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LET THE GAMES BEGIN



Will home advantage do the trick for Croatia?

With the threatened thunderstorm failing to materialise the players were able to enjoy some typical Croatian sunshine as play got under way in the race for Chennai.

In the Open **France** has jumped into an early lead in Group A followed by **Norway** and **Russia**. In Group B **Poland** leads from **Bulgaria**. Meanwhile one of the perennial favourites, Italy is temporarily anchored at the wrong end of the table.

In the Women's series **Ireland** top the table followed by **Turkey**. In the Seniors (remember they have played an extra round) **Scotland** has a narrow lead from **England** and these old rivals will meet this morning in what should be a cracking encounter.

Video Corner

Mario Chavarria and Simon Fellus are the production team behind the outstanding series of videos being created here in Opatija. Please find the links to the ones created so far on page 15

BBO SCHEDULE

10.30

France v Monaco (O)	BBO 1*
Norway v Germany (O)	BBO 2
Poland v Israel (O)	BBO 3
Bulgaria v England (O)	BBO 4
France v Croatia (W)	BBO 5

14.30

Poland v Netherlands (W)	BBO 1*
Russia v Monaco (O)	BBO 2
Switzerland v Hungary (O)	BBO 3
Bulgaria v Italy (O)	BBO 4
Norway v Croatia (O)	BBO 5

17.20

Sweden v France (O)	BBO 1*
England v Netherlands (O)	BBO 2
Israel v Bulgaria(O)	BBO 3
Bulgaria v Turkey (W)	BBO 4
Croatia v Sweden (W)	BBO 5

*BBO 1 = VuGraph

OPEN

○ 3 Group A 10.30

1	AUSTRIA	FINLAND
2	GREECE	SPAIN
3	PORTUGAL	CROATIA
4	IRELAND	SLOVAKIA
5	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND
6	FRANCE	MONACO
7	NORWAY	GERMANY
8	ICELAND	RUSSIA
9	SWEDEN	SLOVENIA

○ 3 Group B 10.30

11	POLAND	ISRAEL
12	BULGARIA	ENGLAND
13	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY
14	ITALY	DENMARK
15	FAROE ISLANDS	LATVIA
16	SERBIA	SWITZERLAND
17	LITHUANIA	HUNGARY
18	ROMANIA	WALES
19	BELGIUM	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

○ 4 Group A 14.30

1	PORTUGAL	GREECE
2	IRELAND	AUSTRIA
3	ESTONIA	FINLAND
4	FRANCE	SPAIN
5	NORWAY	CROATIA
6	ICELAND	SLOVAKIA
7	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND
8	RUSSIA	MONACO
9	SLOVENIA	GERMANY

○ 4 Group B 14.30

11	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY
12	LATVIA	WALES
13	DENMARK	BELGIUM
14	TURKEY	ROMANIA
15	ENGLAND	LITHUANIA
16	ISRAEL	SERBIA
17	POLAND	FAROE ISLANDS
18	BULGARIA	ITALY
19	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	NETHERLANDS

○ 5 Group A 17.20

1	ICELAND	NORWAY
2	SWEDEN	FRANCE
3	RUSSIA	ESTONIA
4	GERMANY	IRELAND
5	MONACO	PORTUGAL
6	SCOTLAND	GREECE
7	SLOVAKIA	AUSTRIA
8	CROATIA	FINLAND
9	SPAIN	SLOVENIA

○ 5 Group B 17.20

11	WALES	BELGIUM
12	HUNGARY	ROMANIA
13	SWITZERLAND	LITHUANIA
14	LATVIA	SERBIA
15	DENMARK	FAROE ISLANDS
16	TURKEY	ITALY
17	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS
18	ISRAEL	BULGARIA
19	POLAND	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

RANKING

Open A after RR2

TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	37.59
2 NORWAY	33.89
3 RUSSIA	33.05
4 MONACO	31.72
5 GERMANY	27.49
6 SWEDEN	26.52
7 AUSTRIA	25.51
8 SLOVAKIA	21.88
9 SCOTLAND	21.05
10 FINLAND	17.65
11 ESTONIA	16.47
12 CROATIA	14.83
13 ICELAND	14.60
14 SPAIN	12.40
15 IRELAND	12.12
16 GREECE	6.95
17 SLOVENIA	4.08
18 PORTUGAL	2.20

Open B after RR2

TEAM	VP
1 POLAND	34.61
2 BULGARIA	33.97
3 HUNGARY	31.10
4 BELGIUM	29.38
5 ENGLAND	26.68
6 ISRAEL	25.94
7 LATVIA	21.95
8 ROMANIA	21.25
9 NETHERLANDS	19.82
10 TURKEY	18.85
11 FAROE ISLANDS	18.50
12 SERBIA	16.59
13 DENMARK	13.93
14 WALES	12.15
15 BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	10.91
16 LITHUANIA	10.03
17 SWITZERLAND	7.86
18 ITALY	6.48

SENIORS

Swiss 4 10.30

41 SCOTLAND	ENGLAND
42 HUNGARY	BELGIUM
43 NORWAY	AUSTRIA
44 POLAND	ESTONIA
45 FRANCE	SWEDEN
46 BULGARIA	IRELAND
47 TURKEY	ISRAEL
48 GERMANY	SLOVENIA
49 SPAIN	ITALY
50 CROATIA	DENMARK
51 NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL
52 WALES	SERBIA
53 FINLAND	ROMANIA

