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As we move into the decisive days of the Championships, the Great Shuffler seems intent on delivering deals that offer the players a chance to demonstrate their not inconsiderable skills. Yesterday there were several deals that afforded the opportunity for outstanding play and many of them were taken as you will discover when you read the reports that appear in this and tomorrow's Bulletins.

France still hold sway in the Open, with Germany and Sweden in hot pursuit and the teams behind them represent the cream of European bridge.

In the Women's Championship France, Poland and England lead the way, while in the Seniors', Israel is well ahead of Sweden and Poland.

**VERY IMPORTANT: ONLY AUTHORIZED STAFF
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TIME TABLE AND BBO SCHEDULE TODAY

10.00:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- 🌐 BEL - GER (O) 🗣️
- 🌐 DEN - ITA (S)
- 🌐 POR - BEL (S)
- 🌐 BUL - FIN (O)
- 🌐 SPA - POL (O)
- 🌐 ITA - HUN (O)

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13.20:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- 🌐 IRE - FRA (O)
- 🗣️ NOR - POL (O)
- 🌐 MON - GER (O)
- 🌐 DEN - NED (O)
- 🌐 SWE - POL (S)
- 🌐 SPA - HUN (S)

🌐 BBO ONLY

16.00:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- 🌐 RUS - POL (W)
- 🗣️ FRA - DEN (W)
- 🌐 IRE - MON (O)
- 🌐 NED - TUR (W)
- 🌐 POR - POL (S)
- 🌐 HUN - ENG (O)

🗣️ VOICE + BBO

18.40:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- 🌐 ITA - SWE (O)
- 🌐 ENG - GER (O)
- 🌐 ISR - POL (O)
- 🌐 BUL - FRA (O)
- 🌐 ISR - ITA (S)
- 🌐 HUN - NED (S)



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MATCHES TODAY

OPEN R. 23

ROM CRO
CYP ENG
RUS LAT
ISR GRE
DEN CZE
POR NED
SCO EST
BUL FIN
MON SER
BEL GER
ITA HUN
NOR GEO
SPA POL
UKR SWI
SWE AUT
IRE BLR
WAL FRA
FAR TUR
ICE Bye

TIME: 10.00

OPEN R. 24

ENG ROM
CRO LAT
CYP RUS
ISR CZE
DEN NED
POR EST
SCO GRE
BUL SER
MON GER
BEL ICE
ITA GEO
NOR POL
SPA SWI
UKR HUN
SWE BLR
IRE FRA
WAL TUR
FAR AUT
FIN Bye

TIME: 13.20

OPEN R. 25

ITA ROM
SPA LAT
UKR NOR
SWE BEL
IRE MON
WAL BUL
FRA POR
TUR DEN
AUT ISR
BLR SCO
POL CRO
SWI RUS
HUN ENG
GEO CYP
GER GRE
ICE EST
FIN NED
SER CZE
FAR Bye

TIME: 16.00

OPEN R. 26

CZE ROM
EST GRE
LAT NED
ENG GER
RUS SER
CRO FIN
CYP ICE
ISR POL
DEN GEO
POR HUN
SCO SWI
BUL FRA
MON BLR
BEL AUT
ITA SWE
NOR FAR
SPA WAL
UKR IRE
TUR Bye

TIME: 18.40

WOMEN R. 11

FRA HUN
RUS IRE
SCO GER
SMR SWE
ITA FIN
TUR GRE
POR ENG
POL SER
DEN BUL
SPA NOR
EST NED
ISR Bye

TIME: 10.00

WOMEN R. 12

FRA GRE
RUS FIN
SCO ENG
SMR ISR
SWE BUL
GER SER
IRE NED
HUN NOR
ITA SPA
TUR EST
POR DEN
POL Bye

TIME: 13.20

WOMEN R. 13

FRA DEN
RUS POL
SCO EST
SMR SPA
NED TUR
NOR ITA
BUL POR
FIN IRE
ENG GER
ISR SWE
GRE HUN
SER Bye

TIME: 16.00

WOMEN R. 14

FRA BUL
RUS SER
SCO NED
SMR NOR
ENG SPA
ISR EST
GRE POL
FIN DEN
GER POR
IRE ITA
HUN TUR
SWE Bye

TIME: 18.40

SENIOR R. 11

POL TUR
HUN EST
ROM ISR
SWE NED
SCO FIN
NOR FRA
SPA GER
DEN ITA
AUT WAL
IRE ENG
POR BEL
BUL SER

TIME: 10.00

SENIOR R. 12

SWE POL
SPA HUNL
SCO ROML
DEN BULL
AUT ESTL
IRE TURL
POR ISRL
ENG FRAL
BEL FIN
ITA NED
WAL GER
SER NOR

TIME: 13.20

SENIOR R. 13

POR POL
DEN HUN
FIN TUR
IRE ROM
ENG SPA
BEL SWE
ITA SCO
WAL NOR
FRA EST
GER BUL
NED ISR
AUT SER

TIME: 16.00

SENIOR R. 14

POL FIN
HUN NED
ROM FRA
BUL WAL
ISR ITA
TUR BEL
EST ENG
SWE POR
SCO IRE
NOR AUT
SPA DEN
SER GER

TIME: 18.40



ADVENTURES WITH OTTLIK

by Mark Horton

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ Q 9 5 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ A 4
♣ K 7 5 4

♠ A 6
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 10 8
♣ Q 9 6 3 2

♠ Q 9 5 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ A 4
♣ K 7 5 4

♠ K J 10 7
♥ 4
♦ K 9 7 6 3
♣ A J 8



♠ 8 3 2
♥ Q 10 9 8 6 2
♦ J 5 2
♣ 10

♠ A 6
♥ K J 7
♦ Q 10 8
♣ Q 9 6 3 2

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dble	2♥*	3NT
All Pass			

2♥ Weak

Play Instructions:
3NT by South.

West to lead ♦6.

Taking the diamond lead you will surely play a club to the king. Since West is short in hearts, the odds are that he started with three clubs and four spades. If so, he can be subjected to an early squeeze in three suits by playing ace and a heart finesse. (Do not try ace and a spade towards the queen or West will win and clear diamonds.) If West parts with a diamond you can set about establishing clubs, while a spade pitch yields three spade tricks to you.

NEW PROBLEM

Warning! This is a very tough problem!

Play Instructions: 4♠ by West. North leads ♦2, and dummy plays low. As South, plan the defence.

Dealer South.

