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## SCHEDULE

ZIMMERMANN CUP
10.00-12.50: Round of $161 / 3$
14.00-16.50: Round of $162 / 3$
17.20-20.10: Round of $163 / 3$

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

KNOCK IT'S


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 quiet 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 1 st 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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## 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.

- Q 74
© A 62
$\diamond$ AK Q J 5
\& 87
a 862
$\checkmark$ K J 73
$\diamond 8432$
\& Q 5


A A 1093
$\checkmark 94$
$\diamond 109$
\& A J 632
A K J 5
© Q 1085
$\diamond 76$
\& K 1094
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
$\checkmark$ Q 94
$\diamond$ Q 76
\& AK97


Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Duboin | Gawrys | Bilde | Klukowski |
| - | 1NT | Pass | 24** |
| Pass | $2 \diamond^{*}$ | Pass | 24* |
| Pass | $30^{*}$ | Pass | 4\%** |
| Pass | 49** | Pass | 4NT* |
| Pass | 50* | Dble | Rdbl* |
| Pass | 7\% | All Pass |  |

Impressive to be sure, but what did it all mean?
This was my best guess:
2\% Stayman
$2 \diamond$ No major
2. Game forcing

38 3-3-3-4
4* Sets clubs as trumps
4ヘ Cue bid
4NT RKCB
5® 2 key cards
Rdbl Grand slam invitation


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 $3 \triangle$ 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 |
| - | 1 NT | Pass | $3 \diamond^{*}$ |
| Pass | $39^{*}$ | Pass | 4\% |
| Pass | 40 | Pass | 49 |
| Pass | 5\% | Pass | 5 |
| Pass | 7\% | All Pass |  |

Any ideas about this one?
I am pretty sure that $3 \diamond$ promised 5-4 in the minors with short spades, or six diamonds and if that is right $3 \bigcirc$ was a relay, with $4 \%$ confirming the first option.
Give me another week and I might work out what happened after that!

[^0]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.

- 43
- Q 76
$\diamond$ QJ 65
\& Q 865


Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amiry | Martens | Samir | Filipowicz |
| 1\% | Pass | 14 | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | 20* | Pass |
| $2 \diamond^{*}$ | Pass | $3 \diamond$ | Pass |
| 3 | Pass | 46** | Pass |
| $4 \diamond^{*}$ | Pass | 40* | Pass |
| 5\%** | Pass | 6a | All Pass |

24 Checkback
$2 \diamond$ Denies 3へ
4\% Cue bid
$4 \diamond$ Cue bid
40 Cue bid
5\% Cue bid


Perhaps East was precipitate in jumping to 6 - he might have preferred $5 \diamond$.
There was nothing to the play, declarer using his entries to dummy to set up the clubs, +1010 .

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helgemo | Stamatov | Helness | Danailou |
| 10 | Pass | 14 | Pass |
| 1NT | Pass | $2 \diamond *$ | Pass |
| 3\% | Pass | 3 | Pass |
| 44** | Pass | 4NT* | Pass |
| 5 ${ }^{\text {* }}$ | Pass | 5NT* | Pass |
| $6 \diamond^{*}$ | Pass | 74 | All Pass |

$2 \diamond$ Checkback
4\% Cue bid for spades
4NT RKCB
5 2 key cards $+\boldsymbol{Q}$
5NT kings?
$6 \diamond \diamond \mathrm{~K}$

As before, there was nothing to the play, but Zimmermann collected 11 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.
↔ A Q J 9 32
$\checkmark 94$
$\diamond 9$
\& K J 52


Should West open the bidding?
I don't think many players would be happy to pass, despite the vulnerability.
A weak $2 \diamond$ is a possibility, but not everyone has that in their locker, so in practice West is likely to open $3 \diamond$.
North is sure to overcall 3ヵ, 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 eight times - all making.
EW played in $5 \diamond 9$ times - three went down, no doubt by doing the wrong thing in the heart suit. (To defeat $5 \diamond$ North must underlead in spades, South, winning and switching to a club. In your dreams.)
At 22 tables NS played in 5 $\mathbf{~}$, usually doubled, so clearly East was generally raising to $5 \diamond$.



