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HALF TIME IN OPATIJA



One book is worth a thousand IMPs

As we reach the half way stage of the Championships in Group A of the Open Series **Norway** top the table ahead of **France** and **Monaco**. Group B is headed by **Israel** followed by **Romania** and **Denmark**. The big news is the renaissance of **Italy**, who have climbed into fourth place.

Italy has a healthy lead in the Women's Championship ahead of the **Netherlands** and **England**.

Poland is well clear in the Seniors, with **England** and **Norway** leading the peloton.

!!!! Most Important Information !!!!

The EBL Seniors Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 26 June at 13.30 in the EBL meeting office on the first floor.



BBO SCHEDULE

10.30

Romania v Poland (O)	BBO 1*
France v Estonia (O)	BBO 2
Wales v England (O)	BBO 3
Netherlands v Norway (W)	BBO 4
Scotland v Croatia (O)	BBO 5

14.30

Monaco v Germany (O)	BBO 1*
Spain v Norway (O)	BBO 2
Italy v Netherlands (O)	BBO 3
Russia v Denmark (W)	BBO 4
Croatia v Iceland (O)	BBO 5

17.20

Italy v Poland (O)	BBO 1*
Estonia v Ireland (O)	BBO 2
Romania v Denmark (O)	BBO 3
Israel v Italy (W)	BBO 4
Germany v Croatia (O)	BBO 5

*BBO 1 = VuGraph

OPEN

○ 9 Group A 10.30

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

○ 9 Group B 10.30

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

○ 10 Group A 14.30

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

○ 10 Group B 14.30

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



IN EMERGENCY

1. Call 112

2. Ask Hospitality to call a doctor

Heart starter is based in the window at the book stall on 1st floor.



○ 11 Group A 17.20

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

○ 11 Group B 17.20

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

RANKING

Open A after RR8

TEAM	VP
1 NORWAY	121.87
2 FRANCE	117.43
3 MONACO	110.71
4 SWEDEN	106.88
5 GERMANY	97.03
6 RUSSIA	94.47
7 ICELAND	86.53
8 AUSTRIA	78.53
9 ESTONIA	79.24
10 GREECE	76.74
11 IRELAND	76.73
12 CROATIA	74.11
13 SPAIN	63.59
14 FINLAND	62.68
15 SCOTLAND	61.98
16 SLOVAKIA	60.74
17 PORTUGAL	45.34
18 SLOVENIA	25.40

Open B after RR8

TEAM	VP
1 ISRAEL	104.03
2 ROMANIA	98.55
3 DENMARK	95.01
4 ITALY	93.44
5 POLAND	92.47
6 TURKEY	91.91
7 BULGARIA	90.81
8 ENGLAND	90.05
9 LATVIA	85.22
10 SERBIA	82.90
11 NETHERLANDS	82.68
12 HUNGARY	79.52
13 BELGIUM	76.83
14 WALES	69.88
15 FAROE ISLANDS	69.07
16 SWITZERLAND	52.52
17 LITHUANIA	44.75
18 BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	40.36

SENIORS

Swiss10 10.30

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

After Swiss 9

TEAM	VP
1 POLAND	135.58
2 ENGLAND	114.12
3 NORWAY	112.13
4 AUSTRIA	104.35
5 IRELAND	104.16
6 DENMARK	103.69
7 HUNGARY	100.44
8 BULGARIA	99.97
9 NETHERLANDS	98.12
10 FRANCE	97.49
11 BELGIUM	95.79
12 SWEDEN	92.52
13 ISRAEL	87.70
14 ESTONIA	86.16
15 CROATIA	84.54
16 TURKEY	83.46
17 SPAIN	82.84
18 ITALY	80.76
19 PORTUGAL	78.83
20 GERMANY	78.79
21 SCOTLAND	78.68
22 FINLAND	74.43
23 ROMANIA	70.87
24 SERBIA	66.04
25 SLOVENIA	61.43
26 WALES	60.11

WOMEN

W 9 10.30

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

W 10 14.30

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

W 11 17.20

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

After Round 8

TEAM	VP
1 ITALY	122.32
2 NETHERLANDS	109.07
3 ENGLAND	108.42
4 DENMARK	106.70
5 ISRAEL	100.73
6 FRANCE	94.72
7 SPAIN	93.94
8 GERMANY	90.42
9 SWEDEN	88.76
10 NORWAY	88.58
11 IRELAND	83.50
12 TURKEY	81.58
13 POLAND	77.88
14 ROMANIA	75.67
15 AUSTRIA	72.47
16 RUSSIA	70.71
17 SCOTLAND	68.96
18 GREECE	63.39
19 ESTONIA	63.27
20 SERBIA	56.31
21 BULGARIA	50.92
22 CROATIA	49.99
23 LEBANON	37.69

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.

Sanya 2014 ...

“A real World Championship”

**The 2014 World Bridge Series will be held in
Sanya, China from 10th – 25th October**

Come and enjoy playing in the biggest of the World Bridge Championships, being staged in a wonderful resort in China. The World Bridge Federation looks forward to welcoming players from all over the world to Sanya in 2014.

There will be no quota on the number of teams/pairs from each NBO and all events will be transnational, so players from different countries, in good standing with their own Federations, may form partnerships/teams

The first week will feature Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs and the second week will showcase the Rosenblum Open, McConnell Women's and Rand Cup Senior Teams, plus the Generali Open and Women's Pairs plus Hiron Senior Pairs.

The format of the event gives participants every opportunity to enjoy exciting and challenging bridge. Bridge lovers from all over the world can come and play alongside the top players who will undoubtedly be hoping to achieve a World Title.

More information about the World Bridge Series can be found on the website at www.worldbridge.org where more details concerning the exact programme will be published in due course.



Sanya is the southernmost city on the Chinese island of Hainan. It is renowned for its tropical climate and has emerged as a popular tourist destination.

It is said that Sanya has the most well-preserved and beautiful beaches in all of China. As so many of the local destinations are linked to water, hence it attains its reputation as being the 'oriental Hawaii'.

Whilst we all appreciate that your main purpose in coming to Sanya is to enjoy the challenge of participating in the World Bridge Series, we hope that you will manage to make time to visit parts of this amazing tropical island, and to discover its beauty.

Devil's Advocate

By Mark Horton



Sweden v England



Women R2

In common parlance, a devil's advocate is someone who, given a certain argument, takes a position they do not necessarily agree with (or simply an alternative position from the accepted norm), for the sake of debate or to explore the thought further. In taking this position, the individual taking on the devil's advocate role seeks to engage others in an argumentative discussion process. The purpose of such a process is typically to test the quality of the original argument and identify weaknesses in its structure, and to use such information to either improve or abandon the original, opposing position. It can also refer to someone who takes a stance that is seen as unpopular or unconventional, but is actually another way of arguing a much more conventional stance.