After Swiss 3

TEAM	VP
1 SCOTLAND	49.83
2 ENGLAND	48.59
3 HUNGARY	47.70
4 BELGIUM	41.01
5 NORWAY	38.53
6 POLAND	37.85
7 AUSTRIA	33.71
8 ESTONIA	33.50
9 FRANCE	33.25
10 SWEDEN	32.64
11 BULGARIA	31.42
12 IRELAND	30.95
13 TURKEY	30.03
14 ISRAEL	29.15
15 GERMANY	28.10
16 SLOVENIA	27.35
17 SPAIN	25.97
18 ITALY	24.47
19 CROATIA	23.89
20 DENMARK	23.08
21 NETHERLANDS	21.24
22 PORTUGAL	21.12
23 WALES	18.53
24 SERBIA	16.67
25 FINLAND	14.74
26 ROMANIA	13.68

WOMEN

W 3 10.30

21	POLAND	ROMANIA
22	NORWAY	RUSSIA
23	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND
24	LEBANON	SERBIA
25	ITALY	SPAIN
26	ISRAEL	SWEDEN
27	IRELAND	TURKEY
28	GREECE	AUSTRIA
29	GERMANY	BULGARIA
30	FRANCE	CROATIA
31	ESTONIA	DENMARK
32	ENGLAND	BYE

W 4 14.30

21	CROATIA	DENMARK
22	BULGARIA	ENGLAND
23	AUSTRIA	ESTONIA
24	TURKEY	FRANCE
25	SWEDEN	GERMANY
26	SPAIN	GREECE
27	SERBIA	IRELAND
28	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL
29	RUSSIA	ITALY
30	ROMANIA	LEBANON
31	POLAND	NETHERLANDS
32	NORWAY	BYE

W 5 17.20

21	ITALY	LEBANON
22	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS
23	IRELAND	NORWAY
24	GREECE	POLAND
25	GERMANY	ROMANIA
26	FRANCE	RUSSIA
27	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND
28	ENGLAND	SERBIA
29	DENMARK	SPAIN
30	CROATIA	SWEDEN
31	BULGARIA	TURKEY
32	AUSTRIA	BYE

After Round 2

TEAM	VP
1 IRELAND	34.60
2 TURKEY	34.41
3 ITALY	32.00
4 FRANCE	26.47
5 SWEDEN	25.30
6 NETHERLANDS	24.83
7 DENMARK	23.64
8 ISRAEL	23.61
9 ESTONIA	23.27
10 GERMANY	22.05
11 POLAND	21.94
12 ENGLAND	21.68
13 SPAIN	19.58
14 CROATIA	18.18
15 AUSTRIA	16.81
16 SCOTLAND	16.01
17 RUSSIA	14.84
18 BULGARIA	14.41
19 NORWAY	14.18
20 GREECE	13.53
21 ROMANIA	9.09
22 LEBANON	7.57
23 SERBIA	6.00

Request for Review:

A request to have a TD ruling reviewed must be made, stating the ground for the request, either to the Chief TD or the TD delivering the ruling not later than:

- 15 minutes after the end of that playing session or
- 15 minutes after the ruling was actually delivered, whichever is later.



The Croatian Corner



We are delighted to have the services of **Tomislav Šćepanović** who will bring you reports in Croatian.



“Ja nisam kockar ali gubim”

Budući da na mladima svijet ostaje, logično je da je prvenstvo otvoreno seniorskim mečevima. Ipak se radi o ljudima koji su napunili 60 godina i koji su prerasli dugo spavanje ujutro, pa se satnica sama nametnula.

Vatreno krštenje hrvatskoj seniorskoj reprezentaciji na ovom prvenstvu pripremili su Francuzi, višestruki europski i svjetski seniorski prvaci, ekipa vrlo čvrste igre koja strpljivo čeka protivničke greške i pretvara ih u zaradu. Boje Hrvatske u ovom meču branili su Slobodan Babić, Zvonko Petrović, Goran Lamza i naš naturalizirani Amerikanac Marshall Lewis.

Da su seniori živahni ujutro pokazali su već na prvim bordovima s obzirom da je poslije prva dva borda rezultat bio 11-6 za Francuze. Nakon jednog borda zatišja hrvatski lavovi pokazali su francuskim stijenama da čvrsta igra nije uvijek put ka dobrom rezultatu.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 4 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ K Q 9 5 2 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ J 9 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A K Q 10 9 8 3</p>	<table style="width: 100%; text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4f7942; color: white;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	<p>♠ A Q 7 6 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ 5 2</p>
N	E						
W	S						
	<p>♠ K 8 3 ♥ Q 10 8 7 5 ♦ A 10 ♣ J 7 6</p>						

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Pass	Lamza 3NT	All Pass	Lewis

Lamza je izabrao otvor “gambling 3NT”. Kao što mu samo ime kaže, otvor je kockanje, stavljanje pritiska na protivnike koji odluke moraju donositi bez dovoljno informacija. U nedostatku informacija Francuzi su pasirali i pustili Lamzu igrati 3NT. Kontrakt se sruši igranjem karona, ali karo je neophodno odigrati prije pik asa ili asa i kralja herc jer nakon toga izvođač ima dovoljno štihova. Francuzi su bili u vrlo nezavidnoj poziciji. Iz Eastove ruke najveća šansa za rušenje je pik koji odmah pušta igru i kad je francuski East, u skladu sa svojim čvrstim stilom igre, atakirao pik asa, Lamzu više ništa nije moglo zaustaviti na putu ka 9 štihova i napravljenom kontraktu.

