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#### **SCHEDULE**

#### **ZIMMERMANN CUP**

10.00 - 12.50: Round of 16 1/3 14.00 - 16.50: Round of 16 2/3 17.20 - 20.10: Round of 16 3/3

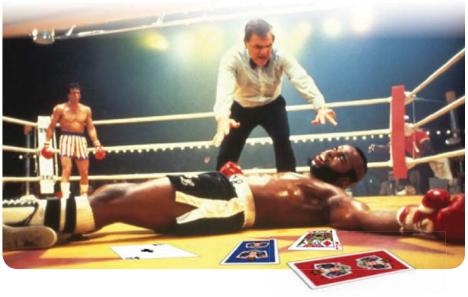
#### FMB B-A-M

14.00 - 16.50: Q. Match 1/5 17.20 - 20.10: Q. Match 2/5

BBO will broadcast from 8 tables in every round



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Entering the 15th and last round of qualification for the round of 16 in the Zimmermann Cup, the situation was very tense for some teams who had still to fight to earn a place. The session was rather guiet until the ultimate board, when your RHO opens, One Spade and you hold a flat 24 HPC. You will have to wait for tomorrow's bulletin to discover what happened.

Anyhow, when the smoke cleared, 6 of the top 16 seeded teams were out, while the France Juniors (38th) Dracula from Romania (37th) Netherlands Blue (35th) and Netherlands White (30th) all distinguished themselves by qualifying, as did Connector (Poland) and Emerald (Israel).

You will find the pairings for today's 60 board matches on page 10. (JPM)





### FMB BAM TROPHY FORMAT

by European Bridge League

The BAM will consist of a Qualification stage Monday (32 boards start 14:00) and Tuesday (48 boards start 10:00), followed by Finals A and B on Wednesday and Thursday (starting 10:00 both days).

On Tuesday the 8 losing teams from the Round of 16 will be added to the qualification, with a carry-over placing them in a shared 16th position.

The top 20 teams, plus the 4 losing teams from the Quarter-finals, will qualify for Final A, the others for Final B. There will be a linear carry-over from the Qualification into the Finals starting at 6 points (out of a maximum obtainable 184) for the 1st placed team down to 0 points for the last. The 4 drop-ins from the Quarter-finals will enter Final A in a shared 3rd position.



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## **VIDEO CORNER**



#### 74 by Piotr Gawrys

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=sJFlVIQNVhQ

> Or click here (online version)



#### **Meet France Juniors**

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=3lCFAH6hfvo

> Or click here (online version)

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## **MUCH TOO EASY**

by Jean-Paul Meyer

When reporting on a European Championship, journalists usually chase magnificent plays, involving trump squeezes or stepping stones and the like.

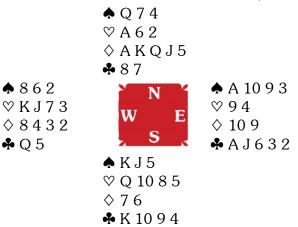
However, in fact matches are often decided by more trivial hands, the sort we would not dare to write about.

'Too easy, we are not interested in that sort of deal!'I hear you say.

I will show you just one to prove that concentration is essential all the time.

Round 8 board 14 was almost unanimously played in 3NT by North on a club lead .

Round 8. Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



Believe it or not, no less than six declarers went down, two of them reigning World Champions.

How can that happen?

The first trick went to west's queen, who at one table played back a spade and at the other a diamond. In the latter case when in with a diamond, declarer plays a club to East 's ace.

Can you see any problem?

Not really as by scoring two spades you reach your target of nine.

What happened is that the declarer who received a spade return at trick two should have played the queen from hand to ensure a late entry to the dummy and the precious king of clubs.

Instead the trick went to dummies jack, then came a diamond to hand, a club for the ace and East returned a small spade. Declarer did not put up the king and was down.

