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Austria hoping for a Repeat Performance

At the end of the first session, the overnight leaders in the Championship final are Austria's Terry Weigkricht and Franz Terraneo. They are followed by Sweden's Pia Andersson and Arne Larsson, whilst third place is occupied by France's Catherine d'Ovidio-Saul and Paul Chemla.

Twenty-two countries are still involved in the race for a place on the podium as we reach the final day of the Pairs competition.

France has the best percentage chance of a medal in the Championship, as 33 of their pairs fought their way through to the final. Our hosts qualified 14 pairs, but Germany's hopes were severely dented when four of their 1995 Venice Cup Champions, Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Andrea Rauscheid & Karin Caesar fell by the wayside. Of course, like the other non-qualifiers, they may consider they were unfairly handicapped by the regulation that required them to have a male partner! Poland was the only other country to reach double figures, their total being 12.

1998 World Bridge Championships

Lille-France / 21 August - 4 September

You will find details of the forthcoming World Championships elsewhere in this issue. The Official Carriers, Air France, are offering free transfers from Paris Charles de Gaulle airport to Lille.

Mixed Pairs Programme

12.30 - 16.45 hrs

Second Session, Final and Consolation

18.00 hrs

Bus transfer from Eurogress to Albert-Vahle-Halle;
Prize-Giving



The Malta Experience

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It's all smiles as the contract for the 1999 European Championships between the European Bridge League and the Malta Bridge Federation is signed.

Margaret Parnis-England and **Mario Dix**, the Vice-President of the Federation flank EBL President **Bill Pencharz**.

Tiny Luxembourg battle mighty Germany

by Marc Smith (GB)

This tournament throws up numerous minor skirmishes as part of the overall battle. The final round of the second Qualifying session saw Luxembourg's sole participants in these championships up against one of the host nation's pre-tournament medal hopes. Round one went to the Germans...

Board 27. Love All. Dealer South.

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| ♠ 10 ♥ K 2 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ A J 10 9 6 5 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 | | ♠ Q J 9 7 4 3 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 8 6 3 2 ♣ - | ♠ A K 8 5 ♥ A Q 4 3 ♦ J 9 ♣ K 8 7 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ 6 2 ♥ J 10 9 8 7 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ Q 4 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West <i>Helling</i> | North <i>Reps</i> | East <i>Klein</i> | South <i>von Arnim</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 1♣ 3NT | 2♣ All Pass | 2♦ | Pass Dble | | | | | | | | | |

North's Two Club overcall showed spades and diamonds. East's Two Diamonds showed a game-going hand and South doubled to suggest a lead.

It is unclear whether Stefan Helling's jump to 3NT showed extra values or playing strength, or if he thought his partner's Two Diamonds was game forcing and thus the Principle of Fast Arrival



Daniela von Arnim

applied. However, with both opponents bidding it was tough for Bettina Klein to visualise that her side would have 13 top tricks.

This was a poor result for the Luxembourgers, but one often repeated elsewhere. For example, by one strong French E/W pair - Philippe Cronier opened the normal 1♣ on the West hand and Christine Lustin was greeted with a 3♠ !! overcall from North. It is certainly hard to criticise her choice of 3NT, but that was also +520 to E/W.

Could Luxembourg redress the balance on the second board of the round?

Board 28. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ♠ J 10 9 8 6 3 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ K J 9 7 ♣ - | | | | | | | | | | |
| West <i>Helling</i> | North <i>Reps</i> | East <i>Klein</i> | South <i>von Arnim</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| INT* All Pass | Dble | Pass* | 2♠ | | | | | | | | | |

The INT opening was 12-14 and North's double for penalties. East's Pass was "forcing to redouble" and South's choice of action is dependent to some extent on methods and evaluation. I cannot tell whether Daniela von Arnim's immediate 2♠ showed some values, or if passing and then competing with 2♠ on the next round would have shown more, but with little to spare for his original Double, Klaus Reps was never bidding on.

Two Spades made the fairly obvious eleven tricks (with almost every finesse working). How poor a result N/S +200 was can be judged by looking at how Nicola Smith, another Ladies' double World Champion, evaluated the South hand in a not dissimilar situation.

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| West | North <i>Hackett</i> | East | South <i>Smith</i> |
| 1♣ 5♣ | INT Dble | 3♣ All Pass | 4♠ |

There is little question that West's 5♣ bid was ill-judged. Once N/S bid their Vulnerable game, E/W are going to score below average on the board. Not, however, as far below average as they scored for -1100.

In the brief Luxembourg-Germany skirmish with which this article began, I think both sides will have to settle for an honourable draw.

PAIRS SESSION 3

Boards 15 - 18

The Russian pair of Michael Rosenblum and Larissa Panina began the third session of the Qualifying Round playing board 15 against a Belgium pair.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

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|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Janar</i> | <i>Rosenblum</i> | <i>Stas</i> | <i>Panina</i> |
| Pass | INT | 2♦ | Pass |
| 2♥ | 2♠ | 3♥ | All Pass |

Against Three Hearts a club lead and spade switch set up two spade tricks to go with two trumps and the club. One off. The next board was more exciting:

Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

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

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|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Janar</i> | <i>Rosenblum</i> | <i>Stas</i> | <i>Panina</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 2♣ | 3♥ |
| Pass | 5♥ | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6♠ | All Pass | | |

East opened a game-forcing Two Clubs and Panina began

the pre-empt. The vulnerability was favourable for Rosenblum to raise the ante as high as he dared, but it was not enough to trouble East. Thirteen tricks were made when the diamond finesse proved successful.

The next pair to arrive were Italian who were playing a Strong Club system in which the One Diamond opening could have no diamonds at all. Although most pairs have discussed their immediate actions against such an opening, ambiguities arise later on, which can catch you out. Both deals featured this aspect:

Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.

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

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Trevellini</i> | <i>Rosenblum</i> | <i>Farina</i> | <i>Panina</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| All Pass | | | |


Rosenblum was a little nervous that his partner might not interpret the second round Two Diamond bid as natural, but he had no hesitation in passing Two Hearts. The auction called for a trump lead but West began with a spade ducked around to the ten. Declarer led a club and now the trump switch was too late. Declarer obtained two club ruffs and went only one off for a reasonable score.

On the next deal Rosenblum found a clever defensive play to protect his partner from error. This was the problem from Rosenblum's point of view:

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

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| <i>Trevellini</i> | <i>Rosenblum</i> | <i>Farina</i> | <i>Panina</i> |
| 1♦ | INT | Pass | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | Pass | 2♦ |
| 2♥ | Dble | All Pass | |


The 1♦ was Precision and the INT overall was either natural strong, or Comic, weak with a long suit. In the end Rosenblum was able to double Two hearts. He began with ace, king and another trump, discovering that declarer held four trumps to the queen. After ace and another club, where partner showed up with two small Rosenblum found himself on lead in this ending:

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|---|--------------|
| ♠ J 3 2 | |
| ♥ - | |
| ♦ A 7 5 | |
| ♣ K J | |
|  | ♠ K 10 8 7 5 |
| | ♥ - |
| | ♦ 9 8 2 |
| | ♣ - |

Clearly declarer's shape is 2-4-2-5 and he must have the ace of spades. What do you play next?