3NT N, =, +600 NS

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Petrovic		Babic	
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♦(♥)
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Francuzi u otvorenoj sali, u skladu sa svojim čvrstim pristupom, nisu primjenili kockarski pristup. North je otvorio 1 tref, korektno, ali nedovoljno destruktivno što je omogućilo Babiću da se uključi u licitaciju sa svojom pik bojom. South je sistemski licitirao svoju herc boju u transferu, a Petrović je zaključio da je njegova ruka dovoljno dobra za pokušati manšu u piku i licitirao 4 pik čim je došao na red. South je bio prejak za pasirati pa je kazneno kontrirao u nadi da će se kontrakt ipak srušiti, međutim, na njegovu žalost, kontrakt se može pasti samo ako izvođaču u nekom trenutku igre padne cigla na glavu. Kako se igralo u novosagrađenoj dvorani vrlo čvrstih stropova, cigla je odbila surađivati s Francuzima pa je Babić mirnom igrom skupio svojih 10 štihova i napravio kontrakt.

4SX E, =, +790 EW

Hrvatski gambling +16 IMP.

Meč je na kraju ipak završio pobjedom Francuza, ali hrvatski gambling je ipak uspio razbuditi gledatelje i donijeti veselje domaćim navijačima.

Tomislav Šćepanović

Seniors Round I

By Brian Senior



France v Croatia



Who should be on vugraph for the opening round of a European Championship, the host nation or the defending champions? Well, the problem was solved on this occasion because the draw for Round I of the Seniors Championship threw up the perfect match – holders, France (fielding the same team as two years ago), versus Croatia.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ J 10 5 ♥ 8 ♦ Q 9 8 3 ♣ A K 8 7 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ 9 6 3 2 ♦ A K 5 ♣ Q 6</p>	<p>♠ K 8 6 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ 10 9 4 3</p>
<p>West <i>Petrovic</i></p> <p>Pass Pass</p>	<p>North <i>Grenthe</i></p> <p>1NT 2♥ 4♥</p>	<p>East <i>Babic</i></p> <p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Vanhoutte</i></p> <p>2♦ 3NT</p>
<p>West <i>Piganeau</i></p> <p>All Pass</p>	<p>North <i>Lamza</i></p> <p>1NT</p>	<p>East <i>Leenhardt</i></p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Lewis</i></p> <p>3NT</p>

The defending champions struck first when Marshall Lewis, for Croatia, chose to raise the 1NT opening to game to give his opponents a blind lead. Alas, Francois Leenhardt chose his four-card suit and the French E/W pair had no difficulty in running the suit to take the first five tricks for down one and –50.

In the other room, Philippe Vanhoutte transferred to hearts then jumped to 3NT to offer a choice of games and, of course, Patrick Grenthe chose to declare 4♥. Slobodan Babic led a trump so Grenthe won in dummy and led a spade to his nine. When that forced the king he was in good shape. Babic returned a second heart. Grenthe won and drew the last trump then led dummy's jack of clubs. Zoonko Petrovic won and returned the ten of spades. Grenthe won and cashed the spades and Babic made the mistake of throwing a diamond. Now Grenthe could cash

the hearts and West was squeezed in the minors to give an overtrick for +450 and 11 IMPs to France.

Croatia got on the score-sheet on Board 2 when Petrovic/Babic reached a borderline game while Piganeau/Leenhardt stopped in partscore. Ten tricks were cold so that was 6 IMPs to Croatia.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ J 5 4 ♥ K 6 4 3 ♦ K Q 9 5 2 ♣ 4</p>	<div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ J 9 ♦ 8 3 ♣ A K Q 10 9 8 3</p>	<p>♠ A Q 7 6 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ 5 2</p>
<p>West <i>Petrovic</i></p> <p>Pass 4♣ All Pass</p>	<p>North <i>Grenthe</i></p> <p>1♣ Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Babic</i></p> <p>1♠ Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Vanhoutte</i></p> <p>2♦ Dble</p>
<p>West <i>Piganeau</i></p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>North <i>Lamza</i></p> <p>3NT</p>	<p>East <i>Leenhardt</i></p> <p>All Pass</p>	<p>South <i>Lewis</i></p>

This was a huge success for the gambling 3NT opening. Goran Lamza's opening scooped the pool. The recommendation against such an opening has always been to lead an ace and then hope to know what to do. On this occasion, to lead a spade was normal and Leenhardt duly chose the ace – not that it mattered as Lamza would have had to put up the king on a low spade lead as he could not afford a diamond switch. When Lamza followed with the ten he continued with the queen. Lamza won the king and cashed out his nine tricks for +600.

