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## A TENSE EVENT DEVELOPING



Though Allegra are leading Group B and Denmark are top of Group A, neither team is anywhere near a certain qualifier. The two leaders scored 40 and 39 V.P., but both are followed by a number of teams chasing them from about average. Parioli registered a shock 8-22 defeat v. Gromov in their first match only to beat poor England 25-0 in the second to finish the

day above average. Gromov lost narrowly to the French to see both these teams score over average too for the day.

In Group B the hosts did well, beating their Low Countries eternal rivals 18-12 and drawing with the Swedes to score 33 and stay in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 4 V.P. ahead of Moldalfa and Besiktas who both ended up 1 V.P. below average – a clear sign of how tense this competition is. The Swedes are finding themselves back 2 V.P. further down and even the Dortmund team are still in with a chance if they improve dramatically today on yesterday's show.

### Programme & Schedule of play

*Friday 14th October*

- 09.45 Round Robin 3rd match
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.20 Round Robin 4th match
- 16.30 Round Robin 5th match
- 20.00 Reception Brussels Town Hall

### Today's VuGraph & BBO Matches

- 09.45 Sweden - Italy Allegra (VG)  
Poland - Russia (BBO)
- 13.20 Russia - England (VG)  
Netherlands - Sweden (BBO)
- 16.30 Italy Parioli - Poland (VG)  
Turkey - Belgium (BBO)

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**RESULTS****ROUND 1****Group A**

Tennis Club Parioli	-	Russia - Gromov	8	-	22
Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn	-	England - Allfrey	19	-	11
France - Carcy	-	Denmark - Schaltz	15	-	15

**Group B**

B.C.O.B. Brussels	-	BC Modalfa	18	-	12
Nasby BS	-	BC Besiktas	12	-	18
BTC Dortmund	-	BC Torino Allegra	9	-	21

**ROUND 2****Group A**

England - Allfrey	-	Tennis Club Parioli	0	-	25
Russia - Gromov	-	France - Carcy	13	-	17
Denmark - Schaltz	-	Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn	24	-	6

**Group B**

Nasby BS	-	B.C.O.B. Brussels	15	-	15
BC Modalfa	-	BTC Dortmund	17	-	13
BC Torino Allegra	-	BC Besiktas	19	-	11

**GROUP A RANKING**

After 2 rounds

Denmark - Schaltz	39
Russia - Gromov	35
Tennis Club Parioli	33
France - Carcy	32
Chlodnia Star-Tourist Olsztyn	25
England - Allfrey	11

**GROUP B RANKING**

After 2 rounds

BC Torino Allegra	40
B.C.O.B. Brussels	33
BC Besiktas	29
BC Modalfa	29
Nasby BS	27
BTC Dortmund	22

**TODAY MATCHES****GROUP A**

Round 3	Tennis Club Parioli - France - Carcy England - Allfrey - Denmark - Schaltz Chlodnia Star-Tourist - Russia - Gromov
Round 4	Denmark - Schaltz - Tennis Club Parioli France - Carcy - Chlodnia Star-Tourist Russia - Gromov - England - Allfrey
Round 5	Tennis Club Parioli Chlodnia Star-Tourist Russia - Gromov - Denmark - Schaltz France - Carcy - England - Allfrey

**GROUP B**

Round 3	B.C.O.B. Brussels - BTC Dortmund Nasby BS- BC Torino Allegra BC Besiktas- BC Modalfa
Round 4	BC Torino Allegra - B.C.O.B. Brussels BTC Dortmund- BC Besiktas BC Modalfa- Nasby BS
Round 5	BC Besiktas - B.C.O.B. Brussels BC Torino Allegra - BC Modalfa Nasby BS - BTC Dortmund

**Round Robin  
round I**
**Parioli v Gromov**

by Jos Jacobs

Yesterday afternoon at 4 p.m. the fourth edition of the prestigious European Champions Cup got underway. After Warsaw, Rome and Barcelona the participants this time had been invited to gather in Europe's capital, the great city of Brussels. The historic centre of the capital of Belgium and the Duchy of Brabant contains what certainly is one of the most beautiful squares in the world, the Grote Markt (Grand' Place). Tonight we will all be able to have a look at it as the old Town Hall dominates the south part of this square.