Rosenblum came out with the clever play of the JACK of spades. He feared that if he switched to a low spade, partner might put in the queen. However, this switch proved disastrous when the full deal turned out to be:

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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


Dummy's spades had suddenly become good and reachable. Five spade tricks gave declarer his Two Hearts doubled for 470 and a bottom for the Russians. It was galling to find the simple play of a diamond would have led to two off.

Good Teacher, Good Technique - but Bad Luck!

Jean Paul Meyer (France)

Veronique and Michel Bessis missed the cut, a disappointing result. They would have made it if Michel, a famous French bridge teacher had not encountered a text book hand.

Board 8. Love All. Dealer West.

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

The opening lead was the ♦A and it was followed by a second diamond. Declarer won and could have been forgiven for simply playing North for the ♣Q, South being a favourite to be short in clubs. However, he did the right thing: first he tested the heart suit, discovering that South had started with a singleton.

He did not imagine that South held eleven cards in spades and diamonds for just one bid so he played the ♣K and down went the contract.

Bridge is not always a fair game.

Bookstall

Merle Schneeweis' company MBL provides the facility at these Championships. It is located on the ground floor near the entrance to the playing rooms. It will be open one hour before the start of each session. A comprehensive range of bridge items includes the latest books and software. You will also find Championship T shirts are available for DM23.

⁽¹⁾ Cautious players!, ⁽²⁾ A diamond stopper

The Good, the Bad, and the Truly Ugly

by Marc Smith (GB)

E/W produced performances of varying quality on this board from Friday's evening session.

Board 25. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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| ♠ 3 ♥ 87 ♦ 108763 ♣ KQJ96 | | ♠ A96 ♥ AKQ92 ♦ AQJ4 ♣ 5 | ♠ QJ1087542 ♥ J ♦ 2 ♣ 743 ♠ K ♥ 106543 ♦ K95 ♣ A1082 |
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At the table where Anton Maas and Bep Vriend of the Netherlands held the E/W cards, they were given a chance by a restrained North and took it gratefully.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| Maas | | Vriend | |
| 4♣ | 3♠ Pass | Dble 4♥ | Pass All Pass |

That was +620 to the Dutch pair when N/S had a cheap sacrifice.

When Great Britain's Liz McGowan and Jason Hackett were E/W, North tried a slightly different approach.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------|----------------|----------|
| Hackett | | McGowan | |
| INT | Pass !! | 1♥ | Pass |
| 3♣ | 2♠ | Dble | Pass |
| 4♥ | 3♠ | 4♦ | Pass |
| | 4♠ | Dble | All Pass |

This North clearly decided that to bid on the installment plan in the hope that he would be allowed to play the hand in

some number of spades doubled. His wish was duly granted, and although N/S -100 against a Vulnerable game looks like a decent board, as we shall see it was not that easy to go plus with the E/W cards...

Let's see how things developed at the table featuring the other Hackett twin.

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------------|------|--------------|
| | Hackett | | Smith |
| 4NT* | 4♠ | Dble | Pass |
| 6♣ | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| | Pass | 6♦ | All Pass |

West's 4NT showed two places to play and now East decided that with a guaranteed fit opposite her hand was worth a slam. They duly found their fit at the six-level. Obviously, Nicola Smith passed, since Dble at matchpoints would be a poor tactical move even though she expected the contract to fail. However, the bidding tray took an inordinate length of time to re-emerge after West's Pass of Six Diamonds. Smith hadn't realized that she was supposed to double to stop Jason from thinking about bidding Six Spades!

All's well that ends well though. N/S a sweaty +100.

Finally, a truly ugly effort from a Spanish E/W whose anonymity can be preserved by a generous donation to Bulletin refreshment funds. The beneficiaries were one of the home nation's leading pairs...

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------------|------|------------------|
| | Reps | | von Arnim |
| 5♣ | 4♠ | 4NT* | Pass |
| 6♠ | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| Redble | Pass | 6NT | Dble |
| | All Pass | | |

For sure, no one could accuse this East of timidity!

Daniela von Arnim dutifully led her partner's suit, and declarer allowed South's King to hold. Von Arnim's small club switch was won in dummy and the losing diamond finesse taken. The Ace of Clubs was cashed and declarer claimed two down. N/S +1000.

Heart of the Matter

Jean-Paul Meyer was to be the Chief Editor of the Daily Bulletin, but the small matter of a triple heart by-pass has resulted in his taking a less active role. Before travelling here he was informed by his doctor that his operation had been a complete success. He asked if there were any activities he should not undertake. 'Only one' replied his doctor, 'Don't take part in any mixed pairs tournaments!'

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Die Deutsche Homepage



Eine salomonische Entscheidung

Turnierleiter Richard Bley wurde in der ersten Qualifikationsrunde an einen Tisch gerufen, um sich mit folgendem Problem zu beschäftigen:

Board 17. Keiner in Gefahr. Teiler Nord.

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| ♠ K 10 7 4 2 ♥ A 5 3 2 ♦ A 10 4 ♣ D | ♠ D 3 ♥ K 10 9 8 6 ♦ D 7 6 3 2 ♣ 5 | ♠ A B 9 6 ♥ D B 7 ♦ 5 ♣ B 10 9 8 4 | ♠ 8 5 ♥ 4 ♦ K B 9 8 ♣ A K 7 6 3 2 |
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|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| West | Nord | Ost | Süd |
| Kontra | 2♥ Pass | Pass 2SA | 2♠ alle passen |

Nord (mit Ost auf einer Screenseite) alertierte 2♥ als Coeur

plus Unterfarbe, während Süd West erklärte, 2♥ zeige Coeur und eine beliebige zweite Farbe. Süd begab sich mit 2♠ auf Fit-suche und West sah eine gute Chance seine Piks via Kontra durchzugeben. Ost hingegen nahm verständlicherweise 2♠ als natürlich an, taxierte seinen Partner auf ein Unterfarben-Informationskontra und reizte mit seinen Stoppern in Pik und Coeur 2SA.

Dieser Kontrakt fiel einmal, Ost/West fühlten sich durch die unterschiedliche Auskunft um ihren Pikfit gebracht und riefen nach dem Turnierleiter.

Richard Bley fand heraus, daß 2♥ wirklich Coeurs und eine Unterfarbe zeigte und daß der populärste Score dieser Hand 5♦ x -2 und somit -300 für Nord/Süd war. Was aber wäre passiert, wenn West gewußt hätte, daß Nord keine Piks halten kann? Er hätte sicherlich gepaßt, und das Resultat wären durchgepaßte 2♠ von Nord/Süd gewesen. Bleys Analyse ergab nun, daß dieser Kontrakt wahrscheinlich sechsmal gefallen wäre, und so setzte König Salomo/Richard das Board auf 2♠ -6. Nord/Süd kamen folglich auf dem "etwas anderen Weg" zu -300.

Dieser "etwas andere Weg" zum Par-Resultat läßt uns auf weitere salomonische Urteile hoffen. Wird es Richard Bley ebenfalls gelingen die häufig vorkommenden Par-Resultate von 2♦ x +2 oder 4♠ xx +1 zu egalisieren? Das Daily Bulletin bleibt auf seiner Spur...

"The sun always shines on TV"

(Fortsetzung)

Der Fernsehsender WDR wird live und ausführlich von den 5. Europäischen Mixed-Meisterschaften aus Aachen berichten.

Die TV-Crew wird am Montag filmen, aber sie besuchte das EUROGRESS schon am Freitagnachmittag, um einen 30 Sekunden-Spot zu drehen, der in den Abendnachrichten das Turnier ankündigte.