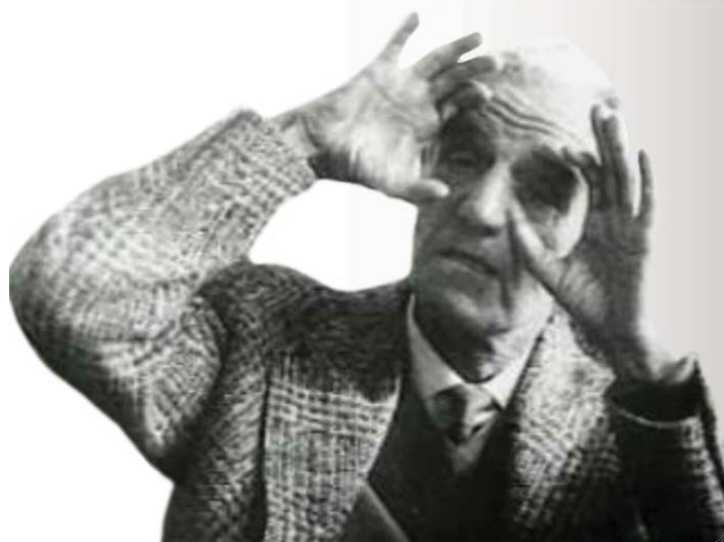
♠ Q 9 7
♥ A 9 2
♦ A J 7 4
♣ 8 6 3



♠ 4
♥ K J 10 8
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ A K Q 5

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	2♦*
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♦ 3 suiter 11-15





POLAND vs BELGIUM

by David Bird

Open Teams, Round 16

First match up on a damp Monday morning and we had 1750 kibitzers at the open table of BBO-1. Marvellous! Were the deals worthy of such an audience? You will be the judge. We will start with a top-class defence:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q J		
	♥ K 7		
	♦ 5 3		
	♣ A K Q 10 9 5 3		
♠ K 8 5 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 9 6	
♥ J 6 5 4		♥ A Q 3 2	
♦ 10 7 4		♦ Q J 6 2	
♣ 7 6		♣ 8 2	
	♠ 10 7 3 2		
	♥ 10 9 8		
	♦ A K 9 8		
	♣ J 4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahbout</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	2♣	2♥	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Vandervorst, who could place the ♥K in declarer's hand, found the splendid lead of the ♠A. If West had discouraged, on some different lay-out, he would have had the option of seeking a diamond entry in partner's hand. As it was, a spade to the king allowed West to switch to the ♥6 and the contract was two down. In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

North chose to pass on the first round and then collected an easy +110.

I always enjoy watching top-class players bidding five-level competitive hands. What do you make of the action on this deal?

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ 10 6		
	♥ A 10 6 4 3		
	♦ A K Q 10 2		
	♣ 5		
♠ A 8 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ K Q 7 5 4 3	
♥ Q J 5		♥ —	
♦ 7 6		♦ 9 4	
♣ K 8 7 6 2		♣ Q J 10 4 3	
	♠ J 9		
	♥ K 9 8 7 2		
	♦ J 8 5 3		
	♣ A 9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahbout</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♥	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

East's 2♥ showed 'highest and lowest', the black suits. What should he say over 5♥, do you think? Although he has defined his hand already, it might be right to bid 5♠ (with the sixth spade and a void heart). As the cards lay, Vandervorst made the right decision when he passed.

Now the spotlight turns to West. Should he double 5♥? He knew that the opponent had a double fit in the red suits. He had two likely tricks in his own hand and could not be sure of any more from his partner, particularly as he held five clubs opposite partner's length there. Well, he did double and again this seemed to be the successful action, with the defenders due to take two spades and a heart.

East had apparently left any further action to his partner and his decision to bid 5♠ now was puzzling. North doubled and the defenders scored two diamonds, the ♣A and a club ruff for +500. Meanwhile, in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
All Pass			



With six cards in the major, East preferred to overcall 1♠. Belgium scored a peaceful +420 and only 2 IMPs changed hands.

Next we will see a defensive hand:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahbout</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦K (a king lead showing any holding headed by the K-Q). East decided to play the ♦J and declarer played low. The ♦10 continuation was won with the ace and declarer then ran the ♣J to East's ♣Q. When East returned a club, declarer overtook the 9 with the 10. He ran the ♥9 to the king, allowing West to cash the ♦Q and give his partner a diamond ruff for two down.

What would happen in the Closed Room?

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦K and this time East followed with the ♦6. A low diamond to the jack and ace was followed by the ♣J run to the ♣Q. Now the play differed. East was concerned that dummy's clubs might provide a parking spot for a singleton spade with declarer. He attempted to cash the ♠A and declarer ruffed. He then crossed to the ♣A and discarded two diamonds on the ♠K-Q. A trump finesse lost but that was still +420 and 11 IMPs to Belgium.

Have you ever witnessed back-to-back swings of 14 IMPs? Well, you will now.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

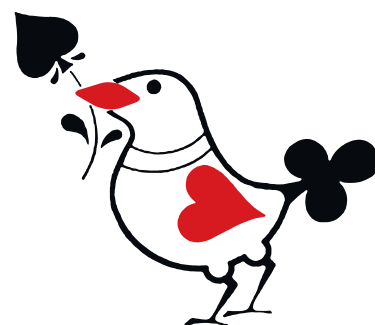
West	North	East	South
<i>Bahbout</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
2♦*	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

West's multi 2♦ showed 6 hearts, or five hearts and a minor, or various strong hands. The ♦A lead was ruffed with the ♥8. With the perfect heart lie, the contract can be made by scoring five hearts, four clubs and the diamond ruff. When declarer attempted to score three club tricks at the start, South ruffed and played another high diamond. The contract went two down for 500.

In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
2♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

South won the spade lead with the jack and returned the ♦K, ruffed with the ♥8. *Jassem* decided to work on the spades. He led the ♠K, covered and ruffed. He finessed the ♥J successfully and led another spade, ruffed with the ♥7 and overruffed with the ♥K. He won the club exit with the jack and cashed the ♥A. He then overtook the ♣Q and drew South's remaining trump. A club to dummy's ace and he was able to enjoy the established spades. The resultant overtrick gave Poland +690 and 14 IMPs.