Before the pleasure of enjoying Brussels we all have to do our work: playing bridge and/or taking care of whatever is needed to smoothly run this European Cup tournament. It is more than obvious that for all of us, it's a great pleasure too to be involved in this sort of "work," let there be no doubt about that. We would rather consider this part of our work as "the real thing."

In the first round, the Netherlands were playing Belgium, their eternal rivals. Elsewhere in this issue this match will no doubt be discussed in both Dutch and French, I assume. So I will skip it and go straight to the opening match of the holders, Roma Parioli, against the Gromov team from Moscow.

On the first board, an easy enough slam was dealt to both EW pairs just to check if they were well awake right from the start.

After two more pushes the Russians struck first blood on board 4:

**Board: 4. Dir: West/All**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

When Angelini kept silent at his second turn, a hand without a story resulted. Gromov +620.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Dubinina</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dbl	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♣	Dbl	5♦
Pass	5♥	Dbl	All pass

This save went down two, so Gromov's more enterprising double brought his team a small gain of just four imps. Looking back on it, however, one might as well say that the writing was on the wall, as this was the next board:

**Board: 5. Dir: North/NS**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Nothing special, 10 tricks on a club lead but the contract was never in any danger. Gromov +430.

More action, but to little avail, in the other room:

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All pass		

Versace was unlucky that spades were 4-2 and even more unlucky that clubs were 4-1, but Lauria for once had the chance to stop in the proper contract. On a heart lead and continuation the defence could sit back. Down two, 11 moreimps going East.

And the next board:

**Board: 6. Dir: East/EW**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
		1♣	1♠
Dbl	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	All pass		



This was the worst board the Russian women registered during this entire first session. They managed to miss an easy enough small slam. On the ♥K lead, Gromova emerged with all the tricks for +720, but she certainly did not feel comfortably about it...

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
		2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
7♣	All pass		

Deep Finesse told us the the unlikely lead of the ♦Q is the only lead South can make to effectively beat the contract. As usual, DF is right, as this lead fatally disrupts the EW communications.

When South led the ♠4 instead, Lauria played for his chance, and very well too:

♠A and seven rounds of clubs as well as the ♥A, throwing a diamond, a spade and two hearts from dummy. When the ♠K did not appear on the last club, the ♠Q could go too. Meanwhile, North had discarded an interesting-looking ♦9 as his first discard. So with just the four diamonds left in dummy the ♦10 came next. Lauria rightly decided to finesse, as he knew the suit was 5-2, but when the queen appeared in South, he was down three for a loss of 14imps instead of a 13-imp gain.

So after all, the Russian women's worst board also brought them their biggest swing. Was this sheer luck or a justified reward for their overall good performance in this match?

For the convenience of our local readers: there will be a story on this same board on one of the Belgian pages in this issue.

At this stage, Gromov led 28-0. On the next board, their women overbid to a hopeless game to lose 5 and allow their opponents to get off the mark, but very little happened on most of the following boards.

Near the end, we saw two more mistakes, one by either side:

**Board: 15. Dir: South/NS**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
2♠	Dbl	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Well, had the ♣K been 4<sup>th</sup> or longer with the spade length in West a squeeze might have worked had the hearts not been 4-0. Even then, this contract would have been far too high, so justice was done when two down was the outcome. Gromov +200.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥		



No weak twosuit here to launch trouble for the opponents, so a quiet sequence to the proper contract. Gromov another +620 and 13 imps to lead 43-6!

Near the end, Parioli finally struck back a little:

**Board: 19. Dir: South/EW**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Gromova</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All pass		

After the Polish Club, Gromova understandably felt happy with 2♠. Ponomareva made an overtrick for +140.

The Italians were more ambitious:

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Dubin</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

Just one little try by Lauria, a return try by Versace, and another thin but OK game reached by the Italians. All was well and +620 the outcome for a much-needed gain of 10 imps.

The final score: 47-16 or 21-9 V.P. to Gromov. The first surprise of the tournament, this big defeat for the holders.


**Round Robin  
round I**

**De dame met het geruite kleedjea**

by Jan Serras

Volgend spel is ontleend aan de eerste ronde van de round-robin.