Da die WDR Reporterin für ihre Aufnahmen natürlich auch etwas Bridge zu sehen bekommen wollte, wurde in aller Eile eine illustre Viererrunde zusammengestellt, die dann unzählige Male mischte und teilte, das Tableau mit den Geboten immer wieder geduldig und dekorativ hin und her schob und ein paar Hände im Zeitlupen-Tempo reizte und spielte, bis alles im Kasten war.

In Board No.1 glänzten Sabine Auken und Mark Horton (Ost/West) gegen Anneliese Schmidt-Bott und Stefan Back mit einem exzellent gereizten Schlemm in nicht wirklich abgesprochenem Precision (nachzulesen in Bulletin No.2). In der nächsten Hand traten (stolperten?) Nord/Süd in das Licht der Scheinwerfer:

Keiner in Gefahr, Teiler West.

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| ♠ A x x ♥ A x x ♦ 9 4 ♣ A x x x x | ♠ K D 10 x x ♥ 10 x ♦ B x x x ♣ x x | ♠ B x x x ♥ B x x ♦ A D x x x ♣ 10 | ♠ x ♥ K D 9 8 x ♦ K x x ♣ K D B x |
|--|--|---|--|

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| West | Nord | Ost | Süd |
| Horton | Schmidt-Bott | Auken | Back |
| 1♦ Pass Pass | 1♠ 3♠ Pass | 3♦ Pass Kontra | Kontra 3 SA alle passen |

Bevor die erste Karte fiel, hatte Sabine Auken wieder eine Frage: "Ausspiele. Partner?" Von der anderen Screeenseite kam die prompte, wenn auch scheinbar völlig unpassende Antwort: "Klein vom Doubleton". Wieder lachten alle, und dabei blieb es wieder ...

West spielte $\diamond 4$ aus. Ost, in der Annahme, ihr Partner besäße für seine Unterfarb-Eröffnung eine (natürliche) Dreierlänge, gewann mit dem As und setzte mit einem kleinen Karo fort. Zu ihrer großen Überraschung gewann jedoch Dummys Bube den Stich. Von dort folgte $\heartsuit 10$ gedeckt von Bube, König und As. West versuchte ein kleines Pik, und Nord gewann mit dem König. Danach klärte der Alleinspieler die Coeurfarbe und wandte sich den Treffs zu.

Als sich der Rauch verzogen hatte, hatten Ost/West ihre vier Asse und Nord/Süd das kontriierte Vollspiel nach Hause gebracht!

Sabine Auken erkundigte sich vorsichtig: "Warum hast Du

$1\diamond$ eröffnet?", worauf Mark antwortete: "Wir spielen doch Precision, oder?". Sabine bemerkte trocken: "Ich dachte, das sei nur ein Scherz gewesen." Ihr Partner fuhr fort: "Können wir 3SA schlagen?" fragte er. "ICH kann 3SA schlagen, aber warum hast du denn $\diamond 4$ ausgespielt?" Jetzt beschwerte sich Mark: "Aber ich sagte doch: 'Klein vom Doubleton', oder etwa nicht?" "Nun, ich dachte, das sei auch nur ein Scherz gewesen!" resignierte seine Partnerin amüsiert und der ganze Tisch stimmte in ihr schallendes Gelächter mit ein.

Endergebnis: Ein freundschaftliches Unentschieden vor laufenden Kameras, glückliche Mienen auf allen Seiten und eine Reporterin, die erstaunt und belustigt feststellte. "Das ist ja eine fröhliche Truppe!"

Damit beendeten die Akteure ihre kurze Bridge-Demo, aber spätestens am Montag wird hoffentlich für viele der teilnehmenden Paare "die Sonne im Fernsehen scheinen".

Neue Heldensagen

Das bestplatzierte deutsche Paar nach zwei Qualifikations-Durchgängen sind Beate Birr und Wolf Stahl. Grund genug, sie in der dritten Runde zu beobachten und ein "Tischfeuerwerk" mitzuerleben. Es war etwas los, und unsere "Helden" immer mitten im Getümmel.

Board 23. Alle in Gefahr. Teiler Süd.

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| <p>\spadesuit 10 3 \heartsuit K B 3 2 \diamond 9 7 \clubsuit 9 7 6 4 2</p> <p>\spadesuit B 8 2 \heartsuit A 7 6 5 4 \diamond A B 6 4 3 \clubsuit -</p> | | <p>\spadesuit A K 7 6 5 \heartsuit 10 9 \diamond K 10 5 \clubsuit K 10 8</p> <p>\spadesuit D 9 4 \heartsuit D 8 \diamond D 8 2 \clubsuit A D B 5 3</p> | <p>West</p> <p>2\heartsuit 4\clubsuit ⁽¹⁾ 4\heartsuit ⁽¹⁾ 5\heartsuit ⁽³⁾ Pass Rekontra</p> | <p>Nord Stahl</p> <p>Pass Pass Pass Pass Kontra alle passen</p> | <p>Ost</p> <p>2\spadesuit 4\diamond ⁽¹⁾ 4SA ⁽²⁾ 6\spadesuit Pass</p> | <p>Süd Birr</p> <p>1\diamond Pass 3\clubsuit ⁽²⁾ Pass</p> |
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⁽¹⁾ Cue bids, ⁽²⁾ Blackwood, ⁽³⁾ 2 Asse

Mit $\heartsuit K$ hatte Nord die perfekte Karte für ein Lightner-Kontra, um ein ungewöhnliches Auspiel zu verlangen. Letztendlich erzielten Nord/Süd $\spadesuit D$, $\diamond D$ und zwei Coeurstiche und schrieben seltene +1600. Als die beiden in den nächsten Boards +800 in 3 \spadesuit x -4 und +560 in ISA xx = auf ihrer Scorekarte vermerkten, schien die Karte zu laufen. Doch leider kommt es meistens anders und zweitens als man denkt.

Board 26. Alle in Gefahr. Teiler Ost.

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| <p>\spadesuit 10 7 6 4 \heartsuit 4 \diamond D B 5 2 \clubsuit K 6 5 2</p> | | <p>\spadesuit B \heartsuit A K 6 2 \diamond 8 4 3 \clubsuit A D 8 7 3</p> <p>\spadesuit A K D 9 8 2 \heartsuit 10 7 5 3 \diamond 6 \clubsuit 9 4</p> <p>\spadesuit 5 3 \heartsuit D B 9 8 \diamond A K 10 9 7 \clubsuit B 10</p> | <p>West</p> <p>Pass Pass Kontra (!) 3\spadesuit</p> | <p>Nord Stahl</p> <p>2\clubsuit 2SA ⁽¹⁾ Pass Kontra</p> | <p>Ost</p> <p>Pass (!) 2\spadesuit Pass 3\heartsuit alle passen</p> | <p>Süd Birr</p> <p>1\diamond Pass 3\clubsuit ⁽²⁾ Pass</p> |
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⁽¹⁾ Lebensohl, ⁽²⁾ erzwungen

Viele "interessante" Ideen ließen hier Nord/Süd ihr Coeur-Vollspiel verlieren. Ost's erstes Pass (statt Pik-Eröffnungen in beliebiger Höhe) gab Süd keine Chance, für Coeur zu kontrieren. Das verspätete 2 \spadesuit war viel wirksamer, da Süd an dieser Stelle wohl kein negatives Kontra zur Verfügung hatte. Als dann Nord's Lebensohl-Variante Ost noch erlaubte als Erste die Coeurs zu bieten und Nord's "Strafkontra" zielsicher herauszunehmen, war die Sache gelaufen.