During the canonization process employed by the Roman Catholic Church, the Promoter of the Faith (*promotor fidei*), popularly known as the Devil's Advocate (*advocatus diaboli*), was a canon lawyer appointed by Church authorities to argue against the canonization of a candidate. It was this person's job to take a skeptical view of the candidate's character; to look for holes in the evidence, to argue that any miracles attributed to the candidate were fraudulent, and so on. The Devil's Advocate opposed God's advocate (*advocatus Dei*; also known as the Promoter of the Cause), whose task was to make the argument in favor of canonization.

That seems to me to bear a significant resemblance to the role frequently employed by bridge players and reporters as they attempt to resolve matters that arise during the course of a match.

Let's see if we can discover the truth from some deals in the match between England and Sweden, both former winners of the title.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Senior	Sjoberg	Dhondy
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣ 17+			
1♦ 0-7			

North led the jack of clubs, covered in turn by the queen, king and ace. A diamond to the jack and queen saw South switch to the three of spades, the defenders quickly cashing their tricks for three down; +150.

There was no compelling reason for declarer to drop the queen of diamonds, but suppose South had started with a singleton queen? Then declarer might have regretted not cashing the ace first.

A cursory analysis draws your attention to the combinational possibilities in the red suits, but cashing the top diamonds immediately is clearly flawed as, if the queen does not fall, there are only eight tricks even if the hearts behave.

However, declarer might consider playing a club at trick two. If the eight holds you have an extra trick in the bag and can consider the combination play. This line risks North winning and the defenders being able to then cash four spade tricks, but at the very least it is worthy of consideration.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Gronkvist	Brock	Ahlesved
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Emma Sjoberg, Sweden

South led the two of spades and the defenders cashed the first five tricks, North discarding the nine and seven of diamonds. When South switched to the four of clubs declarer went up with the ace and (having pitched a diamond) cashed the ace of diamonds and played a diamond to the king. When the queen appeared she could claim the rest, one down; -50 and 3 IMPs for England.

On Board 2 both N/S pairs reached 6♠ with ♠K6432 ♥AJ63 ♦A5 ♣AQ opposite ♠AJ9 ♥Q108 ♦KJ1076 ♣K9.

The spades were 3-2 with the doubleton queen onside and the heart finesse was right, so thirteen tricks rolled home.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 9 6 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A 7 ♣ A Q J 7 5 4	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K J ♥ K Q 10 9 6 5 3 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ 10	♠ Q 10 5 4 2 ♥ J ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ 8 3 2
♠ 8 7 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ J 10 6 3 2 ♣ K 9 6			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1♦*	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♠	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

1♦ 12-16 BAL (depend on vul) 11-16 any 441, 11-16 4cM + 5+ any m

East led the two of spades and West won with the ace and returned the three. Declarer won with the king, drew trumps ending in dummy and played the two of diamonds. West went up with the ace and returned a diamond. Declarer won with the king and played a club to the king. When West won with the ace declarer claimed the balance, one down; -200.

Kudos to both pairs in the bidding.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
1♣*	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

1♣ All weak NTs open 1♣ unless 5M.
 May be 4-4-4-1, 11-14
 4♥ Splinter

By now everyone is familiar with *Meckstroth's Law* – if your partner freely supports your six card major bid game – but even though she held an eight-card suit North was

unwilling to go to the five level when her partner showed support.

South led the jack of diamonds and declarer played low from dummy, North winning with the king and switching to the king of hearts and then reverting to diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's ace perforce and played the ace of spades and a spade. When the king came up she only needed the clubs to behave, +620 and 9 IMPs to England.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K 9 7 2 ♥ 10 6 4 2 ♦ A K J 4 ♣ 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 5 3 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ – ♣ A K Q J 9 8	♠ 10 8 4 ♥ K 9 ♦ Q 10 7 2 ♣ 10 7 6 4
♠ A 6 ♥ A 8 7 5 ♦ 9 8 6 5 3 ♣ 5 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Sjoberg</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

I suspect the *advocatus diaboli* might have had something to say about this hand.

It has the makings of a bidding problem (perhaps Alan Mould, the moderator of the *Bridge Magazine Online* feature *Marks & Comments*, is reading this) as in addition to 2♣ North might also consider redoubling (all round strength?) or bidding 2♦ (values in both majors?).

East led the king of hearts and declarer won with dummy's ace and played trumps. West was in serious trouble, which was not lost on this declarer, who was soon claiming twelve tricks for +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Ahlesved</i>
1♦	2♣	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	Pass
1♦ Natural, 5 cards unless 4-4-4-1, (15+)			

It was odds on that West would have at least five diamonds, so East was doubly unlucky when West turned up with four and South held all the missing ones.

North started with the ace and king of clubs and declarer ruffed and played a heart to the jack, king and ace. South switched to the ace of spades and a spade and declarer

won and played a heart. North took the queen, cashed the queen of spades and continued with the jack. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ten, South discarding hearts and declarer could only score three more trump tricks, two down; -500 and 8 IMPs for Sweden.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Senior	Sjoberg	Dhondy
INT*	3♥	All Pass	Pass
INT 14-16			

Nevena Senior is not noted for holding back in the bidding and she was true to herself on this deal with her '6-5 come alive' overall.

East led the five of clubs and declarer ruffed West's ace, played a spade to the king and a diamond. West went in with the ace and returned a spade. East took the ace and returned the nine, - covered by dummy's ten, ruffed by West's ten and overruffed by the jack. Declarer cashed the king of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and then pitched a diamond on the queen of spades as West ruffed with the queen of hearts.



Nevena Senior, England

She ruffed the club exit, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a club with the five of hearts. East overruffed and cashed the ace of hearts, one down; -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Gronkvist	Brock	Ahlesved
1♣	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

England's coach, David Burn, following the match on BBO, pointed out that East's redouble usually promised a stopper and suggested that the contract might best be played the other way round.

North led the four of hearts and South won with the king and returned the seven to declarer's queen. A club to dummy's king saw North pitch the five of hearts, a considerable blow from declarer's point of view.

She continued with a diamond to the queen and North won with the king and exited with a heart to dummy's ace, South pitching the two of spades and declarer the four of clubs. Declarer cashed the jack of diamonds and when South discarded the ten of spades she cashed the ace of spades and continued with the jack. South won with the queen and exited with the seven of clubs but declarer could run that to dummy's ten and cash two clubs and a diamond. When North pitched a diamond declarer scored ten tricks for a well-played +630 and 10 IMPs for England.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Senior	Sjoberg	Dhondy
3♠	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	Dble	Pass
All Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦

N/S did extremely well in the bidding, first running from the hopeless 3NT and then going on to the not unlucky 5♦. With both the missing aces outside there was nothing to the play; +600.