Grenthe did not have the option in his methods of opening 3NT so opened at the one level and now his opponents got together in spades. Petrovic did very well to find the pressure bid, raising to game with only jack-to-three trumps, when many would have taken a slower route. Vanhoutte doubled but found that, with all his partner's values in the long club suit, there was no way to beat it. He led a club, won by Grenthe, who switched to the jack of hearts. Babic won in hand, ruffed his club loser and led the five of spades to the queen and king. Back came a second heart to dummy's king. Babic cashed the jack of spades, ruffed a heart back to hand and drew the last trump then

played on diamonds for ten tricks and +790; 16 IMPs to Croatia, who led by 22-11.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K Q 3 ♥ Q 8 5 4 3 ♦ A K 8 3 ♣ 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 10 8 ♥ A K 10 7 ♦ J 9 7 ♣ A 7 5
N					
W E					
S					
♠ A 9 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ – ♦ 6 4 2 ♣ 10 3 2		♠ – ♥ J 9 6 2 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ K Q J 9 8 6			

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Grenthe	Babic	Vanhoutte
2♠	2NT	1♣	2♣
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Lamza	Leenhardt	Lewis
Pass	2♥	1♣	2♣
All Pass		Pass	4♥

Both Souths were able to make a natural 2♣ overcall of East's 1♣ opening. For France, Patrice Piganeau went quietly with the West cards so Lamza could introduce his hearts quite comfortably, and Lewis raised to game. In the other room, Petrovic bid his spades as West and that made it less convenient for Grenthe to bid the hearts. When Petrovic competed further in spades at his next turn, Babic guessed to raise him to game.



Patrick Grenthe, France

There was nothing to the play in 4♠. Grenthe led three rounds of diamonds and there were still two trump tricks to come for the defence for two down and -200.

There was rather more to the play in 4♥. Leenhardt led the jack of spades and, with three other top losers, Lamza had no option but to ruff in dummy. He crossed to hand with a diamond to lead a club up and Leenhardt grabbed his ace then played a second spade. Again, declarer had to ruff. Though he could discard the third spade on a club winner, there was now no way to avoid the loss of a third trump trick; down one for -50 and 6 IMPs to France, closing to 17-23.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 9 5 ♥ J 10 2 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ K 7 5 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 6 4 2 ♥ 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ 10 6
N					
W E					
S					
		♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ A K 6 5 ♣ A Q 2			

West	North	East	South
Petrovic	Grenthe	Babic	Vanhoutte
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Lamza	Leenhardt	Lewis
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I am not a fan of four-suit transfers, which require a hand that wants to make an invitational raise to 2NT to go via Stayman, thereby giving unnecessary information to the defence. On this occasion the fact that Petrovic had to go through 2♣ worked badly for his side even though neither partner actually held a major.

Having heard dummy use Stayman, Vanhoutte led the safe-looking ten of diamonds. That ran to declarer's ace and Babic cashed three rounds of clubs ending in dummy then ran the jack of hearts. Vanhoutte won the queen and returned the king of spades, which was ducked. He now cashed the jack of clubs before reverting to spades, leading the queen. Babic won dummy's ace and took a second heart finesse, so Vanhoutte won and led his last spade to partner's jack for down two and -100.

Lewis had heard dummy deny interest in the majors. He chose to lead one of his king-queen holdings in the majors and guessed wrong, leading the queen of hearts, looking for an attitude signal. That was all the help Leenhardt required. He won the ace and led ace followed by a low diamond, the

jack losing to the queen, and failing to unblock the seven under the ace, which might have been a better play when the eight appeared on his left. Lamza returned a heart, not that it mattered, and Lewis won the king and continued the suit. Not knowing if either minor-suit was breaking kindly, Leenhardt led a spade to the ten and queen. A spade exit – safe, as declarer surely cannot hold the spade jack for this play – would have given declarer the option of playing for restricted choice in diamonds had he made the diamond unblock, and that would have led to down one. However, South exited with the diamond so there was no longer a problem in the suit. To be fair, even had he unblocked the diamond, to go wrong declarer would have had to play South to be 3-4-2-4, when he might have cashed the thirteenth heart when in with the spade. Still, we have all seen defenders not cash such a winner in an attempt to mislead; but declarer would probably have gone for his being 3-3-3-4 and got home safely. Anyway, at the table Leenhardt did not have this option so had nine tricks now for +400 and 11 IMPs to France, who had the lead at 28-23.

France gained another 5 IMPs on Board 11 when a 24-point 3NT was one down at one table while 2NT made an overtrick at the other.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Petrovic</i>	<i>Grenthe</i>	<i>Babic</i>	<i>Vanhoutte</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	1♦
2NT	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Piganeau</i>	<i>Lamza</i>	<i>Leenhardt</i>	<i>Lewis</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	1♦
			All Pass

After identical starts to the two auctions, Petrovic judged his hand to be worth a try for game, in which case 2NT was the obvious choice, while Piganeau thought game improbable once partner could not make a more constructive spade raise.

Both Norths led the ten of diamonds, ducked to West's king. Piganeau drew three rounds of trumps followed by a

heart to the jack, ducked by Lewis. The club nine lost to the king and back came the nine of diamonds for the queen and ace. Piganeau ruffed the diamond continuation and led the club ten to dummy's jack. Lewis ducked so declarer tried a low heart off the dummy and Lewis had to win the bare ace. When he now played a fourth round of diamonds, Piganeau could ruff and cash out the hearts for ten tricks; +170.

Petrovic also led a heart to the jack at trick two and again it was allowed to hold. He led the nine of clubs so Grenthe won the king and pushed a second diamond through the queen. Vanhoutte could cash four diamonds and had two aces to come for two down; -100 and 7 IMPs to France.

A couple of smaller swings near the end also added to the French victory margin. The final score was 47-23 IMPs, 15.74-4.26 VPs.

Smoking:

Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is strictly prohibited inside the building of the venue. It is also strictly prohibited to leave the playing area in order to smoke during a playing session, irrespective of how fast play may have progressed at that table.