After a diamond switch at trick two declarer played a club and East took the ace and returned a spade. When declarer put up dummy's king he needed to drop the queen from his hand - and as you will have guessed, he did not.

For the names of the miscreants, you will have to come to the Bulletin room, (armed with an extremely nice bottle of red wine!)









## TOOLS OF THE TRADE

by Mark Horton

To misquote Jane Austen, 'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a bridge partnership must be in want of a good bidding system'.

In the modern era, sophisticated methods have been developed that allow a partnership to exchange information. Although a bidding sequence might sometimes appear unintelligible, its meaning can sometimes be unraveled by applying basic principles.

Take a look at this deal from Round 8:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

★ KQ8♡ Q94◇ Q76♣ AK97

♠ J109763

 $\bigcirc$  52  $\Diamond$  52

**♣** 864

N E

♠ 542♡ KJ763

♦ J843

**4** 3

**♠** A

♡ A 108

♦ AK109

♣ QJ1052

#### Open Room

o pon moon	••		
West	North	East	South
Duboin	Gawrys	Bilde	Klukowski
	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♡*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♡*	Dble	Rdbl*
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Impressive to be sure, but what did it all mean? This was my best guess:

2♣ Stayman

20 No major

2♠ Game forcing

3♥ 3-3-3-4

4♣ Sets clubs as trumps

4♠ Cue bid

4NT RKCB

5% 2 key cards

Rdbl Grand slam invitation



TEAM MAHAFFEY

When I subsequently interviewed Piotr Gawrys, he was able to confirm that this interpretation was correct, and he also added some interesting details about this sequence, for instance, that bidding 3% showed a decent hand for 1NT.

You can watch the interview at www.eurobridge.org

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bessis	Bocchi	Volcker	Bianchedi
_	1NT	Pass	3◊*
Pass	3♡*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♡	Pass	<b>4</b> ♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5 <b>4</b>
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Any ideas about this one?

I am pretty sure that  $3\diamondsuit$  promised 5-4 in the minors with short spades, or six diamonds and if that is right  $3\heartsuit$  was a relay, with  $4\clubsuit$  confirming the first option.

Give me another week and I might work out what



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Those two auctions were complex, but on this deal from Round 9 the players used methods that are a little easier to understand:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

$\spadesuit$	4 3
$\Diamond$	Q76
$\Diamond$	QJ65
•	Q865

♠ Q 2♡ A 10 3◇ K 8 7

♣ A 10 9 7 2



♠ AK 10 8 7 6♡ K 5

♦ A 10 9 3

**♦** J95 ♡ J9842

♦ 42
♣ J43

#### Open Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Amiry	Martens	Samir	Filipowicz
1♣	Pass	1 <b>^</b>	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4◊*	Pass	4♡*	Pass
5 <b>♣</b> *	Pass	6 <b>♠</b>	All Pass

2♣ Checkback

2♦ Denies 3♠

4♣ Cue bid

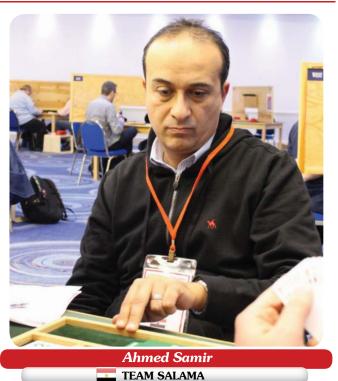
 $4\diamondsuit$  Cue bid  $4\heartsuit$  Cue bid

5♣ Cue bid



Reda Amiry

TEAM SALAMA



Perhaps East was precipitate in jumping to  $6 \spadesuit$  - he might have preferred  $5 \diamondsuit$ .

There was nothing to the play, declarer using his entries to dummy to set up the clubs, +1010.

#### Closed Room

West	North	<b>East</b>	South
Helgemo	Stamatov	Helness	Danailov
1♣	Pass	1 <b>^</b>	Pass
1NT	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit^*$	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6◊*	Pass	7 <b>♠</b>	All Pass

20 Checkback

4♣ Cue bid for spades

4NT RKCB

5NT kings?