This was the next board:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠	10 9 8 7 6 4 3			
	♥	K 5			
	♦	Q 10 9			
	♣	2			
♠	K J 2		♠	5	
♥	Q J 6 3 2		♥	—	
♦	J		♦	AK765432	
♣	8 6 4 3		♣	J 10 7 5	
	♠	A Q			
	♥	A 10 9 8 7 4			
	♦	8			
	♣	A K Q 9			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahbout</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	2♠	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

South led a top club and declarer gazed in dismay at the hopeless dummy that he had been awarded. The defenders took three clubs, a club ruff and a spade for +800.

In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Mazurkiewicz</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	Pass	4♦	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦J to the king and East returned a low diamond. Declarer ditched the ♠Q and West ruffed with the ♥2. After a spade return to the bare ace, declarer led the ♥10 and this was not covered. Can you



 **Piotr Gawrys**
POLAND

believe that to make the contract declarer now needs to play dummy's ♥K?!

It's true. He continues with a spade ruff, three club winners, a club ruff and another spade ruff. Down to the ♥A-9-8, he then leads a low heart to endplay West with his ♥Q-J-6.

Back in the real world, De Roos did indeed overtake with the ♥K. However he continued with a club to his hand, a club ruff with the ♥5 and a spade ruff to hand. The ace and king of clubs stood up. Since only one spade ruff had been taken, declarer was down to ♥A-9-8-7. West could win the low trump exit and return the ♠J for one down.

That was another 14 IMPs to Poland, who won the match by 41 IMPs to 23 (14.60VPs to 5.40).

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WORKSHOP

A tournament director workshop will take place in Athens, Greece from 2/2/17 to 5/2/17.

The course is for TDs who are not on the Official TD Register of the EBL. The aim is to support local TD training in the NBOs by improving the knowledge and synchronizing the work and methodology of TDs. The language of the workshop is English. The cost of the Workshop, including accommodation and full board, is Euro 350. Further details will be published on the EBL site and sent to NBOs in July.

Eitan Levy
Chairman EBL Tournament Directors Committee





ITALY vs TURKEY

by Barry Rigal

Open Teams, Round

This was a match of missed and taken opportunities.

After Italy broke quickly from the starting gates, bidding and making (the wrong) slam – one that could have been set on an inspired opening lead rather than the ones that were cold from the other hand, they then bid a delicate non-vulnerable game and brought it home on a favourable lie of the cards. It was 19-0 after three deals – and board four could have brought them more.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Koksoy	Lauria	Cengiz
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♦	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Gandoglia	Ucar	Donati
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♦	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Donati reached 3NT and won the low diamond lead in dummy, then crossed to the club ace to lead a heart up. Very nicely done. That simultaneously set up hearts and took out West's entry. Declarer ducked the next diamond then ducked the club shift round

to East. He won the next diamond and scored three clubs and three hearts and three tricks in the pointed suits for +600.

Cengiz won the high diamond lead and also crossed to the club king to play a heart up. Endplayed, Versace shifted to ♠10, covered by the queen and king and ducked.

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

With Lauria, East on lead, can you see the winning defence? At the table a top heart exit let Cengiz win in dummy and lead a heart to the eight to ruff a diamond. Then he crossed to ♠A and cashed his red winners pitching clubs, and led a third spade, scoring the ♠9 and ♣A at tricks 12 and 13.

Lauria had to exit with his low club, dislodging dummy's entry prematurely (the club jack leads to an endplay on West later on).



Alessandro Gandoglia & Giovanni Donati
ITALY

Two deals later a Turkish accident gave the Italians another chance for a big gain.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Gandoglia	Ucar	Donati
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I know the audience of the bulletin tends to have a sensitive disposition so the auction from the Open Room has been censored to avoid apoplexy. It started with South opening 1NT, and ended with North passing 4NT...down three. So if Gandoglia could bring home 4♥ he would be amply rewarded. Ucar accurately led a clubs and the defenders cashed two clubs and played a third. Declarer ruffed, finessed hearts, and cashed ♥A. so far so good; now declarer tried ace king and a third diamond. He ruffed low

and was overruffed, and a club exit left dummy with a losing diamond. Down one.

Declarer's mistake was to cash the second top diamond. Simply ruff the second diamond in hand and you can cash two spades pitching diamonds. Dummy is down to two hearts and the ♦K and all East gets is his trump.

Versace/Lauria then conjured another remarkable game swing out of thin air on Board 7, reported elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Gandoglia	Ucar	Donati
Pass	2♠	Dble	1♠
3♦	All Pass		Pass

The closed room sequence is what one might expect around the room if North responds to 1♠. But when Koksoy elected to respond 1NT it gave Versace the chance to take two remarkable calls. The first was not to jump to 3♦ at his second turn but to pass 1NTx (yes you do defeat the contract even on a heart lead). Secondly he chose to treat his hand as two-suited, rather than bid 3♦. When Lauria corrected 3♦ to 3♥ Versace raised to game...and right he was. 4♥ had 10 tricks when diamonds behaved, and Italy led 32-1 now.

Turkey clawed their way back into the match when a wildly optimistic Turkish game saw Lauria go passive on opening lead instead of setting up the setting trick by leading from one of the two unbid suits – either would have worked.

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But that concluded the serious exchange of IMPs. However, the following deal had its funny side:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Koksoy	Lauria	Cengiz
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Gandoglia	Ucar	Donati
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

3♣ Invitational in hearts

What are the chances that both Wests would have a gadget nobody in the audience had seen before? Both tables played 4♥ by East. Both Souths followed the dictum "If you want ruffs lead a trump". The ♥J travelled round to the king. Both Easts quite naturally, and fatally, led a diamond to the jack and queen. Now the killing defence is simple enough. Return a diamond and let South win, cross to the ♣A, and lead a third diamond to promote the lowly ♥6. Both Norths promptly returned a trump; game over.

The match finished 41-17 to Italy.



FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY TEAMS BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 - POLAND

From 22-28 August 2016,
FISU (International University Sports Federation) will organize the

8th World University Bridge Championships in Lodz, Poland.

Teams can be composed of students from different universities and participants must be between 18 and 28 years old.

Entries should be made through the National University Sports Federation.

It is not too late to enter, For all information, please consult: www.unibridge.eu or www.fisu.net or on the WBF website.

All your questions can be answered by contacting: geert.magerman@telenet.be.

See you in Poland!

