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PARIOLI-ANGELINI KEEP THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP AT HOME IN ROME

With another display of virtuosity, Lorenzo LAURIA and Alfredo VERSACE have been the anchor pair for their team, TENNIS CLUB PARIOLI-ANGELINI ROMA. They won the Butler classification of all the pairs playing in the Round Robin by a big margin, and they again won the Butler scoring for the pairs playing in the semifinals and the final. So first of all, our sincere congratulations on this wonderful performance should go to them. Of course, congratulations also go to the other two pairs of the winning team: Francesco ANGELINI-Antonio SEMENTA and Claudio NUNES-Fulvio FANTONI. Well done again, all of you, like a year ago when you had the advantage of playing at home (if that exists at all in bridge).

The final was a close match until the last segment started. The eventual winners led their Polish opponents: Cezary Balicki, Adam Zmudzinski, Wojciech Olanski, Wlodzimeirz Starkowski, Stanislaw Golebiowski and Mariusz Kwiecinski by 8 IMPs after 12 boards, by 18 IMPs after 24 boards and by 19 IMPs only with 12 boards to play. It turned out, however, that what might have developed into a tense final session became sort of a formality after the blow the Poles suffered on the first board of it, the final margin rising to no less than 55 IMPs! Still, our congratulations also go to the afore-mentioned Polish team from Wroclaw for winning the silver medal.

The play-off for the bronze was a more one-sided affair, Allegra winning the first two of the allotted three segments 45-7 and 37-15 to lead by 60 with 12 boards to play. The Dutch recovered well, bringing down their deficit to 35, but the bronze medal goes to Allegra Torino:

Norberto Bocchi, Giorgio Duboin, Andrea Burrati, Massimo Lanzarotti, Mario D'Avossa, Guido Ferraro, with Maria Teresa Lavazza n.p.c.



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EBL President's Farewell



Dear friends,

The curtain falls on the 3rd edition of the European Bridge Champions Cup. For the four days of this event you were the true protagonists, conducting yourselves with loyalty in an atmosphere of extraordinary fair-play and friendship. These are, as you know, the real characteristics of sport, of our sport, bridge.

Success in a championship is very important and represents the objective of all competitors, but results can have high and low points, like in any other area of life. What is really important is friendship, serenity, the pleasure of being together, and enjoying ourselves all together.

I hope you had a pleasant stay in this wonderful city of Barcelona. The venue, I believe, was perfect for all our needs, both as players and staff.

Firstly I wish to thank Mr Claudio Lepori, Mr Jorge Balleste and Mr Fernando Moreno of Laboratorios Juanola, the sponsor of the event. Without their help this event could not have taken place. I also wish to thank Mr Juan María Tintoré, President of Real Club de Tennis de Barcelona 1899, Mr Carlos Mercé, General Manager of the Club, and Mr Eduardo Molero, President of the Asociación Española de Bridge. My heartfelt thanks go also to my friend Lino Bove, Chairman of the Championship and the real deus ex machina of the event! And I can't forget the help given by the Venue Facilities Managers, Paula Castillo and Sabina Medina.

If the greater part of the success of this event goes to you the players, we have to give credit also to the truly amazing work of the staff led by Ton Kooijman, whose enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism deserve your applause.

Dear friends, dear players, tonight we will celebrate the victory of all of you. In events like this one here in Barcelona, there are no losers. Congratulations to all of you players. This evening is for you and we are here to thank and honour you. I hope you enjoyed the Champions Cup, will have a very pleasant evening tonight and once home will have happy memories of this very special event.

The 4th edition of the European Champions Cup will take place next year in Brussels. We are honoured to have with us here tonight Madame Nicole Cauchie of the European Commission to receive the EBL flag.

Thank you for your attention. I wish you a safe journey home and 'un abbraccio' to you all.

Gianarrigo Rona
EBL President

Semifinal

El Equipo Español

by M.C. Babot - Pedro Rubiés

Tras un decepcionante inicio de torneo en el que el susodicho fue derrotado abrumadoramente por el Tennis Club Parioli (que ha disputado la final contra Computerland AZS de Polonia), parece haber ido cogiendo forma y poco a poco jugando a un nivel envidiable.

El sábado dispuntó un día radiante, como dedicado a los nuestros, que se saldó con una victoria en la segunda fase sobre el equipo alemán, al que eliminó en 36 manos.