6♦ ♦K

As before, there was nothing to the play, but Zimmermann collected  $11\ \text{IMPs}.$ 

We shall not fail or falter; we shall not weaken or tire. Neither the sudden shock of battle, nor the long-drawn trials of vigilance and exertion will wear us down. Give us the tools, and we will finish the job.

Winston Churchill, London, February 9, 1941.







## THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK

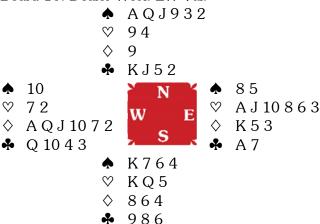
by Mark Horton

Based on J. P. Gallagher's book The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican (published in 1967), this movie tells the story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a real life Irishborn Roman Catholic priest who saved thousands of Jews and escaped Allied prisoners of war in Rome.

The movie title The Scarlet and the Black is a reference to the black cassock and scarlet sash worn by Monsignores and bishops in the Roman Catholic Church.

On this deal from Round 11, the battle was between suits of different colours:

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.



Should West open the bidding?

I don't think many players would be happy to pass, despite the vulnerability.

A weak  $2\diamondsuit$  is a possibility, but not everyone has that in their locker, so in practice West is likely to open  $3\diamondsuit$ .

North is sure to overcall  $3\spadesuit$ , leaving East to decide what to do next.

While you are thinking about that, here are some statistics from the 50 tables:

NS were allowed to play in  $4 \spadesuit$  eight times - all making. EW played in  $5 \diamondsuit 9$  times - three went down, no doubt by doing the wrong thing in the heart suit. (To defeat  $5 \diamondsuit$  North must underlead in spades, South, winning and switching to a club. In your dreams.)

At 22 tables NS played in  $5 \spadesuit$ , usually doubled, so clearly East was generally raising to  $5 \diamondsuit$ .





This is what happened when Zimmermann met Marosamitawa:

Open Room	า		
West	North	East	South
Welland	Martens	Auken	Filipowicz
3♦	3♠	4♦	<b>4♠</b>
All Pass			

If North had passed over  $3\diamondsuit$ ,  $4\diamondsuit$  would have been optional key card, here it was invitational.

East led the three of diamonds and West won with the ace and returned the three of clubs. Declarer played low from dummy and when East had to win with the ace the hand was over, +420.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South	
Helgemo	Ahmady	Helness	Sadek	
3♦	3♠	5♦	5 <b>♠</b>	
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass	

East led the ace of hearts and continued with the three. Declarer won with dummy's queen, drew trumps in two rounds ending in hand and pitched the losing diamond on a heart.

With a good count (East is virtually certain to be 2-6-3-2) declarer now needs to play the nine of clubs. If that is covered by the ten, jack and ace, declarer can play the eight of clubs next time, pinning East's seven.

West can try to deflect declarer by putting up the queen on the first round of clubs, hoping to persuade declarer that East started with A10.

In practice, declarer did not find a solution and was one down, 11 IMPs to Zimmermann.





## WHEN SWEDISH AND FRENCH JUNIORS MEET

by Jean-Paul Meyer

It is always a pleasure to watch the young generation of bridge players demonstrating their ability to play good bridge.

The French and Swedish Federations had the very good idea of sending a Junior team to struggle against some of the best european squads. That is one of the best ways to make progress.

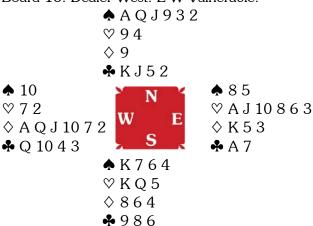
When they met in Round 11, they were in the first 25 with a reasonable chance to qualify for the knock-out phase.

The organisation did the right thing by showing the match on BBO and it attracted many kibbitzers.