Geert Magerman
Technical Delegate Bridge FISU and EUSA





ITALY vs ENGLAND

by Ron Tacchi

Senior Teams, Round 6

At the start of the match England were in the last qualifying spot whilst Italy were in the bottom half of the rankings. All partnerships were using a strong no-trump and save for Collins & Kendrick five-card majors.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mina	Collins	Pulga	Kendrick
—	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

3♣ Puppet Stayman

When North doubled West's Puppet Stayman East's pass showed a stop in the suit. West redoubled to repose the original question, whereupon he learnt of a five-card spade suit opposite. With East having bid both no-trumps and spades the only slam available to E/W was in diamonds and that was no longer a possibility. Thus subsiding in 4♠ was the winning option.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Failla	Senior	Buratti
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	4♣	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

With the English pair not employing Puppet Stayman East elected to open 1♠ and West showed four-card support with a 9-11 count. North bravely entered the arena with a club bid and after a succession of cue-bids the slam was reached. North doubled, ostensibly for a heart lead, and East redoubled on the basis that if the contract was making that would net an extra 410 points with the downside being only 100 if it was failing plus the extra chance of the redouble might confuse the opponents, but no such luck, the heart lead took the doomed contract one down and an early 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mina	Collins	Pulga	Kendrick
—	—	1♥	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	Pass	2♣
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With the fortunate heart position and friendly spade split 3NT was untouchable.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Failla	Senior	Buratti
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

South's intervention with a four-card spade overcall proved to be inspired, though had someone found a way of doubling the 2♠ bid for penalties then the inspiration would have been on the other foot. 3♦ did not overly tax declarer but another 7 IMPs to Italy.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ Q 9 7 4		
	♥ Q J 5 4		
	♦ K		
	♣ A 10 9 7		
♠ 10 8 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K J 3	
♥ A		♥ 10 9 6 2	
♦ Q J 8 7 3 2		♦ 9 6 4	
♣ Q 8 4		♣ J 6 2	
	♠ A 6 2		
	♥ K 8 7 3		
	♦ A 10 5		
	♣ K 5 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>Kendrick</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

At this table N/S were playing four-card majors and so opened with 1♥. South's response was forcing to game (*the editor insisted I leave this comment here*) with heart support and North duly converted to 4♥. With the contract being played from the North hand East elected to lead a small trump which solved declarer's problems in that suit and soon was successful in his contract with an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Failla</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



Ruggero Pulga
ITALY

In the closed room North had to start with 1♣ and now South was first to mention hearts and so he became the declarer. West led his queen of diamonds and when dummy won with the king the lead of a small trump to the king lost to the singleton ace and now declarer had several losing options. Without the benefit of the sight of all four hands he failed by one trick to give back 13 IMPs to England.

Each team gained a solitary IMP over the next five boards.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 5		
	♥ K Q 7 3		
	♦ K J 9 8 7		
	♣ A 7 3		
♠ J 8 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K 9	
♥ J 10 9 2		♥ A 8 6 5	
♦ 5 2		♦ 10 4 3	
♣ K 5 4		♣ J 6 2	
	♠ Q 10 7 6 4		
	♥ 4		
	♦ A Q 6		
	♣ Q 10 9 8		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>Kendrick</i>
—	—	1♣	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North's agricultural bid concluded the auction, his dim prospects were temporarily brightened when East led the ace of spades, (though double dummy the spade lead was the only lead to guarantee the contract's demise) but the faint illumination was soon dimmed when he switched to a small heart. Rather than heed Harrison Gray's advice of running his long suit he correctly played for East to hold Kxx in the club suit, not unlikely in view of the bidding. This was not his lucky day and so the contract failed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Failla</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
—	—	1♣*	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

After the same start to the auction West took a rosier view of his five-count than his Italian counterpart. However his boldness was not rewarded, as 2♥ dribbled three off for +300 and 9 IMPs to Italy.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>Kendrick</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Another triumph for four-card majors as South first card from his bidding box was 1♥. North's immediate preempt of 4♥ left E/W with no recourse and the contract was allowed to make as West had little information from the bidding. His opening lead was a club, setting up a discard for one of declarer's losing diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Failla</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Senior was unwilling to sell out at the two-level and came back into the auction with a reopening double and was allowed to play unmolested in 2♠. This drifted three off but represented a swing in to England of 7 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mina</i>	<i>Collins</i>	<i>Pulga</i>	<i>Kendrick</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2NT 6♠, 4 other suit – strong

When East responded to West's opening bid he was not going to stay out of game, but it had no hope and thanks to less than perfect defence failed by only one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Failla</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Sensing a massive misfit Senior left his partner in his second suit, which turned out to be a good decision as Holland managed to scramble nine tricks and 4 IMPs to bring England to within 2 IMPs of Italy.

♠♥♦♣



Patrick Collins
ENGLAND

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

any hope of making the contract. To succeed in the contract declarer had to discard a club and play South for doubleton ace of diamonds, too difficult for mere mortals who did not have sight of all four hands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Failla	Senior	Buratti
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mina	Collins	Pulga	Kendrick
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

3♥ Invitational with hearts

At this table declarer rested in the part-score and received the same lead and discarded his losing club. To my simple way of thinking if trumps behave then the contract is cast-iron and I would have heeded my grandmother's advice and drawn trumps and taken nine tricks gracefully. However declarer was a trifle more 'gourmand' and immediately played a diamond from dummy to the jack and queen. North got off lead with a trump, taken in a dummy and another diamond was led, taken by South's ace who then promptly put North in with a club and received a diamond ruff to take the contract one off for a push instead of gain 5 IMPs. That would have meant England winning the match by 3 IMPs rather than losing by two.

Pulga accepted his partner's invitation. On the lead of the jack of spades dummy's ace took the trick whilst declarer pitched a diamond, followed the king of clubs. North took his ace and switched to a trump to remove



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HUNGARY vs IRELAND

by Barry Rigal

Open Teams, Round 18

There were two deals that took my attention in this match.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



John Carroll
IRELAND

At one table the Irish had defended 2♥ by East, a perfectly reasonable contract that was sunk on the rocks of distribution. 2♥ went down one for +100 to Ireland.

In the other room these were the developments:

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Kemeny	Garvey	Szalka
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Tommy Garvey led a top diamond and received a count signal. Now he found the first accurate and necessary play when he shifted to a spade to dislodge the fast entry to dummy. Declarer led a second diamond

and West followed with the ♦7, suit preference for hearts. Garvey won his ♦A and made the second necessary play for the defence when he shifted to a small club. This play looks unnatural but Garvey could see the necessity for dislodging dummy's remaining possible entry as soon as possible. Declarer gave it his best shot when he tried to cash a diamond from dummy, but Garvey ruffed and exited with ♥A. All declarer could do was ruff and play ♠K and ♠J. Carroll won this and shifted back to clubs, letting Garvey win his jack and get off play with a second heart. He scored his ♣K at trick 13 for down one.