En la primera sesión de 12 manos nos encontramos con algunas curiosas como la siguiente:

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Bridge House juega en abierta 5Tx recibiendo la salida de AD y vuelta a pic lo que permite a la mano descartar el corazón perdido sobre el AP e impasar por fallo el KD. Resultado final 5Tx +1. En cerrada Karlsruhe B.S.C. juega la misma marca sin doblar y tras idéntica salida el español vuelve a corazón impidiendo la extra.

En la mano 15 de la segunda sesión donde los alemanes juegan 1C la pareja española en sala cerrada subasta y gana la manga a 3ST. A lo largo de los encuentros la agresividad del equipo Bridge House ha ido en aumento.

Pero no todo el camino fue fácil. Teníamos manos en contra como el siguiente slam, en la tercera sesión, subastado en ambas mesas, pero con salidas diferentes:

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En las dos salas se llega al mismo contrato (los únicos en el torneo) pero mientras el equipo alemán recibe la salida de 5C, que permite descartar el tercer pic de la mano y afirmarlo por fallo entrando en el muerto dos veces en triunfo, España se encuentra con el problema de decisión en la primera carta con ataque a trébol.

El jugador español, sin conexión directa con las alturas, decide impasar el pic hacia el 10 con resultado final de una multa.

En las primera 12 manos Bridge House aventajaba al Karlsruhe B.S.C. en 13 IMPS (31-18). El segundo bloque de 12 también fue positivo para los españoles con un resultado parcial de 31-23 y el último y definitivo se perdió por 24-25, diferencia de 1 IMP que dejó el marcador en 86-66 y la posibilidad de luchar por el noveno o décimo puesto.

Así dicho no parece un gra reto, pero teniendo en cuenta la calidad y categoría del resto de participantes, la mayoría de los cuales son profesionales, está más que bien el resultado.

Nos hubiese gustado narrar las vicisitudes de los nuestros disputando los puestos de cabeza pero, no pudiendo hacerlo, sin predicciones de futuro considerando que estas páginas saldrán al finalizar todos los matches, nos conformamos con desearles un dulce resultado en el día de hoy.

Por último y por miedo a que se nos olvide hacerlo personalmente, agradecer el esfuerzo a los organizadores del evento no sólo por su trascendencia también por la plaza elegida. De hoy en adelante procuraremos soñar todas las noches con la posibilidad de que pueda repetirse en un futuro no muy lejano.

Enjoy the

2nd European Open Bridge Championship

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**Final
Session I**

T.C. Parioli Angelini v Computerland

by Peter Ventura

Computerland AZS PWR Wroclaw, Poland, had to face reigning champions Tennis Club Parioli Angelini Roma, Italy in the final. Parioli were held as small favourites but a Polish team is always difficult to handle.

After a 48 boards long semifinal the first session of the final started 9.30 pm on Saturday evening. This could be an advantage for a team with good condition.

And what a board to start with! 7NT can be made, but would any of the two E/W-pairs reach the grand?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West Olanski	North Angelini	East Starkowski	South Sementa
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Closed Room:

West Versace	North Kwiecinski	East Lauria	South Golebiowski
4♥	Pass	1♠	3♥
5♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♥	Pass

The auction was almost the same at the two tables and both pairs stopped in 6♣. 'When a slam needs a finesse to succeed you should not bid it, and you will be a winner in the longer run' is an advice from grande Garozzo and here the ♦K had to be on side.

Sementa led ♥K and Starkowski had an easy way to 13 tricks. In the Closed Room Golebiowski put Lauria on some pressure immediately by leading an innovative ♦7. Lauria did not want to take any risks of course and he rose with the ace and later gave away a trick to a satisfied Golebiowski. Nice lead!

This trick gave Computerland the lead in the final by 1-0.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West Olanski	North Angelini	East Starkowski	South Sementa
1♠	2♥	4♣	All Pass

Closed Room:

West Versace	North Kwiecinski	East Lauria	South Golebiowski
1♠	2♥	3NT	4♣
4♦	4♥	Dble	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

Parioli won back an overtrick-IMP on board 3 but here on the next deal came a small swing for the Polish, when Kwiecinski/Golebiowski sacrificed nicely. Lauria's 3NT gave Golebiowski the possibility to overcall 4♣ and that was the key for N/S to find a handy sacrifice in 5♣; two down and +500 to Parioli.

