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# Day of Action

After four of the twelve qualifying matches, team **Maurin** of France enjoys a healthy ten-point lead at the top of the table. They have scored a tremendous 94/100 Victory Points. Two teams follow them from the Netherlands, **Wanner** and **Vriend**, the latter tying with Belgium's **Polet**.

On a different note, it has been a day of important announcements.

Following his medal winning performance here, WBF President José Damiani has confirmed that in order to give everyone else a chance he will not compete in the Mixed Pairs in Lille!

Omar Sharif will be arriving today - see below - and another important contract has been signed.

Spectators at the Championships can enjoy the *Vugraph* commentary of Hans Werge and his multilingual team. There were a number of technical problems yesterday, but, fingers crossed, everything should be running smoothly today. The *Vugraph* theatre is located on the first floor in Room K3 and the first match today starts at 13.30.

## OMAR SHARIF SEEKS PARTNER AND TEAM

We are delighted to announce that Omar Sharif has suddenly decided to visit the Championships. He needs a partner and a suitable team to join. If you have a vacancy in your team please inform Elly Ducheyne in the Press Room located in room K1 on the first floor.

## Prokom Software 10th European Open Pairs Championship & 5th European Senior Pairs Championship Poland, Warsaw March 15-20 1999



The President of the European Bridge League, **Bill Pencharz**, and the Chairman of the Polish Bridge Federation, **Andrzej Orlow**, sign the contract for next year's Championships.

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## Mixed Teams Programme

13.30 hrs Third Session (Three matches)  
20.00 hrs Fourth Session (Two matches)

# They Play the Same System... a different Way

Jean-Paul Meyer, France

French pairs are known to play 'all of them' 'French Standard'. That is five card majors, strong no trump, and weak twos in the majors. In the first session of the Championship final, Board 14 did not exactly support that premise.

**Love All; Dealer East.**

♠ J 2 ♥ K 9 8 6 4 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 9 8 6 3	♠ A Q 10 7 6 3 ♥ Q 10 2 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ J	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ 9 8 4 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A K 7 5 2
	♠ K 5 ♥ A 7 ♦ A K Q 6 5 3 ♣ Q 10 4		

Philippe Cronier and Christine Lustin are a new 'association' and they had some misunderstanding.

West	North <i>Cronier</i>	East	South <i>Lustin</i>
		Pass	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♥ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	3♠ <sup>(3)</sup>
Pass	4♦ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♠	All Pass <sup>(5)</sup>	

<sup>(1)</sup> 20-21 but as you will see, the obvious choice.

<sup>(2)</sup> Transfer

<sup>(3)</sup> Compulsory

<sup>(4)</sup> Cronier's choice of forcing bid

<sup>(5)</sup> South thinking there was no club control

+480 was a poor score, only 39/118

West	North <i>Mouiel</i>	East	South <i>Gaviard</i>
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	4NT <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	6♦
All Pass <sup>(3)</sup>			

<sup>(1)</sup> Only two spades

<sup>(2)</sup> Non-forcing

<sup>(3)</sup> Considering three trumps and a singleton a dream

Though spades behave, +920 scored 94/118

Catherine Saul-d'Ovidio (her recent marriage justifies the double name!) and Paul Chemla did well on this board and the whole session.

West	North <i>Chemla</i>	East	South <i>d'Ovidio-Saul</i>
		Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♠ <sup>(2)</sup>	Pass	6♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

<sup>(1)</sup> Natural or a cue bid

<sup>(2)</sup> What do you think?

6♠ scoring +980 was worth a heavy 109 match points. The best was yet to come.

Luc Hirschwald and Mrs Chatard from Lyon knew their methods in this sequence:

West	North <i>Hirschwald</i>	East	South <i>Chatard</i>
		Pass	2NT <sup>(1)</sup>
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT <sup>(2)</sup>
Pass	4♥ <sup>(3)</sup>	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣ <sup>(4)</sup>	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

<sup>(1)</sup> Standard, as I told you

<sup>(2)</sup> Only two spades

<sup>(3)</sup> Re-transfer to spades

<sup>(4)</sup> Cue Bid

West led a diamond and South collected all the tricks for an absolute top, 118. Only 15 of the 60 North-South pairs bid this good slam.



The Lion King

## "Watch board 10!"

What do you do, when you're looking for good stories and everybody you meet, tells you: "Hey bulletin man, you have to watch board 10!"? Well, first you try to find the board, then sit down where you have a good view and finally look like a man who's bored to death.

You arrive right in time. The actors involved in your article to come are about to finish Board 9 and here it comes, the crucial, the wonderful, the "you have to" one:

### Board 10. Game All. Dealer East.

♠ K 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ - ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ A K 7 5	♠ A J 9 ♥ A K 9 7 ♦ 5 ♣ 10 8 6 4 3	♠ 8 4 ♥ 4 ♦ A K J 9 8 6 ♣ Q J 9 2	<table border="1" 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	
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<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>									
	<i>Sabri Alan</i>		<i>Funda Sümer</i>									
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass									
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass									
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass									

Happy with the fireworks in the bidding, you can't wait to find out what's in the play. The defense starts with ♥2 ruffed in dummy. Now declarer fails to draw trumps and plays a club. His ♣Q is ruffed by West, who continues with ♠Q ducked and a small spade covered by the 10 and the jack. East plays another club ruffed by West, who exits with ♥Q ruffed in dummy. Declarer draws trumps and claims for three down.

-800 seems to be a good result for East/West as they beat all the pairs playing games in hearts. But the shock for East/West is already on its way. North opens the score sheet and all eyes are on one -1660 (6♥x=) and the rest -1050s (5♥x+1)! Not a single undoubled game for East/West! In the light of day -800 looks more like a case for mourning than celebrating.

All of a sudden, West wonders if he could have done much better to beat all these overtricks by not leading ♠Q but the small spade first if declarer ducks East gets in twice now to give West one ruff more for the magic number of -1100!

