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# France stays on top

France still leads the way in the race for the semifinals, but we have a new leader in the shape of team **Serf**. They are eleven points ahead of the second placed team, and more importantly, twenty clear of the fifth place team. Yesterday's leaders, team **Maurin**, are second, despite winning only one of their five matches. Third place is occupied by the Polish team **Siwiec**, whilst the final qualifying place currently rests with Belgium's **Polet**.

With three matches to go there are still a host of teams in with a chance. Perhaps the most dangerous threat to the leading four will come from the number one seeds, **Bessis**, who only thirteen points away from fourth place.

Several fancied teams already appear to have fallen by the wayside. They include Germany's **Auken** and **Rohowsky**, who between them contain five World Champions, Poland's **Kowalski**, Austria's **Fucik** and Great Britain's **Smith**.

If the host country is to supply a qualifier, then the most likely candidate is **Dueball**, who are currently ninth.

We are sorry that the projected appearance of Omar Sharif did not materialise. Apparently he realised at the last moment that it would mean travelling on the 1st of April!

# Prize Giving and Celebration Cocktail

This is scheduled to take place at 17.30 in the **Lenne-Pavillon** of the restaurant of Spielcasino Aachen (for those in doubt, the imposing building outside the front door of the Eurogress).

There will be a buffet and drinks after the presentations. If you intend to be present, **you must register** at the Hospitality Desk. Please ensure that you do this by 18.30 today.

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# Mixed Teams Programme

13.30 hrs Fifth Session (Three matches)

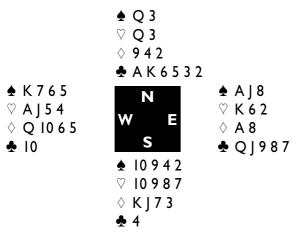
18.45 hrs Sixth Session (One match)

19.30 hrs Semi-Finals (32 Boards)

# Triumph and Disaster

The famous poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling tells us to treat these two imposters just the same. A Polish team who enjoyed both in full measure reported this deal to us.

#### Game All. Dealer North



West	North	East	South
Buze	Banaszkiewicz		z
	♣	INT	Pass
2♣	Dble	Redble	All Pass

When East overcalled INT West went in search of a major suit fit. North thought it was safe enough to double, but when East redoubled and West decided to pass he probably began to realise that he was not exactly on firm ground.

Declarer had no trouble in arriving at nine tricks for a triumphant  $\pm 1160$ 

West	North	East	South
	Stepinski		Kowalska
	3.	Dhle	All Pass

Zia Mahmood has pointed out that it can work well to pre-



Ewa Banaszkiewicz, Poland

empt with outside honours as when the other side play the hand they tend to place them in your partner's hand. How unlucky then for North that this East was playing penalty doubles!

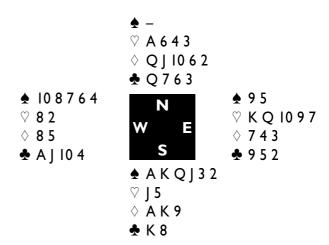
The result was a disastrous - 1400.

Still, as North pointed out later, it only cost 6 IMPs!

# **Technical Test Revisited**

deal reported in Bulletin 3 page 8 where Nissan Rand of Israel made a fine safety play has been further reported by Olivier Beauvillain of France. It was from the third session of the Pairs Qualifying:

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.



West	North	East	South
	Beauvillain		Cerf
	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◊	Pass	2♠
Pass	3◊	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	6◊	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
	Rand		Senior
	Pass	Pass	♠
Pass	2◊	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	5◊	Pass	5♠
Pass	6◊	All Pass	

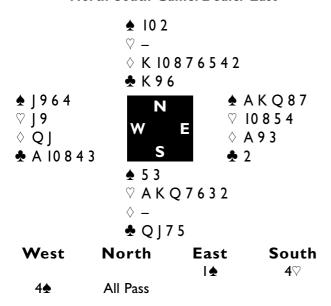
Several Souths, relying on the spades to come in finished in Six Spades or Six Notrumps, both two off on a heart lead. Beauvillain and Rand reached Six Diamonds from the North seat, and duly received the lead of the heart king. They won, cashed two rounds of trumps ending in dummy to test the suit but leaving a third entry there, and when they proved to be 3-2, made the careful play of ruffing a spade before drawing the third trump ending in dummy. Now you have enough good spades to dispose of your losers and set up a club.

The point that Beauvillain added was that the best start in the trump suit is ace-king unblocking an honour from the North hand. The advantage is that the third round of trumps can be won in either hand. If West has four trumps, you play spades until he ruffs. You over-ruff and return to dummy's third trump. If East has four trumps, you cash three top spades throwing your hearts away, draw trumps and lead a low club, hoping for East to have the ace to get back to dummy.

# From the Commentator's Table - 2

At the end of a long day the players were understandably not in the best of form. Tiredness can manifest itself in many ways. Here are two examples where it was bidding judgement that was affected.

#### North-South Game. Dealer East



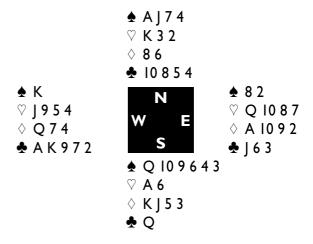
Four Hearts is a practical bid that often works well on this sort of hand.