In the Open Room it was more difficult for Sementa to take action since he had to introduce the clubs on the five level. The shape of the hand was not the best and he passed safely; +650 and Computerland gained 4 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Olanski	Angelini	Starkowski	Sementa
		Pass	Pass
1♣	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Kwiecinski	Lauria	Golebiowski
		Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Angelini overcalled 2NT after a Polish club opening, showing two (or three) suits except clubs. Over Sementas 3♥ Angelini hunted for game bonus. West led ♠K to dummy's ace. Sementa ruffed a spade then finessed in diamonds. Everything had worked out smoothly so far and he continued to cross-ruff by cashing ♦A, ruff a diamond, ruff a club, ruff a spade and ruff another club. Now declarer had 8 tricks in his basket and since trump ace and king had to give tricks the game was just made; Parioli +420.

Golebiowski opened 3♣ in the Closed Room and he was left to play there. Despite the lack of trumps 3♣ was just made, thanks to a bunch of other powerful cards in dummy; Computerland +110 but 7 IMPs to the Italians.

Board 7. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Olanski	Angelini	Starkowski	Sementa
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Kwiecinski	Lauria	Golebiowski
Pass	1♠	INT	2♥
3NT	All Pass		

This board could have been a big swing for Parioli, but since ♠K was off side and clubs were split diabolically Lauria was doomed to go two down in 3NT; Parioli -200. Sementa's 2♥ just made in the Open Room but Computerland still gained 3 IMPs.

The result after 8 boards: 8 IMPs to Parioli, 8 IMPs to Computerland!

On board 9 Starkowski opened a strong INT and he was left to play there. The contract went as many down as four and that was worth 7 IMPs to Parioli.

Parioli gained an IMP on the last board of this segment which gave us the score 16 to 8 IMPs in Parioli's favour after the first session – and a good night's sleep for everyone.

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All the bookings and reservation for the hotel can only be done through the www.tenerife2005.net website.



**Final
Session 2**

T.C. Parioli Angelini v Computerland

by Jos Jacobs

On Sunday morning at 9.30 hrs. they kicked off for the second quarter of the final. Versace-Lauria would face Balicki-Zmudzinski in the Closed Room, whereas Olanski-Starkowski would have Fantoni-Nunes as their opponents on Vugraph.

The Italians of course started with a lead of 16-8 IMPs, and that was still the score when they reached board 15.

Board 15. Dealer South, NS Vul.

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

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Lauria	Zmudzinski
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Zmudzinski judged his black twosuit just good enough for one more bid. This proved a winning decision when he found his partner with exactly the right cards, as had become likely from North's 3♦ bid. Versace led the ♥A and continued the ♦K, ducked in dummy. Versace then cashed the ♥K before reverting to diamonds. Zmudzinski won the ♦A this time, played ♠A and a spade to the jack, followed by a club to the ace and a club to the king. That was +620 to the Poles.

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Olanski	Fantoni	Starkowski	Nunes
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Holding just a little in reserve, Fantoni made no forward move when Nunes showed his little extra with a double of 2♦. So game was missed, and Parioli had to be content with + 170, as loss of 10 IMPs. Computerland were in the lead by 18-16 IMPs.

And there it stayed for a long time. The next four boards again were flat, though not without some tension at times. Finally, on board 20, the Italians got their revenge when it was the Poles' turn to miss game:

Board 20. Dealer West, All Vul.

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

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Lauria	Zmudzinski
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Once again, like we saw earlier in this event, the jump bid to show a little extra worked very well, as the Italians reached game very easily. The contract is by no means 100%, but it's the sort of game you want to be in, certainly when vulnerable. When the trumps behaved, eleven tricks were easy. Parioli +650.

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Olanski	Fantoni	Starkowski	Nunes
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♦
2♥	All Pass		

Passing 2♣ looks very conservative, and East might even have taken further action when his partner raised hearts after being given a second chance. Anyway, East's pass of 2♥ was consistent with his earlier bidding, but making 9 tricks for +140 cost his team 11 IMPs.

Nunes found the excellent lead of the ♠J and declarer played safe. He won the ace and led a diamond. Fantoni won, cashed the two top spades played a fourth round of the suit enabling Nunes to ruff in front of dummy with the ♥10. Parioli were back in the lead by 9 IMPs.

They lost about half their lead on the next board, but then came the big swing board of the session:

Board 23. Dealer South, All Vul.