A few deals later Garvey was back in the hot seat, this time as declarer.



Board 30. Dealer East. Vul none.

	♠	J 10 4	
	♥	J 6 2	
	♦	J 8 5 3	
	♣	J 9 2	
♠ A 2	N	E	♠ Q 9 5
♥ A 10 9 5 4	W	S	♥ K Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 6 4	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> W S </div>		♦ K 7
♣ 6 4			♣ A K Q 3
	♠	K 8 7 6 3	
	♥	7	
	♦	A 9 2	
	♣	10 8 7 5	

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Kemeny</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Szalka</i>
	2NT	Pass	
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

A well-constructed auction, with 4♣ showing a fit for hearts and a source of tricks in clubs. That left Tamas Szalka on lead to the slam, knowing his partner had a near Yarborough, and that declarer had all the top trump honours. While one can make a case for a club lead, you can absolutely understand his desire to go passive with a trump lead. Declarer won this in hand with the eight (yes, playing the nine from dummy looks better) and advanced the ♦K. Now Szalka did very well to shift to a spade, knowing that declarer had enough high clubs to pitch dummy's spade winner, and wanting to knock out the entry to dummy for possible diamond ruffs to hand.

Garvey took the bait and flew up with ♠A, then crossed to hand with ♥Q, played ♦Q and ruffed a diamond, and had reached this ending.

	♠	J 10	
	♥	J	
	♦	J	
	♣	J 9 2	
♠ 2	N	E	♠ Q 9
♥ A 10 9	W	S	♥ Q
♦ 10	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> W S </div>		♦ —
♣ 6 4			♣ A K Q 3
	♠	K 8 7	
	♥	—	
	♦	—	
	♣	10 8 7 5	

We can all see that the straightforward way to make

the hand is to cash three top clubs pitching a spade to dummy, then ruff a spade to dummy and ruff the last diamond, before ruffing a spade to dummy to draw the last trump. Had South not shifted to an early spade, the entries to dummy would have been far more secure.

From Garvey's point of view this would require North to be specifically 3-3-4-3 or 4-3-3-3, since otherwise declarer would be able to ruff in or overruff dummy at some point. An alternative approach, the one he followed, was to run trumps, playing for a diamond club squeeze or positional spade club squeeze.

In practice I believe his line would succeed over the crossruff only when South had started with an original 3-1-4-5 pattern, or when North had an original 2-3-4-4 pattern since you would misguess how to re-enter dummy at trick 12. But there again if North has the doubleton ♠K declarer will see it appear on the second spade. Then he can draw the last trump ending in hand, so as to pitch the diamond on ♠Q. It is hard to say which line is better – the Monday Morning quarterbacks in the Bulletin Office favouring the crossruff - but when the squeeze failed to bite it was a 22 IMP turnover in the out-column.



Tommy Garvey
IRELAND



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

by Mark Horton

On Sunday, the thousands of spectators following the Championship online were treated to a series of tremendous deals that generated hundreds of IMPs.

Things were a little calmer on Monday, but there were still plenty of opportunities for excellence.

Here are a couple of deals from Round 17 of the Open Series where the East-West Pairs deserve to be nominated for their achievements in the bidding:

The first is from Italy v Turkey (see Barry Rigal's match report in this issue).

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ J 10 8 2		
	♥ 8 7 4		
	♦ 7 6 2		
	♣ Q 7 6		
♠ 7 3	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">N W E S</div>	♠ 5 4	
♥ J 10 5		♥ A Q 3 2	
♦ A Q 10 9 4		♦ K 8 5	
♣ K 9 4		♣ A 10 5 2	
	♠ A K Q 9 6		
	♥ K 9 6		
	♦ J 3		
	♣ J 8 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Cengiz</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

With so many high card points West was happy to convert his partner's take out double and North naturally ran to 2♠. West's 2NT asked East to bid 3♣ and he then bid 3♦, showing his main suit. When East bid 3♥ West was able to raise to game and with trumps 3-3 declarer was soon in a position to claim, +620 and a game swing against the 3♦ reached at the other table after 1♠-2♠-(Dble).

The second is from the match between England and Estonia.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ J 10 8 5		
	♥ Q 8 7 4 3		
	♦ A 9		
	♣ 9 3		
♠ A Q 7 4	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">N W E S</div>	♠ K 3	
♥ 10		♥ A J 9 5 2	
♦ K Q 6 2		♦ 10 7	
♣ A J 10 4		♣ K Q 8 5	
	♠ 9 6 2		
	♥ K 6		
	♦ J 8 5 4 3		
	♣ 7 6 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Karpov</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Laanemae</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- 2♦ Weak 2M (4-8 vul/ 3-9 NV) Or 16+ 4441
- 2♠ Pass or correct
- 3♦ 4-1-4-4 16+
- 4♣ Sets clubs as trumps with slam interest
- 4♥ Agrees slam is a possibility
- 4♠ Cue bid

Tony Forrester was hoping that Andrew Robson would be able to ask for key cards over his 4♠, as he had a very informative response.

South led the two of clubs and declarer won in hand with the five and played a diamond for the king and ace. When North returned a heart declarer went up with the ace, cashed the king of spades, played a club to the ten took two spades and a diamond and could claim on the high cross ruff.

If North returns a trump, declarer can still succeed. He cashes the ace of hearts, ruffs a heart, returns to hand with a spade, ruffs a heart, cashes the queen of diamonds, ruffs a diamond and draws the outstanding trump pitching a diamond, squeezing North in the majors.

It was a well deserved swing against the game reached at the other table.



NETHERLANDS vs CROATIA

by Ram Soffer

Open Teams, Round 16

At the start of the 5th day, Netherlands were 10th and Croatia 15th. Both teams were seeking improvement, and an exciting set of deals gave them plenty of opportunities. Netherlands opened the scoring with 6 IMPs when Croatia overbid to game with 23 HCP and added another overtrick IMP in board 2. The next two boards were even bigger:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ 10 6		
	♥ A 10 6 4 3		
	♦ A K Q 10 2		
	♣ 5		
♠ A 8 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ K Q 7 5 4 3	
♥ Q J 5		♥ —	
♦ 7 6		♦ 9 4	
♣ K 8 7 6 2		♣ Q J 10 4 3	
	♠ J 9		
	♥ K 9 8 7 2		
	♦ J 8 5 3		
	♣ A 9		

West	North	East	South
Marinovski	Bas Drijver	Borevkovic	Brink
Pass	2♦*	2♠	1NT*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	Dble

South's hand is far from standard even for a 10-12 1NT, but the favourable vulnerability was tempting. His subsequent double probably showed heart support, and West made a costly mistake when he failed to raise his partner's 2♠ to the three level. Later it was too hard for both East and West to bid the necessary 4♠ over 4♥.