Bei bester Verteidigung mittels zweier Trumpfrunden fällt Ost in 3 \spadesuit wohl einmal. Dies jedoch hätte die aufgelegten 4 \heartsuit ebenfalls nicht kompensiert. Daß eine Unvorsichtigkeit im Gegenspiel dann zu -730 führte, war somit kein weiterer großer Verlust.

Alle großen Helden haben wohl irgendwo eine schwache Stelle. Kein Grund jedoch deswegen an ihnen und ihrem Finaleinzug zu zweifeln!

The Lower You Start, The Higher You Go

by Marc Smith (GB)

Board 5 of the third qualifying session proved disappointing for many pairs who bid up to 6♠ or 6NT. Two of the top Scandinavian pairs demonstrated how to go plus on the N/S cards...

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <i>Marani</i> | <i>Hove</i> | <i>Maffei</i> | <i>Hove</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♠ |
| All Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♠ |

The Hoves were Norway's leading pair after two sessions, lying 15th and looking comfortably placed. Siri Hove opened their system strong bid and showed a solid suit over her partner's negative. Although holding a smattering on high cards, Ivar Hove correctly judged that his partner's "solid suit" might not be quite as solid as she thought facing his void. When North corrected herself to spades, N/S had stopped in a contract that

was virtually certain to produce a plus score.

The spotlight now fell on Italy's Franco Marani, who rose to the occasion by finding the heart lead to hold declarer to ten tricks. N/S +620

At our next table, it was Sweden's highest-placed pair (30th after two session) who were N/S.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Henri</i> | <i>Larsson</i> | <i>Charrault</i> | <i>Andersson</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 2♣ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ |
| All Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |

At this table, Pia Andersson thought that she had said it all having opened 2♣, so simply raised her partner to game. East had a natural heart lead, and at first sight declarer must have feared that a slam had been missed. However, once spades broke 5-2 he just claimed his 10 top tricks. N/S +630.

At our final table, N/S were the trans-national pairing of Britain's Nevena Senior and Nissan Rand representing Israel.

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| | <i>Rand</i> | | <i>Senior</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | 4♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 5♠ |
| Pass | 6♦ | All Pass | |

East led the King of Hearts, taken by Rand with the Ace. Two rounds of trumps ending in dummy left declarer at the crucial juncture. Rand rose to the occasion and ruffed a small spade before crossing back to dummy, drawing the last trump in the process, and his foresight was rewarded when the spades split 5-2, making his safety play essential. N/S +1370.

Announcement of the EBL Seniors Committee

Meeting

Who: **EBL** Executive members
NCBO Presidents and delegates interested in Seniors Bridge competitions
All Senior players playing in the Mixed Pairs and Teams events in Aachen

When: Tuesday, March 31, 1998: 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Where: Eifel room, conference room No. 7 on the 2nd floor of the EUROGRESS

- Agenda:
- 1) Future European Seniors Bridge competitions:
 - a) 5th European Seniors Pairs Championship, March 15 - 20, 1999 in Warsaw, Poland
 - b) 3rd European Seniors Teams Championship, June 20 - 27, 1999 in Malta
 - 2) Promotion of Seniors Bridge competitions in Europe: Open discussion
 - 3) Election of members to the Seniors Committee (to meet in Lille, August 1998, Warsaw, March 1999 and Malta June 1999).

Dr. Nissan T. Rand
 Senior Committee, EBL Executive


Catching Up With Some Leading Eastern Europeans

by Marc Smith (GB)

During the final qualifying session, the Bulletin has tried to ensure that we feature at least one pair from every competing nation.

With that in mind, I set out to find players from some of the more elusive Eastern European countries. First, I hunted down the leading Hungarian pair - Maria & Miklos Kasa who were lying a commendable 15th after two sessions.

Board 13. Game All. Dealer North.


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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------|------|------------|
| Kasa | Sementa | Kasa | Tempestini |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ |
| All Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |

The Italians quickly reached 3NT and Maria Kasa led a spade which ran to declarer's Ace. She ducked the first club, took the second, and unerringly switched to Ace and another diamond to ensure that they took their four tricks, thus holding declarer to N/S +600 for a solid average-plus to the Hungarians.

There was more action on the second board of the round, with both pairs bidding very well on the board.

Board 14. Love All. Dealer East.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|------------|
| Kasa | Sementa | Kasa | Tempestini |
| 4♠ | 5♦ | 1♠ | Pass |
| 5♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass | Pass | 6♦ |

There is little to the play, although East speeded play by cashing a top spade and switching to Queen and another heart. Declarer ruffed the third heart high and was soon claiming on a high crossruff.


Most E/W pairs were left to play peacefully in 4♠ making +420. Doubling 5♦ for +100 would have been worth very little to the Hungarians, so they correctly pushed on to 5♠. Perhaps that would have made for an excellent score to E/W.

All in all, a well-played board with both sides deserving something close to the average they actually scored.

A solid third session saw Kasa-Kasa safely into the final, still flying the Hungarian flag and well in contention for a medal in 17th spot. The Italians Sementa-Tempestini are also through in 101st place.

Next in line for scrutiny were the leading Bulgarian pairing of Dessislava Popova & Rossen Gounev who were 50th with one qualifying session to play.

Board 29. Game All. Dealer North.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Fountain | Gounev | Skillern | Popova |
| 2♥ | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ |
| All Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ |

The contract was the same as that reached at most tables. Britain's Peter Fountain found a safe trump lead and declarer drew three rounds East discarding two clubs. A diamond to the Queen won. And a second diamond went to the King and West's Ace. Dessislava Popova won the club switch with dummy's King and attempted to ruff down the Jack of diamonds. When that didn't work, she tried the effect of Ace and

another club, attempting to endplay West to lead away from his King of hearts. Alas, it was East who won the club, and when she had a diamond winner to exit with that meant only ten tricks for declarer and a very poor matchpoint score with most of the field registering +650.

Many Souths I am sure received a red suit lead, while others played Ace and another heart at some point and guessed to play the Ten, establishing the Queen for a club discard.

Perhaps we would see the Bulgarians at their best on the second board...?

Board 30. Love All. Dealer East.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Fountain</i> | <i>Gounev</i> | <i>Skillern</i> | <i>Popova</i> |
| 2NT ⁽¹⁾ | Dble | 2♦ | 2♠ |
| 4♥ | Dble | Pass | 3♠ |
| | | All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ Strong enquiry

Rossen Gounev led a spade and must have been extremely disappointed to see that East had been taught that the best players always produce dummy's to justify their partner's bidding.

There are two ways for the defence to score a third trump trick. Declarer may try to discard his spade losers on dummy's top diamonds (in which case North must win the first round of trumps and lead a fourth diamond for South to ruff with the King). Alternatively, as happened at this table, declarer tries to ruff his spades in dummy and North ruffs in with one of his high trumps.

However, arranging the THIRD defensive trick is no great achievement when defending a doubled four-level contract. N/S -590 was not a great success for the Bulgarians.

At the end of the hand, South made some comment in Bulgarian - it may have been "Would you like a coffee partner?" but even to me it sounded more like "What a meathead double!"