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Gronkvist	Brock	Ahlesved
2♠	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	3♦	4♣	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Four Spades would have cost 500 but when South not unreasonably took a shot at 5♦ East could not resist the temptation to double. That was -750 and 4 IMPs for Sweden.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

♠ 10 6	♠ 10 6
♥ A J 5 2	♥ A J 5 2
♦ 5 3	♦ 5 3
♣ J 9 8 5 3	♣ J 9 8 5 3

N	E
W	S

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Senior	Sjoberg	Dhondy
INT*	Pass	4♣	All Pass

INT Not vul 1-3rd seat, (8)9-12(13)

South led the five of clubs, immediately putting declarer on the spot. Whilst many players are wary of leading away from a king there is no absolute way to get this sort of thing right unless you are very familiar with a particular player's style. When declarer put up the queen a contract that would have been made had she played low was immediately in ashes.

Declarer took North's king with the ace and played the king of diamonds. North won with the king and returned her remaining club. South took East's ten with the jack and continued with the nine.

There is a case for North to ruff that and switch to a heart but the situation was not completely clear, and when North discarded South cashed the ace of hearts for one down; +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smith	Gronkvist	Brock	Ahlesved
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		
2♥	6+♠		

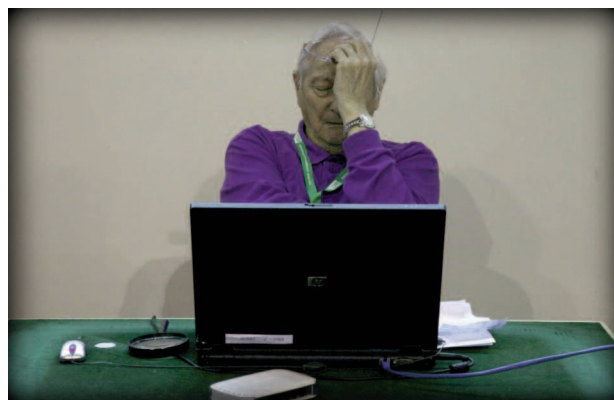
South led the five of diamonds and North took the ace and returned the six to declarer's king. King of spades and a spade to the ace allowed declarer to pitch both her hearts on the diamonds and she then came to hand with the ace of clubs to draw the outstanding trump. A club to the queen and king meant she took only ten tricks, +170 and 6 IMPs to England who won a low scoring affair 28-20 IMPs, 12.29-7.71 VP.

You can replay all the deals from this match at:

[BBO Sweden v. England W2](#)

Caption Contest

When we saw Grattan we couldn't help but imagining his photo with the following caption:



Why did we ever introduce Law 12C3?

We are eager to hear if you can beat the editor!

Movie Star Mother

By Christina Lund Madsen

Interview with Sandra Kulovic-Probst, Croatia Women team

If you see a woman with long, chestnut brown hair, sparkling eyes and dimples to make both men and women swoon and wonder which movie star you are in the presence of, it is Sandra Kulovic-Probst of the Croatian women's team, who is making her come back in international bridge after eight year's absence.

We agree to meet at my hotel at 11 for an interview. Her husband Richard Probst of England writes to let me know they are running a bit late. I wonder who "they" are. At quarter past 11 Sandra shows up wearing a black top and shirt, black and white plateau sandals with matching white nail polish on her toes. She holds her son, Tristan (5), in one hand and her daughter Kaya (7) is walking behind her with Sandra's mother, husband and the children's nanny.



She introduces me to her children in the following manner:

"This is Christina, she knows mom and dad and she is also a good friend of Kaare (Gjaldbaek, former Danish junior star, ed.). Do you remember Kaare?"

Her daughter Kaya replies: "Yes, he is the one who was in jail with daddy."

"Yes, he was."

"Why were they in jail, mommy?" Kaya asks.

"They were very naughty and discussed with the police officer."

"Like Justin Bieber," Kaya concludes.

Sandra represented Croatia's junior team in three championships, meeting her husband Richard who was playing on the English junior team in Torquay 2002. Nothing happened between the two at that time.

"In 2003 Richard was travelling through Europe staying with bridge players and stayed with me. My mother asked every day when he would leave, and he never did." Her mother nods.

Sandra was going to university studying German and

literature when they met.

"I never finished because of the bridge and Richard. My mom will never forgive me, but she blames Richard," she says with a laugh that makes me feel slightly in love.

How did they react to you telling them you wanted to marry Richard?

"Badly. They hated the idea." Next to us Sandra's mother nods again. Richard is doing business on his phone ignoring our conversation apart from a few sarcastic remarks. "They wanted me to finish university and not play bridge. Although my dad used to play for the Croatian open team and was my first partner. They got used to him. Now they like him."

Sandra was quite a talented player and after having her daughter Kaya in 2007 she was selected to represent Croatia for the world championships in China in 2008, when she discovered she was carrying her son Tristan, Kaya being only nine months at the time. With two small children and a husband travelling a great deal of the year, she stopped bridge completely to only play at Christmas parties and when forced.

"The worst thing about not playing very often is that when you play you don't have a partnership. You need a partnership to do well."

One year ago she started playing with Tihana Brkljacic, who is a regular member of the Croatian women's team.

"It is difficult finding a serious female partner. Tihana is very nice to me, a very pleasant partner and very supportive."

Do you plan to play more now?

"We'll see how the championship goes." Laughing her irresistible laugh. "I am definitely more free to play now since the kids are bigger. When they were smaller and getting up at 6 AM it was not very beneficial to play till 11 in the evening."

What is your team's ambition?

"I am guessing every team would like to qualify for the Venice Cup. I don't know how realistic it is. I am not sure what the change from 20 to 16 boards will do. For me it is good since I don't have much stamina, but for our best pairs it is worse. I think the 16 boards definitely make it more random."

What are you like as a bridge player?

"My problem is that I either overthink or I don't think enough. The biggest problem when you don't play enough is that you lose a lot of confidence."

The past seven years Sandra's main occupation has been her role as a mother.

“When I met Richard I was working and studying. I like doing a lot of things, so when I stay at home I miss those things. I became a yoga teacher because I could manage that with the kids. Richard travels a lot. I did yoga when I was pregnant with Kaya and after Tristan I wanted to lose the extra kilos from my pregnancy. So I became a yoga teacher. I make the nanny exercise every day.”

During the civil war Sandra was 11-12 years old and lived in Germany until she returned to Zagreb in '92.

“My dad used to work in Germany, so I was born and lived there for 12 years. Then my mom and dad split up and I moved to Zagreb with my mom.”

What was the atmosphere like?

“In Zagreb it was quite calm after the war. Zagreb was bombed only once, so the capital worked well, but a lot of refugees came to the city during the war because they lost their houses. I think I was too young to be personally affected. When you are 12 years old you are more occupied with whether the boy from 8th grade will kiss you or not.”