Of course, from the journalists point of view things look quite different. How right your advisors had been, to make you watch board 10. More than grateful you leave the table, because you know you have just seen the cherry on the top of the cream! Whoever had watched board 10 so far, had obviously been referring to a wild bidding, ending in a "thrilling" and "expensive" doubled overtrick. But YOU know that the even better stuff had been waiting for the presence of the press!

## Masterful Maas

Anton Maas collected 114/118 matchpoints on this deal from the second session of the pairs final when he found an outstanding technical play that was missed by almost every other declarer.

### Board 19. East-West Game. Dealer South.

♠ 4 3 ♥ K 8 7 6 3 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ 8 5 3	♠ A K Q 10 9 6 ♥ A 9 4 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ Q	♠ 7 5 ♥ Q J ♦ K 10 9 3 ♣ K J 10 6 2	<table border="1" 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	
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	♠ J 8 2 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ A 9 7 4											

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	<i>Maas</i>		<i>Vriend</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	2♣ <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Drury

East led the ♠5 and dummy's eight held the trick. Anton now made a brilliant and far sighted play when he continued with a low club to the queen!

East won and played another spade, taken by dummy's jack. Now Anton ruffed a club and took the winning diamond finesse. Then he cashed the ♣A, discarding his losing diamond, and ruffed a club. His next move was to cash the ♥A. Only then did he cross to the ♦A and ruff a diamond. He exited with a heart and the defenders had no answer. If East won the trick he would have to concede a ruff and discard and West could only overtake his partner's queen at the cost of setting up dummy's ten of hearts.

A perfect example of elimination play.

## Vive le sport

It is not generally known that male lions (as opposed to lionesses) have a rather splendid life style.

The male spends 20 hours each day sleeping, two hours each day eating and two hours each day...

# Honours Even

Marc Smith (GB)

The Bridge Gods decreed that there should be no average scores when top French pair Nadine Cohen & Alain Levy met Jette Bondo & Lauge Schäffer, one of the surprisingly few Danish pairs at these championships.

Queen and Ace. Now Levy ruffed a club - what could North discard. In practise he threw a heart, and now Levy quickly played the Ace and King of hearts and claimed when the Queen fell.

## Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

♠ Q 10 9 8 2 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ 10 9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ 6 5 3 ♥ 9 8 5 2 ♦ A Q 10 8 ♣ Q 6	♠ A J 7 4 ♥ A K 7 6 ♦ 7 ♣ A 8 3 2
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Schäffer</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Bondo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♦ <sup>(1)</sup>	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

<sup>(1)</sup> splinter raise

North led a trump. South won her King, returned a diamond to North's eight, and declarer took the trump continuation with dummy's seven. Declarer was at the crucial point.

Clearly, with the Queen of hearts doubleton in the same hand as the singleton spade, declarer can play three rounds of hearts ending in hand, ruff a diamond, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond and concede a club, but that is not a realistic layout to play for.

Instead, Levy gave Jette Bondo a chance to beat him, although not one many players would be capable of taking -- he led a small club from dummy. Can anyone reading this say in all honesty that they would have followed small (thus allowing North to win the Queen and play a third trump)?

Bondo won the King of clubs and returned the suit to

Let's say North discards a diamond. Declarer ruffs a diamond with dummy's Ace and ruffs another club. Whatever defence North tries, declarer has a counter.

E/W +620 was an excellent board for the French, with the majority of E/Ws either failing in 4♠ or stopping in a partscore.

Could the Danes redress the balance on the second board of the round? You bet they could...

## Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

♠ A J 8 7 6 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ K 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ K Q 4 3 ♥ K 10 7 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ A 5 2	♠ 10 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ K 10 ♣ Q J 10 9 6 4
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Schäffer</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Bondo</i>
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♠*	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At every other table I saw, the bidding went...

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
2♠*	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East invariably led a club to the King and declarer took the second or third club. The ♦Q was covered by King and Ace and a spade led to the Queen. Next came Jack and another diamond, and when East proved to have no entry to her clubs it was a simple matter for declarer to cash dummy's diamonds and lead towards the King of spades for his ninth trick. N/S +400

The Danes were not satisfied with average-plus though, They wanted revenge for the previous board. This was the auction at their table...

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Schäffer</i>	<i>Cohen</i>	<i>Bondo</i>
2♠*	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The defence is fairly straightforward after the Queen of diamonds lead to the King and Ace and a trump back. Declarer duly lost two diamonds, two spades, two hearts and a club - two down and N/S +500.

Honours even, I would say.

## Rules and Regulations

Copies of the rules and regulations for the Mixed Teams are available at the hospitality desk.

To be named European Mixed Teams Champion a player of the winning team needs to have played one third of the boards played in the qualification rounds and one third of the boards played in the semi-final plus final.

# Unlucky or Misjudged?

by Marc Smith (GB)

Two leading players were left feeling a little aggrieved on Board 5 of the second qualifying session Friday evening.

### Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

♠ K 9 6 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K 5 4 2 ♣ K Q 9 3	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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		♠ J 10 5 4 3 ♥ K 10 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 6 4	♠ Q 2 ♥ 9 8 7 5 4 ♦ J 10 9 8 ♣ 10 8
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	♠ A 8 7 ♥ A J 6 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ J 7 5 2											

West	North	East	South
	<b>Maas</b>		<b>Vriend</b>
Pass	1♠ 4♠	Pass All Pass	2NT*

2NT was a spade raise and this brief auction left declarer in a similar contract to that found by most N/S pairs. Unfortunately for the Netherlands' Anton Maas, the East at his table looked beyond the "obvious" Jack of diamonds lead and chose instead the devilish Ten of Clubs.

Maas ducked the first club and won the second. Seeing that to play a spade now would only win if East had either a singleton honour or both King and Queen, he chose a heart finesse in an attempt to dispose of his club loser. He cashed the King and overtook the Ten of hearts with dummy's Jack. When

that lost to the Queen, the roof fell in - West cashed a high club and led a fourth round, overruffed with the Queen as dummy had to follow suit. The defence still had the King of spades to come.