The contract was cold, and the after a ♣Q lead the defenders failed to read the distribution, not cashing one of their spade tricks and allowing a discard on diamonds. Drijver made 11 tricks and +450.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Sver	Muller	Pilipovic
Pass	1♥	3♠	Pass
4♠	5♥	All Pass	4♥

A brave 3♠ overcall by Muller at unfavourable colours made sure Croatia were not allowed to play 4♥ at this table. Muller led the ♠K and the Dutchmen cashed their spade tricks immediately, ensuring +50 and 11 IMPs. The best their opponents could do was +200 by doubling 4♠ and beating it with a club ruff.



Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A Q 8 5 3 ♥ A J 10 8 4 ♦ 4 ♣ 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 10 9 7 2 ♥ — ♦ 9 7 6 5 3 ♣ 9 8 7	♠ 6 ♥ K 7 6 5 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A K Q J 10 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Marinovski</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Borevkovic</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	2♦*	3♦	4♣
Pass	4♦	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Very well bid by Brink-Drijver, even though the slam is not that great – essentially depending on finding ♥Q. 2♦ showed both majors and 4♣ was an advance cue bid even before a trump suit was agreed. 4♦ was what South wanted to hear. Of course, his Pass over 5♦ was forcing.

In the play (after a club lead) the 4-0 distribution did not prove to be such a big obstacle one declarer started trumps with ♥K. Next he finessed, played ♠A and ruffed a spade to finesse again. After drawing all of West's trumps he could claim the rest with dummy's clubs. Netherlands +1460. The slam is also cold after a diamond lead.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♦	2♥	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

The Croats didn't use Michaels Cuebid, bidding naturally, and a well-timed jump to 5♦ by Muller nipped their slam aspirations (if any) in the bud. Croatia defended well, finding the spade ruff, but +500 was a poor reward – 14 more IMPs to the Netherlands completing a 32:0 blitz over the first four deals.

Croatia pulled back 6 IMPs in the next board after finding a thin 4♥ unbeatable game which was not bid at the other table. In the following boards the excitement dwindled somewhat. We rejoin the match with the Netherlands leading 40:14.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 4 ♥ K 5 ♦ Q 9 6 5 3 ♣ 9 6 5 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 10 9 7 6 5 3 ♥ A J 8 ♦ — ♣ A Q J	♠ A Q J ♥ 6 4 2 ♦ A K 10 8 4 ♣ 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Marinovski</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Borevkovic</i>	<i>Brink</i>
2♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

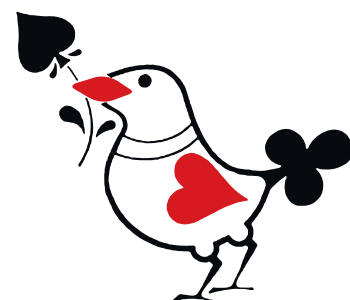
2♥ was weak one-suited, promising at least 4 cards. Initially East had some slam interest, but his partner showed a minimum. South kept quiet.

North led a spade. Declarer finessed hearts successfully and established dummy's spades, making 12 tricks easily.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Sver</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Pilipovic</i>
2♥	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

According to their convention card, West 2♥ shows (at this vulnerability and position) 0-9 HCP, often with 5 cards. Muller didn't have slam interest and Pilipovic decided to double, perhaps out of fear that the opponents were stealing. North left the double in due to the absence of a more attractive alternative.

A spade was led also at this table, and De Wijs could make his doubled contract with two overtricks by following a similar line to the other table. Instead he cross-ruffed diamonds and spades and continued with three rounds of clubs. Now it was the defenders' turn to cross-ruff: South ruffed the 3rd club, played a spade for North to overruff West and ruffed another club (dummy had already ruffed three diamonds and had no more trumps left at this stage). This uninspired piece of declarer play cost the Netherlands 11 IMPs, but they recouped them promptly.





Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠	10 9 8 7 6 4 3	
	♥	K 5	
	♦	Q 10 9	
	♣	2	
♠	K J 2		♠ 5
♥	Q J 6 3 2		♥ —
♦	J		♦ AK765432
♣	8 6 4 3		♣ J 10 7 5
	♠	A Q	
	♥	A 10 9 8 7 4	
	♦	8	
	♣	A K Q 9	

West	North	East	South
Marinovski	Bas Drijver	Borevkovic	Brink
	2♠	5♦	Dble

All Pass

Preempt over preempt is not considered a sound strategy by the theoreticians, and Brink must have extremely pleased to punish his luckless opponent instead of trying to bid his hand constructively in the best way possible.

Perfect defence would have netted six tricks, but the Dutch pair took only the five obvious ones: +800.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Sver	Muller	Pilipovic
	2♠	3♦	4♦
Pass	4♥	5♦	6♠
All Pass			

Muller chose a more sensible initial call of 3♦, and Pilipovic started slam investigations with 4♦. Her partner showed interest with 4♥, so it was time to ask for keycards with 4NT (and stop at 5♠ - already too high). Muller blocked that option with 5♦, but exposed himself to a merciless penalty double. Fortunately for him, his opponent was already pre-occupied with slam ambitions and decided to gamble on 6♠.

Muller underled his diamond honours, hoping for a heart ruff. When Sver took the trick with her ♦Q, a second consecutive disaster for the pair looked likely. Not this time – West had 2 solid trump tricks, so the diamond ace was not required in order to beat the over-ambitious contract. Netherlands +100 and 14 IMPs.

The final Dutch blow came at the penultimate board when their East/West pair showed far better judgement in the bidding.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Marinovski	Bas Drijver	Borevkovic	Brink
			Pass

Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Drijver opened 1♣ lightly, but in my opinion the main culprit is East's 2♠ bid. According to my book a takeout double followed by a 1♠ already shows about 18-20 HCP with 5+ spades, and East did not have a special hand. West hoped for more, so he raised to 3♠, and East also hoped for more from his partner, bidding a game. South's axe was a wake-up call for the Croatian pair.