Which has been the toughest period of your life?

“When the kids were really small and Richard travelled a lot. Kaya was 9 months and I was still breastfeeding and I got pregnant with Tristan. I don't think I have had a very tough life to be honest.”

Richard is distracted from his phone for a second. “The toughest moment of your life was when the woman in front of you bought the Chanel bag you wanted.”

“Such a terrible thing has never happened to me,” Sandra laughingly replies and adds, “Now I am worried people will think I am superficial.”

Can you describe your present life in three words?

Again Richard contributes. “God would definitely not come into the equation,” he says laughingly, his wife joining him.

“One word is mother.” She pauses. “Active. Shopping is also an activity. Richard, help me.”

“No, you have to answer,” I tell her.

“Happy. Happy is good.”

If you could change something about your life, what would it be?

Her mother suggests something about university in Croatian, Richard cutting her off “Forget university.”

“Nothing really. I would have changed how I played six hearts yesterday,” she says and shows her dimples.

What is the weirdest thing about you that not many people know?

“I like picking my nose.” She laughs. “Now all the bridge players will observe me to see when I pick my nose.”

“If someone outside of the bridge world asks me, I say that I play bridge. People are always surprised that I do that.”

“What is the best thing about your mommy?” she asks Kaya and Tristan.

Kaya: “That she is the best mommy.”

Tristan: “That she has really funny glasses.”

As she sits there in the sun with her huge gold-embedded sunglasses, a yoga-biceps not often seen on bridgeplayers, be that male or female, and her natural magnetic lips, she would make any Hollywood star envious. Even when lighting one of her slim cigarettes, she resembles the women in the 50's who made smoking fashionable.

What is your biggest regret in life?

She thinks a little while inhaling her cigarette. “Probably start smoking again after I stopped for 5 years.”



For the video of the interview:



The Numbers Game

Simon Cochemé

What do the following have in common?

- A) Magellan, Tasman and Armstrong
- B) Nobel, Marconi and Baird
- C) Chaucer, Handel and Voltaire
- D) And what do all the above nine names have in common ... something to do with bridge?

The answer will be given in tomorrow's bulletin.

Open Round 3

By Jos Jacobs



Bulgaria v. England



Both Bulgaria and England enjoyed a satisfactory opening day of these Championships, scoring 34 and 26.7 V.P. respectively in the first two matches. Their 3rd round encounter thus should be good value to watch and so it proved on the first board already.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
4♥	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

When 5♥ came round to Nanev, he did the right thing by bidding one more. More often than not, the five-level belongs to the opponents but on this layout, the blockage in diamonds would allow 5♥ to be made even on a diamond lead. So 5♠, down one, proved not only a small insurance premium but also a useful sacrifice. Please note that North did not open the bidding.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Gold</i>
	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, Bakhshi could open 2♠ showing a weak major-minor two-suiter but when Mihov came in with 5♥, nobody could be sure about what to do next.

On a spade lead, declarer was not even tested. Bulgaria +450 and their first 9 IMPs.

On the next board, both EW pairs ended up in a not very solid 4-3 fit in hearts though the English passed through the

proper contract of 3NT on their way to it. No score but a missed chance for both teams.

Two boards later, both teams again missed a chance:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

East's opening bid of 1♥ made it relatively easy for N/S to find their spade fit. Going on to 5♠ did not look the best choice as 5♥ should go down on a spade lead and a diamond through. However, as the cards lie, 5♠ is cold double dummy as the clubs are 5-1 and West does not have an entry to his club tricks. But how should declarer play?

In the Open Room, when Robson led the ♣K, Gunev played for the more likely 4-2 club break, hoping that East would hold the ♦A and exactly two clubs. He therefore ducked the opening lead and thus was one down quite quickly: club ruff, ♦A.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Gold</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Gold immediately won the ♣K with his ace, drew two rounds of trumps and advanced dummy's ♦9. East played low. Playing the king from hand now is not good enough, as you will be left with six losers in hand and only three trumps in dummy to ruff them. The loss of three tricks would then mean one down. The only winning line is to play low from hand. You will be down two if West produces the queen and cashes some clubs but it's your only chance to get home. The nine wins and now you can reach your hand often enough to concede two diamonds to East, throwing dummy's clubs, and enjoy your 4th



diamond as the 11th trick for your contract.

But would you risk the second doubled undertrick by playing this way?

When David Gold finally went up with his king, he, too, had to concede one down for another push. Kudos to Stefanov for his duck, though.

The next board was intriguing. The issue was: can E/W make 4♥?

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

2♣ was Precision style and NS easily reached what they thought would be the proper contract. In fact, there is nothing wrong with getting to 4♠, the only problem being that making it with both black suits breaking 4-1 was just a bridge too far. Down two, England +200.

Going down 200 would be a fair result, however, if E/W can make the 4♥ they were in.

To make Four Hearts, you would need three spade ruffs in dummy so a trump lead is best for the defence. Declarer wins and has to lead the ♠Q from hand to keep South, who holds the last trump, off lead. North cannot lead a trump and if he tries a diamond to South. Declarer will establish a diamond trick later on. So it looks as if 4♥ can indeed be made.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Gold</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

For once, the Bulgarian EW kept rather quiet in spite of their 6-4 fit, even selling out to 3♠. With careful play, Bakhshi could cater for all the bad black breaks and was rewarded with nine tricks, +140 and a useful 8 IMPs to England who thus went into the lead by the odd IMP.

Two boards later, it was slam time, or at least that's what the Bulgarians thought of it:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
			1♦
Pass	2♦!	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1♦ was the "infamous Precision garbage bin" but 2♦ was GF with diamonds and 3♥ showed spades as a second suit. When South confirmed his 441 by bidding 3♠, North knew enough.

Played by South, the contract gets an extra chance, namely a heart lead by West. This is exactly what happened at the table so South had an easy road to his 12 tricks but with spades 3-2 and diamonds 4-3 it would not have mattered. Even on a trump lead, declarer has the communications to ruff two diamonds in South, draw trumps, throw a heart on a top club and concede a diamond to establish the 13th card in that suit. Bulgaria a tremendous +1430.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Gold</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4NT	All Pass	
1♣	Natural or any 12-14 bal V/15-17 bal NV		
1♦	Natural, occasionally three cards		
2♦	Checkback		
2♥	Weak notrump with 4♥ (might be 44 in the majors)		

David Gold could have bid 2♠ to imply 3415 or 4414 but with such poor spades chose not to.

The contract was made but losing only 630 gave Bulgaria 13 IMPs nevertheless. They were in the lead again.

