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GOLD FOR ITALY

**Monica Buratti and Carlo Mariani earn first place for home country
silver for France – bronze for Russia**



Carlo Mariani, Monica Buratti, Italy

Far from feeling the pressure of being in front, the overnight leaders put together a 64.42% score to win the second session and with it the gold medal for the host nation. Congratulations to **Monica Buratti** and **Carlo Mariani**. The silver medal was won by **Marlene** and **Michel Duguet** of France and the bronze by **Elena Maitova** and **Tim Zlotov** of Russia.

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Gianarrigo Rona, President of EBL, gives his farewell to the participants of the 6th European Mixed Pairs Championship in Bellaria

Dear friends,

We have now reached the end of the first part of the Championships with the prize-giving for the Pairs.

This edition of the Pairs, inaugurating the activity of European Bridge in the new Millennium, has been particularly successful. There has been a record number of participants with 456 pairs taking part and 35 countries represented — another record-breaker. In addition, we have had 70 European and World champions here, making this one of the most important Championships technically-speaking.

The EBL has made every effort, despite the lack of an official sponsor, to make this event a successful and attractive one running smoothly on a technical level. I hope we have succeeded in this.

I wish to thank all of you present here in such large numbers. I would like to thank you for your sportsmanship, fair play and the spirit of friendship with which you participated. In the course of the whole competition there have been only eight Appeals, indicating that you have played well and in the correct manner, not forgetting, of course, our Technical Directors! My applause and appreciation (and yours too, I am sure) goes to all of them, led with professionalism by Claude Dadoun, and also to the staff, co-ordinated by Ghigo Ferrari and Ton Kooijman.

To everyone leaving us today I wish you "Bon Voyage", a happy return home and pleasant memories of this Championship of which you were true protagonists.

At the same time, I hope that many of you will stay on here with us in Bellaria to participate in the Teams Championship and to continue enjoying our magnificent discipline.

We have been recognised by the IOC as a sport, in all respects, and I am extremely happy and proud that thanks to you this Championship has demonstrated that we really do deserve this recognition.

Thank you all again and I hope to see you soon. *Arrivederci.*

An old-fashioned double

Defensive bidding against INT has grown very conventional during recent years. Therefore it was a pleasure to see the old-fashioned style in action again yesterday morning.

Board 17. North Dealer, None Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 2 ♥ A Q 6 2 ♦ K 10 5 2 ♣ Q J</p>	<p>♠ 3 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ K 9 7 6 4 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q 9 8 7 ♥ J 10 9 ♠ Q J 4 ♣ 10 8 2</p>	<p>♠ K J 6 5 4 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A 5</p>
West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>	<i>Langeland</i>	<i>Weigkrich</i>
Dble	Pass 3♣	Pass Dble	INT All Pass

East's double showed some values, and West decided to sit for it. Three rounds of hearts gave the defence a good start. Helgemo, on lead to trick four, could see the possible danger of the spade suit, so he shifted to the ♦K! It did not really matter this time, but it always is a good thing to see a top-class player leading a spectacular, but logical card. Down three gave the Norwegians 148 MPs.

A silver hand

The Duguets won the second session and, as a result, rose to second place overall, coming from about 30th. On the board below, Michel Duguet found a nice play to bring home a very high and dangerous contract.

Board 25. North Dealer. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 3 2 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ 8 ♣ 10 9 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ A J 10 7 6 ♥ A 3 ♦ A Q 4 2 ♣ A 8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ K 9 7 5 2 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ K J 4</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ J 10 7 6 5 ♣ Q 7 2</p>
West	North	East	South
<i>Simon</i>	<i>Michel D.</i>	<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Marlene D.</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

East's only safe lead was a spade, but that loses a tempo. On the actual heart lead, dummy's ♥Q scored a trick, but declarer still was far from home. He ran the ♦J, ducked by Fischer. Next came a spade to the queen and ace. Now, if declarer continues spades, West will get the lead to push a club through. From the way the play went, Michel deduced that East had ducked the ♦K, so he continued with the ♦A and another. East, on lead again, could only play another heart to declarer's ace. When the ♠J brought down the nine, the spades were good with the ♣A still there. Nicely played on the way to a fine silver medal.

MIXED Final Session One PAIRS

As previously mentioned, pairs events are usually decided on the partscore battlefield, and it seemed that I was to see nothing but partscore battles as I sat down to watch the first session of the pairs final. First up were the top Italian pairing of Norberto Bocchi and Gabriela Olivieri facing Geir Helgemo and Ase Langeland.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ K 9 8 3 2 ♥ 9 5 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ A J 5										
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West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Langeland</i>	South <i>Olivieri</i>								
2♣ 3♣	Pass Dble 3♠	Pass Pass All Pass	1♦ 2♠								

Helgemo did not manage to get his hearts into the picture—not that it mattered—but he did show a good overcall by bidding a second time. He led the king of clubs to the ace and Olivieri crossed to a top diamond to lead a spade up. Helgemo won his ace, perforce, and played two more rounds of clubs, Langeland ruffing with the queen as declarer pitched a heart from hand. There was just one heart to lose; +140.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K 10 8 6 ♥ K 9 7 ♦ 5 4 3 ♣ 8 6 3										
♠ Q 4 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q 10 9 8 6 ♣ A J 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 5 3 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ A J 7 ♣ Q 9 7 4
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West <i>Helgemo</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Langeland</i>	South <i>Olivieri</i>								
Dble 3♦	2♥ All Pass	Pass Dble	1♥ Pass								

Two Hearts rates to make most of the time so going the normal one down in Three Diamonds was the best that the Norwegian pair could do on the board; -50.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10 8 5 ♥ A J 8 4 ♦ 10 6 5 3 ♣ 9 5										
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	S										
	♠ A K J 6 3 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ Q 3										
West <i>Tomic</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Sver</i>	South <i>Olivieri</i>								
Dble	2♠	3♣	1♠ All Pass								

Along came the Croatian pairing of Tonci Tomic and Nikica Sver. They reached the popular contract of Three Clubs and Olivieri cashed two top spades then switched to a low heart. Sver gave that a look before playing dummy's king. She was clearly tempted by the play of running the heart to her ten, the winning move if the jack was onside and the diamond finesse was also working as there would be an extra heart trick to take care of the third diamond. Just as well that she resisted the temptation, of course, as playing low would lead to defeat. As it was, she made nine tricks by getting the club right for a normal +110.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ K 3 ♥ 8 ♦ A 7 6 4 2 ♣ K 10 9 8 5										
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West <i>Tomic</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Sver</i>	South <i>Olivieri</i>								
Pass 2♥ Pass All Pass	Pass Dble Dble	1♥ 3♥ Pass	1♠ Pass 3♠								

Despite the fact that East/West have a ten-card heart fit, when it might well have been only nine on the auction, the winning move opposite Bocchi's second competitive double would have been to pass, collecting the magic +200. Given that Three Spades is sure to be only a 5-2 fit, perhaps Pass is the indicated action with such a balanced hand and extra high-card values.

In Three Spades, Tomic led a heart and Sver won and switched to a trump to the ten, ducked. Olivieri played a spade to the king then a club to her queen. When that held she cashed the spade ace and cleared the clubs, losing a heart but pitching her third diamond on the clubs for nine tricks; +140.

Had Sver played a second heart at trick two, forcing dummy to ruff, declarer could then have unblocked the spades and played a club. She will be OK as long as she simply cashes the ace of spades then leaves trumps alone, accepting two trump losers. If she tries to draw the trumps, playing for an even division of the suit, she will be forced and lose control.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Rand	Langeland	Waksman
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	1♦	Pass
	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Finally I see my first normal game contract of the day. Nissan Rand led a spade against Three No Trump. Sophie Waksman won the ace and returned a spade. Helgemo won and crossed to the king of hearts to take the club finesse. Rand cleared the spades and Helgemo just ran his winners. That squeezed Rand out of a diamond to keep the spade guard so that declarer did not have to think when he eventually turned his attention to diamonds; +460.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Ase Langeland, Norway

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Rand	Langeland	Waksman
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

North/South were on different wavelengths on this one, South expecting to find her partner with a much better hand for his double than Two Heart combination. I am with her, of course. However, after a diamond lead, declarer can succeed if he just plays on hearts immediately to establish that suit. He will eventually make a black trick for his ninth, playing West for the club king.

In real life, however, declarer went astray. He won the nine of diamonds at trick one and immediately ran the ten of clubs to the doubleton king. Knowing that there was no future in diamonds, Helgemo played three rounds of spades. Declarer unblocked to win the third round in dummy and ran the nine of hearts to Langeland's queen. She cashed the thirteenth spade for down one and an excellent result for East/West when they were booked for a terrible score had the game been made.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West Tomic	North Rand	East Sver	South Waksman
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

One Club was strong and One Heart two-way, either natural or big and balanced. One Spade relayed and One No Trump showed 20-22 balanced. The opening lead was the ace of diamonds, which collected the five from North. It is not clear what layout requires a club switch from South but that is what was chosen. Sver could win, draw trumps and play off the clubs for a diamond pitch and twelve tricks; +680 and a big score for East/West.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 6 4										
	♥ 8 5 3 2										
	♦ Q 9 2										
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♣ 10 5 4 2		♣ A									
	♠ A 9 5										
	♥ K Q 7 6										
	♦ A 5										
	♣ K 7 6 3										
West Tomic	North Rand	East Sver	South Waksman								
Pass	Pass	1♠	INT								
2♠	All Pass										

Waksman made the good lead of a low trump — I spotted at least one table where a heart honour was chosen. Sver won and ran the jack of diamonds to South's ace. South played ace and another spade and Sver won and ran the ten of hearts to the queen. A club switch was won by the ace. Sver cashed a hopeful diamond king now — no luck — then tried a sneaky heart nine. That slipped past South but the king was still guarded so a heart had to be lost plus a diamond; eight tricks for +110.