*Board nr. 6: Oost gever, OW kwetsbaar*

<p>♠ A 3 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ 10 ♣ H B 9 8 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ H 6 ♥ 9 6 5 ♦ 9 8 7 5 4 ♣ 10 7 2</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>♠ V 9 7 ♥ V 4 2 ♦ A H B 6 2 ♣ A V</p>
	<p>♠ B 10 8 5 4 2 ♥ H B 10 3 ♦ V 3 ♣ 4</p>		

In de wedstrijd tussen de Belgische kampioen viertallen, BCOB, en de Nederlandse viertallenkampioen Modalfa bereikten de OW-paren in de beide zalen drie zonder troef, gemaakt met drie overslagen.

In de wedstrijd tussen het regerend Europees kampioenenteam Parioli (Italië) en de Russische viertallenkampioen ging het er duidelijk verschillend aan toe.

In de open zaal deden de Russen Gromova-Ponomareva (OW) een slampoging maar haakten uiteindelijk af in vijf zonder troef, te leiden in oost. Toen zuid besliste hartenheer uit te komen maakte de leider alle slagen: 720 voor de Russen.

In de gesloten zaal verliep de bieding, met de Italianen in OW, als volgt:

West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
Versace	Gromov	Lauria	Dubiniv
		2♦	pas
2♥	pas	2♠	pas
2ZT	pas	3♣	pas
3♠	pas	4♣	pas
4♦	pas	4ZT	pas
7♣	a.p.		

De betekenis van de biedingen is als volgt:

- 2♦: een hand van 18 -19 (of slechte 20) HP
- 2♠: ofwel transfer voor schoppen, ofwel een hand met slamambitie in een onbepaalde kleur
- 2♣: gehoorzaamend ingeval lengte schoppen
- 2ZT: belooft een éénkleurenspeel met slamambitie
- 3♣: vraag voor verdere uitleg
- 3♠: éénkleurenspeel in klaveren
- 4♣: slaminteresse
- 4♦: cue-bid
- 4ZT: een even aantal sleutelkaarten (de 4 azen en klaverenheer gelden als sleutelkaart), en noch een aas, noch een heer in de hoge kleuren

Tegen 7 klaveren, te leiden in oost (Lauria) startte zuid met schoppenvier.

De leider dacht even na en speelde in dummy schoppenaas te bij, een goede beslissing.

Slag twee was voor klaverenaas en in slag drie werd klaverenvrouw voorgespeeld. Zuid gooide hartendrie af en in dummy werd klaverenheer gelegd.

In slag vier volgde klaverenboer, in dummy werd een ruiten afgegooid en zuid ontdeed zich van schoppentwee.


In slag vijf werd klaverennegen voorgespeeld: noord nam een grote denkpauze en besloot zich van een ruiten te ontdoen.

In slag zes volgde klaverenvijf, oost legde hartenneven op tafel, de leider gooide schoppennegen af en zuid schoppenvijf.

In slag zeven werd in dummy hartenaas op tafel gelegd.

In slag acht werd klaverenzes gespeeld, oost gooide hartenzes af, de leider hartenvrouw en zuid een schoppen.

Na acht slagen was dummy (west) aan slag in volgend diagram:

<p>♠ 3 ♥ A 8 ♦ 10 ♣ 8</p>	<p>♠ H ♥ - ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ -</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>♠ V ♥ - ♦ A H B 6 ♣ -</p>
	<p>♠ 10 ♥ H B ♦ V 3 ♣ -</p>		

De leider had een mooie dwangstelling opgebouwd, die mits goed geïnspireerd, tot winst zou leiden. Echter bleef de leider met een levensgroot vraagteken zitten: waar zit ruitenvrouw? Toen de leider in slag 9 de laatste klaveren voorzette ontdeed noord zich van ruitenvier, in dummy werd schoppenvrouw afgegooid en zuid speelde hartenboer bij.

Het moment van de waarheid was aangebroken: in slag tien werd ruitentien voorgespeeld, noord speelde ruitenzeven bij en... lange denkpaauze van de leider. De leider besloot te snijden op ruitenvrouw: hij nam de tien over met de boer. Helaas... zuid nam ruitenvrouw, waarna nog hartenheer en schoppen volgden voor drie down. 300 voor de Russen die zodoende op dit spel 1020 punten wonnen, goed voor 14 IMP's.