All's well that ends well, though. Gounev-Popova made it safely into the final, albeit as the second highest ranked Bulgarian pair (in 81st).



Big number, well deserved!

Watching the third session on Sunday the spectator soon lived to see that there were fireworks all over the place and the board slips full of big numbers. Well, only 120 would go to the final, and doubling is one of the legal means to get there. If accurate defense then leads to a maximum of undertricks, you should be pleased with yourself.

Pia Andersson and Arne Larsson from Sweden showed how to take full advantage of a penalty double on the following deal:

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Henri</i> | <i>Larsson</i> | <i>Charrault</i> | <i>Andersson</i> |
| 2♠ ⁽¹⁾ | Dbl. | Pass | Pass |
| 3♣ | Dbl. | Pass | Pass |
| | | All Pass | |

⁽¹⁾ spades and a minor

The poor West player holding a reasonable two-suiter ran right into North/South's stilettos and - to make things even worse - became a victim of perfect defensive play.

North started with ♣3 and declarer won in dummy. A spade went to South's jack, who returned another trump to East's king. A small diamond was captured by South's 10, and another round of diamonds put North on lead with ♦A (West discarding a spade). He now cashed ♠A and played a heart to the king and ace. Back came ♠9 to the ten and ruffed with ♣6. North trusted his partner and confidently underled his ♥Q. South came in with ♥J and gave her partner another spade ruff. Down four and +1100. A big number, indeed!

**The Franconian Emperor Charlemagne,
Found a cure here for every bad pain.
But on his last trip to Aachen,
He had much trouble parking,
And chose not to visit again.**

