%
1 YADLIN Israel - YADLIN Doron	ISR - ISR	60.68	43 NARDULLO Ennio - NOVO Antonella	ITA - ITA	49.72
2 DE SAINT PASTOU Alain - LESAGE Francois	FRA - FRA	59.26	44 PAVLIN Milan - ROJKO Silvana	SLO - SLO	49.63
3 BAHNIK Ondrej - BAHNIK Petr	CZE - CZE	59.20	45 MARMONTI Dario - MASSA Gaetano	ITA - ITA	49.56
4 DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos - PAPAKYRIAKOPOULOS Yankos	GRE - GRE	59.18	46 ANDERSSON Jorgen - JOHANSSON Anders	SWE - SWE	49.53
5 KURBALIJA Filip - SHIELDS Patrick	WAL - WAL	59.06	47 BOWLES Andy - MOHANDES Shireen	ENG - ENG	49.52
6 MATUSHKO Georgi - STERKIN Alexei	RUS - RUS	58.55	48 BENDIKS Janis - JANSONS Ugis	LAT - LAT	49.47
7 ALLFREY Alexander - ROBSON Andrew	ENG - ENG	58.40	49 BUUS THOMSEN Emil - SKOVLY Frederik	DEN - DEN	49.28
8 CURTIS Catherine - FEGARTY Paul	ENG - ENG	58.02	50 NOLIN Bjorn - ALENFALK Bjorn	SWE - SWE	49.02
9 KAPTEIN Mark - VAN IPENBURG Helena	NED - NED	57.79	51 NEDKOV Stanislav - TENEV Tenyu	BUL - BUL	48.98
10 DI FRANCO M. - MARGIOTTA Saverio	ITA - ITA	56.74	52 KHOLOMEEV Vadim - VASILYEV Petr	RUS - RUS	48.72
11 GERMANIS Aigars - RUBENIS Ivars	LAT - LAT	56.19	53 BIELAWSKI Maciej - CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL	48.71
12 GLABBEK Hedwig van - MAAS Willem Jan	NED - NED	56.06	54 FREJACQUES Guillaume - LILAMAND Martin	FRA - FRA	48.65
13 BAUSBACK Nikolas - GWINNER H.-H.	LUX - GER	55.28	55 DOBROWOLSKI Marcin - GORKA Adrian	POL - POL	48.19
14 KARLSEN Jan Frode - MARTINUSSEN Stig	NOR - NOR	54.71	56 LEVI Stephane - MULLARD Guy	FRA - FRA	48.10
15 DELLA SETA Livio - DELLA SETA Umberto	ITA - ITA	54.29	57 NAQVI Waseem - ROSENTHAL Lee	ENG - ISR	47.49
16 CHELU Eugen - DUMITRASIUC Gabriel	ROM - ROM	54.11	58 GOLDFARB Ilia - PAIKIN Yotam	ISR - ISR	47.46
17 COLINET Eric - MEYER Jean	BEL - BEL	54.06	59 MALYSA Marek - RYAN Dennis	POL - USA	47.36
18 ANKLESARIA Keyzad - VENKATESH Gopal	IND - USA	53.89	60 NAESSENS Johan - DE LIEDEKERKE Tanguy	BEL - BEL	47.18
19 KAVALENKA Andrei - KORZUN Aleksandr	BLR - BLR	53.89	61 MARRO Christophe - MAZE SENCIER Jean	FRA - FRA	47.12
20 AZOULAY Yves - GANIVET Jacques	FRA - FRA	53.85	62 BONIN Benjamin - BONIN Philippe	FRA - FRA	47.03
21 FISHER Lotan - MINZLY Aida	ISR - ROM	53.23	63 LIOSSIS Georgios - SIRAKOPOULOU C.	GRE - GRE	47.00
22 OLSEN Roy-Hugo - OVESEN Steingrim	NOR - NOR	52.95	64 ERMILICH Marianne - MARWITZ Guenter	GER - GER	46.91
23 CODRIN Marcu - DUMITRASCU Florin	ROM - ROM	52.77	65 SCHOUW Rick - STIENEN Rene	NED - NED	46.87