West	North	East	South
		I♠	2♡
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♡
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Here South adopted a more subtle approach, but felt compelled to bid  $4\heartsuit$  at her second turn. East really ought to have doubled, but allowing the opponents to provoke her into bidding  $4\spadesuit$  worked well.

South led the  $\heartsuit A$  and when North didn't ruff and play a diamond the defenders could only come to three tricks. Whilst North should probably get it right, South might have done better to lead the  $\heartsuit K$ , or perhaps even the  $\triangledown Q$ ?!

#### East-West Game. Dealer South



West	North	East	South
			I♠
Dble	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North's aggressive 'good raise' worked well, making it easy for South to bid the cold game.

West	North	East	South  ♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♡	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Here North was more conservative on the first round. We have a feeling that the majority choice would be 3♠. Even so, South's failure to bid again is remarkable. Clearly she was not aware of the advice of the American star Jeff Meckstroth, 'When you have a six card major and partner supports you bid game!' When West doubled again, North might have redoubled to suggest he had a maximum for his previous bid, but when he subsequently bid 3♠ South should have raised to game, not least because her opponents could have passed the hand out in 2♠!

# Marina Calcutta International Bridge Event

Scheveningen, Holland April 11-12, 1998

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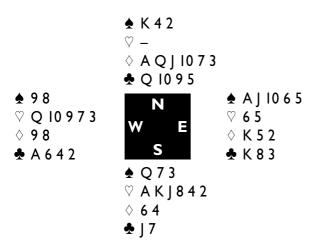
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Scoring: Butler

# From the Commentator's Table - 3

Yesterday's overnight leaders started the day with another maximum, but then had to play another powerful French team. Both sides had to make a number of difficult decisions.

#### Game All. Dealer East.



West	North	East	South
Voldoire	Stretz	Peyrot	Renoux
		I♠	2♡
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♡
Pass	4◊	All Pass	

West might have doubled  $3^{\circ}$  and North might have tried 3NT - not that it would have been a success! - but in reality  $4^{\circ}$  is the sensible bid. East led the  $\clubsuit 3$  and West took the ace and switched to the  $\spadesuit 9$ . East took her ace and cashed the  $\clubsuit K$ . The king of trumps was the setting trick.

# Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs

Belgium's Herman De Wael organised the first World simultaneous event with post-factum scoring on the 31st October last year.

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Some clubs found it so interesting they decided to do the same every fifth Friday of a month.

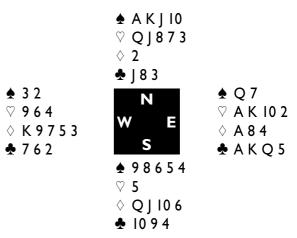
They held a second event earlier this year on 30th January and the next is scheduled for 29 May.

For more information contact Herman via e-mail: hermandw@village.uunet.be

West	North	East	South
Stoppa	Maurin	Serf	Kitabgi
		Pass	ΙŸ
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	3♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	4◊	All Pass	

Here East made a disciplined pass, giving North-South a free run. If South had given simple preference with  $3 \lozenge$ , North might have called it a day, but that would have been a courageous decision. So, no swing.

#### Love All. Dealer South



West	North	East	South
Voldoire	Stretz	Peyrot	Renoux
Stoppa	Maurin	Serf	Kitabgi
	ΙŸ	Dble	Pass
2◊	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Both East's decided the best approach on their hands was to start with a double, so an identical auction saw them both declare 3NT. Kitabgi led her partner's suit and that was that. Declarer scored three hearts, two diamonds and four clubs. +400.

Renoux did much better. She started with a spade, although her selection of the  $\P$ 9 was a little unusual. North won with the  $\P$ K and switched to the  $\heartsuit$ 7. Declarer got that wrong by going up with the ace. She now played the  $\diamondsuit$ 4 for the ten, king and two. She played a heart and North split his honours, South discarding the  $\P$ 5. Declarer won and played a heart to the nine and North's queen. South played the four of clubs on this trick, presumably suggesting she had no interest in that suit. Although it looks as if North should get it right now, he continued with the  $\heartsuit$ 8 and a relieved declarer claimed nine tricks.

At the point where declarer played a heart towards dummy's nine, perhaps South could have worked out that the setting tricks had to come from the spade suit. A discard of the  $\Diamond Q$  might have been a winner.

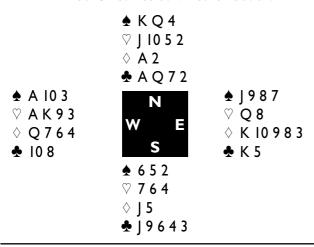
Of course easy to see when all four hands are on view! Both teams did well to reach slams on the last two boards, and a hard fought match ended in a draw.

## The major or the better

## RAMA-Report Round 5

In the Wednesday morning match the leaders, Team Maurin from France, had to play the **Dutch** Team Wanner. After the following bidding the French North player found an excellent lead to gain 4 IMPs for his side, when he could have easily lost 7.

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



In the Closed room a quiet auction led to 20+1by East/West. However, the audience in the RAMA saw a more lively bidding sequence, which led to possible game swing in favour of the Dutch team.