Four spades going one down was not an uncommon result, but any more was a disaster. Clearly Maas' line is correct at IMPs. At matchpoints it is surely much closer, although if you expect most pairs to make ten tricks on a more favourable lead then settling for nine would be a poor view.

Justin Hackett found himself in that other matchpoint dilemma.

West	North	East	South
	<b>Hackett</b>		<b>Smith</b>
Pass All Pass	INT 2♠	Pass Pass	2♣ 3NT

Hackett's Strong NT clearly was not the field's choice, but the resulting contract was a good one. The diamond lead went to the Queen, and the Jack of Spades was covered by Queen and Ace. A spade went to West's King, and declarer ducked the King of clubs switch (East playing the 10), ducked the King of diamonds and won the third round of the suit.

At this point, declarer can cash his nine top tricks. However, Justin Hackett was fairly certain that West's shape was 3-2-4-4. Knowing the hearts were 5-2, he could not resist the allure of that matchpoint overtrick, so he took a heart finesse for a tenth trick and when that lost to the doubleton Queen found himself going two down for an awful -200.

It's a shame, but a 70% play still only works... well, about 70% of the time. Today just happened to be one of the other 30%. I will leave you to decide whether this risk was justified or if declarer should judge that most pairs would be failing in 4♠ and that scoring his contract would therefore produce most of the matchpoints...

# Judgement justified

by Nikolas Bausback, Germany

You should always be able to play as well as you bid. Sementa proved his abilities in both departments on the following deal.

### Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

♠ 10 8 7 5 2 ♥ 10 ♦ K J 10 7 5 ♣ 9 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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		♠ J ♥ A Q 9 7 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A J 8 7 6 4	♠ Q 9 3 ♥ K J 8 6 2 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ 10 5
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West	North	East	South
<b>Bausback</b>	<b>Sementa</b>	<b>Alberti</b>	<b>Tempestini</b>
2♦ <sup>(1)</sup> Pass	3♦ <sup>(2)</sup> 6♣	Pass Pass All Pass	1NT 3♠ <sup>(3)</sup>

- <sup>(1)</sup> DONT (diamond + major)
- <sup>(2)</sup> asks for a diamond stopper
- <sup>(3)</sup> spades, no diamond stopper

After this short but effective bidding sequence Antonio Sementa justified his judgement in the bidding with brilliant declarer play. He ruffed two hearts and threw one on the spade.

He won the diamond lead with dummy's ace, played a heart to the ace and another heart and was able to ruff two hearts. Had East, however, found a trump lead, her side would have been all smiles.

*Editor: Double-dummy 6♣ can succeed, even on a trump lead; ♦A, ♦ruff, ♠A, ♦ruff, ♣K, ♠K, ♠ruff, ♥Q end-plays East.*

# Double Jeopardy

By Maureen Dennison

My partner, David Mossop, has earned himself the nickname of Mr Double. We earned at least 14 tops over the five sessions defeating doubled contracts, five of them in the last. This was one of them.

**Board 26. Game All; Dealer East.**

♠ K 9 8 7 4 ♥ K 10 3 2 ♦ Q 9 7 ♣ 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		♠ 10 6 3 ♥ 5 ♦ A 6 4 ♣ Q J 10 6 4 3	♠ A J 5 ♥ J 7 6 4 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ A 8 7
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After two passes David, West, opened INT and North bid 2♣ showing the majors. Now I felt I had a difficult decision. I could Lebensohl to 3♣ - wimpish? I could bid a direct 3♣ forcing or I could double to show the values for 2NT with a balanced hand.

I chose the last of these alternatives and South bid 2NT!!!

Nobody except South knew what the bid meant but partner doubled. North shrugged his shoulders and passed and I thought, maybe we are going to finish in a minor! I too passed and now South bid 3♥ which David doubled and we all passed. It is not so easy to see how this goes off but watch what happened. Partner led a diamond to my ace and I returned the ♣Q. Declarer took this and led a heart to the 10. Next came ♠A and another heart towards the table. West rose with the ace and forced dummy with the ♣K: this was ruffed, the ♠K played, dropping the Q, and another played to the ♠J and a ruff. West played his last club and dummy ruffed with the ♥K. South called for the master spade throwing a club but partner was able to ruff, cash his ♥Q and ♦K for the magic 200 against 110 at almost every other table.

## Grand & Precise Auction

The first session of the Pairs Final saw this brilliantly concise solution to reaching the best spot on Board 23, found by Gerrard Tissot & Sylvie Willard of France told to us by Philippe Cronier:

**Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.**

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<b>West</b> Tissot 1♥ 5NT Pass	<b>East</b> Willard 2♠ 7NT!
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How did Sylvie Willard come up with the winning bid so quickly? As 5NT was a grand slam try asking for the top trumps she knew her partner must have the ace of diamonds and a void in clubs. So surely he would have at least six hearts headed by the ace-king. In which case she could count 13 top tricks in notrumps.

## 'Up Went the Ace, down went the Contract'

Edgar Kaplan (1925-1997)

One of our roving reporters spotted a nice play by Arne Larsson on this deal.

**Board 18. North-South Game. Dealer East.**

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

Arne started with the king of clubs and declarer took the ace and played three rounds of hearts, discarding the ♣9. North ruffed and tried the ♣Q. West ruffed and played a diamond. If North plays low on this trick the defence gets into a tangle because the diamond suit is blocked. Of course, for an about-to-be-crowned European Champion, this was not a problem. Larsson went up with the ♦A and played a second diamond. That ensured the defeat of the contract and a reasonable share of the matchpoints.

# Lille 1998

**G**reat Britain's Sandra Landy, one of the world's outstanding women players, provides you with some of the reasons why you must visit the forthcoming World Championships.

It is hard for aspiring players, particularly those who would seek to make an international team, to find ways of developing their bridge. Playing in the same old club each week, albeit a good standard club, only improves your game against a small group of people. Playing in national events widens that circle and you may play tougher opposition, but it is still the same ideas, the same systems and a fairly homogeneous group of people.