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

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Lauria	Zmudzinski
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	4♦
All Pass		Pass	6♦

At the table, when the hand was over, Lauria offered the following explanation: "From the bidding, it

was clear that NS would be short in spades. The red suits were out of the question anyway, so the only chance of success can be a club lead."

Needless to say that he had in fact led the ♣8, which left declarer chanceless. When Balicki tried to discard clubs on the hearts, Lauria could ruff the third round and cash a club, so the contract was down two: Parioli +200.

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Olanski	Fantoni	Starkowski	Nunes
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♥
Pass	5♦	All Pass	3♦

The twosuit opening bid worked well for the Italians here, as it left West with far less information to find the winning lead. With only his partner's double of 2♣ to guide him, he elected the ♠7 as his opening lead. As the clubs would go on the hearts once the ace of trumps had been dislodged, declarer's road to a score of +600 had become easy. So Parioli chalked up 13 IMPs, the biggest swing of the morning session, to lead by 40-22 at half-time.

Final Session 3

T.C. Parioli Angelini v Computerland

by Peter Ventura

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kwiecinski	Angelini	Golebiowski	Sementa
INT	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♦	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Lauria	Zmudzinski
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
	3NT	All Pass	

The Polish had the best start they could get, gaining 11 IMPs on the very first board in the 3rd session. In the Open Room Sementa opened a strong club and Kwiecinski showed five diamonds and four clubs on the way to Sementa's 3NT. West led a diamond to declarer's king. Due to this fact it was a bit surprising that Sementa ran ♥9 to Golebiowski's jack. To give away a spade trick might have been preferable.

East found a nice club switch to West's queen and dummy's ace and back came another club to East's jack. If Sementa would have let the spade return, that came now, run to dummy's ten, he would have made his contract, but he jumped up with the ace to establish a diamond trick. West won the ace, returned a diamond and the declarer had to go down; Parioli -100.

In the Closed Room Balicki got a helpful heart lead and ♥8 won the first trick. Next came a diamond to king and ace. Declarer let the club switch run to East's jack, but won the next club to play another, establishing an extra club trick for ten tricks in total when Lauria was squeezed in the majors in the end; +430 and that was 11 IMPs to Computerland.