Deep Finesse

Many of you will be aware that we sometimes check our analysis of a deal on the brilliant double dummy software analyser, Deep Finesse. On the deal we report below, the machine was quick to spot the winning defence and the play found by the declarer. Of course, she could only see 26 cards!

Geir Helgemo knows a brilliant play when he sees one, and he is usually the man in the spotlight. On this deal from the final qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs it was his partner who pulled the rabbit out of a hat.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ A 3										
	♥ J 9 8 4										
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	♣ J 5 2										
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	♠ J 10 7 6 5										
	♥ A										
	♦ A Q 9 3 2										
	♣ 7 4										
West Helgemo	North	East Langeland	South								
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♣								
3♥	4♦	Pass	Pass								
4♥	Dbl.	All Pass									

Two Clubs showed 5-5 in the unbid suits.

South led the ace of diamonds, and switched to the jack of spades. When declarer played low, North won with the ace and could have defeated the contract by returning the suit, paving the way for a spade ruff when South comes in with the ace of trumps. However, he preferred to force the dummy with a diamond. Åse Langeland ruffed with the two of hearts then played the five from dummy. When North produced the four, she calmly followed with the three! This spectacular play left the defenders without resource, as whatever they do at this point, North will end up being trump coupé.

Kiss of Death - Part Two

Twelve of the 16 pairs I mentioned as ones to watch made it through to the final. Here they are with their finishing positions in brackets. You will see that my anonymous friend also qualified in some comfort, showing that paying me off to not mention him was very worthwhile. Note also that Ewa Miszewska made it despite a change of partner from the original list.

- Guido Ferraro/Marisa d'Andrea (29)
- Dario Attanasio/Gabriella Manara (62)
- Norberto Bocchi/Gabriella Olivieri (35)
- Antonio Vivaldi/Enza Rossano (23)
- Paul Chemla/Catherine D'Ovidio (21)
- José Damiani/Colette Lise of France (-)

- Philippe & Benedicte Cronier (92)
- Patrick Sussel/Danielle Allouche (4)
- Franz Terraneo/Terry Weigkricht (73)
- Sabine & Jens Auken (-)
- Peter & Dorth Schaltz (10)
- Klaus Repts/Andrea Rauscheid (80)
- David & Daniela Birman (119)
- Tommy Gullberg/Madeleine Swanstrom (-)
- Apolinary Kowalski/Ewa Banaszkiwicz (6)
- Jacek Romanski/Ewa Harasimowicz (115)
- Cesary Balicki/Ewa Miszewska/Skanek (16)
- Jan Chodorowski/Irena Chodorowska.(-)

How to qualify for the final

Before the start of the last qualifying session, an interesting problem arose. Which pairs to follow? Which horses to bet on? It would be difficult for the leading pairs from overnight to drop out of the qualification zone, but one or two of the world's best mixed pairs started the day in great danger of NOT qualifying. Take for example the World Mixed Pairs Champions, Enza Rossano and Antonio Vivaldi, who won their title in the 1998 World Championships in Lille. As they are an Italian pair, an intriguing side problem came along as well. If the Bulletin were to report about them, would it be in Italian or in a more generally understood language and why?

The first board looked very quiet:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 6 3 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ 6 4</p>	<p>♠ J 9 5 2 ♥ 10 4 ♦ 9 6 ♣ J 8 7 5 2</p>	<p>♠ K Q 4 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 8 5 4 3 ♣ A Q 10 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 ♥ K Q J 3 2 ♦ A K 10 7 ♣ K 9</p>
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West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
All Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥

Of course, 1♣ showed 16+ HCP. And 1♦ was negative. On the lead of the ♦Q, Rossano made a quiet overtrick. She ruffed a diamond, ran the ♥10 and led up to her ♣K. East could win her ace and give her partner a diamond ruff, but that was all for the defence. Plus 110 was an excellent 334 MPs for N/S.

On the next board, N/S missed the chance to wipe out the rest of their overnight deficit:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 10 4 2 ♥ Q J 10 4 3 ♦ J 8 ♣ Q 6 5</p>	<p>♠ K Q 6 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ J 9 8 4</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 5 3 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A K 9 ♣ K 10 7 2</p>	<p>♠ A J 8 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ Q 7 4 3 2 ♣ A 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	Pass All Pass	INT

West made the very normal lead of the ♣Q, ducked all round. South won the heart continuation in dummy and led a low diamond, on which East, after only a slight consideration, nearly invisible for South at the other side of the screen, played her ace! When she next missed the chance to beat the contract by switching to a low club but led a spade instead, declarer suddenly had a chance. All she needed to do was to win the spade in dummy and lead another diamond intending to go up with the queen. When East followed suit with the nine, she played low from her hand and thus changed a possible score of 395 into a meagre 63 for one down.

It did not hurt them very much, however. On the next board, East heard her opponents bid 1♥-(Pass)-4♥- and decided she was not to be bluffed away from the table. Holding ♠KJ10985 ♥K5 ♦J103 ♣75 she overcalled 4♠ only to go down 800 for a score of just 0.01 MPs. Vivaldi-Rossano were back on schedule with 413.99 MPs their way.

More disasters were to follow for their opponents. With too much aggression, falling for a Chinese finesse and forgetting Blackwood they created bad results for themselves really out of nothing.

Board 5. North Dealer. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 3 ♥ J 9 8 5 ♦ A Q 9 8 4 ♣ K 10</p>	<p>♠ 9 6 4 ♥ A 10 3 2 ♦ K J 10 5 ♣ A Q</p>	<p>♠ A J ♥ Q 4 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ J 8 7 5 4 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 8 7 5 2 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ 7 ♣ 9 6 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
2♦	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Dble	3♦	Pass
Pass		All Pass	

Statistics

The host country have 46 representatives in the 156 pair final, France have 26. Next come Germany and Poland with 14 each. England have 7, Austria and Croatia 5. Also represented in the finals are Belgium, Denmark, Sweden (all 4), Israel, the Netherlands, Russia, Turkey (3), Bulgaria, Iceland, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland (2), Finland, Ireland and Luxembourg. Two transnational pairs, French-Israeli and French-Dutch, make up the line-up.

MIXED Final Session Two PAIRS

Carlo Mariani and Monica Buratti took a useful lead into the second session of the Mixed Pairs final. They had a mixed start to the session but were soon moving along nicely again.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

The Italians bid smoothly to Three No Trump played by North, Mariani. He won the heart lead in dummy and led a club to his king then a low club back to dummy. East went in with the queen of clubs, crashing her partner's ace. Oops! That was 11 tricks for +460 and the perfect start to the session for our leaders.

At another table, Larissa Panina and Michael Rosenblum of Russia were defending the same contract. Larissa led the jack of diamonds and declarer erred by running this to his own hand, winning with the king. Now he tried a low club towards dummy's jack. Panina thought about that for a bit but then came to the correct answer. This time it was right for East to rise with the queen of clubs. Panina did so and played a second diamond. Rosenblum could win and return a small diamond to establish a second trick for himself in the suit and hold declarer to nine tricks. -400 was worth 140 MPs to the Russian pair.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West Martorelli	North Mariani	East Ciccanti	South Buratti
2NT	Pass	Pass	1♥
5♦	5♥	3♠	4♥
		All Pass	

I am not exactly sure what the East/West bidding meant but

what I can say is that it pushed the leaders to an uncomfortable level. West led the ace of clubs and switched to a spade. Monica Buratti ducked that and back came a second spade to her queen. She overtook with the ace to play a winning club, pitching a diamond. Another club was ruffed with the ten and over-ruffed. Buratti played the ♥K to the ace and Martorelli switched to a diamond for the queen and ace. Buratti seems to have lost track of the heart spots now because she tried a low heart to the seven, losing to the nine, and was three down; -300.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West Briere	North Mariani	East Blouquit	South Buratti
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Facing a potentially prepared club, Buratti was not worth an immediate raise but, when her opponents found their heart fit, she competed with Three Clubs. That pushed the French pair up a level but it did not matter as there were nine comfortable tricks for +140 to East/West — a normal result.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West Briere	North Mariani	East Blouquit	South Buratti
INT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Blouquit transferred to clubs then showed short diamonds with her Three No Trump continuation. Briere passed that, having no great interest in a club contract. Carlo Mariani led the jack of spades. Briere won and rattled off seven rounds of clubs on which Buratti threw two diamonds, two hearts and a spade, and Mariani two hearts and three diamonds. The important thing was that Mariani held on to his spade stopper so that the contract was held to 11 tricks; +660.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ — ♥ A 10 8 3 2 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A Q 9 7 6 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K 10 7 6 ♥ K J 7 4 ♦ 9 3 ♣ K 4 3</p>	
	<p>♠ Q 8 2 ♥ Q 9 6 5 ♦ A 10 7 4 ♣ J 8</p>		
West	North	East	South
<i>Maas</i>	<i>Mariani</i>	<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♠	3♦	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Anton Maas's Two Spade bid showed hearts and a minor. Bep Vriend bid the heart game and then it looked normal to double Four Spades with her useful trump holding. Normal, perhaps, but unsuccessful. Vriend led a heart and Mariani ruffed and laid down the ace of spades. He continued with a second spade and Vriend rose with king and switched a to a low club. Maas won the club ace and returned a club to the king. Vriend led a third round, hoping that dummy would be forced to ruff and that she could promote her ten of spades into the setting trick. It was not to be; Mariani could ruff in hand, play a spade to the queen, a diamond to hand and draw the last trump; +790 and a very good score for the Italians.

Note that East/West can make Five Hearts, so long as declarer starts with a heart to the king.