To do well you need new ideas, new systems to play against, people whose thinking is very different from your own. Whenever I am asked what somebody can do, I say, 'Go and play in an overseas event.' Getting to see other people from other countries, playing other systems, with other attitudes to the game is a great learning experience. You learn amazing defences to INT, weird signalling and leading methods, incomprehensible conventions with strange foreign names. I never guessed there could be so many variations on the way the game is played till I played people from other countries. It is not only an educational eye-opener, it is also great fun and a wonderful way to make new friends all over the world.

There has never been a better time than 1998, because the World Bridge Championships are being held in Lille during August and September. Originally, the teams championship at this event was just the Rosenblum Cup, but it has grown over the years to include a whole range of events.

## Free Transfers

The Official Carriers, Air France, are offering free transfers from Paris Charles de Gaulle airport to Lille.



### World Bridge Championships 21 August to 4 September 1998 Lille Grand Palais Lille, France

**21 Aug 18.00**

Opening ceremony

**21-22 Aug**

Par contest for 20 top players

**21-23 Aug**

Mixed Pairs - qualifying and final

**24-28 Aug**

Rosenblum Round Robin for Open Teams

McConnell Round Robin for Women's Teams

**29 Aug - 4 Sept**

Open & Women's Pairs

Qualifying and Finals

**27 Aug - 1 Sept**

Quarters, Semis and Finals

of Rosenblum and McConnell

**24-28 Aug**

Junior Teams, Pairs and Individual

**27-30 Aug**

Senior Teams

**31 Aug - 3 Sept**

Senior Pairs

**22 Aug - 1 Sept**

Continuous Pairs

You play when you want to

**2-3 Sept**

IMP Pairs

**4 Sept 19.30**

Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet

For serious players, the Rosenblum is a great event. It is open so anyone can enter, though I would recommend that teams containing only women play in the McConnell - you'll have a better chance of getting your money's worth.

Those born before 1944 can enter the Seniors events. Just because competitors are a bit older, don't think you will have an easy ride!

You don't have to go for the whole fortnight. You could just go for the Open or Women's Pairs. As they start on Saturday 29th, you need not take too long a break. It costs \$320 per pair, plus another \$200 if you make the final stages. Or you can go for the fortnight, have a holiday and just enter the Continuous Pairs at \$10 a session and play when you want. As a free side-show, you can watch the selected experts battling with a Par Contest.

The best news is for Juniors. All Junior events are free. Five days bridge will be played alongside the main teams events and there will be an overall winner of the Triathlon.

The number of hotels near to the venue is limited. No problem if you take a car as there is sensible accommodation on the outskirts of Lille and plenty of free outdoor parking is promised. So get a move on, your entries have to be in by the end of May - not too late if you act today!





# Die Deutsche Homepage



## Highlights aus der "Dunkelkammer"

Rama-Kurzreport über Runde 1 der Team-EM

Das Teamturnier hat begonnen! Gleich im ersten Match trafen im Rama zwei absolute Spitzenmannschaften aufeinander. Das Team aus Frankreich Catherine Saul-d'Ovidio-Paul Chemla, Veronique und Michel Bessis traf auf die deutsch-dänische Kombination Sabine und Jens Auken, Daniela von Arnim- Klaus Reps.

Board 9 brachte einen überraschenden Endkontrakt im offenen Raum, der sich auf das Endresultat deutlich auswirkte.

### Board 9. O/W in Gefahr. Teiler Nord.

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

Im geschlossenen Raum erfüllten von Arnim - Reps problemlos 4♥ und legten somit +420 vor.

Im Open erlebten die Rama-Besucher diese Reizung:

West	Nord	Ost	Süd
J. Auken	Chemla	S. Auken	Saul-d'Ovidio
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Jens Auken startete mit ♦6 und die Alleinspielerin gewann am Tisch mit dem As und kassierte ♥AK. In der Hoffnung die Coeurs zu etablieren, spielte sie eine dritte Runde. Zu ihrem Unmut besaß Ost das letzte hohe Coeur. Nach langer Denkpause schnappte Süd schließlich mit ♣8 und Jens Auken warf ein Treff ab!

Da es an der Zeit war, sich um die Trümpfe zu kümmern, spielte die Alleinspieler Pik zum As (West bediente die 4) und Pik gegen die Hand. Ost gab ♠2 und ♠6 zu, worauf Süd wieder in die Bücher ging. Letztendlich übernahm sie mit ♠B (um weiter Trümpfe ziehen zu können) und West verwandelte jetzt seine Dame. Als Jens Auken wieder Karo spielte, schnitt Süd zwar erfolgreich, war aber am Tisch festgenagelt und mußte sich eine Trumpfpromotion in Form eines Coeur-Überschnappers mit ♠9 gefallen lassen.

10 wertvolle IMPs, die das Match im vorletzten Board deutlich zu Gunsten der Heimmannschaft entschieden.

## Ein doppelter Grosvenor

Obwohl etwas vernachlässigt, hat natürlich die Trostrunde der Paar-EM ihre Momente. Normalerweise schlägt Roland Rohowsky am Bridgetisch keine Geschenke aus, um so erstaunlicher, daß es ihm gelang, in einem Spiel gleich zwei Chancen ungenutzt zu lassen, seinen Kontrakt zu erfüllen.

