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## Herkules And Parioli Already Through

After a curtailed first day's play, only two teams are sure of a semifinal berth. The hosts, the Tennis Club Parioli, showed wonderful hospitality in every respect except when there were V.P. at stake: they just gave away 1 V.P. to make themselves good hosts even at the bridge tables. Herkules Stockholm managed a total of 44 V.P., more than enough to qualify easily. Today, the two will meet for the honour (and the advantages) of winning their group.

In the other group, things are by no means clear as they are well behind schedule there. The Lombard team from Rotterdam arrived here only just in time (rumours are this was caused by some delay in Brussels) and the Plovdiv team did not show up at all, though they were spotted in Florence earlier in the day. Near the end of the afternoon's session, the smoke cleared and it was decided to play the Lombard-Plovdiv match this morning. As both teams scored good wins in their only match of the day, much will depend on the outcome of it, also for the other two teams who did not boost their chances when they drew their head-to-head match.

### Programme & Schedule of play

*Saturday 11th October*

- 13.00 Round Robin 3rd match  
*Italy - Sweden | France - Poland*  
*Norway - Bulgaria | Israel - Netherlands*
- 17.30 Semifinal (1st Session)
- 20.30 Semifinal (2nd Session)
- 22.30 Semifinal (3rd Session)

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### Today's Vugraph Matches

- 13.00 *Norway - Bulgaria (1st half match)*  
15.00 *Italy - Sweden (2nd half match)*  
17.30 *Semifinal t.b.a.*

## Round Robin

### Group A

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Match

Italy - France	24-6
Poland - Sweden	11-19

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Match

Poland - Italy	25-4
Sweden - France	25-5

### Rankings

Italy	49
Sweden	44
Poland	15
France	11

### Group B

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Match

Norway - Israel	14-16
Netherlands - Bulgaria	15-15

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Match

Netherlands - Norway	21-9
Bulgaria - Israel	22-8

### Rankings

Bulgaria	37
Netherlands	36
Israel	24
Norway	23

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## **AMBASCIATORI DELLO SPORT**

Ieri pomeriggio Mario Pescante, Sottosegretario di Stato e Presidente dei Comitati Olimpici Europei, e Gianni Petrucci, Presidente del CONI, hanno onorato la Champions Cup con la loro presenza, congratulandosi con il Tennis Club Parioli, i dirigenti della EBL e della FIGB ed i campioni, per il grande successo della manifestazione e l'eco che di essa si è avuto e si ha sui media, e che è particolarmente significativa per la diffusione dell'immagine dello sport e del bridge.



**Mario Pescante, Luigi Tronchetti Provera,  
Gianni Petrucci e Ercole Bove**

## **OLYMPIC AMBASSADORS**

Yesterday afternoon Mario Pescante, State Under-Secretary of Sport and President of the European Olympic Committees, and Gianni Petrucci, Italian Olympic Committee President, honoured the Champions Cup with their presence. Accompanied by the EBL President and the President of Tennis Club Parioli, they visited the venue and congratulated the organisers and champions on the great success of the event and its impact in the media, which is extremely significant in the development of the image of sport and bridge.



**Gianarrigo Rona, Gianni Petrucci e  
Luigi Tronchetti Provera**

## Roman Holiday

*by Mark Horton*

Rome, the eternal City, conjures up magnificent images in the mind of every tourist, but those of the bridge player may vary slightly from the ones contemplated by most travellers. For Romulus & Remus read Belladonna & Avarelli, for Caesar & Anthony think Forquet & Garozzo. The best action is not at the Coliseum, rather here at the Tennis Club Parioli!

In the years to come those names which have already passed into legend and history will be joined by new ones, perhaps those of the players competing here?

The obvious place to go in search of excitement was the VuGraph, where Benito Garozzo was on duty – alas his impeccable Italian was too fast for your reporter, so you will have to rely on my thoughts rather than those of the maestro.