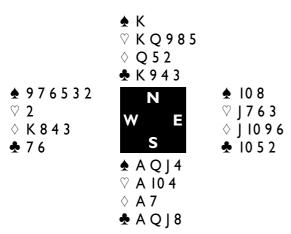
West	North	East	South
Wanner	Voldoire	Gielkens	Peyrot
I ♦	Dble	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The question was, would North find the club lead or would a heart lead give the show away? The Vue-graph commentators were still arguing whether the major or the better suit should be led, when North produced the ♣A! After this lead the defenders were in control of the situation and no miracle saved West in the next three tricks. North/South cashed their four club tricks and the ⋄A, to put the contract one down.

This board helped to score a maximum victory, which means that Team Maurin will be on Vue-Graph again in the next match. As Boris Becker would have said, they seem to feel there as comfortable as if they were in their own living-room!

### C'est la Vie

#### Collette Grosfils-France



West	North	East	South
	Ι♡	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	7♡
All Pass			

#### Lead: ♠7

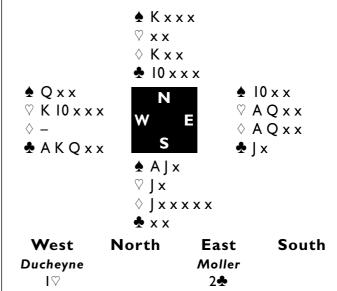
Whilst the play of this hand is not important, the bidding certainly was. Christian Mari and Anne Mauri found a very good contract against Catherine de Guillebon and Edouard Beauvillain.

In the other room Pascale and Laurent Thuillez (against Georges Iontzeff and Geneviève Geneslay) chose the grand slam in hearts. Unfortunately for them, the wrong defender had jack to four trumps, which doomed the contract.

#### Fast and furious

Today a dangerous couple entered the competition to play in the EBL team. As shown below the slam technique of Press room manager, Elly Ducheyne, and the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, Steen Moller, can only be described as ,fast and fusions':

#### **Board 8. Love All. Dealer West. (Rotated)**



The chairman of appeals detected that South's final pass appeared to be an unhappy one. His fears were fully justified but North selected a small trump as her opening lead. With trumps breaking 2-2 and clubs no worse than 4-2 thirteen tricks were soon in the basket.

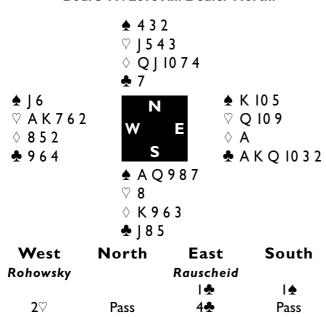
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#### **Heart Break**

Jan van Cleeff, The Netherlands

A team expected to do well here is the Dutch squad led by the reigning World Ladies Pairs champion Bep Vriend (Anton Maas, Elly & Henk Schippers). In Round 2, playing a strong German team led by Roland Rohowsky, the Dutch had an unusual thought on Board 17. They truly wished their opponents would have made their game:

#### Board 17. Love All. Dealer North.



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4♣ showed long clubs and a heart fit.

West	North	East	South
Henk		Elly	
		I♣	I♠
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4◊	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All pass

I ♠ was strong,  $4\Diamond$  and  $4\heartsuit$  cues, 4NT Roman Keycard Blackwood, and 5♠ showed one key.

Playing in Four Hearts Rohowsky as West found himself in big difficulties after a diamond lead. With trumps divided 4-1 he ended up down two. At the other table Elly Schippers played the excellent contract of 6- which went one down, also due to the unfortunate heart break. If hearts had been 3-2 Rohowsky would have made his game, but Elly would have made her slam.

Maas pointed out that when declarer leads the nine of trumps at trick two and South contributes the EIGHT then it is a safety play to let the nine run. If North wins and plays another diamond you can ruff in dummy, and overtake the queen of trumps to draw trumps and run the clubs. However, if North has J  $8 \times x$  in trumps, Four Hearts is much more difficult. Can it be made?

#### Our Editorial analysis:

Running the nine of hearts no longer works. North wins and plays a second diamond. You ruff, unblock  $\heartsuit Q$ , and play a spade. But South wins and switches to the JACK of clubs. Declarer is stuck in dummy and cannot get back to hand to draw North's trumps.

To succeed declarer must start on spades at trick two. South wins and plays a second diamond. Dummy ruffs and plays another spade to South. If South plays a third diamond declarer ruffs again, unblocks the trump, cashes the third spade throwing a club, and plays on clubs. North ruffs the second round, but whatever he plays next allows West to draw trumps. If South, when in with the second spade, tries switching to a club, declarer can ditch his losing diamond on the third spade, and clear trumps.

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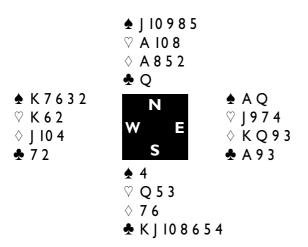
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## Still going strong

nne Gladiator and Ralph Retzlaff finished sixth in the Pairs Championship here in Aachen. On the following deal of the fourth match in the Teams event, they proved that they are not exhausted yet and have something in reserve to please their teammates and themselves, of course.

#### Board 19. E/W Vul. Dealer South.



West	North	East	South			
	Retzlaff		Gladiator 3♣			
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass			
3♠	Dble	All Pass				

In a moment of euphoria Ralph Retzlaff thought "I have five tricks, so let's double" and so he did. A second too late he realized "Hmm I have only four tricks" this might turn out to be a dangerous enterprise". But there was nothing he could do anymore, so 3\(\Phi\) had to be defeated somehow.