### Board 29. Alle in Gefahr. Teiler Nord.

♠ K D 9 2		♠ 4 3
♥ 9 8 5 3		♥ A K 6 2
♦ K 8		♦ 7 4 2
♣ D 3 2		♣ A 8 7 4
♠ B 10 8 7 5		♠ A 6
♥ -		♥ D B 10 7 4
♦ A D 10 9 5 3		♦ B 6
♣ 10 9		♣ K B 6 5

Rohowsky war in 4♦ gelandet und erhielt Coeur-Angriff. Er

nahm mit dem As, entfernte ein Treff und spielte Pik zu Bube und Dame. Nord fand nun den Switch auf ♦8, Süd gab ♦6 zu und West gewann zu seiner Überraschung den Stich mit ♦9. Der Alleinspieler drehte eine weitere Pikrunde und Süd gewann mit dem As, um ♦B auf den Tisch zu legen. Rohowsky legte die Dame und bereute dies Sekunden später, als Nord sich sein erstes Geschenk zurückholte. Aber es sollte noch bitterer kommen, Nord hatte noch das Rückspiel von ♠9 auf Lager. West muß dieses Zweitgeschenk nur zu seiner ♠10 laufen lassen und hätte das "Unerfüllbare" erfüllt. Leider schnappte der Alleinspieler und Nord bekam auch seinen fast schon verschenkten Pikstich für den Faller zurück.

Sicherlich knirschte Roland Rohowsky über so viel ungewohnte eigene Großzügigkeit mit den Zähnen, aber er war so beeindruckt, daß man ihn in ein und demselben Board zweimal vorgeführt hatte, daß er selbst die Geschichte den Bulletin-Herausgebern kolportierte. Grosvenor-Coups - wie der obige - basieren darauf, daß sich der Alleinspieler einen bestimmten, irrationalen Spielzug einfach nicht vorstellen kann, woraufhin der Gegenspieler einen verschenkten Stich postwendend zurückbekommt und noch Vorteile daraus zieht. Ein doppelter Grosvenor ist jedoch ein besonders seltenes und deshalb berichtenswertes Ereignis. Ob hier wohl die Regel gilt: Je prominenter das Opfer, desto besser die Erfolgsaussichten?



# "Du mußt Dir unbedingt Board 10 anschauen!"

Was tut man, wenn man auf der Suche nach guten Stories von mehreren Seiten zu hören bekommt: "Du mußt Dir unbedingt Board 10 anschauen!" Nun, zuerst einmal versucht man das betreffende Board aufzuspüren, dann einen Platz mit guter Sicht zu ergattern und schließlich wie ein Kiebitz auszusehen, der sich gerade zu Tode langweilt.

Gerade noch rechtzeitig gekommen! Die unfreiwilligen Hauptakteure haben gerade Board 9 beendet und legen nun das spannende, das wundervolle, das "Du mußt Dir unbedingt" Board auf.

## Finale 1.Dg./Board 10. Alle in Gefahr. Teiler Ost.

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

West	Nord S. Alan	Ost	Süd F. Sümer
4♥	4♠	1♣	1♦
Pass	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass



Funda Sümer

Zufrieden mit dem Reizungsfeuerwerk, wartet man mit gespitztem Bleistift darauf, was die Hand spieltechnisch zu bieten hat.

Die Verteidigung startet mit ♥2, am Tisch geschnappt. Anschließend irrt die Alleinspielerin leicht, und spielt - statt Trümpfe zu ziehen - Treff zur Dame. West sticht und spielt ♠D, gefolgt von einem kleinen Pik zu 10 und Bube. Ost gibt West noch einen Pik-Schnapper, bevor der Alleinspieler nach Coeur-Fortsetzung die restlichen Trümpfe zieht und für drei Faller claimt.

-800 scheint ein gutes Ergebnis für Ost/West zu sein, da man damit alle Paare im Griff hat, die nur Vollspiel in Coeur erreichen. Doch die Schrecksekunde für die Gegenspieler rückt unaufhaltsam näher. Nord öffnet den Boardzettel und vier Augenpaare starren auf einen -1660er (6♥x=) und ansonsten durch die Bank -1050er (5♥x+1). In diesem Licht erscheint -800 wie ein gekübster Prinz, aus dem plötzlich eine häßliche Kröte wurde.

West fühlt sich auf einmal gar nicht mehr wohl auf seinem Stuhl, denn es dämmert ihm, daß er leicht an all den kontrierten Überstichen hätte vorbeiziehen können, hätte er statt ♠D mit einem kleinen Pik begonnen. Die Partnerin wäre jetzt mit ♠B und ♠A zweimal zu Stich gekommen - vorausgesetzt Süd setzt nicht hellseherisch ♠K ein - und hätte West einen zusätzlichen Schnapper für die magischen -1100 geben können.

Aus der Sicht des Berichterstatters sieht die Sache natürlich ganz anders aus. Wie recht doch all diejenigen hatten, die sagten: "Du mußt Dir unbedingt Board 10 anschauen!". Dankbar verläßt man den Tisch, im sicheren Bewußtsein, daß man gerade die Kirsche auf der Spitze des Sahnehäubchens zu sehen bekommen hat. Alle, die Board 10 bis dato gesehen hatten, waren offensichtlich von wilden Reizungen und "teuren", kontrierten Überstichen beeindruckt gewesen. Nur man selbst weiß, daß die wirklich gute Story auf die Anwesenheit der Presse gewartet hatte!



Sabri Alan

# It's Showtime

## Rama-Report Round I

The first Vue-graph match of the day saw one of the home teams (Sabine and Jens Auken, Daniela von Arnim-Klaus Reps) playing against the pairs' silver medallists from France Catherine Saul-d'Ovidio - Paul Chemla who had formed a team with their compatriots Veronique and Michel Bessis.

The first swing went to Germany-Denmark due to efforts in the bidding and a good defense.

### Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

♠ 9 3 ♥ K J 9 5 3 2 ♦ A J ♣ 10 8 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ 4 2 ♥ A 10 7 ♦ Q 9 7 6 5 4 ♣ Q 2	♠ A 7 5 ♥ Q 8 6 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ A 9 7 6
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♠ K Q J 10 8 6 ♥ 4 ♦ 10 8 ♣ K J 4 3			
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West <i>J.Auken</i>	North <i>Chemla</i>	East <i>S.Auken</i>	South <i>Saul-d'Ovidio</i>
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
All Pass			3♠

In the Closed Room North/South had scored 2♠ + 1 after an opening bid by South. Much to everybody's surprise, South passed in the Open Room, Jens Auken came in with a weak two in hearts, his partner found a preemptive raise to 3♥ and South had to bid on the three level.