Butler ranking after Final and Play Off

Rank	Score	Name		S1	S2	S3	S4	F1	F2	F3	F4
1	1,43	Lorenzo LAURIA - Alfredo VERSACE	TC Parioli	1,49	1,08	1,13	3,58	0,67	0,19	1,69	1,62
2	1,29	Andrea BURATTI	BC Allegra	0,32	0,87	2,04	2,00		1,20		
3	1,10	Massimo LANZAROTTI	BC Allegra	0,32	0,87	2,04	2,00		1,20		0,14
4	1,01	Guido FERRARO	BC Allegra						2,25	-0,24	
5	0,78	Yalcin ATABEY - Suleyman KOLATA	BC Tofas	-0,30	2,76	0,28			2,24	-0,83	0,55
6	0,78	Sabine AUKEN - Daniela von ARNIM	Karlsruher	0,73	-0,57	2,17					
7	0,72	Mario d' AVOSSA	BC Allegra						2,25	-0,24	0,14
8	0,66	Carlos FERNANDEZ - Juan Carlos VENTIN	Bridge House	1,98	0,57	-2,17			0,67	3,19	-0,26
9	0,60	Juan PONT	Bridge House		0,33	1,33			-1,02	1,77	
10	0,55	Andrew ROBSON - David BAKHSHI	All England BC	0,54	0,81	0,31					
11	0,50	Michael ROSENBLUM - Larissa PANINA	Zenith Moscow	0,98		-0,31			-0,67		1,99
12	0,40	Mariusz KWIECINSKI - Stainislaw GOLEBIEWSKI	Computerland		2,02	0,80		-0,67		1,86	-2,00
13	0,27	Salvador ASSAEL - Nafiz ZORLU	BC Tofas	-0,39	0,69	-0,77			2,14	-0,40	0,35
14	0,14	Javier GRAUPERA	Bridge House	-0,73	0,33	1,33				1,77	-1,99
15	0,13	Fredrik NYSTROM - Peter BERTHEAU	BK Herkules	0,30	-0,69	0,77					
16	0,03	Jan NICOLAJSEN - Thorvald AAGAARD	One Eyed Jacks	0,43	0,64	-0,97					
17	-0,02	Franck MULTON - Jean-Christophe QUANTIN	Soc Générale	0,92		0,94			-2,24	0,83	-0,55
18	-0,04	Klaus ADAMSEN - Dennis KOCH-PALMUND	One Eyed Jacks	-0,92	1,74	-0,94					
19	-0,06	Bart NAB - Gert Jan PAULISSEN	BC Modalfa	0,23	-2,02	-0,80	3,28		-1,20	0,24	-0,14
20	-0,07	Cezary BALICKI - Adam ZMUDZINSKI	Computerland	-1,21	1,98		2,31		-0,19	-1,69	-1,62
21	-0,29	Vladimir REKUNOV - Jouri KHOKHLOV	Zenith Moscow	-0,54	0,12	0,59			1,02	-3,19	0,26
22	-0,36	David GOLD - Tom TOWNSEND	All England BC		-0,12	-0,59					
23	-0,41	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES	TC Parioli	-0,32	-0,87	-2,04	-2,00		0,74		2,00
24	-0,55	Lionel SEBBANE - Laurent THUILLEZ	Soc Générale	-0,43	-1,74	0,97			-2,14	0,40	-0,35
25	-0,60	Francesco ANGELINI - Antonio SEMENTA	TC Parioli					0,67		-1,86	
26	-0,64	Jean-Jacques PALAU - Jerome ROMBAUT	Soc Générale		-0,64						
27	-0,82	Ton BAKKEREN - Huub BERTENS	BC Modalfa	1,21	-1,98	-0,28	-2,31		-2,25	-2,32	2,17
28	-0,88	Johan SYLVAN - Per-Olof SUNDELIN	BK Herkules	0,39	-2,76	-0,28					
29	-0,93	Włodzimirz STARKOWSKI - Wojtek OLANSKI	Computerland	-0,23		0,28	-3,28	-0,67	-0,74		
30	-0,98	Jason HACKETT - Justin HACKETT	All England BC	-0,98							
31	-1,16	Tomasz GOTARD	Karlsruher	-1,98	-0,33						
32	-1,19	Norberto BOCCHI - Giorgio DUBOIN	BC Allegra	-1,49	-1,08	-1,13	-3,58			2,32	-2,17
33	-1,21	Josef PIEKAREK	Karlsruher	-1,98	-0,33	-1,33					
34	-1,25	Jose CREUHERAS	Bridge House	-0,73					-1,02		-1,99
35	-1,29	Arseni SHUR - Evgueni SOLNTSEV	Zenith Moscow		-0,81					-1,77	
36	-1,33	Entscho WLADOW	Karlsruher			-1,33					

**Final
Session 4**

T.C. Parioli Angelini v Computerland

by Jos Jacobs

At the end of the third quarter, the score stood at 62-43 to Parioli.

For the last quarter of the final, Balicki-Zmudzinski would again play Lauria-Versace in the Closed Room, but Fantoni-Nunes would replace Ange- lini-Sementa for Parioli to face Kwiecinski and Gole- biowski in the Open Room.

Right on the first board of the second half, the Italian lead went up by another double-figure swing:

Board 13. Dealer North, All Vul.

♠ A 8						
♥ Q J 10 9 2						
♦ A K 4 3 2						
♣ J						
♠ K J	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ Q 10 6 5 4 3
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♥ 6 3		♥ K 8 7 4				
♦ Q 8 5		♦ 7 6				
♣ A 10 9 7 6 3		♣ 2				
♠ 9 7 2						
♥ A 5						
♦ J 10 9						
♣ K Q 8 5 4						

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Lauria	Zmudzinski
	1♥	1♠	Dble
2♣	3♦	Pass	3♠
Dble	Redble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

To make 4♥ on the marked spade lead, you need some luck. The ♥A is the only entry for the diamond finesses, but you cannot get off dummy safely as the clubs are 6-1. If you duck the first spade, the defenders will play ♣A and another, and if you win the first trick the defensive communications will stay open. So after winning the ♠A Zmudzinski played two rounds of hearts followed by three rounds of diamonds finessing the queen through West in the process, East ruffing with the ♥8 to set the contract. Parioli +100.