But there is more to this deal. One of the greatest thrills of any pairs event is to find a worthwhile save when red v. green. We all have gone down 300 or 500 against vulnerable games for the greater part of our lives, but losing just 200 against 420 or 450 does not creep into our minds all that often. Yet, when we watched this board at another table, this is what happened:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Van Middeltem</i>	<i>Langeland</i>	<i>Vandenbossche</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

If Helgemo would have bid 3♣, the obvious choice for lesser mortals, Van Middeltem could have disclosed the double fit to his partner by introducing his diamonds. Of course, he could have done so after 3♥ as well, but 4♦ definitely would have shown extra values he did not hold. For Langeland, the save was clear, as did the double look to Vandenbossche. Wrong: with the hearts

4-0 Helgemo could not go wrong he just lost two diamonds and thus started his day with +650 for 147 MPs.

Please note that 5♣ can be defeated on one or even two (!) heart ruffs. What about overtaking the ♦K to give the first ruff, followed by an underlead to reach South's ♦10 for the second ruff? If this is beyond your imagination, you might still get a good score by going on to 5♠ which goes down only one.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J 4 ♥ K 2 ♦ Q 7 6 5 4 ♣ Q 8 4 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 8 5 3 ♥ J 5 ♦ A J 3 ♣ A K 5 2</p>	
	<p>♠ K 10 6 ♥ 10 9 8 6 ♦ K 10 9 2 ♣ 7 6</p>		
West	North	East	South
<i>Maas</i>	<i>Mariani</i>	<i>Vriend</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
INT	2♥	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	2♠

A normal contract and a normal result with the defence taking their four tricks after a club lead and declarer scoring +140.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q ♥ A 8 3 2 ♦ 10 9 6 2 ♣ A Q 9 2</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A 8 5 4 3 ♥ 10 7 5 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ K 8</p>	
	<p>♠ J 10 7 ♥ K 9 ♦ K 4 ♣ J 10 7 6 4 3</p>		
West	North	East	South
<i>Piazza</i>	<i>Mariani</i>	<i>Feretti</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	2♦
			All Pass

The previous three results on the scoresheet all saw North/South playing in One No Trump and making at least seven tricks, so Alessa Feretti was right to compete, she just picked the wrong method of doing so. A double would have led to a heart contract and a likely plus score for East/West, while Two Spades was a hopeless spot.

Buratti led her singleton club and Feretti won in hand and played a second club, on which Buratti pitched a diamond, then

played the other top club to throw a diamond. Buratti ruffed and switched to ace and another diamond, declarer ruffing. She played a heart to the ace and continued with a diamond, ruffed by Mariani with the jack. Feretti discarded a heart so Mariani cashed his king of hearts and played the jack of clubs, ruffed and over-ruffed. Buratti played a diamond at trick 11 and Mariani ruffed in with the ten, forcing the ace from declarer. That left Buratti with the king and nine of trumps for the last two tricks; three down for -300.

Declarer could have done better by playing on trumps immediately, but she is probably always two down, which is only a little better in matchpoint terms.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Piazza	Mariani	Feretti	Buratti
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The leaders received a free gift when Feretti badly misplayed a normal game contract. She won the club lead with her ten, unblocked the diamond queen and played the king of hearts and a heart to the ace. She threw two spades on the top diamonds then ruffed a diamond. Now she gave up a spade but Buratti ducked, allowing Mariani to win his king and cash the queen of hearts then force dummy with a spade. Mariani had to follow to one club winner now but could ruff the next one and had a spade to cash for one down; -50.

Declarer should concede a spade early, thereby retaining control. The defence does not get the opportunity to draw a round of trumps and comes to just two hearts and one spade.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Monica Buratti, Italy

West	North	East	South
De Falco	Mariani	De Cividin	Buratti
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Two Hearts was a constructive spade raise. Surprisingly, given his partner's double of two Hearts, Mariani led the king of clubs. That looked bad for the defence as Dano De Falco was able to win the ace and lead a club towards the jack. Mariani won and switched to a heart and De Falco rose with the ace and pitched his heart loser on the club jack. Declarer played a diamond to the queen, and continued with ace and a third diamond. Mariani won the jack and forced declarer with a heart. De Falco ducked a spade next to the nine and was forced again. He cashed the spade ace and had to lose a second spade; nine tricks for +140.

Although it looks as though the opening lead has given a trick, even the best defence of a heart lead and club switch does not save a trick as declarer does not get forced to the same extent so is able to hold his trump losers to one.

If you are playing this hand in the wrong denomination, e.g. in no trump, you should stick to the old adage of cashing your long suit tricks first, as you never can tell what will happen if the defenders have to find discards prematurely. This is what we saw at Helgemo's table. In fourth position, Helgemo opened INT a little off-shape, and played there.

He got his first present when North led a normal enough ♣K. He won the ace and followed this by the ♠A and ♠8 to the jack, queen and king. So far, so good. South returned a club which North ducked. Winning dummy's ♣J, Helgemo went on by cashing his two spades, ending in dummy. North, however, had to find two discards. As he did not want to throw a club, he opted for a heart (O.K.) and a diamond (less O.K.). Next came a diamond from dummy, on which South went up with her king. After some consideration, Helgemo eventually deduced he did not have very much of a choice. In spades, you will get 140 or even 170, so 120 is not enough to beat that. He won the ♦A and continued the ♦Q. When all the outstanding cards of that suit appeared, there suddenly were 11 tricks for +210 and 136 MPs instead of 63 MPs for +120 or 95 MPs for +140.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Falco</i>	<i>Mariani</i>	<i>De Cividin</i>	<i>Buratti</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass		Pass	6NT

Two Clubs was either strong balanced or strong with clubs. Two Diamonds was a relay and Three Clubs showed the long club variety. Three Diamonds was essentially natural, as was Three No Trump. When Mariani invited slam, Buratti was happy to accept, no doubt liking in particular her diamond fit.

It all depended on the opening lead, of course, and the spade lead was just too tough. De Falco led a diamond and Buratti soon claimed all 13 tricks for +1470 and a huge score.

There was still a long way to go, but I left the Italians looking good for the title if they could just hold their form.

On this board, there were interesting variations at other tables, too. This is how N/S bid the hand against Helgemo/Langeland:

West	North	East	South
Pass		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Well, maybe, 3NT is not everybody's choice, but for once N/S were in the proper contract. When South resisted the temptation to go beyond the ten-trick level, N/S had stayed out of danger, but they may have given a clue to Helgemo about the right lead. Out came a low spade to the king, and the spade return gave the defenders three tricks and an excellent score of 128 MPs.

If you accept the invitation and go to slam, you should stick to no trump. This is what happened when South elected to play in a suit:

West	North	East	South
Pass		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

This time, West had no trouble in finding the lead of the ♠A. East managed to encourage the suit, so the 'wrong' slam quickly was one down.

Small Slam, Grand Slam

When there are eight, there are nine is reputedly the best attitude to bidding and making (!) no trump games. Does the same rule apply to slams in no trumps? Well, maybe yes, maybe no. Sometimes, an ace or two is missing, which distinctly effects your chances of making a grand. More often than not, it's the play that is the thing. Look at Board 11:

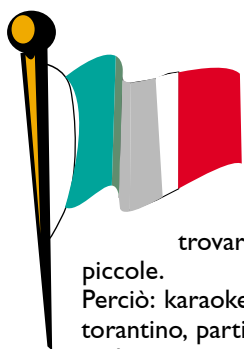
Board 11. South Dealer. None Vul.

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

Suppose you are in 7NT on the lead of the ♥J. What should you do? You can count 12 top tricks. The ♠Q may come down doubleton, there is the chance of the club finesse working, and finally, there are squeeze possibilities. It definitely looks best to cash the ♠AK (double Vienna Coup) followed by the top hearts, throwing a spade and a club, before the diamonds enter the scene. On the last diamond, this will be the position:

♠ — ♥ 3 ♦ — ♣ A Q	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q ♥ J ♦ — ♣ K
N					
W E					
S					
♠ — ♥ 8 ♦ — ♣ J 7		♠ J ♥ — ♦ 3 ♣ 9			

Best defence for East is to blank the ♣K early. If not, East will have discarded the ♥J to keep the ♣K guarded, in which case West must hold on to the ♥8 at trick 11. So you discard your last heart and West discards a club. When West follows suit with the jack to the club from dummy at trick 12., it is all too obvious that West will hold a heart as his last card, in which case the squeeze has worked. So up you go with the ♣A to drop the king and score 1520 for your contract. Nine pairs scored 1520 for 146 MPs and another 22 made 13 tricks in 6NT. Ten pairs managed just 12 tricks in 6NT and the remarkable number of 29 pairs went down in 7NT, some of them two when they missed the squeeze.



CASA NOSTRA

A.B.

Pensieri e parole ...

Per un popolo di nottambuli, finire di giocare alle nove di sera significa dover trovare il modo di passare il tempo fino alle ore

piccole.

Perciò: karaoke all'Oktoberfest, cene in qualche bel ristorante, partite "albergalinghe" e chiacchiere, tante chiacchiere.

E di cosa volete che si parli mentre si sta giocando un misto? Elementare....dell'"inferiorità" delle donne nella nostra disciplina e dei motivi della stessa. Sul punto che le donne giochino peggio degli uomini, nulla quaestio. Sul perchè, invece, c'è molto da discutere.

Tra coloro che ieri sera parlavano dell'argomento, la più restia ad accettare il dato di fatto era Mabel Bocchi, la più grande cestista italiana di sempre.

Si chiedeva perchè in una disciplina che non ha niente di fisico, gli uomini ancora una volta debbano essere superiori alle donne. "Superiori, e non di poco", rincarava la dose l'azzurra Gabriella Olivieri. Alla fine Mabel ha dovuto arrendersi di fronte ai dati., ma nessuno è riuscito, in realtà, a darle una spiegazione migliore del "Così è, che a te piaccia o no".

A mio giudizio, ogni volta che si cerca di elocubrare sul perchè di questa realtà incontestabile, si omette, a monte, di chiedersi un'altra cosa: quali sono le doti che rendono tale un forte bridgista? Soltanto dopo essersi dati una risposta a questa domanda, è possibile motivare questo perchè.