West led ♦A, played another diamond to East's king, and South had to ruff the third diamond high. Next came ♠K, East smoothly ducked and won the second round of spades. Sabine Auken then killed the entry to the diamond suit by playing ♥8 to 4, jack and ace. South tried a diamond, but East ruffed and declarer over-ruffed. However there was no way to avoid the loss of two club tricks, and contract went one down. 5 IMPs to Germany/Denmark.

In the next board France gained the lead.

## RADIO TALK

Did you hear the one about the conversation on radio between a Swedish Norwegian and German bridgeplayer here? It was a case of 'Over to Hove'... then 'back to Back'.

### Board 4. Game All. Dealer West.

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♠ - ♥ J 9 8 ♦ 10 9 5 3 ♣ K Q 8 6 3 2			
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In the Closed Room North/South had lost -200 playing 3♠-2. In the Open Room things went different again:

West <i>J.Auken</i>	North <i>Chemla</i>	East <i>S.Auken</i>	South <i>Saul-d'Ovidio</i>
3♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	All Pass

Jens Auken pushed the auction a little bit and East bid the vulnerable game. Chances would have been good, had South selected a club lead, but wisely Catherine Saul-d'Ovidio went for ♦10.

North won with the ace, switch to a club and East played small. South won the trick and immediately returned ♣8. North ruffed, played a spade and North/South continued their cross ruff to set the contract three times. That was another 300 and 11 IMPs to France.

The wind turned two hands later.

### Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

♠ J 9 2 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ J 9 7 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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		♠ 10 5 3 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ A Q 10 8	♠ A Q 8 7 ♥ K J 7 5 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ K 3
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♠ K 6 4 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ 10 9 5 2 ♣ 6 5 2			
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While East/West in the Closed bid and made INT (-90 to France), aggressive bidding in the Open Room was sure to create a swing. But in which direction would the IMPs go?

West	North	East	South
<i>J. Auken</i>	<i>Chemla</i>	<i>S. Auken</i>	<i>Saul-d'Ovidio</i>
		1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Paul Chemla led the ♦Q, a card that warned partner not to

unblock anything. The declarer ducked in dummy and North was left on play. When he finally led ♣8, Jens Auken took his chance. He won with ♣9 and finessed in spades. South scored ♠K, but there was no way to cash three tricks in the club, so declarer ended up with three spades tricks, four heart tricks and one in each minor. 11 IMPs to team Auken, who continued to win the match 32 - 14.

## Must We Always Fight?

by Marc Smith (GB)

Matches between long-standing rivals always seem to carry that little bit of extra tension. England vs. Scotland and Belgium vs. Netherlands are classic examples, and of course, Russia against Finland must come into that category.

### Board 23. Game All. Dealer South.

♠ J 8 2 ♥ A 7 6 5 4 ♦ A J 6 4 3 ♣ -	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 10 3 ♥ K J 3 2 ♦ 9 7 ♣ 9 7 6 4 2	♠ A K 7 6 5 ♥ 10 9 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ K 10 8
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West	North	East	South
<i>Koistinán</i>	<i>Chour</i>	<i>Koistinán</i>	<i>Kelina</i>
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

The trouble for the Finns began on the first round of the auction when Raija Koistinán elected not to bid 1♠, for thereafter the only suit in which E/W could make game was lost to them. However, there is a plus side - it allows us to witness a neat declarer play exhibition by Kauko Koistinán.

Arseni Chour led the Ten of spades, taken in dummy. Declarer now led the Ten of diamonds, and ran it when Marina Kelina failed to cover (as I suspect most of us would too). A heart now ran to North's Jack and a club came back, ruffed by declarer. Next came the Ace of hearts, a heart ruff with dummy's King, and a trump to the Jack and the Ace of trumps. Declarer now ran the Jack of spades to South's Queen and claimed the balanced, discarding his heart losers on dummy's long spades.

Declarer lost just a spade and a heart, but E/W +150 still scored poorly with so many pairs making ten tricks in spades.

### Board 24. Love All. Dealer West.

♠ J 7 4 ♥ A J 9 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ Q 10 7 4	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 10 9 6 3 2 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K Q J 10 5 ♣ 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Koistinán</i>	<i>Chour</i>	<i>Koistinán</i>	<i>Kelina</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
2♦	Dble*	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

West elected to bury his 5-card spade suit and in doing so got his partnership to the three-level too quickly for N/S to be able to judge that everyone could make exactly eight tricks.

The King of diamonds was led and West switched to his club, covered by Ten and King. With no entry to dummy's spade winners without compacting her tricks in the suit to two, what could Marina Kelina do but lead a second diamond? West forced his partner to win the Ace, and a club ruff quickly followed. West exited with a spade, and although declarer could win the Queen, ruff her diamond loser and pitch the clubs on the top spades, she now had no entries to lead hearts twice from dummy. With diamonds clearly 5-3, how was declarer to know that she could safely overtake the Queen of spades and lead hearts twice from dummy since the hand with the singleton club also had only two hearts.

This board redressed the balance from Board 23 and left each pair with a 50% round.

They may well meet again yet though, since both pairs are safely into the final - the Russians despite a terrible third session that saw them plummet from 8th to 71st while the Finns moved in the opposite direction with an impressive finish that lifted them from 68th to 11th.

## EBL SENIORS COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Committee was held as an Open Meeting on 31st March 1998 at Aachen. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Nissan Rand in the presence of the President of the EBL, Bill Pencharz. Also present was: Judy Rand (Isr), Mario Dix (Malta), Patrick Jourdain (GB), Victor Hess (Germany), Alfred Fleischmann (Austria), Andrej Orlov (Poland), Irena Chodorowska (Poland), Anna-Maria Torlontano (Italy). The meeting was joined later by: Jean-Claude Beneix (France), Paul Hackett (GB), Ewa Skopinska (Poland) and Piotr Vitkovski (Poland).