They enjoyed the fight which began with a well bid by both sides no swing hand in 6% bid and made.

But the battle really begin on board 16:

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vulnerable.



In one room, NS for Sweden was allowed to play in  $3\spadesuit$ , making 10 tricks. It could be considered a bad result for North South as  $4\spadesuit$  can be made with the ace of hearts with East and the queen and ten of clubs with West.

In real life this was a swing of 13 IMPs the other way when the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Laloubeyre	Hult	Charignon
Pass	1 <b>♠</b>	2 %	2♠
Dble*	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass

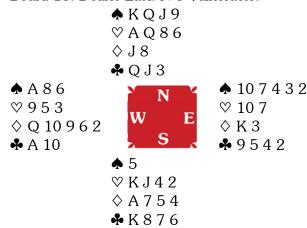
The lead was the ace of spades and there was no way to defeat the contract.

In a dream life, a small spade lead to South's king and a club switch beats the contract.

The French recovered very quickly when they bid and made  $3\spadesuit$  in one room and  $4\heartsuit$  in the other.

So the match was to be decided on board 18:

Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vulnerable.



In one room, the French EW pair bid up to  $2\spadesuit$ , North doubled with delectation, lost a trick on the way, and scored only +100

In the other room, the ambitious French pair bid 3NT by South.

After the nine of diamond lead (you can see the importance of the seven and eight) declarer took East's king with the ace.

(Naturally we old timers would lead a low diamond without a second thought. Editors)

South continued with a low club from hand, most probably he would have guessed right anyway but he did not have to; West played his ace immediately and tried to cash his diamonds, +400 to NS and a victory for France, 28-17.







## **COACH CALLING**

by Maurizio Di Sacco

Coaching a team is a new experience to me, which I am really enjoying, even though I have already lost a few kilos (which I should certainly be grateful for), and eaten all my nails. Believe me, watching is much more stressful than playing.

But having the chance to stay close, and watch the game of some of the best players in the world is something a lover of the game like me can usually only dream of.

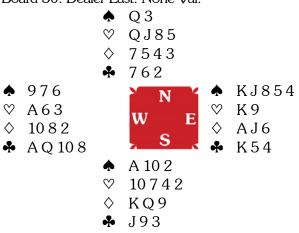
My team is Lavazza, one of the most successful of all time, which, thank to the great love of Mrs. Maria Teresa Lavazza for the game, has been around the world ever since 1969 (the year where the team made its first appearance). Many world champions have been in the team during the so many years, and many youngsters have grown in it to become top guns. It was the case of Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin, who started when they were barely twenty (they are now just a bit older), and is now the case of Dennis Bilde, the most recent acquisition, and Agustin Madala, who joined the team ten years ago. Both are not thirty yet.

I offer a fascinating hand to start with.

"Agus" is well known to find solutions where nobody else is able to do it, and he proved it once more in the match of the third round against a Dutch team.

The young team Netherland White was a tough challenge for Lavazza. Most of the boards were a push, even though the hands were not at all flat. With Lavazza leading 9-6, the last chance for a swing hit the table:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Verbeek	Bilde	Molenaar
		1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

To have a chance, the defence has to find the heart

lead, and both defenders duly did it, tabling the seven, whereas a high diamond, the second choice, would have been fatal.

After the jack from North declarer won with the king and reached dummy with a club honour to play a spade, and both Souths won the  $\clubsuit J$  with the ace to continue the heart attack.

To legitimately make the hand, declarer should win with dummy's ace and play a spade, but declarer decided to duck. North played a third round and declarer was in control.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Madala	Drijver	Bianchedi
_	_	<b>1♠</b>	Pass
<b>2♣</b>	Pass	2\$	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

After the same start, when declarer made the same mistake of ducking the second heart Madala unerringly switched to the five of diamonds, and the defence was a tempo ahead. Declarer ducked, but Bianchedi won, and correctly reading his partner's diamond as high, went back to hearts.