Board 1, Dealer North, None Vulnerable

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Ausberg</i>	<i>Podgur</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Dble	
4♠	All Pass		

East was perhaps unlucky to find his partner with such a suitable hand for spades, as with a little less he would probably have passed the double and earned a plus score. It was also annoying to discover that the king of hearts was with South, although declarer would still have needed some luck in the diamond suit. North's heart lead led to a very swift one down.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
—	Pass	INT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

I am not a fan of breaking transfers – you always seem to end up at least one trick too high, which is what happened here. No swing.

Board 2, Dealer East, North/South Vulnerable

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Ausberg</i>	<i>Podgur</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	5♣	Dble	All Pass



North was flying solo here, and it was a bumpy ride. West overtook his partner's jack of spades with the ace and switched to his trump.

East won and played a second round. Declarer won, cashed a top heart and ruffed a heart. Then he ruffed a spade, drew the last trump and advanced the king of diamonds. West had discarded the six of diamonds at trick three, and East thought for a while before taking the ace. Down two, -500.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
—	—	INT	Pass
2♥*	2♠	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Four Spades stood no chance after the heart lead, -50 and 11 IMPs for the team from Haifa.

Board 5, Dealer North, North/South Vulnerable

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Ausberg</i>	<i>Podgur</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The bidding suggests heart lead, but West had taken a long time to bid Three Clubs and that was not lost on Helgemo, who led the five of clubs. Declarer put up the king and North took the ace and continued with the ten of clubs, ducked by declarer. Would Helgemo overtake and switch to a heart? No, and when North played a third club the game was home, +400.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This time South put the nine of hearts on the table and that was that – another double figure swing for the men from Israel.

Board 6, Dealer East, East/West Vulnerable

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Ausberg</i>	<i>Podgur</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
4♥	All Pass		

West bid what he hoped his partner could make, but he would have liked another trump. Helgemo led a heart and declarer won in hand with the nine and after fingering various cards, tried the

jack of spades. South took the ace and could tell that North's spade was a singleton. He gave his partner a ruff and waited for the setting tricks.

Notice the different evaluation from West. 3NT would have been an unlucky contract because of the 3-0 diamond split, so North did well to retreat. (In the match between the Italian and French teams the declarer from Annecy stood his ground when doubled and lost 800 – bridge can be a cruel game.) Four Diamonds went one down when declarer lost a diamond trick.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
Dble	4♦	All Pass	

The Israeli's were playing well, and they produced an excellent defence on this deal:

Board 8, Dealer West, None Vulnerable

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

The contract at both tables was Three Hearts. The Haifa declarer made it but in the replay East led a diamond and West won the queen and switched to a club. East won and returned the suit and declarer won in dummy and took a heart finesse. East won and played a diamond, so West could win and give his partner a club ruff for one down.

The first half finished with a very difficult defensive problem. Would you have solved it?

Board 12, Dealer West, North/South Vulnerable

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kalish</i>	<i>Ausberg</i>	<i>Podgur</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led a low club and declarer took the jack with the ace and played a spade. Helgemo put up the ace and switched to a low diamond. I asked him if the jack of spades from North would have helped and he said that it would, but it was an unlikely play and he should have switched to a heart in any event, as he had a count in spades.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The contract was the same and South led a heart. Now, North can win his ace and switch to a club, solving any defensive problems. One down.



## ...And How It Came To An End

*by Jos Jacobs*

Maybe, in the first half of any first-round match there is room for a holiday feeling, certainly here in wonderful Rome, but once it comes to the second half things suddenly get back to normal again. Players inevitably realise that they are playing for good scores after all. They all had lots of chances on the second set of 12 boards, but how did they fare?

Well, not very many IMP's changed hands in any match on the first four boards, but then came a board on which we saw four different results at the four tables we were watching:

This is how they fared in their Poland v. Sweden match.

Board 17, Dealer North, None Vulnerable

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

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Wojcicki</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Poletylo</i>
—	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Holding four hearts himself, Nyström was in

a good position to make the winning decision when 4♥ came back to him after his initial pass. With no detailed information available South could not possibly know that West had struck gold. Sweden +690 as Nyström only lost two major suit aces.