Dr. Rand (Isr), convening the meeting, welcomed the President of the EBL, Bill Pencharz, appointed Mrs. Rand to take minutes, and invited persons present to introduce themselves. Dr. Rand noted that of 398 pairs in the Mixed Championship 40 had registered as senior pairs, and there were other seniors partnering younger players. He then reported on decisions concerning Senior bridge already made by the EBL Executive:

1. The EBL executive had appointed a Seniors Committee with **Dr. Rand** as Chairman and three other members of the EBL Executive as members, namely: **Nils Jensen** (Swe), **José Oliveira** (Por), and **Jean-Claude Beneix** (Fra).

### 2. Senior Pairs in Warsaw

There would be no limit on numbers except space. There would be 3 qualifying sessions and 3 final sessions.

### 3. Senior Teams in Malta

There would be a maximum of two teams from each NCBO. Teams were intended to be national but trans-national teams would be allowed to apply to the Seniors Committee for approval. The intention would be to have a full Round Robin, using the same format as the Women's Championship in the same playing area.

Dr. Rand then declared the meeting open for debate about senior bridge. The meeting made the following recommendations:

1. The EBL, through the Seniors Committee, should write to each NCBO informing it of the decisions regarding senior bridge and inviting them to nominate an individual to act as the contact point for communications with the EBL Seniors Committee.
2. The sessions in Warsaw should be intended to be of 26 boards.
3. The intention behind the EBL allowing trans-national teams in Malta was to assist countries that could not otherwise compete to do so. However, there was a danger it would become a mechanism for teams to be created containing professional players, which would conflict with the intended national status of the championships. A partial solution was suggested: that the Seniors Committee should not give approval to a trans-national team unless at least two players in the team came from a

country that was not otherwise represented by a national team.

4. The timing of the Senior teams in Malta would be to start on the first Wednesday (17th June) and finish on Thursday, 25th June, (the day before the Open teams finishes) i.e. the event would cover nine days. Members of Senior teams would be invited to the final banquet. Mario Dix said the host hoped to organise one trip for the Seniors, as although this had not been included in the budget, it might be combined with the Press trip. It was suggested that, as the entry in the Senior teams was not a fixed number, the EBL should consider allocating a proportion of the entry fee to the host to defray hospitality costs.
5. Andrej Orlov (Pol), Patrick Jourdain (GB), Goran Mattsson (Ger), and Paul Hackett (GB) were appointed as additional members of the Seniors Committee. Mr. Orlov was specifically authorised to be in charge of Senior's activities in Eastern Europe on behalf of the EBL.
6. The EBL Senior's Committee strongly recommends that all European NCBOs encourage the participation of their players in the World Senior Pairs and Teams Championships in Lille.
7. The next meeting of the EBL Senior's Committee will take place on Wednesday 26th August in Lille, 30 minutes after play concludes in the afternoon.

## Marina Calcutta International Bridge Event

Scheveningen, Holland

April 11-12, 1998

Total number of pairs: 40  
Entry fee: US\$1,000 per pair  
Prize Money: 90% of entry fees  
Total number of deals: Approximately 100  
Scoring: Butler

All Information: Contact Jan van Cleeff (who is at these Championships).

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## From the Commentator's Table

This deal which came up in yesterday's second match caught our eye.

### North-South Game. Dealer South.

	♠ J 10 9 2										
	♥ -										
	♦ A 6 4 3										
	♣ K Q J 10 2										
♠ 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto; text-align: center; font-size: 10px;"> <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 8 7 5 4
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	♣ A 8										

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

As it happens, North-South might make 6♦, but as you would expect, the contract was a more mundane 3NT.

West led a club, declarer winning with the ace. She cashed the ♠AK and played a third spade. East won and switched to a heart. That should have spelt declarer's downfall, but after winning the trick, West switched to a diamond.

Declarer had missed a sure tricks play.

After winning with the ♣A, the correct line is to cash a top spade and then cross to dummy with a club. You take a spade finesse and if it loses it is impossible for the defence to collect four heart tricks. The best they can do is switch to a diamond, but declarer goes up with the ace and cashes the clubs, discarding the blocking ♠K.

## To enter the Casino

In their hospitality bag all players will find invitations from the Aachen Casino: a plastic card guaranteeing free entry for the duration of the championships.

With this card you are welcome to enter the Casino as often as you like. All you have to do is present your plastic card at the reception of the Casino, mention that you belong to the Bridge group and get your "real" ticket there.

Don't forget that correct dress is required. Ties can be borrowed at the Casino, but you are not welcome wearing jeans. Furthermore you will have to have your identity card or passport with you to enter the Casino. Via a separate entrance you will also find a room with all kinds of slot machines, where casual dressing is allowed.

The famous and elegant Aachen Casino offers all kind of games one can think of and invites everyone to pay it a visit.

## About greed and patience

Richard Bley, Germany

In the second session of the pairs final I had the chance to watch Poland's Piotr Gawrys defending a hand with the coolness of a real champ. Admittedly North/South didn't reach their best spot, but a lot of pairs ended too high in notrumps on this hand. Here South had to play 6 NT with Gawrys sitting West.

### Board 2. NIS Vul. Dealer East.

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		♥ K Q J 6 4									
		♦ A K J 10 3									
		♣ K Q 2									

At the other tables where South was trying to play 6 NT, East/West managed to get three tricks, scoring two aces and a heart in the end - the declarer being locked in his hand couldn't go wrong in diamonds then - for down two.

But Gawrys was looking for more. And if you defend with competence greed pays quite often.

Gawrys did not lead his ace, but started with the ♠J. Declarer cashed ace and king in that suit and took his losing option to finesse in diamonds. Gawrys won with the queen of diamonds, but instead of cashing aces hastily, he patiently played another spade!

Although now the declarer scored three spade tricks more than many other South players, he lost one more trick in the end, one in each suit. Down three and a well-deserved top for East/West.