Mobile phones + other electronic devices:

If brought into the playing area they must be completely switched off, and visible at the table, at all times. This also means they must not be brought to the toilets.

DEALING MACHINES

The Duplimates used here are sold out, but you can pre-order the new Duplimate machines to be used at the World Championships for EUR 1.999,- plus EUR 40,- for shipping within the EU.

Please see the Jannersten book stall on the 1st floor for more information.

GRATIS CARDS

NBOs with poor economy can have used EBL playing cards for free at the book stall on the 1st floor.

Used cards are also sold at low prices.

Seniors Round I

By Jos Jacobs



Germany v. Belgium



Denmark v. Ireland



Italy v. Netherlands



The boards for the opening round of the 52nd European Teams Championships proved rather quiet. Having initially chosen to look at the Germany v. Belgium match, I therefore quickly decided to include some of the other matches in progress in my report as well. Below, you will thus find a few highlights from three of our first-round matches.

On Board 3, Germany scored an amusing 4 IMPs when Marsal, playing Precision, was the only one in my three featured matches who could pass partner's 1♠ opening bid holding:

♠ Q ♡ Q 7 4 ♦ Q 9 7 6 ♣ J 9 7 5 2.

Needless to say there were exactly seven tricks...

On the next board, East invariably led the ♠A, the classic 'ace if you got one,' when North opened the bidding with a gambling 3NT. In the Italy v. Netherlands match, the Italian 3♣ opening bid cost them dearly as it placed the declaration in South:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 9

♡ J 9

♦ 8 3

♣ A K Q 10 9 8 3

♠ J 5 4

♡ K 6 4 3

♦ K Q 9 5 2

♣ 4



♠ A Q 7 6 2

♡ A 2

♦ J 7 6 4

♣ 5 2

♠ K 8 3

♡ Q 10 8 7 5

♦ A 10

♣ J 7 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Eijck	Buratti	Gosschalk	Failla
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Van Eijck now had an automatic diamond lead, which quickly led to down one, Netherlands +100 to add to the +600 they scored when Maas opened 3NT and was treated to the normal ♠A lead. The first score in that match

and a big one too: The Netherlands 'douze points.' Note that 4♠ is cold for E/W; operation successful for N/S but one dead patient.

Reaching game on the next board was not that easy, as was shown at three out of our six tables.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 6

♡ K J 7 3

♦ J 5 4 3 2

♣ Q 5

♠ A 7 5 4 2

♡ 9

♦ Q 8 7 6

♣ 8 4 3



♠ J 9

♡ Q 5 4

♦ K 10 9

♣ A J 9 7 2

♠ K 10 8 3

♡ A 10 8 6 2

♦ A

♣ K 10 6

In the Belgium v. Germany match it was a flat board in 4♡ but in both other matches, there was a swing, partly because getting to game is not so easy once East opens INT. Here are the auctions:

Italy v. Netherlands:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Eijck	Buratti	Gosschalk	Failla
Pass	Pass	INT	2♣
Pass	2♡	All Pass	

INT was weak and 2♣ showed majors. What should North do? Ten tricks; Italy +170.



Giuseppe Failla, Italy

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cedolin</i>	<i>Maas</i>	<i>Mariani</i>	<i>Vriend</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	3♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

In spite of East's silence, South could not find any good reason to move on over the weakish raise, not even after she got a second chance. That was down two, Netherlands +100 but 2 IMPs to Italy.

Denmark v. Ireland:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Norris</i>
	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Precision style 1♦ but no problem for the Danes, ten tricks, Denmark +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Henriksen</i>	<i>O'Brien</i>	<i>Sørensen</i>	<i>MacDonagh</i>
	Pass	INT	2♣
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

The same weak NT and Landy problem as in the Italy v. Netherlands match. Eleven tricks, Ireland +200 but 9 IMPs to Denmark.

On the next board, it was confirmed once again that making an undoubled contract can be more difficult than making the same contract doubled.



B.J. O'Brien, Ireland

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Mesbur</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Fitzgibbon</i>	<i>Norris</i>
		1♦	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led his ♣A and continued a diamond. Declarer won the ace in hand and led a trump, putting in dummy's jack. One down, Ireland +50.

If East leads a spade, dummy would have to ruff. Another spade then from East after winning his ♣A establishes a third trump trick for him to beat the contract by force.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Henriksen</i>	<i>O'Brien</i>	<i>Sørensen</i>	<i>MacDonagh</i>
		INT	Pass
2♥	Dble	2♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

With South the declarer, it's a different story as West cannot profitably lead a spade. A club lead to East's ace and a spade back is not good enough, on a strict double-dummy basis. South can ruff and next discard two spades on the top clubs before crossing to a top diamond and lead a trump to South's nine (or the ♥8 to the ten and jack). Now, North can cash two more top diamonds before playing another trump. East has to win and will return a spade for North to ruff but then, the thirteenth diamond will do the job. If East goes up with his ace on the first round of trumps, North ruffs the spade return and cashes all his diamonds with the same lethal effect on the defence's chances.

At the table, West led the ♠A. Declarer ruffed, crossed to dummy and led a low trump. When East immediately jumped in with his ace, that was the end of the defence in a much faster way. Ireland +590 and 12 more IMPs to them.