Brink led ♦Q. Declarer played a trump to dummy and tried a heart. When Brink took the ♥K with his ace and continued trumps, he was booked for four down. Nevertheless, Drijver mysteriously ducked the second round of clubs (don't they give count anymore?) and North/South had to be content with +500.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Sver	Muller	Pilipovic
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

A nice strong-club sequence. East's 1♥ rebid showed any hand with 18+ HCP and 1♠ must have been some sort of "second negative". 2♠ was obviously natural and non-forcing.

Even 2♠ is too high – and would have been two down after a trump lead – but North naturally led her ♣A, switching to a trump. De Wijs won with dummy's ♠A and played another club. This time it

was correct for North to duck, since West still had an entry(although the defender could not have known that this was the case – in the bidding West had shown extreme weakness). Sver won the ♣K and played one more rounds of trumps. De Wijs won in hand, discarded a diamond on the ♣10. Noting the drop of ♣98 from South, he then discarded a heart on the ♣7 while Pilipovic ruffed with her natural trump trick.

West's hand had proved quite useful, as far as 2-HCP hands go. Making a part score was worth 11 more IMPs for the Dutch. Their final margin of victory (67:29 IMPs) was sufficient to lift them into 5th place, and they stayed there at the end of the day.



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1	POLAND	ROMANIA	43	23	15.00	5.00
2	HUNGARY	LATVIA	42	41	10.31	9.69
3	GEORGIA	SWITZERLAND	26	60	2.69	17.31
4	GERMANY	BELARUS	57	28	16.58	3.42
5	ICELAND	FRANCE	29	34	8.52	11.48
6	FINLAND	TURKEY	29	31	9.39	10.61
7	SERBIA	AUSTRIA	52	18	17.31	2.69
8	NETHERLANDS	FAROE ISLANDS	40	18	15.38	4.62
9	ESTONIA	SWEDEN	17	31	6.25	13.75
10	GREECE	IRELAND	37	32	11.48	8.52
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	WALES	30	19	13.04	6.96
12	ENGLAND	UKRAINE	55	39	14.18	5.82
13	RUSSIA	ITALY	43	50	7.97	12.03
14	CROATIA	NORWAY	37	48	6.96	13.04
15	CYPRUS	SPAIN	25	49	4.26	15.74
16	DENMARK	BULGARIA	37	20	14.39	5.61
17	PORTUGAL	MONACO	15	63	1.03	18.97
18	SCOTLAND	BELGIUM	44	37	12.03	7.97
19	ISRAEL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 21

1	GEORGIA	ROMANIA	48	28	15.00	5.00
2	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY	32	73	1.79	18.21
3	LATVIA	POLAND	12	23	6.96	13.04
4	GERMANY	TURKEY	65	28	17.72	2.28
5	ICELAND	AUSTRIA	56	36	15.00	5.00
6	FINLAND	BELARUS	80	8	20.00	0.00
7	SERBIA	FRANCE	50	37	13.52	6.48
8	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND	38	43	8.52	11.48
9	ESTONIA	WALES	34	10	15.74	4.26
10	GREECE	FAROE ISLANDS	61	29	17.03	2.97
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWEDEN	23	56	2.83	17.17
12	ENGLAND	NORWAY	53	32	15.19	4.81
13	RUSSIA	SPAIN	54	54	10.00	10.00
14	CROATIA	UKRAINE	38	48	7.20	12.80
15	CYPRUS	ITALY	9	98	0.00	20.00
16	ISRAEL	MONACO	43	20	15.56	4.44
17	DENMARK	BELGIUM	28	63	2.55	17.45
18	SCOTLAND	BULGARIA	48	46	10.61	9.39
19	PORTUGAL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 22

1	ROMANIA	RUSSIA	12	26	6.25	13.75
2	LATVIA	CYPRUS	50	25	15.92	4.08
3	ENGLAND	CROATIA	32	23	12.55	7.45
4	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	26	32	8.24	11.76
5	DENMARK	ESTONIA	7	48	1.79	18.21
6	PORTUGAL	GREECE	4	47	1.56	18.44
7	SCOTLAND	CZECH REPUBLIC	7	30	4.44	15.56
8	BULGARIA	GERMANY	38	25	13.52	6.48
9	MONACO	ICELAND	19	45	3.91	16.09
10	BELGIUM	FINLAND	22	27	8.52	11.48
11	ITALY	POLAND	31	24	12.03	7.97
12	NORWAY	SWITZERLAND	56	4	19.34	0.66
13	SPAIN	HUNGARY	21	32	6.96	13.04
14	UKRAINE	GEORGIA	41	18	15.56	4.44
15	SWEDEN	FRANCE	20	24	8.80	11.20
16	IRELAND	TURKEY	31	24	12.03	7.97
17	WALES	AUSTRIA	6	49	1.56	18.44
18	FAROE ISLANDS	BELARUS	19	32	6.48	13.52
19	SERBIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 22

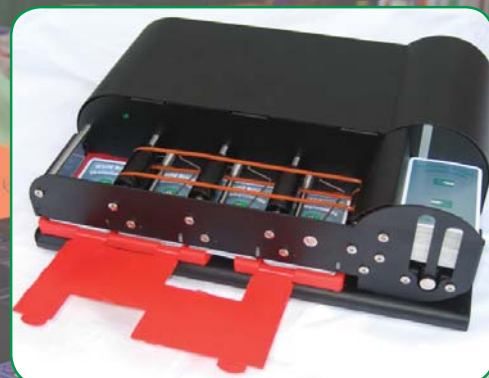
1	FRANCE	301.13
2	GERMANY	298.64
3	SWEDEN	291.45
4	MONACO	282.24
5	ENGLAND	270.59
6	NETHERLANDS	269.89
7	NORWAY	269.66
8	ITALY	268.93
9	POLAND	264.32
10	BULGARIA	261.94
11	IRELAND	256.24
12	ISRAEL	253.59
13	HUNGARY	251.87
14	ICELAND	244.04
15	FINLAND	242.90
16	SPAIN	242.53
17	BELGIUM	230.62
18	GREECE	227.68
19	SERBIA	222.12
20	DENMARK	219.42
21	TURKEY	212.75
22	CROATIA	210.52
23	WALES	202.40
24	ESTONIA	202.24
25	AUSTRIA	199.05
26	RUSSIA	196.88
27	ROMANIA	196.86
28	UKRAINE	192.88
29	CZECH REP.	187.51
30	SWITZERLAND	172.75
31	LATVIA	171.68
32	PORTUGAL	169.89
33	BELARUS	157.08
34	FAROE ISLANDS	148.16
35	GEORGIA	138.41
36	CYPRUS	123.84
37	SCOTLAND	120.30