On the next board, England narrowed the gap to just 2 IMPs when they found a good save:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
1♠	2♣	Dble	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

One overtrick, England +450.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Gold</i>
1♠	3♣	3♠	Dble
Pass	3NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

South made a nice little double of 3♠ showing some values but eventually took the save. When East led the ♥Q, the position of the ♦A became clear immediately, as East had been able to double 3NT. Down two for -300 but 4 IMPs to England.

On board 30, Bulgaria made 1♠ at one table and INT at the other for a 5-IMP gain. Their lead had gone up to 10 IMPs now but they handed back most of them on the next board:

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Nanev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
3♥	Dble	5♥	1♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

Much ado about nothing, one would say, as 6♣ is on for 1370 and 6♥ should cost 1400. There are two extra chances, however:

1. The opponents might venture 6♠ and 2. The defence might drop a trick.

North led the ♦K, swallowing South's queen but rather than continuing the suit and collecting a 4th round ruff he switched to the ♠K and another... Down five, Bulgaria only +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mihov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Gold</i>
3♥	4♥	5♥	1♠
All Pass			6♣

Though 4♥ might suggest some sort of spade fit, Gold had no trouble in introducing his second suit at the six-level. Bakhshi had a happy pass and England scored a fine +1370 to gain an unexpected 7 IMPs.

The final score thus became 31-28 or 10.91 – 9.09 V.P. to Bulgaria.

You can replay all the deals from this match at:
[BBO Bulgaria v. England 03](#)

CROATIAN TRAVEL TIP

QUEEN OF ADRIATIC

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Underlead

By Brian Senior

We have all seen underleads of aces against small slams and, very rarely, against grand slams, and possibly have all made such a lead ourselves. A perfect opportunity to underlead an ace came up on the first board of Sunday's Round 2 match between Russia and Ireland.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 7 2 ♥ K 10 ♦ Q 10 9 7 5 2 ♣ 10 9	♠ Q 10 4 3 ♥ J ♦ 8 6 ♣ A K J 8 3 2 <div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 6 5 ♥ 9 8 6 5 3 ♦ A 4 ♣ Q 7 6 5	♠ A K J 8 ♥ A Q 7 4 2 ♦ K J 3 ♣ 4
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West	North	East	South
Carroll	Matushko	Garvey	Orlov
	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

For Russia, Georgi Matushko's 2♣ opening was Precision-style and Sergei Orlov's 2♦ response an inquiry. Two No Trump was another asking bid but 4♥ confirmed the spade fit. Orlov continued with RKC and bid the thin slam.

Well, my introduction has already told you what Tommy Garvey chose as his opening lead – the four of diamonds – the auction had made it clear that dummy must hold a diamond control so he just had to hope that there was a king-jack guess! Matushko was suspicious, of course, but had no good reason to get the guess right. He called for dummy's jack and that meant that the slam was down immediately. He lost a third trick in the wash for down two and -100.

As the Irish N/S were in game at the other table, that was a 22-IMP swing, Ireland gaining 11 instead of losing 11 had the slam been made. Russia went on to win the match by 44-32 IMPs, 13.28-6.72 VPs, so this was very important to the Irish, who could have suffered a very serious beating had this board gone against them.



Championship Diary III

There is a principle that prevails in all Bulletin Rooms: You can fool some of the Editors all of the time. You can fool all of the Editors some of the time. You can't fool all of the Editors all of the time.

Don't forget that if you are reading the paper version of the Bulletin here in Opatija you can replay all the deals from a match by going to the online edition and clicking on the appropriate link.

Herman De Wael is here as a tourist. He noticed in his travel guide that there is a town called Hum not



far from here (apparently at just 12 inhabitants the smallest town in the world). Sad at the prospect of witnessing a European Championship

without any Highly Unusual Methods he took his car out there. It turned out to be more of an Odyssey than a Pilgrimage, as his GPS had him turn off twice onto a dead-end road. Just when he had decided to give up, a new sign turned up. Two hours after the initial start of his search, he made it to Hum. 20 houses big, but worth a visit for fans of the Glagolitic script (look it up!). The town did not display a yellow sticker though.

Don't forget that the water that is available in the playing rooms is for consumption only in the playing rooms :)

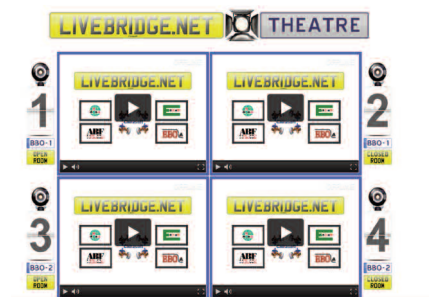
You are welcome to take away an empty bottle and fill it with the excellent tap water! :)

Bill Pencharz: 'Everyone asks me where Marianna is.'

Anna Gudge: 'Everyone asks me where Mark is.'

Brian Senior: 'Nobody talks to me.'

If you are watching a match on BBO channels 1-4 you can also get a live video stream by going to www.livebridge.net



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Whom Does The Five-Level Belong To?

By Ron Tacchi



France vs. Monaco



Open R3

France stormed out of the starting gate with a whitewash of Iceland and then scored over 75% of the available VPs against Slovenia to leave them leading Group A at the end of Day 1. Monaco, meanwhile, had two comfortable wins against Greece and Finland, which put them in fourth place. This meeting between two teams who would hope to be going to India could be crucial at the end of the competition. Both teams would be eager to do well and consolidate their position.

The French sent out the Bessis father and son partnership with Jean-Christophe Quantin and Marc Bompis to bat for them, whilst the Monégasque contingent comprised of the former Norwegians, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness, with 'Fantunes' in the other room.

The match promised to be an interesting affair, so I sat back with my copy of *Fantunes Revealed* and awaited the excitement. The first board gave us a flavour of some of the distributions to come.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Here Thomas Bessis as North declined to enter the auction at the first opportunity and was probably surprised when his father opened the bidding with 1♠. Helgemo's 4♥ bid acted as a transfer to 4♠ for Bessis junior and Helness showed excellent judgement in bidding 5♥. Similar judgement was shown by North in raising to 5♠. I seem to remember a Bols Tip about the five-level, though it did not

seem to apply here. Quantin's double concluded the auction and declarer lost the three aces to be -100.

Five Hearts always makes because of the blockage in the diamond suit, assuming declarer can safely negotiate the club suit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
	3♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, Fantoni was not shy in showing his hand and Nunes tried his best to make things difficult for Quantin, who brushed the bid aside with a call of 5♥. This time it was Nunes who showed the good judgement by pushing on to 5♠. Here the final contract was not doubled, which meant a net gain of 2 IMPs for Monaco.