Results after first Final Session

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|----|------------------|---------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------------|---------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Weigkricht | - Terraneo | AUS | 55.26 | 65.84 | 60.55 | 61 | Schroeder | - Schroeder | GER | 54.09 | 50.80 | 52.44 |
| 2 | Andersson | - Larsson | SWE | 55.79 | 63.22 | 59.50 | 62 | Godfrey | - Pagan | GBR | 54.67 | 50.07 | 52.37 |
| 3 | d'Ovidio-Saul | - Chemla | FRA | 57.13 | 61.81 | 59.47 | 63 | Buratti | - Mariani | ITA | 55.39 | 49.28 | 52.34 |
| 4 | Ricard | - Lalanne | FRA | 56.63 | 61.07 | 58.85 | 64 | Koistinen | - Koistinen | FIN | 58.62 | 46.02 | 52.32 |
| 5 | Gochwolz | - Bitran | FRA | 59.13 | 57.27 | 58.20 | 65 | Cohen | - Levy | FRA | 53.11 | 51.36 | 52.24 |
| 6 | Hocheker | - Kowalski | POL | 62.42 | 53.28 | 57.85 | 66 | Kerekes | - Varga | HUN | 57.56 | 46.84 | 52.20 |
| 7 | Schauffelberger | - Nahmias | FRA | 56.01 | 59.17 | 57.59 | 67 | Reps | - Farwig | GER | 54.44 | 49.94 | 52.19 |
| 8 | Curetti | - le Poder | FRA | 58.01 | 57.10 | 57.56 | 68 | Favas | - Vial | FRA | 55.98 | 48.30 | 52.14 |
| 9 | Gromøller | - Hopfenheit | GER | 55.60 | 59.46 | 57.53 | 69 | Kowalska | - Krupowicz | POL | 54.92 | 48.71 | 51.81 |
| 10 | Lise | - Damiani | FRA | 59.63 | 55.15 | 57.39 | 70 | Baco | - Audibert | FRA | 53.73 | 49.85 | 51.79 |
| 11 | Poulain | - Briere | FRA | 55.65 | 58.45 | 57.05 | 71 | Uisk | - Uisk | SWE | 52.41 | 51.05 | 51.73 |
| 12 | Gladiator | - Retzlaff | GER | 54.33 | 59.13 | 56.73 | 72 | Browne | - Gromøller | GER | 54.15 | 49.26 | 51.70 |
| 13 | Chatard | - Hirschwald | FRA | 57.60 | 55.68 | 56.64 | 73 | Sørensen | - Jensen | DEN | 53.27 | 50.03 | 51.65 |
| 14 | Manara | - Attanasio | ITA | 61.25 | 51.97 | 56.61 | 74 | Marzi | - Vitale | ITA | 53.45 | 49.78 | 51.62 |
| 15 | Panina | - Rosenblum | RUS | 59.31 | 53.73 | 56.52 | 75 | Polet | - Labaere | BEL | 54.30 | 48.89 | 51.60 |
| 16 | Gaviard | - Mouiel | FRA | 57.59 | 54.32 | 55.96 | 76 | Rojko | - Pavlin | SLO | 52.84 | 50.04 | 51.44 |
| 17 | Dumon | - Solari | FRA | 56.15 | 55.56 | 55.86 | 77 | Langstrom | - Fredin | SWE | 54.07 | 48.75 | 51.41 |
| 18 | Breivik | - Høyland | NOR | 54.71 | 56.88 | 55.79 | 78 | Bohnsack | - Bohnsack | GER | 54.18 | 48.37 | 51.28 |
| 19 | As | - Schwartz | ISR | 54.06 | 57.50 | 55.78 | 79 | Marechal | - Demarcin | BEL | 54.20 | 48.11 | 51.16 |
| 20 | Budd | - Harris | GBR | 55.62 | 55.90 | 55.76 | 80 | Maidment | - Preston | GBR | 52.69 | 49.61 | 51.15 |
| 21 | Macieszczak | - Gwis | POL | 53.62 | 57.37 | 55.49 | 81 | Pokorna | - Kurka | CZE | 53.24 | 48.98 | 51.11 |
| 22 | Riberol | - Pacault | FRA | 55.77 | 55.17 | 55.47 | 82 | Miroslaw | - Wladow | GER | 53.98 | 47.97 | 50.97 |
| 23 | Terraneo | - Fucik | AUS | 56.84 | 54.02 | 55.43 | 83 | Leiva | - Torres | SPA | 53.36 | 48.49 | 50.92 |
| 24 | Rossano | - Vivaldi | ITA | 57.16 | 53.51 | 55.34 | 84 | Verge | - Sebbane | FRA | 52.40 | 49.33 | 50.87 |
| 25 | Kolata | - Kolata | TUR | 53.95 | 56.68 | 55.31 | 85 | Nahmens | - Adad | FRA | 52.60 | 48.88 | 50.74 |
| 26 | Vriend | - Maas | NTH | 62.31 | 48.12 | 55.22 | 86 | Hoguet | - Hamon | FRA | 54.31 | 47.12 | 50.72 |
| 27 | Willard | - Tissot | FRA | 58.27 | 52.14 | 55.21 | 87 | Colonna | - Ligambi | ITA | 56.95 | 44.46 | 50.70 |
| 28 | Duguet | - Duguet | FRA | 58.06 | 52.23 | 55.15 | 88 | de Ravinel | - de Ravinel | FRA | 53.86 | 47.45 | 50.66 |
| 29 | Lustin | - Cronier | FRA | 52.85 | 57.42 | 55.13 | 89 | Zobu | - Eksioglu | TUR | 55.36 | 45.85 | 50.61 |
| 30 | Sanchis | - Escude | SPA | 56.21 | 54.02 | 55.12 | 90 | Bahnikova | - Bahnik | CZE | 53.40 | 47.61 | 50.50 |
| 31 | Senior | - Rand | ISR | 55.47 | 54.62 | 55.05 | 91 | Penfold | - Foster | GBR | 52.61 | 48.29 | 50.45 |
| 32 | Paoluzi | - Guerra | ITA | 57.11 | 52.49 | 54.80 | 92 | Sümer | - Alan | TUR | 53.82 | 47.06 | 50.44 |
| 33 | Cividin de Sario | - Zenari | ITA | 55.28 | 54.14 | 54.71 | 93 | Leger | - Oursel | FRA | 54.40 | 45.55 | 49.98 |
| 34 | Joegne | - Schweitzer | FRA | 58.96 | 50.09 | 54.53 | 94 | Schaffer | - Bondo | DEN | 56.22 | 43.59 | 49.90 |
| 35 | Renoux | - Rey | FRA | 56.37 | 52.67 | 54.52 | 95 | Ivaresdottir | - Thorsteins | ICE | 58.13 | 41.65 | 49.89 |
| 36 | Beaumier | - Beaumier | FRA | 56.33 | 52.44 | 54.39 | 96 | Smederevac | - Wernle | AUS | 54.37 | 45.10 | 49.74 |
| 37 | Schwenkreis | - Schwenkreis | GER | 53.04 | 55.40 | 54.22 | 97 | Svobodova | - Svoboda | CZE | 53.58 | 45.77 | 49.68 |
| 38 | Kelina | - Chour | RUS | 54.17 | 54.25 | 54.21 | 98 | Biener | - Michailov | GER | 52.57 | 46.70 | 49.64 |
| 39 | Blouquit | - Bompis | FRA | 53.58 | 54.57 | 54.07 | 99 | Krieger | - Speckmann | GER | 53.25 | 45.79 | 49.52 |
| 40 | Kasa | - Kasa | HUN | 57.91 | 50.21 | 54.06 | 100 | Banaszkiewicz | - Buze | POL | 52.88 | 46.04 | 49.46 |
| 41 | Tomaszewska | - Puczynski | POL | 54.29 | 53.22 | 53.76 | 101 | Birr | - Stahl | GER | 53.50 | 45.33 | 49.42 |
| 42 | Driessens | - Dauwe | BEL | 58.17 | 49.29 | 53.73 | 102 | Popova | - Gunev | BUL | 53.81 | 44.87 | 49.34 |
| 43 | Smith | - Hackett | GBR | 54.92 | 52.45 | 53.69 | 103 | Harasimowicz | - Gawrys | POL | 52.82 | 45.82 | 49.32 |
| 44 | Dewasme | - Dehaye | BEL | 57.29 | 49.89 | 53.59 | 104 | Farina | - Gaede | SWI | 54.22 | 44.32 | 49.27 |
| 45 | Stawowy | - Kirmse | GER | 54.39 | 52.66 | 53.52 | 105 | Procureur | - Caumel | FRA | 56.90 | 41.43 | 49.17 |
| 46 | Peyrot | - Voltaire | FRA | 59.64 | 47.39 | 53.52 | 106 | Duckworth | - Callaghan | GBR | 53.45 | 44.77 | 49.11 |
| 47 | Wästeby | - Persson | SWE | 55.04 | 51.68 | 53.36 | 107 | S.Wintrop | - Cohner | GER | 53.23 | 44.67 | 48.95 |
| 48 | Kowalska | - Stepinski | POL | 53.21 | 53.45 | 53.33 | 108 | Awad | - Awad | FRA | 52.98 | 43.89 | 48.43 |
| 49 | Berthold | - Franzl | AUS | 52.47 | 53.92 | 53.20 | 109 | Burn | - King | GBR | 53.68 | 42.99 | 48.34 |
| 50 | Guillebon | - Beauvillain | FRA | 54.79 | 51.28 | 53.04 | 110 | Gueorgieva | - Gueorgieva | BUL | 54.64 | 41.83 | 48.24 |
| 51 | Nehmert | - Holowski | GER | 57.19 | 48.84 | 53.02 | 111 | Handley | - Barker | GBR | 52.70 | 43.29 | 48.00 |
| 52 | Pasternak | - Siwiec | POL | 54.25 | 51.75 | 53.00 | 112 | Angelini | - Johnson | BEL | 53.93 | 42.05 | 47.99 |
| 53 | Miszewska | - Martens | POL | 53.14 | 52.79 | 52.97 | 113 | Hove | - Hove | NOR | 55.56 | 40.10 | 47.83 |
| 54 | Ropska | - Macior | POL | 52.93 | 52.94 | 52.94 | 114 | Dennison | - Mossop | GBR | 52.88 | 42.69 | 47.79 |
| 55 | Lesguillier | - Lesguillier | FRA | 58.85 | 46.88 | 52.86 | 115 | Jakobsdottir | - Baldursson | ICE | 54.89 | 39.80 | 47.34 |
| 56 | Barr | - Herbst | ISR | 55.22 | 50.48 | 52.85 | 116 | Tempestini | - Sementa | ITA | 53.10 | 41.11 | 47.11 |
| 57 | Geneslay | - Iontzeff | FRA | 54.81 | 50.52 | 52.67 | 117 | Galland | - Maurer | SWI | 52.55 | 40.90 | 46.73 |
| 58 | Zalewska | - Golebiowski | POL | 58.75 | 46.55 | 52.65 | 118 | Aubonnet | - Guillaumin | FRA | 52.62 | 40.59 | 46.61 |
| 59 | Wyczolkowska | - Wasak | POL | 54.77 | 50.43 | 52.60 | 119 | Peters | - Vandervorst | BEL | 53.77 | 36.86 | 45.31 |
| 60 | Drivdal | - Jørgensen | NOR | 53.07 | 51.91 | 52.49 | 120 | Grümm | - Lindermann | AUS | 53.25 | 35.42 | 44.34 |