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Sylván</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>
—	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass*
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room, the auction also started with South replying 2♠ to his partner's Multi. This time, North showed a diamond feature on his way to a heart contract, 2♠ having suggested interest in hearts. East made a double which was passed by South. West enquired about the meaning of this pass, but was informed that the situation had not been discussed and that South did by no means expect his partner to pass. With a sigh of relief, West then passed and, as predicted at the other side of the screen, North duly bid 3♥. East passed and now, all of a sudden, South jumped to 5♦ which was doubled on principle (?) by East again. The lead of the ♣AK and another fatally shortened North's trumps so one down he went, still a very good save against 4♠. Sweden +11 IMP's.

On Rama, if one takes a look at the auctions, it seems to be a different board:

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Ausberg</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♦	4♥	5♦
5♥	Pass	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

On Rama, Helgemo boldly passed 2♦, mak-

ing it easy for EW to disclose their spade fit. After cuebidding the opponents' suit too enthusiastically, the Herbsts ended up in an unlikely slam. Norway +100.

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>
—	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♦
4♠	All Pass		

Once again, waiting tactics holding spades paid off. Once East could double 2♥ in the balancing seat, West's problem was over. What is more, NS would let him play this contract as well. Norway another +450 and a useful 11 IMP's to them too.

A few boards later, we saw four different contracts again at our four tables:

Board 20, Dealer West, All Vulnerable

<p>♠ 9 2</p> <p>♥ A Q 6</p> <p>♦ K 7 5 4 3</p> <p>♣ A 6 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 3</p> <p>♥ 10</p> <p>♦ A Q 10 9 8 2</p> <p>♣ K 8 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 4</p> <p>♥ K J 9 7 5 4 2</p> <p>♦ -</p> <p>♣ Q J 7 3</p>	<p>♠ A K J 8 7 6 5</p> <p>♥ 8 3</p> <p>♦ J 6</p> <p>♣ 10 9</p>
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Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Wojcick</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Poletylo</i>
INT	Pass	4♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room, East's bold jump brought rich dividends. Four Spades can already be defeated, but this is not so easy unless West hits upon a diamond lead. Five Hearts is one too much, but in this auction it was difficult to judge well for North. When he went on to 5♠ East had an easy double and West suddenly had an easy lead of the ♥A. When East contributed the KING the diamond switch was no longer a problem. The ♣A and a second diamond ruff sealed the fate of 5♠: +500 to Poland.

Though this was an excellent result, it did not cause a Polish pick-up:

Closed Room

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kwecien</i>	<i>Sylván</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Over 3♠, West could not raise hearts and over 4♠, East could not rebid his hearts safely. When West made the unlucky lead of a trump, Sundelin quickly had 11 tricks for a gain of 4 IMP's.

On Rama, they once again had different views:

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Ausberg</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♦	Pass	4♥	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

Ausberg did the right thing when he doubled 5♥ and thus collected +200 for Norway.



Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Furunes</i>	<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Aa</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When Doron Yadlin “forgot” to raise to 4♠, Aa could safely rebid his hearts and so he did. As a consequence of his previous pass, North passed again, only to see his opponents score ten tricks without trouble. Norway another 13 IMP’s and a juicy 13 IMP’s.

On the last board of the match, Polish practical bidding worked out much better than Swedish science.

Board 24, Dealer West, None Vulnerable

	♠ A 8 ♥ A 10 8 6 4 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A 8 6 3		
♠ 5 ♥ J 7 3 2 ♦ Q 9 8 4 2 ♣ J 10 5	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     N W    E S                 </div>	♠ Q 10 7 6 4 2 ♥ K ♦ A J 5 ♣ K 9 4	
	♠ K J 9 3 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ Q 7 2		

Open Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Wojcicki</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Poletylo</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	3NT
All Pass			

In commemoration of the late Ron Andersen’s Danish mother, who certainly would have bid like this and made her contract more or less effortlessly.

Closed Room:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Kwiecien</i>	<i>Sylván</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Sundelin</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♠ was invitational or better with hearts, one assumes, though it was explained as “not discussed very well.” The Swedes paid the price of it when the innocent-enough looking 4♥ was quickly defeated on a spade lead. Declarer won the ♠8 and led a low heart, paving the way for the after all inevitable spade ruff. Down one, +50 to Poland and another late setback for the Swedes who now won this match only 52-30 or 19-11 V.P.