Board 18 was an overtrick IMP for Monaco when both rooms successfully reached 3NT and Board 19 was another flat 3NT. Then came Board 20. Had different teams been involved 'The Curse of Scotland' might have been invoked.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	4♠	4NT	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Yet again we arrive at the five-level in a doubled contract. Helgemo led the ♣K won in hand and trumps were drawn in two rounds ending in dummy. Now came the critical point. The nine of diamonds hit the baize and Helness showed his class by ducking in tempo and now Bessis senior had a decision to make. He rose with the king, but this meant he must now be one off. Had he run the nine he



Tor Helness, Monaco

would have made his contract – he comes to hand by ruffing a heart and then establishing a diamond with a double loser on loser play in that suit, thus coming to eleven tricks. Had the nine lost to the queen then he would almost certainly been two off, but surely Helness’s forward move would be an indication of the diamond position and, according to my limited knowledge of game theory, gambling +850 against –500 is better odds than a guaranteed –200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
All Pass			

Again the five-level was reached and the first three tricks were identical, but this time when the nine of diamonds was played from dummy Bompis hopped up with the ace, giving the contract to Nunes. The good news was that France had not doubled the contract but it was still 13 IMPs to Monaco.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥*
2♥	4♣	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

1♥ 0-11 4+♠, possible longer minor

Yet again we reach the five-level doubled. Nunes’s 1♥ response showed spades and fewer than 12 points and East took out insurance against 4♠, which fails on adequate defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
	1♣	Pas	1♥
2♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

Again East took out insurance and in both rooms the contract failed by one trick for a push.

Board 22 was a push in a partscore.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

North/South had a controlled and unexciting auction to the best spot of 6♠. Declarer received the lead of a club, taken in dummy with the ace, and immediately took the finesse in diamonds which lost to the king. But declarer was in control and merely ruffed out the diamonds for his twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Fantoni	Bompis	Nunes
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	3♣

After Nunes opened a weak NT, Fantoni invoked Stayman. Nunes's response showed 4-4-1-4 with specifically a singleton diamond. I wonder how many of us have a bid that highlights our singleton after we have opened a NT – weak or otherwise. The play was similar but Fantoni did not take the diamond finesse; he ruffed two diamonds and then exited with a small one and came to the same twelve tricks for another push.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bessis T.	Helness	Bessis M.
1♠	2♣	3♣	5♣
Dble	All Pass		



Jean-Christophe Quantin, France

It is beginning to seem that if it is not played at the five-level then it is not worth playing. The defence started with the ♠K, taken with the ace and declarer fired back the ♠J, taken by the queen. Helness continued with a small ♥ and Helgemo took his ace-king and continued with a third round, ruffed high by declarer. He now tried a low diamond towards dummy and when Helness ducked (he had seen him do that earlier to devastating effect) he went up with the king, drew trumps and discarded his losing diamond on the good spade, escaping for one off and –100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Fantoni	Bompis	Nunes
1♠	2♣	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

This time East doubled rather than cue-bidding clubs and subsequently Quantin had the opportunity to bid his hearts – at the five-level naturally. Fantoni led his ♣K which declarer ruffed. He drew one round of trumps and played a small spade towards the queen, but Fantoni hopped up with the ace and continued with the jack, solving all declarer's problems in the trump suit. Quantin now drew trumps finishing in dummy and played a small diamond towards the queen. This time it was Nunes who hopped up with his king, and now declarer was home for a much needed 8 IMPs. France were now losing 8-16.

Over the next four boards France gained an IMP three times on overtricks to reduce Monaco's lead to 5 IMPs

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bessis T.	Helness	Bessis M.
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

There was considerable discussion as to the meanings of the 2♥ and 2♠ bids and no consensus was reached, whatever they meant the result was a contract inferior to 3NT. Helgemo started off with the two of clubs, taken by

the ace in dummy. The ♠J ran round to the queen and Helgemo persisted with another club. Declarer now finessed in diamonds and when the jack held he played the trump king, again taken by West who exited with the ♦K, a rare error from Helgemo as this now gave declarer a chance to make his contract. A heart switch was required to guarantee declarer's defeat. The ♦10 was led from dummy, ruffed and over-ruffed by declarer, who then drew the last trump. The moment of truth had now arrived. When declarer played a small heart from hand towards the king-ten Helgemo ducked and declarer inserted the ten to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Of course seeing all four hands, even the Rabbit would have played the king, but is it easy to play the king? One could argue that the reason West has not switched to a heart is the ownership of the queen and, additionally, declarer has already seen the ♠AQ and ♦K in the West hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Fantoni	Bompis	Nunes
	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The Fantunes auction did not match the pearls of wisdom in *Fantunes Revealed*, but they got to the best contract anyway. After the lead of the ♣J declarer found the ♦K onside and had an easy route to nine tricks for a swing of 12 IMPs.

Declarer played carefully by winning in dummy and passing the diamond queen. West covered and declarer won and unblocked diamonds then led the heart jack from the board to ensure he had a re-entry to hand in hearts even if all four major-suit honours were offside, and to avoid an awkward squeeze materializing on dummy. This put Monaco in the lead 28-11.



Claudio Nunes, Monaco

Board 30 was a three IMP gain to France after Bessis junior opened, fourth in hand, with an eleven-count and the French pair played in INT making whilst the deal was passed out in the other room.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bessis T.	Helness	Bessis M.
			1♠
3♥	4♣	5♥	6♣
All Pass			

Another barrage at the five-level, and bravely Bessis senior showed faith in partner's club bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Fantoni	Bompis	Nunes
			2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

The 2♠ bid was 10-13 5+♠ without a heart suit and the 2NT response was forcing with at least invitational values. The 3♣ bid showed a club suit and 3♦ was a relay asking for more information about shape, but the book runs out of explanations. However, yet again Fantunes gets to the slam. There was nothing to the play and the board was a push.

Board 32 was an overtrick IMP to Monaco who had won 29-11, which translated to 13.97-6.03 VPs. This pushed Monaco to the top of the rankings after three rounds.

You can replay all the deals from this match at: BBO France v. Monaco O3



Open Round 4

By David Bird



Russia v Monaco



Fantoni/Nunes have always proved a big draw on BBO and so it was in Round 4, when upwards of 2400 kibitzers watched the Open Room of the Russia-Monaco match on a Monday afternoon,

Dubinin made a surprising entry into the auction here:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Gromov	Fantoni	Dubinin
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
		Dble	All Pass



Alexander Dubinin, Russia

Fantoni's 1♣ was forcing but did not necessarily promise a very strong hand. Call me imprescient but I was not expecting South to bid now. A few seconds later he was installed in 1♥ doubled. The defenders were not hard-pressed to score three tricks in both spades and diamonds, one club and two trump tricks. That was 800 away, but all would be well if East/West could bid 6♣ at the other table.

This was the bidding in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Multon	Khoklov	Zimmerman
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East's 1♣ showed 17+ points (or a weak INT, or a 4-4-4-1 type). The auction reached 3NT before the power of the two hands in a club contract had been determined and that was 5 IMP away.