He duly led ♣Q. East won with the ace and cashed ♠AQ. Declarer then tried a diamond to the jack and Retzlaff took his ace. As he had run out of clubs, he returned a diamond. On the fourth round of that suit, West discarded his losing club. Next came a small club, ruffed and over-ruffed by North, who tried ♠J to West's king. His only chance being an end play declarer countered with a small spade back to North's 10.

Retzlaff, left with nothing else but hearts, had to play that suit now. He led  $\heartsuit$ 10, East inserted the jack and Anne Gladiator was wide awake to play the  $\heartsuit$ 5! This clever move "rescued" North and his double and the defenders were able to score two heart tricks for down one.

And the moral is: It's always good to have a partner who keeps your transpiration low!











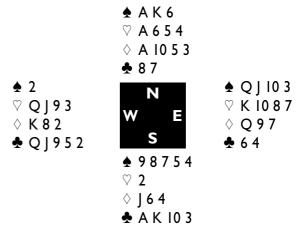


## **Eloping with Trumps**

ervé Pacault made good use of his trumps on this deal from the second round of the Teams:

France v. Poland Round 2

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



West	North	East	South			
Martens	Riberol	Miszewska	Pacault			
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣			
Dble	2♡	Pass	2♠			
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠			
All Pass						

Against South's Four Spades, West led  $\PQ$ . Pacault won and at once set about a dummy reversal. He played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart, a trump to dummy and another heart ruff, a second trump to dummy, and ruffed the last heart. Then he took king of clubs and ruffed a club in dummy. East had to over-ruff to prevent declarer having ten tricks immediately. But now East had to lead a diamond. She actually led a low one. West's king was beaten and another diamond set up declarer's tenth trick. If East had switched to Q then South would have let it hold, end-playing East.

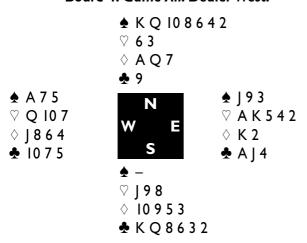


Bill gets a chance to play!!!

# **Deeper Thoughts**

**S** ince Chess champion Garri Kasparow was defeated by "Deep Blue", computer analyses earn even more respect then they did before. There were two hands from the first RAMA match on Wednesday that deserved some of these deeper thoughts. Here's the result of an overnight computer analysis by "Deeper Blue", the next generation, who concentrates on challenging Bridge champions.

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



The human declarer, East, suffered from a spade-club cross ruff and finished three down in 4% after the lead of %10."Deeper Blue" found a way of making the contract!

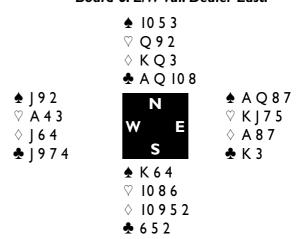
North wins the first trick with the ace and returns his stiff club. East wins with the ace, cashes  $\lozenge K$  and plays a heart to the 10. He now ruffs out North's  $\lozenge Q$ , cashes  $\image A$  and continues with a heart to the queen. Now he can discard a club on the  $\lozenge J$  and endplay North by playing a small spade. North can win the trick, but with nothing left but spades, has to led a spade in to East/West's combined spade tenace.



van der Neut and his "typical" European shirt

On the next board "Deeper Blue" came up with an interesting technical detail analysing the play in 3 NT with East as declarer.

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



North leads *Q*, South playing the ten, and switches to a small club, which is the right move if partner holds exactly ♣J doubleton. Here ♣A and another club would have defeated the contract, but still there's a lot in the play.

North wins in hand with \$9 and plays a spade to queen and king. South returns a club to North's ace, who then turns to \$10. West takes the jack and finesses successfully in hearts. From here declarer can't go wrong anymore as hearts break 3-3. Still "Deeper Blue" would like to draw attention to the fact that declarer can succeed no matter how the heart suit breaks.

The "machine's" suggested line is, to cash your spade winners (discarding  $\clubsuit 7$  from hand) and play  $\heartsuit K$  and heart to the ace. If the suit breaks you have nine easy tricks, if North shows out on the third round, you endplay him with the  $\clubsuit J$  and score two diamond tricks subsequently.

# A team from Senegal?

Herman De Wael, Belgium

Observant spectators have noticed that on the published results there is room for more than one nation's name. Not surprising, since this IS a transnational event. However, one team is marked NthSen.

No, Senegal has not recently been admitted to the European fold, the abbreviation is simply to indicate the team qualifies for the Senior event. Surely there must be other teams that would qualify, and they are kindly requested to make themselves known at the scoring desk.

However, team Capucho, containing Nevena and Brian Senior, is not eligible. Players have to BE seniors, not just called that.

#### **Last Minute Fit**

ow long does a suit have to be before you can get away without mentioning it in the bidding?

The players in the West seat had a different opinion on this board from Round 3 of the Teams Championship. Alain Levy and Danièle Avon were justifiably proud of their result.

#### East-West Game. Dealer East

	♠ A Q J 8 2 ♡ A J I 0 2 ◇ - ♣ 7 6 4 2	
♠ K 10 6 5 3	N W E S ◆ 9 4 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 10 9 7 ◆ Q J 10 8 5 3	♣ 7  ♡ K 9 7 5 4 3  ◇ A Q 3  ♣ A K 9

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Elly Ducheyne, The Netherlands

# **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.

West	North	East	South
Levy		Avon	
-		Ι♡	Pass
I♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
5◊!	All Pass		

After this 'super canapé' sequence there were no problems in arriving at eleven tricks, +600.