Results after first Consolation

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------|----------------|-----|-------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Serf | - Stoppa | FRA | 58.06 | 60 | Holst | - Jensen | SWE | 51.85 |
| 2 | Rauscheid | - Rohowsky | GER | 56.96 | 61 | Schraverus | - Bongartz | GER | 51.84 |
| 3 | Batkiewicz | - Laczny | POL | 56.93 | 62 | Linde | - Linde | GER | 51.82 |
| 4 | Das | - Kremer | FRA | 56.12 | 63 | Colombo | - Zulli | ITA | 51.79 |
| 5 | Fishpool | - Stretz | FRA | 55.80 | 64 | de St.Marie | - de St.Marie | FRA | 51.63 |
| 6 | Skopinska | - Witkowski | POL | 55.44 | 65 | Alberti | - Bausback | GER | 51.36 |
| 7 | Arami | - Keidar | ISR | 55.39 | 66 | Beccuti | - Mortarotti | ITA | 51.26 |
| 8 | Alard | - Chimion | FRA | 55.19 | 67 | Simonova | - Marakulin | RUS | 51.26 |
| 9 | Delacour | - Prunier | FRA | 55.01 | 68 | vandenBossche | - Bolle | BEL | 51.25 |
| 10 | Rampini | - Mesiano | ITA | 54.80 | 69 | Daniëls | - de Wilde | NTH | 51.23 |
| 11 | Gelibter | - Gelibter | BEL | 54.70 | 70 | Stöckmann | - Marsal | GER | 51.21 |
| 12 | Holmøy | - Andreassen | NOR | 54.39 | 71 | Premitzer | - Vivat | AUS | 51.21 |
| 13 | Gotard | - Gotard | GER | 54.28 | 72 | Larsen | - Hoftaniska | NOR | 51.19 |
| 14 | de Pauw | - Magerman | BEL | 54.27 | 73 | Maguire | - Keaveney | IRE | 51.16 |
| 15 | Magis | - Lustman | FRA | 54.13 | 74 | Knutsen | - Kjeseth | NOR | 51.14 |
| 16 | Arlinghaus | - Sträter | GER | 54.03 | 75 | Rizzo | - Patelli | ITA | 51.08 |
| 17 | Thuillez | - Thuillez | FRA | 54.02 | 76 | Stolte | - Mauridis | GER | 51.05 |
| 18 | Mitiagina | - Goudkov | RUS | 53.98 | 77 | Sabatier | - Sabatier | FRA | 51.01 |
| 19 | Malinowski | - Malinowski | NOR | 53.95 | 78 | Noldenn | - Haffner | GER | 50.97 |
| 20 | Zakrzewska | - Zakrzewski | POL | 53.75 | 79 | Enander | - Enander | SWE | 50.95 |
| 21 | Schreckenberger | - Maybach | GER | 53.70 | 80 | Giannini | - Broccoli | ITA | 50.95 |
| 22 | Yalman | - Pehlivan | TUR | 53.69 | 81 | Lardinois | - Dirks | NTH | 50.87 |
| 23 | Mouttet | - Mouttet | FRA | 53.56 | 82 | Tichy | - Viktor | HUN | 50.81 |
| 24 | Karetnikova | - Gromov | RUS | 53.47 | 83 | Delor | - Elkaim | FRA | 50.76 |
| 25 | Corchia | - Matricardi | ITA | 53.39 | 84 | Yilmaz | - Ünal | TUR | 50.70 |
| 26 | Smykalla | - Schneider | GER | 53.28 | 85 | v. Malchus | - Stroescu | GER | 50.60 |
| 27 | Nikitine | - Buchlev | GER | 52.93 | 86 | Lee | - Lee | GBR | 50.59 |
| 28 | Jeunen | - Jeunen | BEL | 52.93 | 87 | Nutt | - Morris | GBR | 50.58 |
| 29 | Langer | - Gwinner | GER | 52.81 | 88 | Panadero | - Lantaron | SPA | 50.54 |
| 30 | Juuri-Oja | - Juuri-Oja | FIN | 52.79 | 89 | Bordallo | - Wichmann | SPA | 50.51 |
| 31 | Trench | - Porteous | IRE | 52.76 | 90 | Zawawi | - Markaris | GER | 50.49 |
| 32 | Pigeaud | - Girollet | FRA | 52.76 | 91 | Mezei | - Honti | HUN | 50.47 |
| 33 | Hardeman | - Segers | BEL | 52.69 | 92 | Arnal | - Peyronnie | FRA | 50.46 |
| 34 | Davies | - Gisborn | GBR | 52.68 | 93 | Wenning | - Wenning | GER | 50.45 |
| 35 | Scardigli | - Goldschmidt | FRA | 52.59 | 94 | Brunori | - Polok | GER | 50.44 |
| 36 | Zenkevitch | - Poroshin | RUS | 52.57 | 95 | Steinhoff | - Parsch | GER | 50.38 |
| 37 | Avon | - Malignon | FRA | 52.54 | | Petrovic | - Protega | SLO | 50.38 |
| 38 | v.Arnim | - Reps | GER | 52.53 | 97 | Jamka | - Jamka | GER | 50.37 |
| 39 | Cleary | - Cleary | IRE | 52.53 | 98 | Cerf | - Beauvillain | FRA | 50.33 |
| 40 | Ford | - Whalley | GBR | 52.51 | 99 | Sten Lybaek | - Bakke | NOR | 50.29 |
| 41 | Koschier | - Schamberger | AUS | 52.47 | 100 | Coadou | - Moulin | SWI | 50.15 |
| 42 | Dionisio | - Cosimelli | ITA | 52.45 | 101 | Andersson | - Andersson | SWE | 50.15 |
| 43 | Gramberg | - Schilhart | GER | 52.45 | 102 | Rilard | - Kondby | DEN | 50.01 |
| 44 | Hoogweg | - van Prooijen | NTH | 52.41 | 103 | van Eindhoven | - Verhees | NTH | 50.00 |
| 45 | Courty | - Schiatti | FRA | 52.37 | 104 | Fischer | - Brodowicz | GER | 49.97 |
| 46 | Wheeler | - Laszkiewicz | FRA | 52.36 | 105 | Beck | - Cseho | HUN | 49.97 |
| | Oldroyd | - Davies | GBR | 52.36 | 106 | Vechiatto | - Engel | GER | 49.95 |
| 48 | Serchi | - Bozzi | ITA | 52.32 | 107 | Chodorowska | - Chodorowski | POL | 49.95 |
| 49 | Lawson | - Eginton | GBR | 52.31 | 108 | Syvertsen | - Tjørswaag | NOR | 49.94 |
| 50 | Gromann | - Kosikowski | GER | 52.24 | 109 | Izisel | - Izisel | FRA | 49.85 |
| 51 | Lormant | - Lormant | FRA | 52.24 | 110 | Lucchesi | - Devoto | ITA | 49.81 |
| 52 | Elkaim | - Romanowski | FRA | 52.20 | | Strafner | - Strafner | AUS | 49.81 |
| 53 | Kremer | - Kaplan | FRA | 52.19 | 112 | Linde | - Isele | GER | 49.74 |
| 54 | Batelová | - Batela | CZE | 52.18 | 113 | v. Krockow | - Kornek | GER | 49.66 |
| 55 | Jurisiá | - Diklic | CRO | 52.17 | 114 | Lüssmann | - Lüssmann | GER | 49.65 |
| 56 | Raczynska | - Allix | FRA | 51.99 | 115 | Zampatti | - Trevillin | ITA | 49.63 |
| 57 | Auken | - Auken | GER | 51.93 | 116 | Maitova | - Riskin | RUS | 49.55 |
| 58 | Hugues | - Clucerscu | GER | 51.93 | 117 | Schouten | - Schouten | NTH | 49.50 |
| 59 | Thoren | - Rynning | NOR | 51.89 | 118 | Daverona | - Christofides | CYP | 49.46 |