Cominciamo subito col togliere di mezzo la fortuna e l'intelligenza. La fortuna, che ha un ruolo determinante in ogni attività umana, quando decide di accompagnare qualcuno dalla culla alla tomba, lo fa senza tenere conto di sesso, razza, colore della pelle, religione o fede calcistica dei propri beneficiati. Quindi, sotto questo aspetto uomini e donne godono di par condicio. Passiamo al secondo argomento: l'intelligenza. In primo luogo non è affatto dimostrato che gli uomini siano più intelligenti delle donne, anzi; in secondo luogo, il quoziente intellettuale assoluto non è di certo direttamente proporzionale alle capacità bridgistiche.

Negli anni '70, anni di estremismi in tutti i campi, sostenevo che, al contrario, l'intelligenza fosse inversamente proporzionale all'attitudine nel nostro gioco. Ora che sono un moderato, mi limito a dire che non è, comunque, un fattore determinante.

Determinante è, invece, la capacità di raggiungere una concentrazione assoluta. Il riuscire a staccare completamente la spina è, senza dubbio, una dote della quale non può fare a meno chi vuole emergere nel nostro gioco. Ed è proprio in questo campo che, lo dico con tutta la simpatia possibile, le donne non reggono il confronto non tanto nel breve, quanto nel lungo termine. Sono più "umane", meno robot. Una grana sul lavoro, un figlio influenzato, un'amica in difficoltà, un amore finito non vengono mai, almeno a livello inconscio, dimenticati del tutto. E questo, a bridge, si paga.

Un altro fattore che al momento è ancora decisivo è quello "social-cromosomico".

Mi spiego: gli uomini hanno padri, nonni, bisnonni e antenati che hanno passato una parte più o meno lunga della loro vita in osterie, bar o salotti bene dove, comunque, si tenevano le carte in mano. Le donne hanno madri, nonne, bisnonne e avole varie che hanno passato una vita ad aspettarli, mandando intanto avanti una casa e una famiglia.

Questo è però un fattore che presto non inciderà più di tanto non perchè gentili donzelle cominceranno a frequentare

bar e osterie (per altro sparite), ma perchè i ragazzi hanno smesso di farlo anche loro ormai da qualche anno. Insomma, un riavvicinamento dei valori è, a mio avviso, facilmente pronosticabile perchè questo secondo fattore causa, in passato, almeno parzialmente, del gap esistente, sta scomparendo completamente.

Il primo, quello della spina mai staccata, continuerà invece, e ciò non può che fare onore alle donne, ad incidere per sempre.

ANDIAMO A CONCLUDERE IL COPPIE

F.B.

Carlo Mosca e Luciana Capodanno. Non è una coppia nuova. Insieme partecipano da tempo alla massima serie nazionale mista per Milano, squadra con cui hanno vinto un titolo italiano. Se invece li consideriamo singolarmente, l'elenco coppe, medaglie e allori diventa impressionante. Titoli nazionali e internazionali a pioggia fanno parte del bagaglio di questi due giocatori, del loro recente passato agonistico. In questi europei di Bellaria si stanno riscaldando a coppie per poi combattere a squadre.

PROBLEMA D'APERTURA

Board 9

Dich. Nord. E/O in zona

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

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Mosca		Capodanno	
	passo	passo	passo
?			

Il sistema è tipo napoletano (fiori forte, quadri ambiguo) con l'apertura di ISA 14/17. Ho detto troppo? Vi ho fatto capire la scelta di Mosca?

Carlo, quarto di mano, non volendo subire l'interferenza avversaria (leggi aprire per conto terzi), ha "sbarrato" con ISA. In fin dei conti, anche se non proprio canonica, questa è l'apertura che si avvicina di più in un colpo solo ai valori della sua mano.

La buona notizia è che con questa licita ha ottenuto quello che desiderava, il silenzio avversario. La cattiva notizia è che "lo sbarramento" ha azzittito anche la compagna. Nel contratto di ISA la sette prese realizzate sono state poca cosa rispetto al parziale a picche. Bisognava aprire di a colore?

PROBLEMA D'ATTACCO

Le vostre carte in Est:

♠ R 8 3
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ F
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

La licita:

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Mosca		Capodanno	
		passo	1♣ ⁽¹⁾
passo	1♥ ⁽²⁾	passo	2♣
passo	2♦	passo	3♣
passo	3SA	fine	


⁽¹⁾ forte⁽²⁾ 7 o più punti, massimo due mezzi controlli

Lanciate una carta sul tavolo.

Fatto? Luciana Capodanno ha accarezzato a lungo il 3 di picche ma poi, come ha spiegato in seguito, non ha voluto *remare* contro sala e si è affacciata con una cuori alta. Il totale:

Board 10

Dich. Est. Tutti in zona

♠ 10 7 6 5		♠ R 8 3
♥ R D 7		♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ R 8 6 4		♦ F
♣ D 7		♣ 6 5 4 3 2
♠ A F 4 2		♠ R 8 3
♥ 10 5 4 2		♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ 9 7 5 3 2		♦ F
♣ —		♣ 6 5 4 3 2
	♠ D 9	
	♥ A F	
	♦ A D 10	
	♣ A R F 10 9 8	

Il fatto di incassare tre picche in difesa non si è verificato in quasi nessun tavolo e la quasi totalità dei N/S ha totalizzato le 13 prese a disposizione (qualcuno addirittura nel contratto di 6♣!). Alla luce di questo, quando il dichiarante in questione si è fermato a 12 per un impiccio nei colori, il risultato per E/O non è stato cattivo. Il gioco, nella fattispecie, è andato: Asso di cuori, sei giri di fiori, Re e Dama di cuori (*ahil!*) e quadri. Tardi, in quanto Mosca ha scartato anche l'Asso di picche, incollandosi le quadri in mano e realizzando l'ultima presa.

PROBLEMA DI...RANDELLO

Le vostre carte in Ovest:


♠ A R 10 2
♥ 10 8 6 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 9 2

La licita (dich. Nord, tutti in zona):

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Mosca		Capodanno	
	1♥	3♦	4♥
?			

Mosca si è fermato a pensare per un minuto e poi ha esposto un cartellino verde, dopo aver amareggiato a lungo (almeno mentalmente) con il rosso. Bisognava dare retta al cuore....

Board 13

♠ 8 7 6 5		♠ F 4
♥ A R 5 2		♥ D
♦ D 10		♦ A R F 8 7 6
♣ D 7 4		♣ 8 6 5 3
♠ A R 10 2		♠ D 9 3
♥ 10 8 6 4		♥ F 9 7 3
♦ 9 4		♦ 5 3 2
♣ 10 9 2		♣ A R F


Dopo la bella aperturina, Nord si è trovato troppo rapidamente in alta quota. Il risultato è che ha pagato abbastanza: 300 punti per tre di caduta. Il contro avrebbe solo aggiunto zucchero sul miele in quanto non sono state molte le coppie impegnate a livello manche con le carte di N/S.

PROBLEMA DI FIT

Per trovare il fit migliore, a volte bisogna percorrere una strada leggermente più tortuosa.

Board 22

Dich. Est. E/O in zona

♠ D 9		♠ A F 5 3
♥ D 6 4		♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ D 7 6 4 3 2		♦ A 10 5
♣ D 8		♣ A R
♠ R 8 6 2		♠ 10 7 4
♥ F 5		♥ A R 7 2
♦ 8		♦ R F 9
♣ 10 6 5 4 3 2		♣ F 9 7

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Mosca		Capodanno	
		ISA	passo
2♣	2♦	2♥	3♦
passo	passo	3♠	fine

Buona la decisione di Mosca di interrogare con quelle carte. Il rischio di finire fuori contratto c'è, ma la ricompensa può essere alta.

Notate l'intervento di Nord: tutte quelle Donne devono avergli dato alla testa! Poco male, per buttare fuori dalla licita una combattente come Luciana Capodanno ci vuole un reggimento di *licitatori avventurosi*.

"Se il mio compagno interroga e poi non rialza le cuori, provate ad

indovinare qual è il suo nobile...", ha pensato Luciana.

Sud ha incassato Asso e Re di cuori ed ha virato a quadri. Luciana ha preso e, dopo 30 secondi, ha segnato 200 sulla sua colonna per 3♠+2, una mano ottima in quanto pochi hanno interrogato con le carte di Ovest e molti sono finiti in un contratto a Fiori.

PROBLEMA DI RILICITA

In puro stile *lungo-corto/esagerato* Mosca, nella mano che segue, ha prodotto un'interessante replica.

Board 29

Dich. Nord. Tutti in zona

♠ A R 5 4 2 ♥ F 7 6 ♦ R 10 6 ♣ 8 2	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>O</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		O		E		S		♠ F 10 ♥ D 10 4 ♦ A D 8 7 5 ♣ D 10 7	
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Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Mosca</i>		<i>Capodanno</i>	
1♠	passo	passo	1♣
2♦	passo	ISA	2♣
	passo	3♦	fine

Prima cosa da notare: Luciana, quando non apre non ha l'Apertura. Questo stile solido ottiene l'effetto di non lanciare la sua coppia a livelli insostenibili.

Cosa avreste rilicitato con le carte di Mosca sul SA della compagna? Carlo ha optato per una dichiarazione interlocutoria che lasciava aperta la strada per un eventuale riporto a picche. Questo riporto, fortunatamente, non c'è stato in quanto Luciana con la quinta di quadri ha preferito appoggiare il secondo colore. Nel massacro di parziali a picche penalizzati dalla pessima distribuzione in atout, un faretto ha illuminato il solitario parziale a quadri dei nostri.

EBL SENIORS COMMITTEE

The EBL Seniors Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening the 21st of March at 7:00 pm (at the conclusion of the last match of the Mixed Teams).

The venue is the EBL Executive Office on the 2nd floor.