On the other hand, their counterparts at the other table prefer to remain anonymous!

West	North	East	South		
		ΙŸ	Pass		
♠	Pass	3♡	Pass		
4♡	Dble	All Pass			

This time it was the defence that had no problems! The contract was four down, -1100.

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# Letzte Heldensagen

Linen hervorragenden 6. Platz im Finale der Paar-EM belegten Anne Gladiator und Ralph Retzlaff. Der Lauf war gut, der Gegner willig und das eigene Spiel messerscharf.

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

	<ul><li>♠ 2</li><li>♡ D B I0 3 2</li><li>◇ 9 8 4 2</li><li>♠ K 7 5</li></ul>	
♠ K 10 8 6  ♡ A K 8 6  ◇ D B 10 5  ♣ 10	N W O S ♠ A 9 7 3 ♡ 9 7 5 ◇ K 3 ♣ A D B 3	<ul><li>♣ D B 5 4</li><li>♡ 4</li><li>♦ A 7 6</li><li>♣ 9 8 6 4 2</li></ul>

West	Nord	Ost	Süd			
	Retzlaff		Gladiator			
	<b>2</b> ♡ (1)	Pass	2NT (2)			
Pass	3♣ (3)	Pass	3♡			
Pass	Pass	Pass				

(1) Weak Two, (2) Forcing, (3) Minimum

Ost spielte ein kleines Treff aus, von Nord in der Hand



Anne Gladiator, Germany

gewonnen mit ♣K.Von dort folgte ein kleines Karo zum König des Tisches und Klein-Karo zu Wests ♦10. Die ♠K-Fortsetzung lief zu Süds ♠A und es folgte Klein-Trumpf.

West blieb fälschlicherweise klein und Retzlaff verwandelte seine  $\heartsuit D$ . Anschließend lief sein Cross Ruff in Karo und Pik auf vollen Touren, und West - zum Zuschauen verdammt - erzielte am Ende nur noch drei Trumpfstiche. Schnell und furios: +140!



Ralph Retzlaff, Germany

#### Leibesvisitation

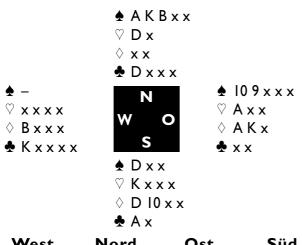
In der Hitze der Consolation ereignete sich folgender Zwischenfall. Ein Alleinspieler landete nach einigem Hin und Her in einem Schlemm, vermißte aber plötzlich alle seine Karten! Tisch und Boden wurden inspiziert, der Turnierleiter gerufen und eine Leibesvisitation durchgeführt. Nichts - die Karten blieben verschwunden. Da rief es vom Nebentisch: "Schon mal in der Bidding-box nachgeschaut?" Und siehe da, dort fanden sich die dreizehn kleinen "Troublemaker"!

# Korrekturlesung

Ein glücklicher und stolzer Autor begutachtete seinen Bulletin-Artikel, nachdem dieser aus der Korrekturlesung von Patrick Jourdain kam. "Kein Fehler, wow!" war sein begeisterter Kommentar. Worauf Chief Editor Mark Horton nur trocken erwiderte: "Du weißt, was es bedeutet, wenn der Korrektor nichts findet? Du hast viel zu langsam getippt..."

# Ein unfreundlicher Akt unter Freunden

s ist nie leicht gegen ein Team aus dem eigenen Land zu spielen. Man kennt sich gut, man ist befreundet und trotzdem muß man auf IMP-Jagd gehen, komme was da wolle. In einem reinen Deutschland-Deutschland Match war ein Board äußerst umsatzträchtig.



West	Vest Nord		Süd		
Holowski	Marsal	Nehmert	Stöckmann		
	I♠	Pass	2♦		
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠		
Pass	4♠	Kontra	Alle passen		

Pony Nehmert, die schon viele Mixed-Turniere mit Reiner Marsal gespielt hatte, zeigte ihrem Ex-Partner hier die Rote Karte.und wurde mit zwei kontrierten Fallern belohnt, die Nord/Süd sicherlich nicht schmeckten.

Deren Hoffnung, daß sich die Dinge am anderen Tisch genauso entwickeln würden, wurde von Karin Caesar rasch zunichte gemacht, die die Vorlage, die ihr Hartmut Kondoch zuwarf, problemlos verwandelte:

West	North	East	South		
Boedekker	Kondoch	Zarkesch	Caesar		
	I♠	Pass	2♦		
Pass	2SA	Pass	3SA		
Alle passen					

Nach Coeur-Ausspiel kam der Alleinspieler auf wundersame Weise zu neun Stichen, und es scheint, als hätte er jedes einzelne Bild in seinen beiden Händen zu Stichen gemacht.