On Board 8, there was a big swing to Italy because of superior declarer play.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 9 5 ♥ J 10 2 ♦ J 7 4 ♣ K 7 5 3	♠ J 6 4 2 ♥ 7 5 4 3 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ 10 6	<div style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 10 8 3 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ A K 6 5 ♣ A Q 2	♠ K Q 7 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ J 9 8 4
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South was on lead against the rather unrevealing auction of INT – 3NT. Even against the lead of a top spade, found by Failla for Italy in the Open Room, the Dutch declarer might have succeeded. He won the third spade and led a low heart to his nine and South’s queen. If South returns a club now, the defence will prevail as declarer then cannot lose a diamond trick to South any more without giving up his communications in clubs. When South returned the ♦10 instead, declarer correctly ducked but then went on to play for the second heart finesse to work rather than squeezing South in the rounded suits. Down two, Italy +100.

Mariani, declaring 3NT for Italy, got a more helpful ♦10 lead which he won in hand. A low diamond went to dummy’s jack and North’s queen and a heart came back, South winning her queen. Another diamond went to dummy’s jack and declarer then made the fine play of ducking a spade. South won and returned a club but declarer was in control. He won in hand and cashed the thirteenth diamond, noting South’s discard of a spade. When the ♠K appeared under the ace, declarer simply played on clubs, forcing South to lead a heart away from her king in the end. Nicely done, Italy +400 and 11 IMPs for their efforts.



Andrea Buratti, Italy

Board 10 was flat in the Denmark-Ireland match, but in our other two matches, there were big swings:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K Q J 5 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ K 8 ♣ K 10 7 4	♠ 7 6 4 ♥ Q 8 3 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ A 8 6 2	<div style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A 9 8 3 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ J 9 5 3	♠ 10 ♥ A J 10 6 4 ♦ A Q 9 7 5 3 ♣ Q
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Polet</i>	<i>Marsal</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Wenning</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

West’s nice defensive hand was worth just three tricks. Germany +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sträter</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Kratz</i>	<i>Bigdeli</i>
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
Dble	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Once Sträter decided to move on over 4♥, he had won the board for his side. When N/S bid one more and thus went down one, a shade unluckily maybe, they had simply managed to increase the loss from 9 or 11 IMPs to 13 IMPs to Germany. No big deal, as they say. It was the only swing of any size in the whole match, which Germany eventually won 22-15 or 12.03–7.97 in V.P.

In the Italy v. Netherlands match, the swing was a little smaller:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Eijck</i>	<i>Buratti</i>	<i>Gosschalk</i>	<i>Failla</i>
		Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

As you can see, Van Eijck very much agreed with Polet’s judgement in the Germany-Belgium match; Italy +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cedolin	Maas	Mariani	Vriend
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♠	4♥
4♣	All Pass		

Cedolin did well to go on, going just one down undoubled for an 11-IMP gain for Italy to level the match at that point.

On Board 11, the Dutch got their revenge for the loss on board 8, when the Italian East failed to find the killing switch to beat 3NT:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Eijck	Buratti	Gosschalk	Failla
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♣
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

After a top spade lead, Buratti won his ace and returned the suit. When Gosschalk took the trick and found the club shift, Buratti quickly claimed his eight tricks; Italy +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Cedolin	Maas	Mariani	Vriend
			Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A slightly stretched Puppet sequence saw the Dutch landing a bit high so some 'help from our friends' was required. Mariani, too, led a top spade but Maas allowed this to win (very nice play). When the ♠J came next, Maas won and returned the suit...the club shift coming too late now, of course. The Netherlands thus got +400 and 7 IMPs and went on to win the match 40-24 or 14.18-5.82 in V.P. Declarer has also done well not to play on diamonds of course – which would not have worked.

Championship Diary

If you play against the French Women today don't forget to congratulate Bénédicte Cronier — it's her birthday.



Is Croatia the cheese capital of the world? Ray Lee (of Master Point Press fame) reports that an aged sheep cheese from Pag is spectacular. He also recommends a white wine: stina posip majstor.

We are planning a number of innovations this year. At the end of each match report we will endeavor to give you a link so that you can replay all the deals.

We will also be giving you a link to the many videos that are being produced during the Championships.

Can we remind you that the minimum bribe level in the Bulletin Room is one bottle of red wine.

This year we have secured the services of an eclectic group of reporters who are working from home. Jos Jacobs is reporting from the Netherlands, John Carruthers from Canada, Ram Soffer from Israel, David Bird from England and Ron Tacchi from France. Enjoy!

Football latest:

Argentina 1	Iran 0
Germany 2	Ghana 2
Nigeria 1	Bosnia and Herzegovina 0
Belgium 1	Russia 0

Open Round I

By David Bird



Denmark v Poland



Three or four teams in the Open section fully expect to qualify for the Bermuda Bowl. A good number more hope to qualify, while the remaining teams can merely dream of doing so. Among those hoping for success are Denmark and Poland. It could be a close match.

The action starts on the very first board:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Mazurkiew</i>	<i>M. Bilde</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Dble	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Jassem doubled the fourth-suit 2♦ and this gave Morten Bilde a headache in the South seat. He had a great hand in support of spades, but every chance of two quick losers after a diamond lead from East. After long thought, he reached for the 4NT card and the slam was reached. What would you expect East to lead?

After another long pause, which might have helped declarer if a low diamond had then hit the table, East led the ♥8. Even with trumps breaking 3-2, it seemed that declarer might need to guess well in the minor suits (a ruffing finesse becomes possible in clubs). No, declarer eventually ran the heart lead to his hand and went one down. The bidding had more or less marked North with 4-1-2-6 shape. It still seemed very unlikely that East would lead the ♥8 from the king, ignoring his partner's lead-directing double for diamonds.