## NEW SENIOR TEAMS BIG ATTRACTION

News that there will be a senior teams event in Malta in which some trans-national teams would be permitted has produced a flood of interest. Dr. Rand, the organiser of the event, should be delighted with enquiries from 73 teams, reports Panos Gerontopoulos. Poland-Estonia, Latvia-Poland, San Marino-Poland, and one unusual entry from Poland-Poland have been received. Please contact Dr. Rand for details.

# Results after 4 rounds

TEAM		R1	R2	R3	R4	TOT								
1 MAURIN	FRA	25	24	22	23	94	49 CAESAR	GER	15	13	14	17	59	
2 WANNER	NTH	15	25	21	23	84	50 HOBSON	GBR	24	16	14	5	59	
3 VRIEND	NTH	22	18	19	21	80	51 GOTARD	GER	15	17	12	15	59	
4 POLET	BEL	14	21	20	25	80	52 FUCIK	AUS	12	9	25	13	59	
5 LEGER	FRA	19	18	21	21	79	53 CHODOROWSKA	POL	18	9	25	7	59	
6 SERF	FRA	23	14	17	22	76	54 LARSSON	SWE	15	13	16	15	59	
7 BREIVIK	NOR	22	25	8	20	75	55 VARGA	HUN	11	4	19	25	59	
8 DUEBALL	GER	25	14	13	23	75	56 KRIEGER	GER	14	16	11	17	58	
9 SCHROEDER	GER	10	22	21	21	74	57 POPOVA	BUL	15	5	14	24	58	
10 IVANCIC	CRO	14	21	19	20	74	58 SMITH	GBR	13	14	13	18	58	
11 ARAMI	ISR	25	19	22	7	73	59 BURATI	ITA	13	16	15	13	57	
12 ROTH	FRA	14	25	17	17	73	60 TJORSWAAG	NOR	23	13	12	9	57	
13 KELINA	RUS	20	21	8	23	72	61 GERARDS	NTH	16	19	11	11	57	
14 BESSIS	FRA	10	21	20	21	72	62 KASS	FRA	12	20	9	16	57	
15 LISE	FRA	17	20	13	21	71	63 KLEIN	GER	4	17	16	20	57	
16 KAPLAN	FRA	16	14	19	21	70	64 ALBERTI	GER	16	12	16	13	57	
17 BONEV	BUL	16	14	15	25	70	65 VOLINA	RUS	22	16	9	9	56	
18 PUCZYNSKI	POL	16	22	9	22	69	66 TOMCIKOVA	CZE	21	19	9	7	56	
19 SIWIEC	POL	7	18	23	21	69	67 BONORI	ITA	18	13	16	9	56	
20 DIRKS	NTH	23	17	16	13	69	68 RIBEROL	FRA	6	19	7	24	56	
21 PAOLUZI	ITA	25	11	15	18	69	69 THUILLEZ	FRA	14	16	6	20	56	
22 GUARIGLIA	ITA	24	14	21	9	68	70 GÜNTHER	GER	19	12	10	14	55	
23 LESUR	FRA	12	21	14	21	68	71 TOICCAN	TUR	22	4	21	8	55	
24 CRONIER	FRA	18	23	19	7	67	72 CLEARY	IRE	14	14	14	13	55	
25 MARSAL	GER	15	13	22	17	67	73 BARR	ISR	7	16	19	13	55	
26 BO	FRA	20	9	20	17	66	74 ZAKRZEWSKI	POL	8	11	16	19	54	
27 AUKEN	GER	20	14	21	10	65	75 TAILLEFER	FRA	16	18	9	10	53	
28 MAITOVA	RUS	20	16	20	9	65	76 HONKAJUORI	FIN	8	12	16	17	53	
29 BONDA	CRO	16	16	18	15	65	77 SUMER	TUR	10	11	16	16	53	
30 ZAJKIEWICZ	POL	8	25	17	15	65	78 POKORNA	CZE	5	21	17	10	53	
31 RETZLAFF	GER	16	16	13	19	64	79 CAPUCHO	POR	14	9	17	12	52	
32 ALLOUCHE	FRA	16	14	24	10	64	80 DANIELS	NTH	16	8	13	14	51	
33 JOEGNE	FRA	16	16	11	20	63	81 MAURY	FRA	7	14	14	16	51	
34 CURETTI	FRA	19	21	11	12	63	82 MAGUIRE	IRE	15	20	10	5	50	
35 KOCH-PALMUND	DEN	17	10	19	17	63	83 DAVIES	GBR	14	14	8	13	49	
36 BALDURSSON	ICE	14	11	18	20	63	84 THELTSCHER	GBR	11	10	14	14	49	
37 LÜSSMANN	GER	25	6	18	13	62	85 BRUNEL	FRA	9	8	14	17	48	
38 ROHOWSKY	GER	24	12	18	8	62	86 LANGER	ISWI	18	7	13	9	47	
39 COURTY	FRA	14	19	16	13	62	87 THEODORSSON	ICE	5	9	11	22	47	
40 LORMANT	FRA	16	11	11	24	62	88 ZOBU	TUR	15	10	12	10	47	
41 BEINEIX	FRA	25	16	11	9	61	89 NILSSON	SWE	4	13	19	11	47	
42 NAHMENS	FRA	15	17	12	17	61	90 HOFLAND	NTH	12	15	9	10	46	
43 GROMÖLLER	GER	12	15	17	17	61	91 MASSEUS	NTH	4	18	4	18	44	
44 BETTAG	GER	11	25	15	9	60	92 TICHY	HUN	10	9	18	6	43	
45 BEAUMIER	FRA	15	17	19	9	60	93 SAPIGA	RUS	14	9	11	6	40	
46 MARAKULIN	RUS	20	11	14	15	60	94 KOWALSKI	POL	4	12	11	13	40	
47 ZORLU	TUR	18	17	10	15	60	95 BEAUFAYS	BEL	6	22	4	6	38	
48 MULLER	FRA	10	19	10	21	60	96 WITKOWSKI	POL	6	8	20	0	33	
							97 YALMAN	TUR	14	5	0	5	24	