24 ANDERSSEN R. B. - MARSTRANDER Peter	NOR - NOR	52.75	66 DESSAIN Tom - KABAN Tugrul	ENG - ENG	46.83
25 SERPOI Gheorghe - STIRBU Calin	ROM - ROM	52.72	67 CHIPAIL Gheorghe - NEGULESCU Sorina	ROM - USA	46.61
26 BROGELAND Boye - GILLIS Simon	NOR - ENG	52.53	68 DAUVERGNE Bernard - DESMOULINS J. P.	FRA - FRA	46.36
27 EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik - ZACK Anna	SWE - SWE	52.10	69 CAPPELLER Gabriele - CAPPELLER Joachim	GER - GER	45.96
28 HANSEN Kjeld - PETERSEN Henrik Kruse	DEN - DEN	52.06	70 KLANJSCEK Jasminka - SENTIC Kristian	CRO - CRO	45.96
29 GOMEROV Pavel - ZAPADINSKIY Evgeny	RUS - RUS	51.68	71 VAN HOOIJDONK Marcel - WINKEL Marcel	NED - NED	45.85
30 BINEAU Thierry - CLAVER J	FRA - FRA	51.24	72 IP Gabriel - IP Giles	ENG - ENG	45.84
31 ALLIX Jean Francois - LIBBRECHT Wilfried	FRA - FRA	51.12	73 ALEKSANDRZAK Andrzej - PILECKI Maciej	POL - POL	45.53
32 BELLOSTA Philippe - BELLOSTA Veronique	FRA - FRA	50.75	74 OIKONOMOPOULOS Giorgos - OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis	GRE - GRE	45.43
33 CRESTEY Gilles - LOUCHART Pierre-Jean	FRA - FRA	50.53	75 DARLING Marina - MCPHEE Bob	AUS - AUS	44.76
34 PAROL Marek - SZCZEPANOWSKI Radoslaw	POL - POL	50.52	76 GULLBERG Daniel - SKAJ Peder	SWE - SWE	44.46
35 CORNELISSEN Kamiel - KRIJGSMAN Erik-Jan	NED - NED	50.30	77 KONTOMITROS K. - KOUKOUSELIS Tassos	GRE - GRE	44.22
36 BRANTSMA Ronald - METSELAAR H.	NED - NED	50.27	78 ADELSBERGER Heimo - BEILDORFF Frank	DEN - DEN	43.29
37 BOVET David - MARGOT Cedric	SUI - SUI	50.25	79 SORENSEN Bjorn Olav - HOLMBAKKEN J.	NOR - NOR	43.26
38 DEVOOGHT Dirk - RAES Franky	BEL - BEL	50.24	80 MEDUGNO Gianni - TAGLIABUE Lorenzo	ITA - ITA	42.45
39 VANDEREET Ben - VANDEREET Piet	BEL - BEL	50.01	81 LONGUEVILLE Johan - VANDENBUSSCHE C.	BEL - BEL	42.33
40 BOEYKENS Leo - HUYBRECHT Hans	BEL - BEL	49.86	82 DOLIA Mauro - SPANU Carlo	ITA - ITA	41.14
41 ANDERSSON Jan-Olov - JOHANSSON Mikael	SWE - SWE	49.79	83 MALESZA Leonard - SHAMA Jessica	POL - FRA	41.14
42 GRUDE Liv Marit - HESKJE Torild	NOR - NOR	49.78	84 BUUS THOMSEN Signe - JEPSEN R. R.	DEN - DEN	39.21
			85 BERRETTINI Lorenzo - GARZI Fabio	ITA - ITA	36.43

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Cavendish Teams

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

Cavendish Invitational Pairs

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

Prize Money

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

Hotel Accomodation

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

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