At the other table South played the contract and was

rewarded with a lead of the ♥K. He was able to ruff two clubs, discard a diamond and make the contract for a swing of 14 IMPs.

Morten Bilde did well in the bidding and the play on this deal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>D. Bilde</i>	<i>Mazurkiew</i>	<i>M. Bilde</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Two tens, three nines and two eights are surely worth at least one point. Morten Bilde thought so and upgraded his hand to a 15-17 point INT. He won the spade lead in his hand and continued brightly with a diamond to the queen and the ten of diamonds, run to the ace. When West persisted with spades, declarer won with the queen, repeated the diamond finesse and cashed the ♦K. His next move was to run the ♣8 into the safe East hand. Three hearts, three diamond and three clubs gave him the game. At the other table +120 was recorded in INT, for a loss of 7 IMPs.

There was not long to wait for the next big board:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	D. Bilde	Mazurkiew	M. Bilde
	1♠	2♦	2♠
Dble	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

West made a competitive double, aiming to get his hearts into the auction. Mazurkiew had no need to go straight to 5♥ with such a splendid diamond suit. He rebid 4NT to show two places to play. No heart ruff was available against the eventual 5♦ doubled and Poland picked up +550.

In the Closed Room this was the bidding:

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Balicki	Konow	Zmudzinski
	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♣	Dble
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	Pass	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

It was an eventful auction, full of interest, ending with another 12 IMPs to Poland.

This was the next big swing:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jassem	D. Bilde	Mazurkiew	M. Bilde
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	4♠
5♣	5♠	All Pass	

East led the ♣8 (low from a doubleton) and two clubs and one diamond soon put this contract to sleep.

This was the auction in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Balicki	Konow	Zmudzinski
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♥*	Pass	1♠
3♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North's 1♥ over the strong 1♣ showed spades/diamonds or hearts/clubs. His double of 3♣ indicated the former combination and South then bid 4♠, which was allowed to play. West, who had plenty of losers in his hand, must have been distressed to find out that 6♣ could not be beaten (unless North displays supernatural powers with a diamond lead).

The final score was a 64-17 win for Poland, representing 18.87-1.13 in VPs. With a very long way still to go, the respective hopes of a trip to India were duly adjusted.

Seniors R1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	HUNGARY ROMANIA	53	15	17.85	2.15
2	AUSTRIA FINLAND	38	6	17.03	2.97
3	FRANCE CROATIA	47	23	15.74	4.26
4	ITALY NETHERLANDS	24	40	5.82	14.18
5	SCOTLAND SLOVENIA	54	35	14.80	5.20
6	BULGARIA ESTONIA	25	53	3.58	16.42
7	POLAND NORWAY	19	46	3.74	16.26
8	SERBIA ENGLAND	10	63	-2.43	19.43
9	ISRAEL SPAIN	35	27	12.29	7.71
10	SWEDEN PORTUGAL	48	25	15.56	4.44
11	DENMARK IRELAND	20	31	6.96	13.04
12	GERMANY BELGIUM	22	15	12.03	7.97
13	WALES TURKEY	36	55	5.20	14.80

Seniors R2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	ENGLAND HUNGARY	28	28	10.00	10.00
2	AUSTRIA ESTONIA	21	40	5.20	14.80
3	NORWAY FRANCE	12	17	8.52	11.48
4	SWEDEN SCOTLAND	13	47	2.69	17.31
5	TURKEY NETHERLANDS	30	13	14.39	5.61
6	IRELAND ISRAEL	34	36	9.39	10.61
7	GERMANY SPAIN	41	16	15.92	4.08
8	BELGIUM DENMARK	55	6	19.07	0.93
9	ITALY SLOVENIA	28	17	13.04	6.96
10	WALES PORTUGAL	22	27	8.52	11.48
11	CROATIA POLAND	20	43	4.44	15.56
12	BULGARIA FINLAND	41	30	13.04	6.96
13	ROMANIA SERBIA	30	42	6.72	13.28

Seniors R3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	SCOTLAND ESTONIA	53	16	17.72	2.28
2	ENGLAND TURKEY	60	10	19.16	0.84
3	GERMANY HUNGARY	6	64	0.15	19.85
4	FRANCE BELGIUM	28	43	6.03	13.97
5	NORWAY ISRAEL	51	37	13.75	6.25
6	IRELAND AUSTRIA	23	28	8.52	11.48
7	NETHERLANDS POLAND	11	55	1.45	18.55
8	ITALY SWEDEN	26	43	5.61	14.39
9	BULGARIA PORTUGAL	44	25	14.80	5.20
10	WALES SLOVENIA	23	44	4.81	15.19
11	SPAIN SERBIA	44	28	14.18	5.82
12	ROMANIA CROATIA	40	61	4.81	15.19
13	FINLAND DENMARK	29	50	4.81	15.19

RESULTS

Open A R1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	SPAIN CROATIA	35	45	7.20	12.80
2	FINLAND SLOVAKIA	41	15	16.09	3.91
3	AUSTRIA SCOTLAND	40	26	13.75	6.25
4	GREECE MONACO	20	32	6.72	13.28
5	PORTUGAL GERMANY	10	61	0.75	19.25
6	IRELAND RUSSIA	32	44	6.72	13.28
7	ESTONIA SWEDEN	20	13	12.03	7.97
8	FRANCE ICELAND	76	11	20.00	0.00
9	NORWAY SLOVENIA	55	13	18.33	1.67