A few boards later, both sides had a chance to shine in the play:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Gromov	Fantoni	Dubinin
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥*
3♣	3♥	3NT	All Pass

South's 2♥ showed both majors and Dubinin led the ♥5 against Fantoni's 3NT. North won with the ace and returned a heart to the jack and queen. (At double-dummy a diamond switch defeats the contract.) When South cleared the heart suit, declarer had eight tricks and no time to seek a ninth trick from the spades. His options were to finesse the ♦Q or to strip the South hand, aiming to force him to lead away from ♦Kx.

When six rounds of clubs were played, declarer reduced himself to ♠K9 ♦AQ. Dubinin, meanwhile gave himself a chance by retaining ♠A ♥92 ♦K. A spade exit was no good

now, since South would have too many tricks to cash. Fantoni had to guess which defender had started with the $\heartsuit K$. After a couple of minutes' thought, conveying the difficulty of the guess, he chose to finesse the $\heartsuit Q$ and went two down.

At the other table $4\heartsuit$ went one down and only 2 IMPs changed hands.

The biggest swing of a low-scoring match came on this deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>\heartsuit A K J 9 \heartsuit 4 \diamondsuit A J 9 8 7 5 \clubsuit 7 2</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>\heartsuit Q 7 4 2 \heartsuit J 9 6 2 \diamondsuit 10 \clubsuit K J 9 4</p>	<p>\heartsuit 5 \heartsuit K 8 7 5 3 \diamondsuit K 4 \clubsuit A Q 10 8 5</p>
N						
W E						
S						
<p>\heartsuit 10 8 6 3 \heartsuit A Q 10 \diamondsuit Q 6 3 2 \clubsuit 6 3</p>						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Gromov	Fantoni	Dubinina
	1 \diamondsuit	Pass	1 \heartsuit
2 \diamondsuit *	4 \heartsuit	5 \clubsuit	Dble
Pass	Pass	5 \heartsuit	Dble
All Pass			

West's 2 \diamondsuit showed hearts and clubs and Gromov carried the bidding to the four-level with his splinter bid. Fantoni's 5 \clubsuit seems a bit adventurous, vulnerable against not, but he knew that his partner would hold at most one card in spades. Against 5 \heartsuit doubled, a diamond was led to the king and ace. North cashed a spade and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed and advanced the $\heartsuit J$, covered by the queen and king. That was 500 away.

This was the bidding in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Multon	Khoklov	Zimmerman
	1 \diamondsuit	Pass	1 \heartsuit
Dble	4 \heartsuit	All Pass	

Declarer won the heart lead with the queen and cashed the $\heartsuit A$ to ditch one of dummy's clubs. A trump to the jack lost to the queen and East cashed the $\clubsuit K$ before switching back to hearts, ruffed in the dummy. Declarer tried the $\diamondsuit A$ next but the king failed to appear and he ended one down.

It may seem natural to discard a club at trick two but after that start you can succeed only by taking an immediate diamond finesse! Strangely, you do better to finesse the $\heartsuit J$ instead. It loses to the $\heartsuit Q$ and the defenders take two club tricks but you can make the remaining tricks with the help of a diamond finesse.

North's reluctance to double the final contract was a bit puzzling on this deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>\heartsuit Q 10 \heartsuit J \diamondsuit K J 7 2 \clubsuit A K 10 7 3 2</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>\heartsuit A J 8 4 3 \heartsuit 4 3 \diamondsuit A 9 4 \clubsuit Q J 5</p>	<p>\heartsuit 7 6 \heartsuit A K 7 6 5 2 \diamondsuit Q 10 \clubsuit 9 8 6</p>
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W E						
S						
<p>\heartsuit K 9 5 2 \heartsuit Q 10 9 8 \diamondsuit 8 6 5 3 \clubsuit 4</p>						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Gromov	Fantoni	Dubinina
	1 \heartsuit	Pass	3 \heartsuit *
4 \clubsuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit	Pass
5 \clubsuit	All Pass		

Note the effectiveness of the pre-emptive double raise in spades. It put West to an awkward guess and, as the cards lay, he guessed wrongly. Best defence can defeat both 3 \heartsuit and 4 \clubsuit . Fantoni sought a heart fit, in fact, and Nunes reverted to clubs at the five-level. Surely you would expect Gromov to double now? The opponents' bidding was not particularly convincing and it is not out of the question for South to hold a useful high card. The resultant penalty was 200 instead of 500.

This was the other auction:

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Multon	Khoklov	Zimmerman
	1 \heartsuit	Pass	2 \heartsuit
3 \clubsuit	Pass	Pass	3 \heartsuit
Pass	Pass	4 \clubsuit	All Pass

The raise to 2 \heartsuit made life easier for West. When North led a heart against 4 \clubsuit , declarer was able to ditch a spade loser and the contract was made. That was 8 IMPs to Russia. The eventual result was a 31-24 IMP win for Russia, converting to 12.03 -7.97 in VPs.

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RESULTS

WOMEN

Women R6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	RUSSIA SCOTLAND	23	36	6.48	13.52
22	ROMANIA SERBIA	16	42	3.91	16.09
23	POLAND SPAIN	34	15	14.80	5.20
24	NORWAY SWEDEN	40	26	13.75	6.25
25	NETHERL. TURKEY	31	39	7.71	12.29
26	LEBANON AUSTRIA	43	41	10.61	9.39
27	ITALY BULGARIA	75	18	19.77	0.23
28	ISRAEL CROATIA	62	34	16.42	3.58
29	IRELAND DENMARK	21	26	8.52	11.48
30	GREECE ENGLAND	24	14	12.80	7.20
31	GERMANY ESTONIA	42	11	16.88	3.12
32	FRANCE BYE			12.00	

Women R7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	BULGARIA CROATIA	18	27	7.45	12.55
22	AUSTRIA DENMARK	5	47	1.67	18.33
23	TURKEY ENGLAND	33	51	5.40	14.60
24	SWEDEN ESTONIA	42	24	14.60	5.40
25	SPAIN FRANCE	40	28	13.28	6.72
26	SERBIA GERMANY	56	26	16.73	3.27
27	SCOTLAND GREECE	50	38	13.28	6.72
28	RUSSIA IRELAND	78	25	19.43	0.57
29	ROMANIA ISRAEL	50	19	16.88	3.12
30	POLAND ITALY	19	26	7.97	12.03
31	NORWAY LEBANON	45	27	14.60	5.40
32	NETHERL. BYE			12.00	