In the other match we watched, Haifa defeated Heimdal Trondheim 53-48 or 16-14 V.P.

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## Bridge Team Parioli vs. Club d'Annecy

by Alberto Benetti

Nel primo turno del Round Robin, la squadra di casa affronta i Campioni di Francia.


Prima dell'incontro i giocatori d'oltralpe si dichiarano dei dilettanti puri. I nostri non li conoscono, ma l'aver vinto un campionato Nazionale in Francia basta e avanza come biglietto da visita di primissimo ordine. Entrambe le coppie giocano il naturale francese e, nel primo tempo, Gerarde Sal-liere e Pierre Fogerouse si siedono in aperta, in Est- Ovest, contro Lauria e Versace mentre Jean Paul Guerrini e Pierre Dupraz vanno in chiusa dove dovranno vedersela con Angelini e Sementa.

Sin dai primissimi board, almeno in sala aperta dove sono seduto, si ha la sensazione che i francesi, pur dimostrandosi validissimi giocatori, stiano combattendo una battaglia non ad armi pari. Lauria e Versace rispondono al loro *naturale-naturale*, con sequenze piene di relais che permettono al compagno di conoscere distribuzione e dislocazione degli onori posseduti con precisione quasi assoluta. Anche in fase di gioco col morto e, soprattutto, in materia di segnali difensivi, tra le due squadre si nota la differenza sostanziale che esiste tra professionisti e dilettanti in ogni attività umana.

In chiusa, stando ai risultati, la situazione non deve essere molto diversa.


Già nel board 1, infatti, Angelini e Sementa stoppano a tre Picche mentre i francesi chiamano una manche dove si va down.

Board 1 - dich. Nord - tutti in prima

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


Nel bord 2, quattro picche vengono chiamate sia in aperta che in chiusa ma mentre Antonio Sementa, che gioca la mano in Ovest, riesce ad allineare dieci prese con attacco Asso di cuori, il dichiarante francese, che in aperta gioca la mano in Est, paga le prime tre prese (Asso, Re di cuori e cuori taglio) e successivamente una quadri.

Board 2 - dich. Est - NS in zona

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

Nel board 4 Lauria e Versace chiamano e realizzano, in zona, un ottimo 3 SA e i francesi si fermano a livello 1. Controgioco da standing ovation quello che Alfredino Versace mette in piedi nel board 5

Board 5 - dich. Nord - NS in zona

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

Versace attacca di dieci di cuori. Piccola del morto, di Lauria e di Salliere.

Re di cuori di Versace e, di nuovo, piccola di tutti gli altri.

Qualsiasi *umano* a questo punto, sarebbe ritornato a cuori mentre il Campione romano, che sino a quel momento aveva giocato alla velocità della luce, ferma i giochi per un paio di minuti e continua col sei di fiori. Re del morto e Asso di Lauria che torna nel colore.

Tre fiori, due cuori e l'asso di quadri per la difesa: due down.

La mano, con attacco cuori o comunque muovendo le cuori prima che il dichiarante abbia tolto alla difesa i due assi minori, è condannata alla caduta, ma Alfredo, non sazio di aver trovato l'attacco che uccide, ha cercato e trovato il due down.

Lo swing più consistente arriva nel board successivo

Board 6 - dich. Est - EO in zona

	♠ 3		
	♥ 62		
	♦ A F 8 6 4 3 2		
	♣ D 10 4		
♠ R 10 9 7 4	♠ F 2	♠ N	♠ F 2
♥ D 10 5	♥ A F 9 8 7	W	♥ A F 9 8 7
♦ —	♦ D 9 7	S	♦ D 9 7
♣ R 9 7 6 5	♣ A 8 2	E	♣ A 8 2
	♠ A D 8 6 5		
	♥ R 4 3		
	♦ R 10 5		
	♣ F 3		

Sala aperta

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Fougerouse</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Salliere</i>	<i>Versace</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
4♥	fine		

Sala chiusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Guerrini</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Dupraz</i>
		1♥	1♠
2♥	3♦	passo	3SA
contro	fine		

In aperta Versace attacca di 3 di cuori, il dichiarante supera di misura il 6 di Lorenzo e continua con il 2 di picche per l'Asso di Sud. Fante di fiori di Alfredo preso in mano dall'Asso e ancora Fante di picche per il taglio di Lauria che continua piccola quadri per il 9, il 10 ed il taglio del morto. Salliere concede ancora il Re di cuori e una presa nei minori. 100 per Parioli.

