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GREAT HATTRICK FOR PARIOLI



The pre-tournament favourites did it again. Our sincere congratulations go to the Parioli-Angelini team from Rome, Italy on winning the European Champions Cup for the 3rd time running. They won last year in Barcelona and two years ago in their home town Rome. Even more sincere congratulations go to the anchor pair of the team: Lorenzo LAURIA, the current world number one player, and his partner Alfredo VERSACE. They have achieved the unique performance of winning all four European Champions Cups contested so far, as they also won in Warsaw playing for Allegra Lavazza Torino. The other four winners are: Fulvio FANTONI, Claudio NUNES, Antonio SEMENTA and Francesco ANGELINI.

The match was virtually decided in the second quarter. The Italians scored 46 imps in 7 boards, then missed a grand slam that gave the Danish 11 imps back only to double strike again on the next two boards to make it 71-11 in 10 boards. From then on, it really looked all over.

The winners of the silver medal thus are: Dorthe, Peter and their son Martin SCHALTZ, Mathias Bruun, Søren CHRISTIANSEN and Peter FREDIN, their Swedish team member. Very well done by them too until the Italians

came...who will ever beat them as long as they continue playing like they are doing at the moment?

The play-off for the bronze was won by another Italian participant: Allegra from Turin. They led Istanbul's Besiktas team by 52 after 24 of the scheduled 36 boards and thus won easily by 40 imps.

Two more play-offs had been going on today: one for 5th place and the last money prize, and one for the more dubious honour of finishing 9th. The former play-off was by far the most tense affair of the day. Näsby from Sweden took an early lead which they lost again in the second session to trail by two imps. When the smoke cleared after 12 more boards, the Netherlands Modalfa team led by 3 imps and thus finished 5th in the event.

In the play-off for 9th place between BCOB Brussels and Gromov from Moscow the hosts took a lunchtime lead of 40. During the afternoon's play the Russians recouped half their deficit until just before the end, when a big swing to the Belgians almost completely restored their lunchtime margin. So well done, Modalfa and BCOB.

See you in Rome
12 - 15 October 2006
to enjoy the
5th Champions Cup
and the
Tennis Club Parioli Centenary

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RESULTS

Final	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Tot
Tennis Club Parioli	18	71	26	25	140
Denmark - Schaltz	10	11	2	49	72
Play Off 3rd place	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3		Tot
BC Torino Allegra	35	46	14		95
BC Besiktas	16	13	26		55
Play Off 5th place	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3		Tot
BC Modalfa	14	32	28		74
Nasby BS	37	7	27		71
Play Off 9th place	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3		Tot
Russia - Gromov	18	29	16		63
B.C.O.B. Brussels	58	24	28		110







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Final **Parioli v Schaltz**
by Jos Jacobs

The big question this morning, before the first board was played, surely was once again if any other team in Europe would (finally) be able to beat the Italians. It was generally thought that Parioli would win this match too, but an extra over-trick on board 1 immediately gave Schaltz the lead. This lead was not to last very long, as this was board 3:

Board: 3. Dir: South/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
Pass	2♣	Dbl	3♣
3♥	5♣	Dbl	All pass

Had Bruun been obliged to respond INT it would have been even easier for Lauria to enter the auction. Versace could see that the hand would probably belong to his side, so he made a forcing reply, after which Bruun accepted the consequences of his bidding. Down two, Parioli +300, but still a good save.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schaltz P</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Schaltz D</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
All pass			INT

The weak NT worked well here, as Dorte Schaltz had far less information to guide her when 3♣ came back to her. She did not know about South's five-card heart suit and thus a double was far less

attractive from her point of view. It cost her side 9imps.

Two boards later we saw a remarkable difference in judgement:

Board: 5. Dir: North/NS

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
4♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
	All pass		

It almost looks as if Versace did not mind if 4♠ would make or not. As he could be pretty sure of Lauria's heart shortness his jump to game was fully justified after all. Right he was too, as so often. Parioli +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schaltz P</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Schaltz D</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
3♠	All pass		

Opposite a weak two made in second position a pass looks a shade conservative to me, even non-vulnerable. It's a matter of style as well but with 10 tricks for the taking without the help of any finesse Peter Schaltz' view led to another swing to Parioli, 6imps this time. The score stood ad 15-1 now.