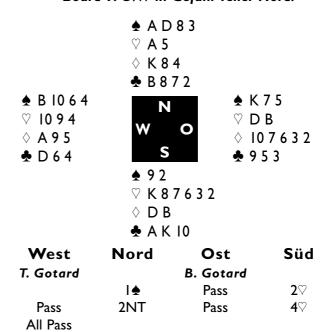
#### Der etwas andere Gutschein

Thema Bridge-RAMA. Im Verlauf der immer alberner werdenden Unterhaltung berichtet eine deutsche Spitzenspielerin von einer Mixed-EM, in der ihr Team die ganze Zeit über grauenvoll gespielt hatte, plötzlich aber in den Vue-Graph gelost wurde. Hier durften nun diverse Zuschauer miterleben, wie diese schwache Vorstellung weiter anhielt. Ab einem bestimmten Zeitpunkt erlaubten sich die entnervten Kommentatoren einen Scherz. Sie versprachen allen Zuschauern einen Gutschein für ein freies Essen, wenn sie das RAMA nicht verlassen würden...

#### Aus 10 mach 9

n der Trostrunde der Paar-EM "trösteten" Barbara und Tomasz Gotard sich mit folgendem schönen Gegenspiel. Betrachten Sie einmal zunächst die Hand, ohne weiter zu lesen. Süd ist Alleinspielerin in 40 und hat fünf Coeurstiche, zwei Karostiche, zwei Treffstiche und einen Pikstich. Kann man ihr von diesen 10 Stichen wirklich einen nehmen, und she zu Fall bringen? Gegen das deutsche Paar bereute die Südspielerin rasch, daß sie nicht 100%-konzentriert an die Sache herangegangen war. Ihr Alleinspiel ermöglichte jedoch Ost/West ein sauberes Gegenspiel hinzulegen und die gebotene Chance clever zu nutzen.

Board 9. O/W in Gefahr Teiler Nord.



Tomasz Gotard spielte ♥10 aus. Die Alleinspielerin gewann mit dem König und setzte mit einer zweiten Coeurrunde zu Nords As fort. Von dort folgte ein kleines Karo zu Dame und Wests As, der nun zunächst ♥9 kassierte und anschließend auf ♣4 wechselte. Süd orderte ♣D und Barbara Gotard nahm den Stich mit ♠K. Als Ost mittels ♠7 auf einer weiteren Pikrunde bestand, war es plötzlich passiert. Die Alleinspielerin hatte keine 10 Stiche mehr, da die Karo-Blockade noch immer bestand, und der letzte Nebenfarb-Übergang soeben verschwunden war. Es war keine große Überraschung, daß -50 im Endeffekt einen 95%-Score für Ost/West ergab, der half am Ende Platz 7 zu erreichen.

## Eine alte "irische" Regel

In der vierten Runde der laufenden Team-EM erinnerte sich Pony Nehmert an eine alte Regel gegen irische Schlemms, die da besagt: "Erst kassiert man sein eigenes As, dann spielt man hinüber zu Partners As und wartet anschließend auf seinen Trumpfstich!"

Hier in Aachen waren ihre Gegner von der grünen Insel nun in 4\(\pm\)x gelandet, und Pony Nehmert begann zuerst mit ihrem eigenen As, spielte dann eine andere Farbe zu Partners As und meinte dann: "So, und jetzt warte ich auf meine vier Trumpfstiche!" Gesagt, getan: 3 Faller. Die Gegner entgegneten lakonisch: "Aber es war doch nur ein Vollspiel!"

## It' all in the stars

London's Young Chelsea Bridge Club produces it's own magazine. An article by Lizzie Laroche entitled "The Astrological Guide to Bridge Players" deserves a wider audience and will help you all to work out how well you are going to do in the Mixed Teams. Let's feature the ladies.

**ARIES** ... Arian females are quick-witted and daring. If there is a slam there, they'll find it. Never mind that there are a couple of Aces missing - it doesn't matter. Arian females live to win and their brilliant logical minds plus their courageous play mean that they usually do so.

**TAURUS** ... Taurian females are voluptous and beautiful. This helps them win at bridge. At the difficult moment they pout those bee-sting lips and lean forward to see the cards better. The unsuspecting males let their hormones take over and their concentration lapse. Then, quick as a flash, the Taurian lady has brought home an unmakeable contract for an outright top.

**GEMINI** ... Geminina females have very high IQs. They can also do several things at the same time. They chatter merrily while playing and all those around the table lose their concentration. But not Ms. Gemini! She has weighed the odds with decimal-point accuracy, transferred the menace and executed a criss-cross squeeze - and no one is the wiser. "Oh, how lucky I was to make it," she chirps happily.

CANCER ... Cancerian females are warm and loving. Their natural conservatism makes them steady and reliable as partners. They are full of praise for those with whom they play. Never a word of blame or criticism passes their lips. "You were very unlucky, partner," they sigh as their male companion fails trying to set up his hand instead of playing for the superior dummy reversal. "Well played to make it," they murmur to the opposition who stare uncomprehendingly at the traveler which shows that all other pairs made two overtricks. Everyone feels warm and cherished when the Cancerian female is at the table.

**LEO** ... Lady Leo eats men for breakfast. Clever and proud, daring and beautiful, she looks like a tigress and plays bridge like one. Forthright and open, she has not truck with artificial systems. "Bid your hand," she says - and she does. One spade - seven notrumps - no mucking about. She plays the hand like she means it. At the speed of light the cards come down. Male bridge players, in their usual patronizing fashion, think that the speed of play stems from her inability to play the hand. They soon patronize on the other side of their face.