Open A R2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	CROATIA SLOVAKIA	17	56	2.03	17.97
2	SPAIN SCOTLAND	24	43	5.20	14.80
3	FINLAND MONACO	24	67	1.56	18.44
4	AUSTRIA GERMANY	36	30	11.76	8.24
5	GREECE RUSSIA	4	61	0.23	19.77
6	PORTUGAL SWEDEN	19	63	1.45	18.55
7	IRELAND ICELAND	7	25	5.40	14.60
8	ESTONIA NORWAY	44	67	4.44	15.56
9	SLOVENIA FRANCE	35	71	2.41	17.59

Open B R1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	ROMANIA LITHUANIA	49	16	17.17	2.83
12	BELGIUM SERBIA	40	30	12.80	7.20
13	WALES FAROE ISLANDS	12	38	3.91	16.09
14	HUNGARY ITALY	64	12	19.34	0.66
15	SWITZERL. NETHERLANDS	20	43	4.44	15.56
16	LATVIA BULGARIA	24	39	6.03	13.97
17	DENMARK POLAND	17	64	1.13	18.87
18	TURKEY ISRAEL	15	21	8.24	11.76
19	ENGLAND BOSNIA HERZEG.	46	49	9.09	10.91

Open B R2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	HUNGARY WALES	35	29	11.76	8.24
12	SWITZERL. BELGIUM	26	55	3.42	16.58
13	LATVIA ROMANIA	64	39	15.92	4.08
14	DENMARK LITHUANIA	42	32	12.80	7.20
15	TURKEY SERBIA	42	40	10.61	9.39
16	ENGLAND FAROE ISLANDS	56	20	17.59	2.41
17	ISRAEL ITALY	51	35	14.18	5.82
18	POLAND NETHERLANDS	45	21	15.74	4.26
19	BOS. HERZEG. BULGARIA	16	84	0.00	20.00

Women R1

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	TURKEY AUSTRIA	61	6	19.61	0.39
22	SWEDEN BULGARIA	54	18	17.59	2.41
23	SPAIN CROATIA	34	52	5.40	14.60
24	SERBIA DENMARK	19	62	1.56	18.44
25	SCOTLAND ENGLAND	30	28	10.61	9.39
26	RUSSIA ESTONIA	22	57	2.55	17.45
27	ROMANIA FRANCE	14	17	9.09	10.91
28	POLAND GERMANY	38	29	12.55	7.45
29	NORWAY GREECE	29	13	14.18	5.82
30	NETH. IRELAND	31	49	5.40	14.60
31	LEBANON ISRAEL	0	0	7.00	13.00
32	ITALY BYE	0	0	12	0.00

Women R2

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	LEBANON NETHERLANDS	16	69	0.57	19.43
22	ITALY NORWAY	84	19	20.00	0.00
23	ISRAEL POLAND	39	37	10.61	9.39
24	IRELAND ROMANIA	73	11	20.00	0.00
25	GREECE RUSSIA	53	61	7.71	12.29
26	GERMANY SCOTLAND	45	27	14.60	5.40
27	FRANCE SERBIA	45	22	15.56	4.44
28	ESTONIA SPAIN	31	47	5.82	14.18
29	ENGLAND SWEDEN	28	20	12.29	7.71
30	DENMARK TURKEY	20	39	5.20	14.80
31	CROATIA AUSTRIA	21	49	3.58	16.42
32	BULGARIA BYE	0	0	12	0.00

Video Corner

Here are the links to the ones created so far:

Interview with the President of Croatia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVLfQ7bQhEc>

Vignettes from Opatija:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3jfaRogELw>

Opening Ceremony

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7nxgYZBqnE>

Tor Helness Interview :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PXa0wJmOjo>

Nikica Sver Interview

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Diversity is beautiful

Kvarner is a tourist region that encompasses three different areas: the coastal strips of Opatija, Rijeka, Crikvenica and Novi Vinodolski; the islands of Krk, Rab, Cres and Lošinj; and the mountainous hinterland of Gorski kotar.

In the language of the ancient Romans, who are believed to have given this region its name, the word Qua(te)rnarius means "four cardinal points", which implies that Kvarner is a place where these four points meet. Apart from offering the fantastic combination of an excellent geographical position and a mild Mediterranean climate, Kvarner is also an area that for centuries has been a meeting point of various cultures and influences, and which is today a modern, attractive tourist destination.

Discover why!



Today find out more about:

Opatija riviera (Opatijska rivijera)



The Opatija Riviera, situated at the foot of mighty Mount Učka and adorned by palms and camellias, has been the cradle of Croatian tourism ever since the mid-19th century. The magnificent architecture of its elegant villas, and its lush parks and mild climate made it the ideal health tourism destination.

Things to see :

1 Opatija's Lungomare, stretching from Volosko to Lovran and bordered by lush greenery and 19th-century villas, is one of the most beautiful coastal promenades in the Mediterranean.

Things to do:

2 Visit the Croatian Museum of Tourism in Opatija's famous Villa Angiolina and find out more about the beginnings and importance of tourism in this area.

3 Climb the peak of Mount Učka, which rises 1,401 metres above sea level, and enjoy unforgettable views of the area.

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