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RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND 8

21	NORWAY	SERBIA	18	40	4.62	14.88
22	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	58	28	16.73	3.27
23	DENMARK	ESTONIA	42	28	13.75	6.25
24	POLAND	SPAIN	42	18	15.74	4.26
25	TURKEY	PORTUGAL	54	24	16.73	3.27
26	FRANCE	SCOTLAND	53	1	19.34	0.66
27	GERMANY	HUNGARY	58	25	17.17	2.83
28	SWEDEN	IRELAND	29	22	12.03	5.97
29	ISRAEL	FINLAND	28	58	3.27	16.73
30	ENGLAND	GREECE	55	22	17.17	2.83
31	RUSSIA	SAN MARINO	82	11	20.00	0.00
32	ITALY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 9

21	IRELAND	FRANCE	35	54	5.20	14.80
22	GERMANY	RUSSIA	70	30	18.09	1.91
23	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	38	61	4.44	15.56
24	HUNGARY	SAN MARINO	46	25	15.19	4.81
25	ITALY	GREECE	64	26	17.85	2.15
26	TURKEY	ISRAEL	43	50	6.47	9.53
27	PORTUGAL	FINLAND	23	24	9.69	10.31
28	POLAND	BULGARIA	32	39	7.97	12.03
29	DENMARK	NORWAY	42	25	14.39	5.61
30	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	46	51	8.52	11.48
31	ESTONIA	SERBIA	68	30	17.85	0.15
32	ENGLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 10

21	NORWAY	FRANCE	2	60	0.15	19.85
22	BULGARIA	RUSSIA	19	23	8.80	11.20
23	SERBIA	SCOTLAND	12	16	8.80	11.20
24	NETHERLANDS	SAN MARINO	69	6	20.00	0.00
25	ENGLAND	DENMARK	8	16	7.71	12.29
26	ISRAEL	SPAIN	37	31	11.76	8.24
27	GREECE	ESTONIA	21	35	6.25	13.75
28	FINLAND	POLAND	25	23	10.61	9.39
29	SWEDEN	TURKEY	47	18	16.58	3.42
30	IRELAND	PORTUGAL	7	17	7.20	12.80
31	HUNGARY	ITALY	27	25	10.61	9.39
32	GERMANY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 10

1	FRANCE	151.43
2	POLAND	140.61
3	ENGLAND	135.01
4	NETHERLANDS	134.28
5	RUSSIA	130.49
6	DENMARK	129.65
7	ISRAEL	128.10
8	GERMANY	113.71
9	TURKEY	112.27
10	ITALY	105.77
11	SWEDEN	101.87
12	NORWAY	97.41
13	HUNGARY	95.43
14	FINLAND	90.02
15	PORTUGAL	88.29
16	SCOTLAND	85.95
17	GREECE	81.69
18	SERBIA	80.92
19	ESTONIA	77.47
20	SPAIN	73.82
21	BULGARIA	65.76
22	IRELAND	63.52
23	SAN MARINO	24.03





RESULTS SENIORS TEAMS

ROUND 8

41	POLAND	IRELAND	41	27	13.75	6.25
42	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL	34	50	5.82	14.18
43	ROMANIA	AUSTRIA	37	51	6.25	13.75
44	ENGLAND	NORWAY	63	17	18.77	1.23
45	BELGIUM	SPAIN	21	26	8.52	11.48
46	ITALY	SWEDEN	45	23	15.38	4.62
47	WALES	SCOTLAND	28	38	7.20	12.80
48	FRANCE	TURKEY	5	28	4.44	15.56
49	GERMANY	ESTONIA	35	19	14.18	5.82
50	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	32	37	8.52	11.48
51	FINLAND	ISRAEL	24	40	5.82	14.18
52	SERBIA	DENMARK	34	63	3.42	16.58

ROUND 9

41	ESTONIA	POLAND	12	70	0.15	19.85
42	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	21	31	7.20	12.80
43	TURKEY	ROMANIA	46	18	16.42	3.58
44	SWEDEN	FINLAND	88	30	19.85	0.15
45	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	28	39	6.96	13.04
46	NORWAY	GERMANY	35	49	6.25	13.75
47	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	41	74	2.83	17.17
48	DENMARK	WALES	67	31	17.59	2.41
49	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	72	34	17.85	2.15
50	IRELAND	BELGIUM	56	50	11.76	8.24
51	PORTUGAL	ITALY	22	52	3.27	16.73
52	ISRAEL	SERBIA	63	37	16.09	3.91

ROUND 10

41	AUSTRIA	POLAND	27	38	6.96	13.04
42	IRELAND	HUNGARY	34	21	13.52	6.48
43	FINLAND	BULGARIA	16	33	5.61	14.39
44	DENMARK	ROMANIA	15	32	5.61	14.39
45	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	20	14	11.76	8.24
46	BELGIUM	NORWAY	8	50	1.67	18.33
47	ITALY	SPAIN	15	33	5.40	14.60
48	WALES	SWEDEN	3	25	4.62	15.38
49	FRANCE	ISRAEL	8	41	2.83	17.17
50	GERMANY	TURKEY	28	13	13.97	6.03
51	NETHERLANDS	ESTONIA	23	27	8.80	11.20
52	SERBIA	PORTUGAL	42	30	13.28	6.72

RANKING AFTER ROUND 10

1	ISRAEL	148.57
2	SWEDEN	129.17
3	POLAND	126.31
4	ENGLAND	118.59
5	AUSTRIA	114.24
6	ITALY	113.80
7	BULGARIA	111.94
8	DENMARK	110.78
9	HUNGARY	108.31
10	TURKEY	105.71
11	GERMANY	104.14
12	PORTUGAL	103.54
13	NETHERLANDS	102.86
14	IRELAND	99.10
15	BELGIUM	96.36
16	NORWAY	94.68
17	SCOTLAND	92.81
18	ROMANIA	91.11
19	FRANCE	90.37
20	FINLAND	81.26
21	ESTONIA	75.17
22	SPAIN	74.98
23	WALES	53.27
24	SERBIA	44.93