VIRGO ... Virgo women are discrete and charming. Always beautifully manicured and perfumed, their meek demeanour belies the sharpness of their minds. A Virgo woman can remember every card, even if it was in a hand played 10 years ago. The average club player who can just about keep track of the trump suit is no match for her. She has every hand pinpointed down to the deuces. Men who underestimate her always come a cropper. It's easy to do though - she likes to talk about trivial issues such as the price of washing powder while playing bridge. The casual observer would not realize her as-

tute abilities and would probably assign her successes to luck. More fool him!

LIBRA ... A Libra woman is all woman. The greatest beauty of them all, her cool elegance and grace leaves onlookers open-mouthed. She seems to embody all that man longs for tact, charm, defence, diplomacy, tantalizing beauty and an overriding concern for her partner in life and at the bridge table. It is this great concern, rather than a competitive desire to win, that makes her the great player she is. When the partnership wins, she heaps lavish praise on her beaming partner, who becomes convinced that it was his devastating play that did it.

**SCORPIO** ... Scorpio women play bridge sexually. She caresses the cards and gazes meaningfully around the table. When her piercing regard meets yours and your thoughts turn hot and sweaty, can you really concentrate on making your heart game? Of course not.

**SAGITTARIUS** ... Sagittarian women are fun to be with. They are full of gaiety and they are very spontaneous. Such a woman finds herself in contracts that no one else is in and, partly because luck is always on her side and partly she doesn't believe in failure, she invariably makes them. She is never rude to anyone and everyone feels pleasantly refreshed by her presence. She has a delightful sense of humour - she makes you laugh even when she's just cleaned you out in a rubber game.

**CAPRICORN** ... The Capricorn female takes bridge - and life - seriously. Here is the dedicated tournament player who makes it to the finals regularly. Even the chauvinistic males who insist that women can't play bridge have to admit - grudgingly - that a Capricorn female may be an exception . She uses no wiles or tricks - just perseverance and hard work. When she does something, she has to be the best. She doesn't suffer fools gladly and she can't stand male chauvinism. Her cutting biting wit can wither the blustering macho fools who dare to cross her. Watch out!

**AQUARIUS** ... Aquarian women, when taking time off from solid state physics and aeronautical engineering, love to have a relaxing game of bridge. Unfortunately they do not find a male partner up to their standard. However, as they are so amazingly brilliant and gifted, they make up for their bad bidding and play from the men with their own intelligent and clever card play. They obviously do best when partnered with other women.

**PISCES** ... The Pisces woman is blessed with great intuition. This is a quality that is poohpoohed by males, so the Pisces female usually keeps quiet about her methods. She does not need x-ray vision to see through the back of the cards she "knows". When the opposition is the only pair in the room to go off in a slam because of Pisces' lead. (the unthinkable lead that is the only one that will beat the slam), the opponents of course put it down to luck. It isn't She really does "know". When men abandon their fixation on the rational mind and start believing, they may discover a whole new world.

# Results after 9 rounds

	TEAM		RI	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	тот
	SERF	FRA	23	14	17	22	25	15	21	25	21	183
	MAURIN	FRA	25	24	22	23	25	15	14	10	14	172
	SIWIEC	POL	7	18	23	21	25	19	16	23	18	170
	POLET	BEL	14	21	20	25	10	21	13	25	16	165
	WANNER	NTH	15	25	21	23	3	25	9	18	24	163
	IVANCIC	CRO	14	21	19	20	14	22	17	13	22	162
	ВО	FRA	20	9	20	17	25	16	25	20	9	161
	VOLINA	RUS	22	16	9	9	17	16	25	22	25	161
	DUEBALL	GER	25	14	13	23	12	17	12	21	19	156
10	BEINEIX	FRA	25	16	П	9	16	23	16	23	17	156
П	BREIVIK	NOR	22	25	8	20	18	17	16	17	12	155
12	ROTH	FRA	14	25	17	17	18	14	24	5	20	154
13	BESSIS	FRA	10	21	20	21	15	13	21	10	21	152
14	VRIEND	NTH	22	18	19	21	20	П	14	12	13	150
15	BEAUMIER	FRA	15	17	19	9	19	14	21	16	20	150
16	KELINA	RUS	20	21	8	23	15	П	20	23	8	149
17	PAOLUZI	ITA	25	П	15	18	14	24	5	25	П	148
18	ALBERTI	GER	16	12	16	13	16	18	П	19	25	146
19	SCHROEDER	GER	10	22	21	21	16	9	20	20	6	145
20	GUARIGLIA	ITA	24	14	21	9	16	9	20	17	15	145
21	BURATI	ITA	13	16	15	13	18	20	16	19	15	145
22	KAPLAN	FRA	16	14	19	21	9	16	22	9	19	145
23	LORMANT	FRA	16	П	П	23	15	10	18	19	22	145
24	BONEV	BUL	16	14	15	25	14	14	20	7	19	144
25	KOCH-PALMUND	DEN	17	10	19	17	14	12	16	24	15	144
26	NAHMENS	FRA	15	17	12	17	18	16	8	25	15	143
27	SMITH	GBR	13	14	13	18	13	22	17	15	18	143
28	LARSSON	SWE	15	13	16	15	21	16	14	15	18	143
	BONORI	ITA	18	13	16	9	14	10	15	23	25	143
	CRONIER	FRA	18	23	19	7	10	18	16	20	10	141
	CURETTI	FRA	19	21	П	12	13	20	16	13	16	141
	LEGER	FRA	19	18	21	21	5	21	6	10	19	140
33	COURTY	FRA	14	19	16	13	14	19	14	21	10	140
34	POPOVA	BUL	15	5	14	24	17	24	10	22	9	140
	HOBSON	GBR	24	16	14	5	20	9	19	19	14	140
	SUMER	TUR	10	П	16	16	14	П	23	17	22	140
	ALLOUCHE	FRA	16	14	24	10	18	10	22	14	Ш	139
	RETZLAFF	GER	16	16	13	19	12	П	14	13	25	139
	KASS	FRA	12	20	9	16	20	16	13	16	17	139
	LANGER 	SWI	18	7	13	9	19	24	15	15	19	139
	GROMÖLLER	GER	12	15	17	17	12	14	16	14	21	138
	LISE	FRA	17	20	13	21	21	13	9	7	16	137
	ZORLU	TUR	18	17	10	15	22	20	14	8	12	136
	PUCZYNSKI	POL	16	22	9	22	16	18	18	3	12	136
	BONDA	CRO	16	16	18	15	13	21	10	16	Ш	136
	THELTSCHER	GBR	11	10	14	14	9	19	20	25	14	136
	BARR	ISR	7	16	19	13	7	18	22	21	13	136
48	LÜSSMAN	GER	25	6	18	13	25	19	21	7	I	135