Agenda

1. Report from the Bermuda Tournament
2. The Seniors International Cup Tournament in Maastricht, August 26th to September 3rd 2000.
3. Future Seniors events in Europe
4. Other Business

Dr. Nissan Rand

Chairman, EBL Seniors Committee

Two miniatures at one table

Boards 13 and 14 both produced nice positions in defence. Would you have solved all these wonderful problems correctly?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♠	1♣	1♦	1♥
	2♥	All Pass	

Nothing special, you might say, but what about this defence? You lead the ♠A, partner signals with the jack. You play a diamond for partner's ♦AK and a spade comes back. You cash your tricks in the suit and continue the low spade to kill dummy's winner. As the cards lie, partner will ruff with the queen, but your 10864 are still worth the same trump trick as before. Doesn't it look very much the same as eloping trump tricks? Of course, down two is an excellent score for you (122 MPs).

And the next board:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

After East opened 1♦, many N/S pairs got as high as 4♥. This should go down two, but if declarer is not very careful and the defenders are alert, it suddenly will be down three. What about this variation?

East leads the ♣J and West overtakes. Declarer should win now and draw trumps, but if he does not, West will lead a spade through. Once again, declarer should win his ace and draw trumps, but if he does not, East wins the queen and gives partner a ruff. Next come the two diamond tricks and after that, East can exit safely with a club or a trump and wait for her second spade trick to put the contract down three!



Appeal 3



Italy v Germany

It is no longer standard to publish the result of all appeals, but they are still numbered to reflect the order in which they were considered.

Appeals Committee:

Steen Moeller (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Grattan Endicott (England), Bill Pencharz (England)

Mixed Pairs First Qualifying Session
Board 7. Dealer South. Game All.

<p>♠ K Q 9 ♥ A K 9 ♦ A 4 3 2 ♣ Q 8 7</p>	<p>♠ 6 4 3 ♥ J 8 7 3 ♦ K J 9 ♣ 10 6 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ J 10 8 7 5 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ 9 5</p>	<p>♠ A 2 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ A K J 4 2</p>
<p>West <i>Buchlev</i></p> <p>INT 2NT</p>	<p>North <i>Rosati</i></p> <p>Pass All Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Malchus</i></p> <p>2♥</p>	<p>South <i>Rosati</i></p> <p>1♣ Pass</p>

Contract:

Two No Trumps, played by West.

Lead:

Three of hearts.

Result:

9 tricks, +150 to East/West.

The Facts:

Two No Trump was explained by West to South as showing support in Spades and a maximum. Before the lead, North asked and was led to believe it showed only two spades. North said he would have led a club if he had known there were three spades in West's hand.

The Director:

Found that there had been misinformation, but that the club lead was uncertain even with the correct information. The Director applied Law 12C3, as per the authorisation provided to him by the Appeals' Committee and the WBF Code of Practice adopted by the EBL for its tournament regulations.

Ruling:

Score adjusted to:

For East/West (offending side): Two No Trump making eight tricks, -120.

For North/South (non-offending side): a weighted score, 50% of Two No Trumps making eight tricks, +120, and 50% of Two No Trump making nine tricks, +150.

East/West appealed.

The Players:

West explained that they had decided that after the One No Trump overall, the system would be the same as after an opening of One No-Trump. East said she had forgotten this, and tried to explain this to North. East stated she had said "we have not discussed".

North maintained that East had not used the word "discussed" and that he had understood "he has no three spades".

West argued that the lead of a heart is a consequence of North-South's system in which the opening of One Club could be done on a two-card holding, and there was therefore no damage. The lead was a guess regardless of the explanation.

North stated that if he knows West has three spades (or even four), partner must have clubs.

The Committee:

Found that there had indeed been misinformation. The explanation had obviously not been written down, which would have solved some of the problems. But anyway, regardless of whether East had said "no three spades" or "no agreement", the call did actually show three cards in spades, and North had not been told this.

The Committee agreed with the Director that the lead of clubs was not obvious, but that, knowing that South would have at most two Spades it becomes more likely.

The Committee felt that some weighted score was the correct ruling, and that the correct weight for the score of 120 ought to lie somewhere between 50% and 100%.

The Committee did not find that the appealing side merited a substantial change from the score they had received from the Director, whereas their opponents should not receive any higher score either, considering that they had not appealed.

The Committee's Decision:

Director's decision upheld.

Relevant Laws:

Law 75A, Law 12C3, Code of Practice.

Deposit:

Returned.

Committee's Note:

The Committee had remarked that, left to itself, it would probably not have offered a different adjusted score for each side.

Subsequent Comment:

In subsequent discussion between Tournament Appeal's Committee members it became apparent that the Committee might have fallen short of its true action by not changing the Director's ruling to a single weighted score for both sides.

Committee members have suggested that the equity position to which Law 12C3 refers is the same for both sides, and that there is an argument, especially in a pairs event, to apply a pro-