In sala chiusa Sementa, quando la dichiarazione avversaria raggiunge il livello di 3 SA, si fa due conti e, tra un 4 cuori in attacco di non sicura realizzazione ed una sicura penalizzazione degli avversari in zona, sceglie quest'ultima opzione e contra.

Con Angelini mettono in piedi un controgio millimetrico e il contratto cade di tre prese. 14 IMP per i romani che, a metà del primo tempo, conducono per 45 a 1 (una surleveè al board 3).

Nelle successive sei mani non scorre molto sangue e Roma Parioli conclude il primo tempo in vantaggio di 42 (51 a 9).

Nel secondo tempo Fantoni e Nunes sostituiscono Lauria e Versace in aperta mentre i francesi, che sono in quattro, invertono le posizioni delle coppie nelle due sale.

Tempo molto più equilibrato del primo. Dopo sette board i francesi conducono per 7 a 6. e, nel board 20, mettono a segno un colpo che permette loro di accorciare ancora le distanze.

**Please note:**

*To enter Tennis Club Parioli and the playing area, during play and at any other time, players have to have their badges clearly displayed.*

Board 20 - dich. Ovest - tutti in zona

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

I romani in chiusa si spingono sino a 5 cuori sul 4 picche dei transalpini ma quelli in aperta lasciano che i francesi giochino 4 cuori realizzandole. Il per Anancy. Nunes non ci sta e, nel board successivo...

Boar 21 - dich. Nord - NS in zona

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

Sala aperta

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Dupraz</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Guerrini</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
—	passo	passo	ISA
passo	2♥ <sup>(1)</sup>	passo	2♠
passo	2SA <sup>(2)</sup>	passo	4♠ <sup>(3)</sup>
fine			

- (1) transfer per le picche
- (2) ho anche una quarta minore
- (3) ah...mi fa piacere!

Sala chiusa

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Salliere</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Fougerouse</i>
—	passo	passo	1♣
passo	1♠	passo	ISA
passo	2♣	passo	2♠
passo	4♠	fine	

In chiusa Francesco Angelini attacca piccola cuori, Sementa entra di 10 e muove picche. Il dichiarante sta basso e Angelini, in presa col fante, continua a cuori. Asso di Sementa che gioca ancora picche per l'Asso del di chiarante che prosegue con l'impasse a fiori. Il Re di fiori di Antonio costituisce la quarta presa della difesa.

In aperta la mano viene giocata da Nunes in Sud e l'attacco è di quattro di quadri per il dieci di Est.

Claudio prende di Asso in mano, gioca picche per l'Asso e, non ancora certo della divisione delle quadri (non ha visto il tre), ipotizzando la possibilità di un fante di picche dato da chi ha dama e fante terzi, passa saggiamente la mano agli avversari muovendo cuori per il fante. Ovest, in presa con la dama, torna a fiori per la dama di Nunes.. Già siamo un pezzo avanti, ma non è ancora finita.

Nunes prosegue con Asso di fiori e fiori tagliata al morto, rientra in mano con la Dama di quadri e, quando vede il tre tra le carte di Est, può ragionevolmente supporre che i resti nel colore siano equamente divisi.

Ora picche per il Re, Re di quadri e tredicesima quadri tagliata di nove.

Ovest deve decidere di che morte morire.

Sceglie di surtagliare di Dama, incassare l'onore di cuori e concedere le ultime due prese al dichiarante.

Anche il parziale del secondo tempo vede prevalere il Team Angelini (26-18) ed i romani vincono l'incontro per 77 a 26 cioè 24 a 6.

Ottima partenza dei portacolori italiani che, risultato a parte, hanno dimostrato di attraversare un momento di gran forma.

Che fossero dei fenomeni lo sapevamo già.