49 JOEGNE	FRA	16	16	П	20	17	14	12	14	15	135
50 MULLER	FRA	10	19	10	21	8	20	П	15	21	135
51 ZAKRZEWSKI	POL	8	П	16	19	23	14	8	15	21	135
52 MAURY	FRA	7	14	14	16	18	19	17	15	15	135
53 DIRKS	NTH	23	17	16	13	5	16	П	П	22	134
54 BALDURSSON	ICE	14	П	18	20	16	14	9	16	16	134
55 CHODOROWSKA	POL	18	9	25	7	9	10	20	10	25	133
56 ARAMI	ISR	25	19	22	7	12	12	10	П	14	132
57 LESUR	FRA	12	21	14	21	20	8	14	П	П	132
58 MARSAL	GER	15	13	22	17	2	17	13	13	20	132
59 HOFLAND	NTH	12	15	9	10	16	25	17	11	17	132
60 AUKEN	GER	20	14	21	10	17	6	5	18	20	131
61 FUCIK	AUS	12	9	25	13	25	16	9	14	8	131
62 MAITOVA	RUS	20	16	20	9	7	12	18	9	20	131
63 ZAJKIEWICZ	POL	8	25	17	15	23	2	19	8	13	130
64 RIBEROL	FRA	6	19	7	24	16	19	19	9	11	130
65 POKORNA	CZE	5	21	17	10	16	П	13	12	22	127
66 VARGA	HUN	11	4	19	25	17	10	12	20	9	127
67 KOWALSKI	POL	4	12	- 11	13	16	13	14	25	19	127
68 CAESAR	GER	15	13	14	17	10	13	15	13	16	126
69 TJORSWAAG	NOR	23	13	12	9	12	25	10	17	5	126
70 ZOBU	TUR	15	10	12	10	23	20	15	13	8	126
71 BRUNEL	FRA	9	8	14	17	П	П	20	25	9	124
72 GÜNTHER	GER	19	12	10	14	12	16	8	18	14	123
73 DAVIES	GBR	14	14	8	13	21	10	17	17	9	123
74 BETTAG	GER	11	25	15	9	15	6	17	14	10	122
75 THUILLEZ	FRA	14	16	6	20	18	14	13	17	4	122
76 CLEARY	IRE	14	14	14	13	16	23	18	0	10	122
77 HONKAVUORI	FIN	8	12	16	17	6	13	18	21	10	121
78 TAILLEFER	FRA	16	18	9	10	24	7	22	6	8	120
79 TICHY	HUN	10	9	18	7	16	17	12	16	15	120
80 KLEIN	GER	4	17	16	20	14	7	7	23	П	119
81 YALMAN	TUR	14	5	0	5	23	П	16	20	25	119
82 MAGUIRE	IRE	15	20	10	5	17	19	12	16	4	118
83 GERARDS	NTH	16	19	11	П	10	14	13	7	17	118
84 GOTARD	GER	15	17	12	15	4	14	10	16	15	118
85 ROHOWSKY	GER	24	12	18	8	2	6	12	14	21	117
86 MASSEUS	NTH	4	18	4	18	14	21	8	14	16	117
87 THEODORSSON	ICE	5	9	П	22	7	17	18	14	13	116
88 CAPUCHO	POR	14	9	17	12	12	16	15	12	8	115
89 MARAKULIN	RUS	20	П	14	15	П	П	15	3	14	114
90 TOICCAN	TUR	22	4	21	8	14	20	14	5	4	112
91 TOMCIKOVA	CZE	21	19	9	7	13	3	12	7	20	111
92 NILSSON	SWE	4	13	19	П	14	12	18	9	9	109
93 WITKOWSKI	POL	6	8	20	0	13	19	16	5	20	106
94 DANIELS	NT	16	8	13	14	13	3	10	10	15	102
95 SAPIGA	RUS	14	9	11	6	7	10	14	21	10	102
96 KRIEGER	GER	14	16	11	17	13	8	10	0	10	99
97 DUCHEYNE	EBL	8	3	10	0	17	20	22	16	0	96
98 BEAUFAYS	BEL	6	22	4	6	14	9	8	9	4	82