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| 119 | Weber | - Weber | GER | 49.34 | 182 | Ragg | - Hässler | GER | 46.70 |
| 120 | Warnecke | - Seiffert | GER | 49.33 | 183 | Reinhardt | - Tessenyi | GER | 46.63 |
| 121 | Cristalli | - Olivieri | ITA | 49.23 | 184 | Beildorff | - Beildorff | DEN | 46.60 |
| 122 | Sever | - Antonic | CRO | 49.15 | 185 | Haugerud | - Haugerud | NOR | 46.59 |
| | Honkavuori | - Honkavuori | FIN | 49.15 | 186 | Martinelli | - Martinelli | ITA | 46.53 |
| 124 | Hristova-Popova | - Popov | POL | 49.11 | 187 | Matwijow | - Klimacki | POL | 46.42 |
| 125 | Coppolani | - Coppolani | FRA | 49.08 | 188 | Jensen | - Jensen | SWE | 46.41 |
| 126 | Hallberg | - Berghaus | GER | 49.06 | 189 | Frances | - Frances | SPA | 46.37 |
| 127 | Klein | - Helling | LUX | 49.05 | 190 | Prevoteau | - Coupère | FRA | 46.34 |
| 128 | Mudu | - Zedda | ITA | 48.96 | 191 | Vehmeijer | - van Ogtrop | NTH | 46.28 |
| 129 | Lara | - Capucho | POR | 48.95 | 192 | Kuntz | - Harsany | GER | 46.14 |
| 130 | Gerards | - Kaiser | NTH | 48.94 | 193 | Brunner | - Rüeegg | SWI | 46.12 |
| 131 | Puts | - Deketelaere | BEL | 48.89 | 194 | Lesiecka | - Zajkiewjcz | POL | 45.90 |
| 132 | Moers | - Zuker | FRA | 48.88 | 195 | Zidkova | - Picmaus | CZE | 45.76 |
| 133 | Fleischmann | - Fleischmann | AUS | 48.88 | 196 | Parnis England | - Dix | MAL | 45.75 |
| 134 | Sanders | - MacLaren | GBR | 48.87 | 197 | Vetter | - Vetter | GER | 45.74 |
| 135 | Jansen | - Bussek | GER | 48.86 | 198 | Winkler | - Cattelaens | GER | 45.69 |
| 136 | Slous | - Louchart | FRA | 48.83 | 199 | Irintchev | - Tenev | GER | 45.60 |
| 137 | Kelly | - Kenyon | GBR | 48.78 | 200 | Damhuis | - Bakir | NTH | 45.55 |
| 138 | de Biasio | - Cuccorese | ITA | 48.72 | 201 | Norske | - Norske | DEN | 45.36 |
| 139 | Mavromichalis | - Hackett | GBR | 48.66 | 202 | Skillern | - Fountain | GBR | 45.30 |
| 140 | Bubu | - Bubu | FRA | 48.66 | 203 | Guojonsdottir | - Hjaltason | ICE | 45.27 |
| 141 | Miles | - Ritter | GBR | 48.61 | 204 | Bettag | - Hittinger | GER | 45.27 |
| 142 | Klein | - Goll | GER | 48.59 | 205 | Gromenkova | - Perfilov | RUS | 45.27 |
| 143 | Cäser | - Kondoch | GER | 48.54 | 206 | Contri | - Tam | ITA | 45.13 |
| 144 | von Richthofen | - Sorger | GER | 48.52 | 207 | Morley | - Morley | CYP | 45.13 |
| 145 | Grigorova | - Bonev | BUL | 48.42 | 208 | Struvay | - de Pauw | BEL | 45.10 |
| 146 | Tomcikova | - Voracek | CZE | 48.41 | 209 | Capaldi | - Lignola | ITA | 45.03 |
| 147 | Unger | - Primavera | AUS | 48.27 | 210 | León | - Goded | SPA | 44.98 |
| 148 | Catsburg | - van Staveren | NTH | 48.25 | 211 | Bonnet | - Ilnicki | FRA | 44.96 |
| 149 | Hirchenaut | - Hirchenaut | FRA | 48.23 | 212 | Lacroix | - Barbaroux | FRA | 44.83 |
| 150 | Maffei | - Marani | ITA | 48.21 | 213 | Torre | - Torre | FRA | 44.51 |
| 151 | Hnatova | - Frabsa | CZE | 48.16 | 214 | Friedrichsen | - Gerick | GER | 44.49 |
| 152 | Veyssiere | - Mateos Ruiz | FRA | 48.16 | 215 | Kind | - Fliegner | GER | 44.45 |
| 153 | Chlewinska | - Osinski | POL | 48.12 | 216 | Schiatti | - Barouh | FRA | 43.74 |
| 154 | Tetal | - Amann | GER | 48.10 | 217 | Herold | - Kuhlmann | GER | 43.73 |
| 155 | Masseus | - Narinx | NTH | 48.08 | 218 | Lindstrom | - Nilsson | SWE | 43.66 |
| 156 | Lutz | - Düllman | GER | 48.04 | 219 | Azzimonti | - Zucchini | ITA | 43.39 |
| 157 | Hobson | - Gartwaite | GBR | 48.04 | 220 | Conticello | - Pavin | ITA | 43.36 |
| 158 | Szimanski | - Xu | GER | 47.97 | 221 | Wienert | - Wienert | GER | 43.35 |
| 159 | Lindenlauf | - Lendwai | AUS | 47.95 | 222 | Svensson | - Schmid | GER | 43.24 |
| 160 | Cahagne | - Sanglier | FRA | 47.90 | 223 | Marschall | - Marschall | GER | 43.23 |
| 161 | Guariglia | - Guariglia | ITA | 47.79 | 224 | Griffin | - Pattinson | IRE | 43.20 |
| 162 | Erpenbeck | - Günther | GER | 47.68 | 225 | Astros | - Astros | CYP | 43.17 |
| 163 | Kristjondottir | - Theodorsson | ICE | 47.59 | 226 | v. Krockov | - Kurkowski | GER | 42.81 |
| 164 | Herz | - Böhlke | GER | 47.59 | 227 | Jahn | - Peter | GER | 42.63 |
| 165 | Schippers | - Schippers | NTH | 47.58 | 228 | Dounaenko | - Nickel | RUS | 42.46 |
| 166 | van der Vliet | - Ahlers | NTH | 47.56 | 229 | Peters | - Maurer | GER | 42.30 |
| 167 | Doran | - Rogne | NOR | 47.54 | 230 | Vogel | - Humphrey | GER | 42.20 |
| 168 | Frolkova | - Sapiga | RUS | 47.51 | 231 | Swinkels | - Swinkels | NTH | 41.99 |
| 169 | Stumm | - Trepnau | GER | 47.48 | 232 | Murray | - Ryall | GBR | 41.88 |
| 170 | Bartels | - Horacek | GER | 47.48 | 233 | Tarasova | - Zinnatov | RUS | 41.53 |
| 171 | Roth | - Toffier | FRA | 47.44 | 234 | Kuzselka | - Pauly | GER | 41.03 |
| 172 | Scharn | - Narajek | GER | 47.44 | 235 | laCroix | - Queran | FRA | 40.23 |
| 173 | Roald | - Hansen | NOR | 47.29 | 236 | Meiser | - Veeck | GER | 39.92 |
| 174 | Regenberg | - Regenberg | BEL | 47.17 | 237 | Fischer | - Neumann | GER | 39.91 |
| 175 | Menil | - Attali | FRA | 47.11 | 238 | Pinguet | - Ferie | FRA | 39.52 |
| 176 | Kehl | - Klessing | GER | 47.10 | 239 | Hieronimus | - Hieronimus | GER | 39.35 |
| 177 | Manczak | - Konczak | GER | 47.07 | 240 | Franzoso | - Riccio | ITA | 38.93 |
| 178 | de Simone | - Primavera | ITA | 47.05 | 241 | Mitchell | - Mitchell | GBR | 37.53 |
| 179 | Werner | - Höger | GER | 47.03 | 242 | Laack | - Clemens | GER | 37.42 |
| 180 | Perekatova | - Krasnossels | RUS | 46.93 | 243 | Lis | - Lis | GER | 37.15 |
| 181 | Mellini | - di Stefano | ITA | 46.89 | 244 | Wagner | - Felmy | GER | 35.08 |