Mixed Pairs Final Consolation Standings

1	VOLINA VICTORIA	KHOLOMEEV VADIM	RUS	58.71	67	BRUNELLI BRUNEL	BRUNELLI ELDA	ITA	51.77
2	STOPPA	AVON	FRA	58.18	68	NIKOLENKOV DMIT	HAIDORFER ANDRE	SWI	51.73
3	GUARIGLIA ANTON	GUARIGLIA MARIA	ITA	58.07	69	SEQUI ELIOS	FILIPPIN MARIA	ITA	51.72
4	VON ARMIN DANIE	REIM SEBASTIAN	GER	56.83	70	HENRI JACQUES	BONDA YANKA	S BEL	51.70
5	MESIANO ANDREA	VENINI LUISA	ITA	56.31	71	BLAZENCIC DAVOR	BLAZENCIC SVJET	CRO	51.69
6	ROMBAUT JEROME	MOERS JEANINE	FRA	56.06	72	BALLARATI TIZIA	CANGIANO ANTONI	ITA	51.60
7	ZAKRZEWSKI ANDR	SOBOLEWSKA EWA	POL	55.77	73	LANGER DARINA	GWINNER HANS-HE	DXC	51.56
8	OURSEL CHRISTOP	LEGER RENEE	FRA	55.38	74	ILIEVA MARIETA	POPOV BORISLAV	BUL	51.50
9	CAESAR KARIN	KONDOCH HARTMUT	GER	55.32	75	BREVIK KRISTIN	HOEYLAND SVEN O	NOR	51.39
10	HIRCHWALD LUC	CHATARD DOMINIQ	FRA	55.23	76	MILES HAZEL	RITTER STANLEY	ENG	51.37
11	LE PODER JEAN	CURETTI NICOLE	FRA	55.19	77	VATURI DIANA	BARNI DANIELE	ITA	51.34
12	CLEARY ENA	CLEARY AIDAN	S IRE	55.00	78	RACCAMPO SERENA	CACCAMO ALESSAN	ITA	51.31
13	CHODOROWSKI JAN	CHODOROWSKA IRE	POL	54.90	79	SALVEMINI DANIE	SCRIATTOLI FRAN	ITA	51.31
14	TOFFIER	ROTH	FRA	54.70	80	MITROPOULOU VAS	HATZOPOULOS CHR	GRE	51.25
15	DOSSENA ANGELA	CHIZZOLI PAOLO	ITA	54.68	81	SCHAMBERGER ERI	KOSCHIER RENATE	AUT	51.24
16	STEPINSKI JEREM	KATER EWA	POL	54.61	82	TEMPESTINI MARC	SEMENTA ANTONIO	ITA	51.22
17	REFI BRANKO	ZAGAJSEK SANJA	CRO	54.58	83	COLADONATO ANNA	COLADONATO GIUS	S ITA	51.17
18	ILLA Z	HNATOVA D	CZE	54.54	84	KURKA JOSEF	POKORNA JANA	CZE	51.17
19	SENIOR NEVENA	MOSSOP DAVID	ENG	54.53	85	CAMPAGNANO DEBO	MASINI FRANCESC	ITA	51.15
20	FORNARO PIERMAS	GRONCHI LAURA	S ITA	54.52	86	SERRAS JAN	HERDEMAN ANNEMI	S BEL	51.11
21	DE LEIVA CRISTI	AGUILAR JAIME	SPA	54.51	87	PISCITELLI FRAN	MEGLIO FERDINAN	ITA	51.10
22	POUGET FRACIS	VEAUTE ANNE MAR	FRA	54.39	88	MARANI FRANCESC	MAFFEI GABRIELL	ITA	51.09
23	FONTI FRANCO	CALDARELLI VERA	ITA	54.38	89	PETROVIC ZVONKO	DUIC ARIANA	CRO	51.06
24	GORODETZKI SHUL	SCHKARTZ ADRIAN	S ISR	54.22	90	STRINDBERG LILL	WINQVIST TOMAS	SWE	51.01
25	VERBEEK MARTINE	PANNEBAKKER RON	NTH	54.22	91	BARUCCHI CHRIST	CERTAIN-MICHALE	FRA	50.98
26	THORSTEINSDOTTI	INGIMARSSON THR	ICE	54.19	92	RICCIARELLI GIA	RICCIARELLI MAR	ITA	50.98
27	GUDJONSDOTTIR G	HJALTASON JON	ICE	54.04	93	BELVISI GIUSEPP	GOSTOLI TULLIA	S ITA	50.97
28	PRIMAVERA FEDER	UNGER SHELLEY	ITA	54.04	94	GIANARDI CARLA	HETZ NATAN	IXI	50.95
29	WASIK ARTURO	LEON PILAR	SPA	53.96	95	TOCCHI TULLIA	CARRAI FERDINAN	ITA	50.91
30	MOSCA CARLO	CAPODANNO LUCIA	ITA	53.90	96	HONKAVOURI RAIM	HONKAVOURI TUUL	S FIN	50.89
31	SAGIV STELLA	POPILOV LILO	ISR	53.80	97	HOBSON HEATHER	GARTHWAITE ROY	S ENG	50.88
32	GROMOVA VICTORI	GROMOV ANDREY	RUS	53.73	98	CARBINI SOFIA	CARBINI GIANLUI	ITA	50.87
33	MARINO LEONARDO	PISANI ROSANNA	ITA	53.66	99	BONORI MARISA	GAVELLI GABRIEL	ITA	50.86
34	TREOSI PAOLO	FOLTI FABIOLA	ITA	53.64	100	CALZONI MARINA	VIGGI MASSIMO	ITA	50.86
35	BAHNIK P	BAHNIKOVA E	CZE	53.56	101	COSTA ANTONINO	SCARPAZI ANTONI	ITA	50.67
36	KUSZELKA BEATRI	ENGL BERTHOLD	GER	53.54	102	SWANSTROM MADEL	GULLBERG TOMMY	S SWE	50.62
37	CAPUCHO MANUEL	LARA JOAO MARIA	POR	53.51	103	VOLDOIRE J.MICH	PEYROT NADINE	FRA	50.61
38	STEFANIAK MACIE	LESIECKA BARBAR	POL	53.41	104	CAUMEL	PROCEUR	FRA	50.60
39	ZUCCHINI G.CARL	AZZIMONTI ANNAR	ITA	53.37	105	GROMANN INGRID	ACHILLES STEPHA	GER	50.56
40	NAHMIAS ALAIN	KITABGI ANNE MA	FRA	53.23	106	ROOS ANNA	KARLSSON PER-AR	SWE	50.50
41	ROGNSTAD KIRSTE	LUDVIGSEN OYVIN	NOR	53.19	107	MAGNI FRANCESCA	SPLENDIANI FRAN	ITA	50.45
42	STOCKLI FRANCOI	SAUTAUX MONIKA	SWI	53.16	108	ARRIGONI GIANNA	ARNABOLDI SERGI	ITA	50.45
43	GOLIN CRISTINA	PULGA RUGGERO	ITA	53.14	109	VAN DER VLIET Y	AHLERS TOM	NTH	50.44
44	DAS E	KREMER W	FRA	53.03	110	CELESTINI CHIAR	FARINA PAOLO	S ITA	50.43
45	URRUTICOECHEA B	LANTARON L	SPA	52.96	111	COSIMI LUCIANO	VAZZOLER MILENA	S ITA	50.42
46	ALFEJEVA JELENA	GONCA VLADIMIR	LIT	52.91	112	SANDSMARK SIRI	SANDSMARK TOMMY	NOR	50.41
47	JENSEN HEGE SKA	JENSEN DAG	NOR	52.89	113	BAK CLARA	VAN CLEEFF JAN	NTH	50.32
48	BOGAKI S	SAUVAGEV	FRA	52.88	114	D'ALESSANDRO AD	LIGNOLA PIETRO	S ITA	50.31
49	CANDUCCI LUCIAN	TAMBURRINI CESA	ITA	52.88	115	MITYAGINA ANAST	ROUSSETSKI SERG	RUS	50.30
50	BUZE WLODEK	DROBINIAK KARIN	POL	52.82	116	ZOFFOLI STEFANO	POLLINI ALBA	ITA	50.27
51	DE VINCENZO MAS	MARTELLINI CHIA	ITA	52.81	117	HETZ KLARA	LEIBOVITZ GADI	ISR	50.24
52	BOISSE	BOISSE	FRA	52.73	118	BEAUVILLAIN	CERF	FRA	50.15
53	BURALI MARILYN	CAMPINI GIANCAR	S ITA	52.72	119	TERENZI ROBERTO	GERGATI PAOLA	ITA	50.13
54	MAGNANI CARLO	BUONOCORE ANNAM	ITA	52.56	120	BAGNATI GRAZIEL	LEONE MICHELE	ITA	50.09
55	DENNISON MAUREE	LEIGHTON MORRIS	S ENG	52.55	121	SABARINI MIRELL	NAVA ALESSANDRO	S ITA	50.08
56	JENSEN JAKOB	SORENSEN LAINA	DEN	52.46	122	WEBER ELKE	WEBER FRIED	GER	50.02
57	GRACI ADA	PENNISI ENRICO	ITA	52.23	123	PERCACCIANTE MI	FALLER BIBI	ITA	49.99
58	DAN ORA	ROSENBERG ARMAN	S ISR	52.20	124	FLEISCHMANN ALF	FLEISCHMANN URS	S AUT	49.97
59	VAN EIJK JNEZ	VAN EIJK WILLE	NTH	52.08	125	SIGURJONSDOTTIR	THORDARSON SIGF	ICE	49.82
60	FUSARI EMANUELA	BONAVOGLIA GUID	ITA	52.06	126	PREVOTEAU CHANT	COUPERE ALEXAND	S FRA	49.81
61	BUDZIK ROMAN	BUDZIK JOLA	S POL	52.02	127	ROBSON SHARLEEN	THEELKE MIKE	ENG	49.80
62	MAGRINI LEONARD	CUZZI MONICA	ITA	51.94	128	POGGIO ALDO	LAVEZZARI MARIA	ITA	49.77
63	MIKKELSEN UNNI	MIKKELSEN JAN	NOR	51.91	129	ZIMMERMANN PIER	MORETTI RENATA	SWI	49.73
64	MALDINI DANIELA	FIORINI FIORENZ	RSM	51.90	130	DUPUIS XAVIER	DE GUILLEBON CA	FRA	49.69
65	POPILOV MATILDA	SAGIV IEHUDA	ISR	51.87	131	TOKCAN MERIH	DEMIRBAS NACI	TUR	49.66
66	STROM ELENA	STROM ROLF	SWE	51.85	132	SERCHI SERENA	CLAIR PAOLO	ITA	49.54