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kwiecinski	Fantoni	Golebiowski	Nunes
	1♥	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Dble	Redble	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

At the other table, the spade lead looked marked as well, but East led his singleton club to partner's ace. Kwiecinski quickly switched to the ♠K, but Fantoni won the ace and led the ♥Q to the ace when East

understandably did not cover. Next came two rounds of diamonds with the help of a successful finesse. After that, the ♣KQ could be safely cashed by Fantoni to get rid of the losing spade as well as a possible losing heart. The ♥K proved the only other defensive trick, so Fantoni could finally chalk up +600 and 12 IMPs for his team. The adverb "finally" needs a special stress here, as the play of the hand took a full 25 minutes, which, according to our Grand Master, Vugraph commentator and guest of honour Benito Garozzo, who has seen it all, over the years, represents a world record.

So Parioli were in the lead by 31 now, and this lead was down to 29 when board 18 arrived to end the Polish hopes.

Board 18. Dealer South, All Vul.

♠ Q J						
♥ 9 4						
♦ A Q J 10 9 8 7 2						
♣ A						
♠ A 9 7 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> </table>	N	W	S	E	♠ 10 8
N						
W						
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E						
♥ A K 8 7 3		♥ Q 6 5 2				
♦ -		♦ 4				
♣ J 10 9 5		♣ K Q 8 6 3 2				
♠ K 5 4 3 2						
♥ J 10						
♦ K 6 5 3						
♣ 7 4						

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Lauria	Zmudzinski
		Pass	Pass
1♥	4♦	4♥	5♦
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

Though Balicki did his best by leading the ♣A and switching to a low diamond for a possible club ruff, there was nothing in this hand for the defence. Versace ruffed, drew trumps and cashed the clubs, losing a spade in the end. Parioli +650.

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kwiecinski	Fantoni	Golebiowski	Nunes
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♦	4♣	Dble
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

Strangely enough, the quiet 2♦ overcall made it more difficult for EW to land on their feet. Nunes' double showed support as well as spades. Kwiecinski, well aware of the double fit, jumped straight to slam but that was really too much. Fantoni made the good lead of the ♠Q rather than one of his aces, but it did not matter as the spade loser could not go anywhere. Parioli another +100 and 13 IMPs to lead by 41 now.

On one of the last boards, Versace-Lauria gave a wonderful demonstration of their technique. From the Butler scores, we all know that they have been the outstanding pair here in Barcelona, and the board below can be considered a special tribute to their great performance here and to the flawless squeeze technique displayed by Versace to land his slam.

Board 22. Dealer East, EW Vul.

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

♠ Q J 9 6 5	♠ Q J 4	♠ Q J 9 6 5
♥ 4	♥ 4	♥ 4
♦ J 7 3	♦ J 7 3	♦ J 7 3
♣ 7 6 5 3	♣ 7 6 5 3	♣ 7 6 5 3



Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Versace	Balicki	Lauria	Zmudzinski
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Once the diamond fit became established Lauria realised that his four controls should suit Versace very well, so they reached a hair-raising slam. Balicki made the best lead of a spade, but dummy's ace won and a spade was ruffed in hand. Next came three rounds of trumps (Balicki discarding his ♠K) and the ♥8, covered by Balicki with the nine and ducked in dummy. Balicki next played the ♣J, but Versace won dummy's king, ruffed a spade and led the last trump, completing the squeeze on North. He threw a club, but Versace simply cashed the ♣A first and thus was never tempted to take the losing option of a club finesse. Very well done for a magnificent +1370 to Parioli, the apotheosis of what had once again been a great tournament for them.

At the other table, they were less inspired:

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Kwiecinski	Fantoni	Golebiowski	Nunes
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When East did not show signs of a diamond fit, the possibility of a slam was lost. On a spade lead, declarer just cashed out for +660 to lose another 12 IMPs.

The final score in the match: 107-52 to Parioli, a winning margin of 55 over the 48 boards played.

Results

Final	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Tot
Tennis Club Parioli Angelini	16	24	22	45	107
Computerland AZS PWR Wroclaw	8	14	21	9	52
Play Off 3rd place	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3		Tot
Bridge Club Allegra	45	37	21		103
Bridge Club Modalfa	7	15	46		68
Play Off 5th place	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3		Tot
France Société Générale	7	24	15		46
Bridge Club Tofas	51	12	26		89
Play Off 9th place	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3		Tot
Zenith Moscow	22	19	31		72
Bridge House Barcelona	20	67	6		93