10 well deserved IMPs for Lavazza, and a 19-6 win.

You can replay this deal at: http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/handviewer.html?bbo=y&linurl=http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/vugraph\_linfetch.php?id=43095



TEAM LAVAZZA

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## **ZIMMERMANN CUP - RESULTS**

## **RANKING AFTER 15 ROUNDS\***

1	ERA	197.38	VAINIKONIS, ARLOVICH, ZATORSKI, PACHTMAN, DRIJVER, BRINK
2	VENTIN	193.85	VENTIN, WRANG, LORENZINI, QUANTIN
3	ZIMMERMANN	190.55	ZIMMERMANN, MULTON, HELGEMO, HELNESS, MARTENS, FILIPOWICZ
4	LAVAZZA	185.99	LAVAZZA BIANCHEDI, BOCCHI, DUBOIN, MADALA, BILDE
5	NETHERLANDS B	179.49	VAN OVERBEEKE, POLAK, SCHOLLAARDT, MACURA, MAAS, BAKKEREN
6	MAHAFFEY	177.23	LEV, MAHAFFEY, GAWRYS, VOLCKER, BESSIS, KLUKOWSKI
7	NETHERLANDS W	176.26	DRIJVER, NAB, MOLENAAR, VERBEEK, MAAS, BAKKEREN
8	VYTAS	170.09	VAINIKONIS, OLANSKI, GIERULSKI, SKRZYPCZAK, LAURIA, VERSACE
9	ASSAEL	168.51	TOKAY, SEMENTA, KUBAC, ZORLU
10	VINCIGUERRA	166.46	VINCIGUERRA, BOMPIS, LEVY, BESSIS
11	FRANCE JUNIOR	165.65	ROUANET-LABE, COMBESCURE, BERNARD, DEHEEGER, CHARIGNON, LALOUBEYRE
12	BLACK	162.74	BLACK, HALLBERG, WHITTAKER, BERTHEAU, KING, McINTOSH
13	DE BOTTON	162.62	DE BOTTON, TOWNSEND, CHARLSEN, HOFTANISKA, SANDQVIST, PADON
14	CONNECTOR	161.94	SEREK, PUCZYNSKI, BIZON, KAZMUCHA, KOWALSKI, ARASZKIEWICZ
15	DRACULA	161.75	MARINA, COLDEA, STEGARO, IONITA
16	EMERALD CENTOR	159.60	BAREKET, LENGY, ROLL, BAREL, LEVIN
17	FRANCE SENIOR	159.57	CABANES, GAUTRET, DECHELETTE, IONTZEFF, KASLER, SAPORTA
18	AJ DIAMENT	158.28	JASZCZAK, ZAWADA, STRZEMECKI, JANISZEWSKI, PILCH, SZTYRAK
19	YOUNG SWEDES	155.34	EKENBERG, HULT, RIMSTEDT, RIMSTEDT
20	GAMAX	153.71 153.53	WINKLER, HOMONNAY, DOMBI, LAKATOS
21 22	MAROSAMITAWA		SADEK, GROMOELLER, REHDER, AUKEN, WELLAND, EL AHMADY
23	TESSIERES LATVIA	152.20 151.72	FRANCESCHETTI, ROBERT, DE TESSIERES, LHUISSIER
<b>23 24</b>	POLAND	150.76	ROMANOVSKA, RUBINS, JANSONS, NEIMANIS, MATISONS, LORENCS
<b>24 25</b>	DE KNIJFF	150.76	MAZURKIEWICZ, JASSEM, GOLEBIOWSKI, STARKOWSKI
<b>26</b>	NEMESIS	150.73	DE KNIJFF, FREDIN, BLAKSET, BLAKSET