Voor de toeschouwers, die de vier handen zien, is het natuurlijk een stuk eenvoudiger dan voor de leider.

Met open kaarten (een faciliteit die de leider evenwel niet heeft) is zeven klaveren steeds te maken, behalve wanneer zuid met .... ruitenvrouw start.

## Round Robin round 2

### Deuxième match au rama

by Michel Bolle

Donne 17

♠ A3		♠ D974
♥ AR5		♥ D976
♦ A6		♦ 973
♣ R87653		♣ 102
♠ 2		♠ RVI0865
♥ V832		♥ 104
♦ D8542		♦ RV10
♣ AV4		♣ D9

Personne vulnérable

Sud joue 6 Pique

Faute technique

Entame Coeur pour l'As de la table. As de Pique et impasse Pique qui gagne mais malheureusement, Est détient 4 atouts. Pour gagner, le déclarant doit absolument se raccourcir 2 fois pour terminer à égalité d'atout avec Est:

Dame de Trèfle pour l'As et retour Coeur pour l'As: A ce stade, le déclarant coupa un Coeur puis

il joua Trèfle pour le Roi: Sud coupa ensuite un Trèfle et il se retrouva alors à égalité d'atout avec Est et les Trèfles du mort étaient affranchis: Valet de Carreau pour l'As (une erreur due sans doute à la fatigue) et un Trèfle fut avancé. Après une longue hésitation, Est (heureusement) se résolut à couper et Sud surcoupa. Roi de Pique qui écrase la Dame mais le déclarant dut finalement concéder un Carreau.

Pour gagner, le déclarant était obligé –faute de communications- de tenter directement l'impasse Carreau. La Dame étant placée, 6 Piques auraient gagné. Aux autres tables, les joueurs s'arrêtèrent à 4 Pique. Dommage!

## Butler Ranking

1	1,80	Lorenzo LAURIA - Alfredo VERSACE
2	1,80	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Victoria GROMOVA
3	1,46	Giorgio DUBOIN - Norberto BOCCHI
4	1,23	Fulvio FANTONI - Claudio NUNES
5	1,16	Ismail KANDEMIR
6	1,07	Nafiz ZORLU
7	1,05	Dorthe SCHALTZ - Peter SCHALTZ
8	1,03	Zvi ENGEL - Bernard DEHAYE
9	0,88	Mathias BRUUN - Peter FREDIN
10	0,76	Marc GIROLLET - Herve FLEURY
11	0,76	Ricco Van PROOIJEN - Sjoert BRINK
12	0,59	Krzysztof PIKUS
13	0,53	Jouri KHOKHLOV - Max KHVEN
14	0,29	Svante RYMAN - Per Gunnar ELIASSON
15	0,26	Pascal LEPRINCE - Jean-Claude BEINEIX
16	-0,20	Stelio DI BELLO - Mario D'AVOSSA
17	-0,23	Jerz SKRZYPCZAK
18	-0,26	Soren CHRISTIANSEN - Martin SCHALTZ
19	-0,27	Leszek SZTYRAK - Boguslaw GIERULSKI
20	-0,29	Zafer SENGULER - Irfan DOGAN
21	-0,38	Thomas MAGNUSSON - Frederik WRANG
22	-0,38	Claus GUNTHER - Bernd ENGELHARDT
23	-0,47	Alexander DUBININ - Andrei GROMOV
24	-0,49	Jean-Pierre CARCY - Alain JARLOT
25	-0,51	Alain LABAERE - Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE
26	-0,54	Marten GUSTAWSSON - Jan LAGERMAN
27	-0,57	Nezih KUBAC
28	-0,76	Gert Jan PAULISSEN - Bart NAB
29	-0,76	Hartmut BRUCKNER - Rudiger BECK
30	-1,00	Andrew MCINTOSH - Alexander ALLFREY
31	-1,05	Miroslaw CICHOCKI
32	-1,80	Francesco ANGELINI - Antonio SEMENTA
33	-2,01	David BAKHSHI - Andrew ROBSON
34	-2,12	Umit TARHAN





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