This is what happened when Zimmermann met Marosamitawa:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Welland | Martens | Auken | Filipowicz |
| $3 \diamond$ | $3 \triangleleft$ | $4 \diamond$ | $4 \uparrow$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

If North had passed over $3 \diamond, 4 \diamond$ 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 |
| $3 \diamond$ | $3 \wedge$ | $5 \diamond$ | $5 \uparrow$ |
| 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 $\& A 10$.

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 knockout 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 $6 \bigcirc$ bid and made.
But the battle really begin on board 16 :
Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vulnerable.
A A Q J 932
$\bigcirc 94$
$\diamond 9$
\& K J 52

| A 10 | N | A 85 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 72$ |  | $\bigcirc$ AJ 10863 |
| $\diamond$ AQJ 1072 W E |  | $\diamond$ K 53 |
| ¢ Q 1043 | S | \& A 7 |
|  | * K 764 |  |
|  | ¢ K Q 5 |  |
|  | $\diamond 864$ |  |
|  | \& 986 |  |

In one room, NS for Sweden was allowed to play in $3 \boldsymbol{A}$, making 10 tricks. It could be considered a bad result for North South as $4 \boldsymbol{A}$ 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 | $1 \uparrow$ | $2 \diamond$ | $2 \uparrow$ |
| Dble* | $3 \uparrow$ | Pass | Pass |
| $4 \diamond$ | Pass | $4 \diamond$ | Dble |
| Pass | Pass | $5 \diamond$ | 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 34 in one room and $4 \triangle$ in the other.

So the match was to be decided on board 18 :
Board 18. Dealer East. N-S Vulnerable.
A KQJ 9
© A Q 86
$\diamond J 8$

* Q J 3

© K J 42
$\diamond$ A 754
\& K 876
In one room, the French EW pair bid up to $2 \boldsymbol{A}$, 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.

- Q 3
© QJ85
$\diamond 7543$
\& 762



Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Duboin | Verbeek | Bilde | Molenaar |
| - | - | $1 N T$ | 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 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 |
| - | - | $1 ヵ$ | Pass |
| $2 \boldsymbol{2 4}$ | Pass | $2 \diamond$ | 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

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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 | 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 | WINKLER, HOMONNAY, DOMBI, LAKATOS |
| 21 | MAROSAMITAWA | 153.53 | SADEK, GROMOELLER, REHDER, AUKEN, WELLAND, EL AHMADY |
| 22 | TESSIERES | 152.20 | FRANCESCHETTI, ROBERT, DE TESSIERES, LHUISSIER |
| 23 | LATVIA | 151.72 | ROMANOVSKA, RUBINS, JANSONS, NEIMANIS, MATISONS, LORENCS |
| 24 | POLAND | 150.76 | MAZURKIEWICZ, JASSEM, GOLEBIOWSKI, STARKOWSKI |
| 25 | DE KNIJFF | 150.73 | DE KNIJFF, FREDIN, BLAKSET, BLAKSET |
| 26 | NEMESIS | 150.09 | SAKR, HADDAD, CIESLAK, NAWROCKI, WIANKOWSKI |
| 27 | MARILL | 148.88 | MARILL, TOFFIER, LASSERRE, ABECASSIS, PALAU, GUILLAUMIN |
| 28 | NONAME TUR | 148.60 | DINC, KOLATA, KANDEMIR, GUR, YILMAZ |
| 29 | FORMIDABLES | 148.50 | TEWARI, SHIVDASAN, 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 |
| 39 | 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 |

* To see the results from each round go to:
www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/16monaco/microsite/Results.htm


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