133	SVOBODA	SVOBODOVA	CZE	49.43	202	WOLFHART HERBER	LINDENLAUF DIAN	AUT	46.47
134	MORCH ANNE	JOHNSEN REIDAR	NOR	49.37	203	QUARANTA M.CRIS	DELLA SETA UMBE	ITA	46.38
135	BARONI FRANCO	FRATI ANGIOLISA	ITA	49.37	204	MARINONI PIER A	ROMANO ELISA	ITA	46.38
136	VIETI GIORGIO	GONZALES REYES	ITA	49.34	205	BALDURSSON GYLF	IVARSDOTTIR ANN	ICE	46.37
137	LJUNG ANDERS	LARSSON SUZANNE	SWE	49.28	206	SKOLDERFORS HEN	RIGMORE BRUNNER	SWI	46.28
138	TRENCH MARY	PORTEOUS PAUL	IRE	49.17	207	BARACCO GIANNI	CAVALLERO DONAT	ITA	46.27
139	PRINCIPE GIOVAN	BALDASSIN DANIE	ITA	49.16	208	URSCHITZ TITI	CASTELLI ANTONI	ITA	46.26
140	LONGUEVILLE JOH	VAN UYTSEL MONI	BEL	49.13	209	AICARDI GIANNA	BORLA DOMENICO	ITA	46.23
141	KORONI MARIANA	VIRVIDAKIS VASI	GRE	49.13	210	MARRAY JOHAN	RYALL CHRIS	ENG	46.20
142	CATTANI LUCIANO	CATTANI DIANA	ITA	49.11	211	PICMAUS B	PICMAUSOVA O	S CZE	46.19
143	LECCIA BERNARD	COUTURIER FRANC	FRA	49.07	212	DE LUISA SANDRA	SCAPOLI GIORGIO	ITA	46.17
144	VAN DEN BROEK P	PANNEMANN HANS	NTH	49.06	213	BIONDO BEATRICE	BICIOCCHI STEFA	ITA	46.09
145	NGUYEN	ARNAL	FRA	49.05	214	PARNIS-ENGLAND	DIX MARIO	S MAL	46.03
146	MURGIA FRANCESC	TRUCANO ENRICA	ITA	49.05	215	CIOFFI ANNA MAR	ZAJOTTI GUIDO	ITA	45.94
147	VIOLA GIULIANA	VIOLA ALFREDO	ITA	49.04	216	DI BELLO STELIO	BRAMBILLA FEDER	ITA	45.86
148	CLEMENT MURIEL	CLEMENT PHILIPP	FRA	48.83	217	ZULLI MAURO	CORTESI MARINA	ITA	45.82
149	SEMMOLA DOMENIC	VITALI ANNA	ITA	48.81	218	GREPPI RAFFAELL	BERGAMINI BRUNO	ITA	45.76
150	ROMANI DANIELA	RUSSO PAOLO	ITA	48.75	219	PECCI CLELIA	BRIOLINI GIANCA	RSM	45.74
151	MIXICH ALEKSAND	IVANCIC MILKA	CRO	48.74	220	MONTAGUTI VIRGI	MINCIOTTI PAOLO	ITA	45.72
152	BURAKOWSKI WALD	STASIEWICZ HELE	POL	48.70	221	KIRBY BRID	LESSELLS GORDON	IRE	45.69
153	FEDERIGHI FEDER	GIRARDI LORETTA	ITA	48.68	222	BUDD MARI	HARRIS MALCOLM	ENG	45.68
154	DE CRESCENZO MA	PIZZA ETTORE	ITA	48.66	223	ALBERTAZZI MARZ	PRATESI ANDREA	ITA	45.63
155	RIGHI EZIO	GOZZI MARISA	S ITA	48.62	224	PAVLIN MILAN	RAJKO SILVANA	SLO	45.60
156	RETI ZSUZSA	GABOS GABOR	HUN	48.62	225	NATTA DANIELA	DATO PIERINO	ITA	45.50
157	LELLI GIANLUIGI	SCIANDRA ROBERT	ITA	48.44	226	ALESSANDRO SAVI	CONDORELLI COST	ITA	45.45
158	LOMBARDI ENRICO	LOMBARDI MARIA	S ITA	48.40	227	NACCA TOMMASO	DE GENNARO LICCI	S ITA	45.41
159	NUTT JENNIFER	MORRIS TREVOR	ENG	48.31	228	DOLEN VILDAN	DOLEN ISMAIL	TUR	45.40
160	WINGELMULLER GO	DOMIZIOL JADWIG	AUT	48.29	229	BELAN DUBRAVKO	BOZICEVIC JASNA	CRO	45.25
161	KOVACS ZERNAN	NYARADI GABOR	HUN	48.26	230	RUSSO ESTER BEC	MORTAROTTI ANTO	ITA	45.25
162	ODELLO GIORGIO	MOFAHKAMI SHALH	ITA	48.22	231	LIKOPOULOU ELI	CARAY JIM	GRE	45.22
163	BENI RUTH	TYMIANKER NOAH	ISR	48.21	232	SUADIYELI ZEYNE	SEZER METIN	TUR	45.17
164	PANA ALEXANDRU	MICHA RITA	SWI	48.18	233	PEROL MICHELLE	BOVERY JEAN CLA	FRA	45.02
165	HOLMOY STINE	ANDREASSEN STEI	NOR	48.13	234	TRAMP RUTH	SCHNEIDER WERNE	S GER	44.77
166	GEORGIEV STEFAN	GEORGIEVA DRAGA	BUL	48.11	235	MICHELINI MAURI	BOSI CRISTINA	ITA	44.63
167	BEAUMIER D	BEAUMIER A	FRA	48.10	236	PRATI MARISA ME	MASSARI LIBERO	S ITA	44.38
168	COTTONE ORNELLA	MENICACCI MASSI	ITA	48.10	237	FORT TOMAS	DITETOVA EVA	CZE	44.19
169	VON RIESEN ANNA	KASRADZE AMIRAN	GER	48.08	238	PASQUARE' RITA	PIERRO MICHELE	ITA	44.05
170	SOR-REIME HENNI	JAKOBSEN PERNIL	DEN	48.07	239	JOHANNESDOTTIR	THORSTEINSSON S	ICE	43.97
171	BALDI ELMA	BALDI MATTEO	ITA	47.98	240	PEYRON GIO'	MOTTA GASTONE	ITA	43.92
172	COSTA PAOLO LUC	TONINI FRANCESC	ITA	47.96	241	SCHFALACQUA EL	MONTRASIO MAURI	ITA	43.88
173	SAMY	SAMY	FRA	47.90	242	AMBROGIANI LEA	SANTARINI WALTE	RSM	43.76
174	EVELIUS-NOHREN	NOHREN ULF	SWE	47.88	243	KEFILI NIHAL	BENI SAMI	TXI	43.54
175	BELFIORE DELIA	BELFIORE SALVAT	ITA	47.80	244	GIORDANO FRANCE	MOTTOLA IMMA	ITA	43.43
176	BONIFACIO ANTON	ANGIOLUCCI REAL	S ITA	47.72	245	DONAENKO LARISS	NIKEL ALEXANDRE	RUS	43.07
177	BARTOLI FAUSTO	SALVI ANTONELLA	ITA	47.71	246	RIVOIRE DENIS	RIVOIRE GENEVIE	FRA	42.84
178	VESTH-HANSEN OL	VESTH-HANSEN KI	DEN	47.71	247	JUURI-OLA ERKKI	JUURI-OJA PIJJO	S FIN	42.82
179	RIMON RANAN	SAXON NETTA	S FIN	47.71	248	ABBATE ALFREDO	ABBATE CARMELA	ITA	42.74
180	MAI MARITA	LONGINOTTI ENRI	ITA	47.65	249	BIANCHI SERGIO	CASADEI GRAZIA	ITA	42.69
181	FAZZARDI GIANFR	PERLINI MARIA C	RSM	47.65	250	GIUNTINI GABRIE	DAINI ALBERTO	ITA	42.62
182	CACCIATORE DOME	VARCARO ERMELIN	ITA	47.64	251	CLOW MOLLIE	CLOW BILL	S SCT	42.61
183	KVERNSTROM KRIS	BRANDSNES FINN	NOR	47.62	252	PEZZULLO CATERI	FIACCAVENTO GES	S ITA	42.54
184	MICHELINI DORIA	SACCARO ANGELO	ITA	47.39	253	SODERMARK ANN	SODERMARK BERTI	S SWE	42.45
185	FRANCESCHELLI G	AGHEMO MONICA	ITA	47.32	254	SAVELLI LORENZO	FERRI FRANCESCA	ITA	42.45
186	SEVERGNINI MADD	BRONDI FEDERIGO	ITA	47.27	255	MCEWING HELEN	BRUCE IVAN	SCT	42.40
187	GANDINI EMANUEL	CORAZZA MARCO G	ITA	47.17	256	DELLADIO LORENZ	PONTELLI GIORGI	S ITA	42.22
188	GASPARINI ANNAM	VIARO ANDREA	ITA	47.15	257	HECHT-JOHANSEN	HECHT-JOHANSEN	DEN	41.81
189	FENESS JORUNN	LIE TERJE	NOR	47.15	258	FORNARI GIUSEPP	BASSI MAURIZIO	ITA	41.81
190	RAGNI MARA	FORNASARI DANIL	ITA	47.08	259	STACCHINI LEA M	TAMAI ANTONIO	RSM	41.69
191	BELLONI SERGIO	D'ODORICO INA	S ITA	47.04	260	THOREN VIGDIS	RYNNING ERIK	NOR	41.69
192	BYRNE TERESA	FIFIELD LIONEL	WAL	46.87	261	CORRADO MARINA	CARINCI FABIO	ITA	41.67
193	AZZONI PATRIZIA	FIMIANI PIERINO	ITA	46.84	262	MICHELOTTI RAFF	LUCCHESI GIOVAN	ITA	41.34
194	KARLSSON BJORG	KARLSSON KENT	SWE	46.71	263	IP GABRIEL	CHANDLER VALERI	S ENG	41.32
195	BERTOLINI MONIC	GARGHENTINI CES	ITA	46.67	264	ARSLAN CARLA PA	BUSETTO ROBERTO	ITA	41.28
196	GUDNADOTTIR ALD	SNORRASON KRIST	ICE	46.67	265	BISCOTTI ELSA	LEPRE GIOVANNI	ITA	40.81
197	FABBRI PAOLA	FE' FABIANO	ITA	46.66	266	HIERONIMUS BARB	SCHROEDER GERHA	GER	40.10
198	LEITER MARTIN	REDERMEIR ALICE	AUT	46.66	267	GHIROTTI FRANCO	DE COBELLI FAUS	ITA	39.36
199	PERROD ROBERTO	PIERRO MARIA RO	ITA	46.54	268	GUASTALLA SERGI	CERATI ROSELLA	ITA	38.91
200	HELLER JEAN JAC	HELLER VERONIQU	FRA	46.53	269	FALCIAI SERENEL	FALCIAI DUCCIO	ITA	33.53
201	REVIGLIO PIERO	REVIGLIO MARCEL	ITA	46.52	270	IANNETTI MASSIM	DELLA VALLE MAR	S ITA	33.45