Women R8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	NORWAY POLAND	26	44	5.40	14.60
22	NETHERL. ROMANIA	44	31	13.52	6.48
23	LEBANON RUSSIA	11	68	0.23	19.77
24	ITALY SCOTLAND	28	19	12.55	7.45
25	ISRAEL SERBIA	68	35	17.17	2.83
26	IRELAND SPAIN	48	51	9.09	10.91
27	GREECE SWEDEN	32	60	3.58	16.42
28	GERMANY TURKEY	62	16	18.77	1.23
29	FRANCE AUSTRIA	13	65	0.66	19.34
30	ESTONIA BULGARIA	36	54	5.40	14.60
31	ENGLAND CROATIA	48	23	15.92	4.08
32	DENMARK BYE			12.00	

SENIORS

Seniors R7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	POLAND AUSTRIA	50	43	12.03	7.97
42	ENGLAND SWEDEN	8	47	2.03	17.97
43	HUNGARY FRANCE	32	43	6.96	13.04
44	BULGARIA NETHERLANDS	33	41	7.71	12.29
45	IRELAND NORWAY	24	23	10.31	9.69
46	ISRAEL ITALY	37	34	10.91	9.09
47	SCOTLAND TURKEY	45	26	14.80	5.20
48	BELGIUM SPAIN	27	36	7.45	12.55
49	GERMANY FINLAND	39	33	11.76	8.24
50	DENMARK PORTUGAL	42	17	15.92	4.08
51	ESTONIA ROMANIA	17	22	8.52	11.48
52	CROATIA WALES	44	29	13.97	6.03
53	SLOVENIA SERBIA	50	72	4.62	15.38

Seniors R8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	POLAND SWEDEN	66	33	17.17	2.83
42	HUNGARY AUSTRIA	26	66	1.91	18.09
43	ENGLAND IRELAND	35	30	11.48	8.52
44	FRANCE NETHERLANDS	31	37	8.24	11.76
45	BULGARIA SCOTLAND	63	18	18.16	0.84
46	NORWAY SPAIN	39	19	15.00	5.00
47	ITALY DENMARK	15	41	3.91	16.09
48	ISRAEL BELGIUM	15	71	-1.19	18.19
49	GERMANY ROMANIA	27	27	10.00	10.00
50	FINLAND CROATIA	15	52	2.28	17.72
51	TURKEY SERBIA	26	33	7.97	12.03
52	ESTONIA WALES	64	34	16.73	3.27
53	PORTUGAL SLOVENIA	63	28	17.45	2.55

Seniors R9

Match		IMPs		VPs	
41	POLAND BULGARIA	50	25	15.92	4.08
42	AUSTRIA ENGLAND	28	59	3.12	16.88
43	FRANCE IRELAND	23	50	3.74	16.26
44	NORWAY SWEDEN	68	14	19.52	0.48
45	NETHERL. HUNGARY	31	40	7.45	12.55
46	DENMARK GERMANY	74	34	18.09	1.91
47	BELGIUM ITALY	44	34	12.80	7.20
48	SCOTLAND ISRAEL	15	44	3.42	16.58
49	SPAIN TURKEY	31	36	8.52	11.48
50	CROATIA PORTUGAL	53	46	12.03	7.97
51	ESTONIA SERBIA	60	37	15.56	4.44
52	FINLAND WALES	34	36	9.39	10.61
53	ROMANIA SLOVENIA	40	59	5.20	14.80

RESULTS

OPEN

Open A R6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	SLOVAKIA SCOTLAND	52	7	18.66	1.34
2	CROATIA MONACO	10	64	0.48	19.52
3	SPAIN GERMANY	26	42	5.82	14.18
4	FINLAND RUSSIA	8	42	2.69	17.31
5	AUSTRIA SWEDEN	1	61	0.00	20.00
6	GREECE ICELAND	29	45	5.82	14.18
7	PORTUGAL NORWAY	20	27	7.97	12.03
8	IRELAND FRANCE	48	46	10.61	9.39
9	SLOVENIA ESTONIA	0	66	0.00	20.00

Open B R6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	LITHUANIA SERBIA	27	44	5.61	14.39
12	ROMANIA FAROE ISLANDS	67	39	16.42	3.58
13	BELGIUM ITALY	14	71	0.23	19.77
14	WALES NETHERLANDS	35	47	6.72	13.28
15	HUNGARY BULGARIA	32	54	4.62	15.38
16	SWITZERL. POLAND	21	43	4.62	15.38
17	LATVIA ISRAEL	49	21	16.42	3.58
18	DENMARK ENGLAND	51	35	14.18	5.82
19	BOSNIA H. TURKEY	36	60	4.26	15.74

Open A R7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	GREECE AUSTRIA	25	25	10.00	10.00
2	PORTUGAL FINLAND	64	27	17.72	2.28
3	IRELAND SPAIN	14	42	3.58	16.42
4	ESTONIA CROATIA	26	70	1.45	18.55
5	FRANCE SLOVAKIA	65	20	18.66	1.34
6	NORWAY SCOTLAND	56	27	16.58	3.42
7	ICELAND MONACO	16	27	6.96	13.04
8	SWEDEN GERMANY	29	15	13.75	6.25
9	RUSSIA SLOVENIA	29	32	9.09	10.91

Open B R7

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	ISRAEL ENGLAND	15	18	9.09	10.91
12	POLAND TURKEY	28	32	8.80	11.20
13	BULGARIA DENMARK	37	54	5.61	14.39
14	NETHERLANDS LATVIA	12	51	2.03	17.97
15	ITALY SWITZERL.	64	6	19.85	0.15
16	FAROE ISLANDS HUNGARY	32	29	10.91	9.09
17	SERBIA WALES	24	26	9.39	10.61
18	LITHUANIA BELGIUM	58	33	15.92	4.08
19	ROMANIA BOSNIA H.	83	25	19.85	0.15

Open A R8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	SCOTLAND MONACO	28	27	10.31	9.69
2	SLOVAKIA GERMANY	30	45	6.03	13.97
3	CROATIA RUSSIA	27	31	8.80	11.20
4	SPAIN SWEDEN	24	61	2.28	17.72
5	FINLAND ICELAND	34	15	14.80	5.20
6	AUSTRIA NORWAY	18	65	1.13	18.87
7	GREECE FRANCE	33	46	6.48	13.52
8	PORTUGAL ESTONIA	30	26	11.20	8.80
9	SLOVENIA IRELAND	32	48	5.82	14.18

Open B R8

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	SERBIA FAROE ISLANDS	43	29	13.75	6.25
12	LITHUANIA ITALY	17	49	2.97	17.03
13	ROMANIA NETHERLANDS	24	33	7.45	12.55
14	BELGIUM BULGARIA	52	22	16.73	3.27
15	WALES POLAND	45	24	15.19	4.81
16	HUNGARY ISRAEL	29	66	2.28	17.72
17	SWITZERL. ENGLAND	25	34	7.45	12.55
18	LATVIA TURKEY	36	43	7.97	12.03
19	BOSNIA H. DENMARK	36	47	6.96	13.04

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