27	MARILL	148.88	SAKR, HADDAD, CIESLAK, NAWROCKI, WIANKOWSKI MARILL, TOFFIER, LASSERRE, ABECASSIS, PALAU, GUILLAUMIN
28	NONAME TUR	148.60	
<b>29</b>	FORMIDABLES	148.50	DINC, KOLATA, KANDEMIR, GUR, YILMAZ TEWARI, SHIVDASANI, CHOKSHI, ANKLESARIA, MUKHERJEE, SATYANARAYANA
30	BLUE CHIP SWE	147.69	GULLBERG, SAFSTEN, STOKKA, ANDERSSON
31	BRENO	147.38	MANNO, ZALESKI, FRANCHI, LANZAROTTI, CRONIER
32	GILLIS	146.99	GILLIS, ERICHSEN, JANSMA, MAHMOOD
33	PAUNCZ	146.89	PAUNCZ, FOSSI, BURATTI, MARIANI
34	NONAME	146.49	DINC, CIVGINER, IMAMOGLU, GUNDOGDU, PEYRET, ERBIL
35	MORAN	145.76	MORAN, BOLAND, HANLON, McGANN, CARROLL, GARVEY, BARTON
36	ESTONIA	145.31	LEVENKO, SESTER, OJA, MARIPUU, LAANEMAE, KARPOV
37	LUPO VELOCE	143.34	FRANZEL, LAUSS, BERGER, KRIFTNER, KASIMIR
38	NETHERLANDS R	142.16	VAN DEN BOS, VAN LANKVELD, RITMEIJER, TICHA, MAAS, BAKKEREN
<b>39</b>	PACIFIC	141.15	TACIUC, FRANCES, SABATIER, STANCESCU, VAN CUYK, DOLLA
40	GOVINDACHARI	135.61	SHAH, RAY, KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY, BAPAT, KUSHARI, MAJUMDAR, GOVINDACHARI
41	NEVER CLAIM	135.45	PORKHUN, DRAGAN, ROVYSHYN, CHUMAK, ROVYSHYNA
42	SALAMA	135.43	SALAMA, STAMATOV, DANAILOV, AMIRY, SAMIR, NABIL
43	CHINA LADIES	135.35	WANG, SHEN, LIU, CHEN, LI, ZHAO, WANG
44	CUNEO	135.12	BALDI, MURGIA, GUERMANI, GAGLIARDI, MUSSO, REVIGLIO
45	BELL	133.02	BELL, GOLD, ROBERTSON, CASTNER
46	BRIDGE24PL B	131.39	CHMURSKI, CHALUPEC, ROMANSKI, GRZELAK
47	DE MICHELIS	126.35	DE MICHELIS, FAILLA, ATTANASIO, DI FRANCO
48	BRUNET	123.11	FISSORE, LASSERRE, COURRIAS, BARNE, VIENNOIS, HASSAN, BRUNET
49	DURONTO RAJSH	109.66	KABIR, MOHAN, HASSAN, AMIN, HOQUE, CHOWDHURY
50	GUTI	86.45	PANADERO, PIDAL, PASSARINHO, MYRIAM
51	HARRIS	69.88	HARRIS, HARRIS, SKORCHEV, MALAKOVA

 $^{\ast}$  To see the results from each round go to:

www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/16 monaco/microsite/Results.htm

## ZIMMERMANN CUP KO

R1 R2 R3	
ERA	
DRACULA	R1 R2 R3
R1 R2 R3	?
BLACK	
DE BOTTON	R1 R2 R3
R1 R2 R3	?
VYTAS	?
NED BLUE	R1 R2 R3
R1 R2 R3	?
VINCIGUERRA	
LAVAZZA	R1 R2 R3
R1 R2 R3	?
ZIMMERMANN	?
EMERALD	? R1 R2 R3
R1 R2 R3	2
NED WHITE	
MAHAFFEY	R1 R2 R3
R1 R2 R3	
ASSAEL	
CONNECTOR	R1 R2 R3
FRANCE JRS	
VENTIN	