Mixed Pairs Final Standings

1	MARIANI CARLO	BURATTI MONICA	ITA	63.23	79	IVANOVA STELIAN	IVANICHEV HRIST	S	BUL	51.59	
2	DUGUET MICHEL	DUGUET MARLENE	FRA	58.06	80	RAUSCHHEID ANDRE	REPS KLAUS		GER	51.49	
3	MAITOVA ELENA	ZLOTOV DMITRI	RUS	57.23	81	DI EUSANIO MARC	MASCI SANDRA		ITA	51.47	
4	DEHAYE BERNARD	DEWASME ISABELL	BEL	56.87	82	WALCZAK PIOTR	KROGULSKA JOLA		POL	51.42	
5	WERNLE ALEXANDE	SMEDEREVAC JOVA	AUT	56.79	83	GRAMBERG WILTRU	SCHILHART NORBE		GER	51.41	
6	KOWALSKI APOLIN	BANASKIEWICZ EW	POL	56.64	84	FARIOLI ROBERTO	SOLDATI CARLA	S	ITA	51.35	
7	MADSEN LARS LUN	BEKKOUCHE NADJA	DEN	56.62	85	VAN MIDDELEM GU	VANDEN BOSSCHE		BEL	51.34	
8	TOMIC TONCI	SVER NIKICA	CRO	56.19	86	TISSERAND SABIN	FRANCES JACQUES		FRA	51.30	
9	MUNDULA GIULIO	TESSITORE NICLA	S	ITA	56.08	87	FABBRI ENZO	GORRA MARIA BEA		RSM	51.26
10	SCHALTZ PETER	SCHALTZ DORTHE	DEN	56.04	88	MAAS ANTON	VRIEND BEP		NTH	51.20	
11	ARASZKIEWCZ KO	PASTERNAK MALGO	POL	55.90	89	PACAULT H	RIBEROL C		FRA	51.19	
12	LANGELAND ASE	HELGEMO GEIR	NOR	55.81	90	BARYLEWSKI MARE	CZEKAJ ELA		POL	50.98	
13	VUKELIC ZORAN	BRATUSA GORDANA	CRO	55.76	91	BURN SU	KING PHIL		ENG	50.90	
14	JAERUP ANNA	ANDERSSON LARS	SVWE	55.70	92	CRONIER PHILIPP	CRONIER BENEDIC		FRA	50.86	
15	FEICHTINGER KUR	TERRANEO SYLVIA	AUT	55.60	93	LUTOSTANSKI PIO	GARDY URZULA		POL	50.81	
16	ZANISLAK SKANEK	MISZEWSKA EWA	POL	55.60	94	KLEIN ANNELIES	TER ELST SIMON		NTH	50.68	
17	FRANSOS MARINA	BRAVIN GIANLUCA	ITA	55.51	95	VAN DER NEUT JA	BELLO ISABELLE		FRA	50.62	
18	SCHRECKENBERGER	MAYBACH ROBERT	GER	55.43	96	BOSCHI LIDIA	NATALE FRANCESC		ITA	50.55	
19	SIGURJONSDOTTIR	BLONDAL KRISTJA	ICE	55.42	97	MARZI FLORIANA	VITALE RICCARDO		ITA	50.54	
20	BIRR BEATE	EDELMANN GEORG	GER	55.41	98	BIONDCI VLADIMI	TRAUB INGRID		CRO	50.54	
21	CHEMLA PAUL	D'OVIDIO CATHER	FRA	55.31	99	ZANINOTTI DANIE	PAGANI GIUSEPPE		ITA	50.48	
22	QUANTIN JC	PIGGAUD F	FRA	55.16	100	SIMON SUE	LIPTON ALLAN		ENG	50.46	
23	VIVALDI ANTONIO	ROSSANO ENZA	ITA	55.15	101	BARR RONNIE	HERBST ILAN		ISR	50.42	
24	FRANCO GIAMPAOL	GENTILI LUIGINA	ITA	54.97	102	DI TARANTO NEDI	US BIROL		TUR	50.37	
25	WILLEMSE THEA	JIALAL MICHEL	NTH	54.95	103	CANESI MARINELL	CEDOLIN FRANCO		ITA	50.36	
26	VIVES JEAN LOUI	VIVES CATHERINE	FRA	54.84	104	MARTORELLI PIET	CICCANTI ROSSEL		ITA	50.35	
27	FIORILLO DINA	FERRAMOSCA FRAN	ITA	54.69	105	SMYKALLA GISELA	SCHNEIDER MICHA		GER	50.35	
28	KOISTINEN KAUKO	KOISTINEN RAIIJA	FIN	54.67	106	CROCI LORENZA	CROCI ALESSANDR		RSM	50.22	
29	FERRARO GUIDO	D'ANDREA MARISA	ITA	54.59	107	KRISTJONSDOTTIR	THEODORSSON BJO		ICE	50.02	
30	SAPORTA	DELOR	FRA	54.34	108	FELDERER CHRIST	THOMASBERGER AN		AUT	49.98	
31	GIACOMAZZI VINC	DANESI MICHELLE	ITA	54.31	109	LUPASCU VLAD	DE LA COUR PASC		FRA	49.93	
32	POPOVA DESSY	GOUNEV ROSEN	BUL	54.28	110	THUILLEZ LAUREN	COURTY NATHALIE		FRA	49.91	
33	CABANES B	DE LA VILLE MON	FRA	54.20	111	CARDENAS DIEGO	AGRILLO CINZIA		ITA	49.88	
34	GODFREY LIZZIE	PAGAN IAN	ENG	54.15	112	ALBERTI ANJA	BAUSBACK NIKOLA		GER	49.75	
35	OLIVIERI GABRIE	BOCCHI NORBERTO	ITA	54.11	113	ANDERSEN INGEBO	ANDERSEN ALF		NOR	49.71	
36	MAGUIRE PAULINE	KEAVENEY GAY	IRE	54.10	114	VON MALCHUS PET	BUCHLEV NEDJN		GER	49.69	
37	GOLEBIEWSKI STA	ZALEWSKA JOANN	POL	54.04	115	ROMANSKI JACEK	HARASIMOWICZ EW		POL	49.61	
38	ROSENBLUM MICHA	PANINA LARISSA	RUS	53.86	116	UYGAN FILIZ	ERDOGAN OMER		TUR	49.56	
39	RATYNSKI ADAM	KOZYRA EWA	POL	53.81	117	ZUCCHELLI SERGI	CESARI BARBARA		ITA	49.55	
40	JAGNIEWSKI RAFA	BREWYAK GRAZYNA	POL	53.74	118	ALLIX JF	RACZYNSKA J		FRA	49.47	
41	BRIERE	BLOUQUIT	FRA	53.67	119	BIRMAN DANIELA	BIRMAN DAVID		ISR	49.41	
42	DI BELLO FURIO	GIGLIOTTI DONAT	ITA	53.66	120	KLEIN HEIDEMARI	GOLL MATTHIAS		GER	49.38	
43	HOGBERG GULLVI	SVENSSON PER-AR	SVWE	53.48	121	CATZEFELIS CHRIS	GREY HEDY		SWI	49.35	
44	PAOLUZI SIMONET	GUERRA ENRICO S	ITA	53.45	122	MOUIEL HERVE'	MINKOFF		FRA	49.33	
45	NIKITINA ALEXAN	DIETRICH ALEXAN	GER	53.32	123	HELLING STEFAN	KLEIN BETTINA		LUX	49.32	
46	MAURIN	ISOARD	FRA	53.31	124	LATESSA ANTONIO	PEIRCE ROBERTA		ITA	49.31	
47	STRETZ FRANCOIS	SERF MARIANNE	FRA	53.30	125	TARANTINO MARCO	PACE LUISA		ITA	49.30	
48	KERR BERYL	KERR CHRIS	ENG	53.24	126	GOTARD BARBARA	GOTARD TOMASZ		GER	49.22	
49	KONDAKCI EMINE	SEN TEZCAN	TUR	53.11	127	DATO MASSIMO	DATO BARBARA		ITA	49.21	
50	RIZZO MARIA ANG	PATELLI GIANNI	ITA	53.09	128	FERRETTI ALESSA	PIAZZA RUGGERO		ITA	48.91	
51	SIMON JOSEF	FISHER DORIS	AUT	52.97	129	LUSTIN CHRISTIN	KAPLAN LEWIS		FRA	48.90	
52	NEHMERT BEATE	YUEN MICHAEL	GER	52.90	130	BARTELS REGINE	SCHMITT THOMAS		GER	48.63	
53	DAVIES SANDY	GISBORNE TOM	ENG	52.88	131	GOLDBERG ULLA-B	GOLDBERG LARS		SVWE	48.50	
54	CARNESECCHI LOR	GASPARINI ELISA	ITA	52.81	132	D'AVOSSA MARIO	TAGLIAFERRI VER		ITA	48.45	
55	TOBIAS PETER	TOBIAS JACQUI	ENG	52.72	133	ROMANOWSKA MAJA	SHOUDNEV ANDREY		RUS	48.44	
56	NEVE OLIVIER	REGENBERG LIDA	BEL	52.68	134	DE FALCO DANO	CIVIDIN SARA DE		ITA	48.38	
57	CURRAN VAL	ROBERTS DAVE	ENG	52.67	135	BIONDO BERNARDO	CALLEA GIUDITTA		ITA	48.36	
58	ZARKESCH FLORA	BOEDDEKER ROBER	GER	52.67	136	CIECHOMSKI JACE	PRZEOROWSKA JOL		POL	47.90	
59	WITKOWSKI PIOTR	SKOPINSKA EWA	S	POL	52.55	137	TESLA MIRO	BRKLIJACIC TIHAN		CRO	47.47
60	PALAU JEANJACQU	HUGON ELISABETH	FRA	52.54	138	ADAD PIERRE	DENOIZE CHRISTI		FRA	47.45	
61	GLADIATOR ANNE	OELKER CLEMENS	GER	52.42	139	POIZAT ROKIA	POIZAT PHILIPPE		FRA	47.21	
62	MANARA GABRIELL	ATTANASIO DARIO	ITA	52.42	140	ALLEGRI	BACO		FRA	47.11	
63	FERLAZZO FRANCE	FERLAZZO CATERI	ITA	52.37	141	PRIMAVERA ROBER	DE SIMONE ANTON	S	ITA	46.81	
64	GAEDE BOHDEM	FARINA CHRISTIA	SWI	52.34	142	BASSI BARBARA	LANZANI MARIO		ITA	46.67	
65	KARLSSON-UIK Y	UIK AHTO	SVWE	52.30	143	TYSZOWNICK MACI	LANDKOSZ MAGDA		POL	46.60	
66	ROVERA LAURA	MORITSCH MASSIM	ITA	52.30	144	LAZAR NEOMI	LAZAR SHUKI		ISR	46.40	
67	MADSEN MORTEN L	RAHEL MARIA	DEN	52.30	145	VOISINET MARC	NOYER ELISABETH		FRA	46.30	
68	MONCAMP GILLES	NOEL NICOLE	FRA	52.27	146	RENOUX M.FRANCE	REY PHILIPPE	S	FRA	46.24	
69	LEVY ALAN	FAVAS ANNE FRED	FRA	52.08	147	POZZI GIULIA	GUARIGLIA RUGGI		ITA	46.21	
70	LABAERE ALAIN	CARCASSONNE VAL	BEL	52.08	148	MARTINELLI GIOV	MARTINELLI ANTO		ITA	46.16	
71	SEBBANE LIONEL	MAGIS ISABELLE	FRA	52.06	149	KULOVIC ESAD	PILIPOVIC MARIN		CRO	45.55	
72	FORNACIARI EZIO	CITTOLIN LOREDA	ITA	52.03	150	MAESTRI A.LIVIA	SCULLIN GIORDAN		ITA	45.46	
73	TERRANEO FRANZ	WIEGKRIGT TERR	AUT	52.03	151	CORCHIA ROSA	MATRICARDI GIUS		ITA	45.27	
74	GARDYNIK GRZEGO	HOCHEKER DANUTA	POL	51.99	152	VILLA RENATO	VILLA RENATA		ITA	45.15	
75	ANCESCHI VITTOR	FERRARI PATRIZI	ITA	51.90	153	CAJANO MARIO	MENDITTO VANNA	S	ITA	44.86	
76	MAGLIONI ROSSAN	GRASSI MAURIZIO	ITA	51.69	154	SIGSGAARD ANDER	MARTENSEN-LARSE		DEN	44.83	
77	POMARES Y DE MO	CECERE AMEDEO	ITA	51.65	155	COLONNA ORNELLA	LIGAMBI LUIGI		ITA	44.42	
78	CATUCCI CLAUDIO	FERRUCCI JULIA	ITA	51.61	156	WAKSMAN SOPHIE	RAND NISSAN		FXI	44.18	