Nothing very much happened until the last board arrived with the score at 18-3:

Board: 12. Dir: West/NS

♠ A 9 4 3 2
♥ A K Q 10 8 5
♦ --
♣ A 2

♠ 6
♥ 6 3 2
♦ Q 7 3 2
♣ K 7 5 4 3



♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ 9 4
♦ A K 8 6
♣ 9 8

♠ 7 5
♥ J 7
♦ J 10 9 5 4
♣ Q J 10 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♥	All pass	

Warned by the spade overcall, Bruun carefully re-bid just 2♥ and played there. On the ♠K lead he made 10 tricks easily enough with the help of the club finesse.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Schaltz P</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Schaltz D</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♥
All pass			

Fantoni did not mind too much about the spades being stacked behind him; he doubled 1♠ and later bid 3♥ all on his own. Of course Nunes raised to game, but then something went wrong in the play when the ♣K proved to be under the ace instead of in the overcaller's hand. Fantoni ducked the ♠K which probably is not best, but nothing yet was lost. East continued a top spade, ruffed by West who returned a trump. Declarer won in hand with the eight and played ♣A and another, no doubt expecting to get East on lead again. When West won the trick he could return a club on which Fantoni threw a losing spade, only to see East ruff the trick. One down. Had clubs been 4-3 declarer would have been a high favourite to make his contract: if West returns a trump, the defenders' trumps are gone and if West does not, the last spade can be ruffed in dummy.

Probably the best way to play the hand is to win the ♠A and lead a low club away from the ace. Kubac from the Besiktas team found this play after a spade overcall but the lead of the ♦K. No matter who wins the ♣K, you keep all the options open!

In real life Schaltz thus gained 7 imps to make it 18-10 to Parioli after 12 well-played boards. An interesting afternoon was still very much in prospect.

**Semifinal
Poule C****Histoires de chelem**

by Michel Bolle

Lors du tour préliminaire, le team belge avaient réalisé un excellent début de parcours. Après 3 matches, les joueurs du BCOB occupaient même la tête de leur groupe. Bien que battu ensuite 20-10 par Allegra, nos compatriotes se retrouvèrent alors en troisième position mais il n'était devancé que d'un point par le team hollandais. Lors de l'ultime rencontre, les 2 premiers s'affrontaient et 12 points auraient suffi pour que les joueurs belges terminent deuxième de leur poule. Malheureusement, une lourde défaite 23-7 contre le Besiktas les fit dégringoler en cinquième position et ils se retrouvèrent dans le groupe C.

Est donneur N/S vul

		Coenraets	
		♠ A R 10 4	
		♥ R 7 6	
		♦ R 8 4 3	
		♣ A 10	
♠ D 2			♠ V 9 8 6
♥ A 10 9 5 3			♥ 8 2
♦ 7			♦ D V 9 2
♣ R V 9 4 3			♣ 7 6 5
		Van Middeltem	
		♠ 7 5 3	
		♥ D V 4	
		♦ A 10 6 5	
		♣ D 8 2	

Première position

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
		Passe	Passe
1♥	contre	Passe	1SA
2♣	3SA	Fin	

Entame Trèfle pour le dix du mort. Cœur pour la


Dame et Ouest choisit (sans doute à tort) de prendre directement. Trèfle pour l'As et le marquage des cartes indiquait qu'Ouest détenait 5♥ et 5♣. Le Roi de Carreau fut encaissé mais aucun honneur ne tomba. As et Roi de Pique et la Dame apparut à gauche. A ce stade, les mains adverses étaient donc complètement reconstituées. Cœur pour le Valet puis Guy Van Middeltem déposa sa Dame de Trèfle sur la table...

Si Ouest avait encaissé ses levées, son partenaire se serait retrouvé squeezé entre ses (4) Piques et ses (4) Carreaux. Pour éviter cette finale, Ouest contre attaqua Cœur et Est, déjà gêné, défaussa un Pique. Carreau pour le Valet et Sud passa. Est encaissa alors son Valet de Pique mais il dut ensuite repousser Carreau dans la fourchette As-dix du déclarant. Un très joli maniement.

A l'autre table, comme dans la plus part des matches, 3SA chuta.

Troisième série

Nord donneur N/S vul

	Dehaye	
	♠ V 8	
	♥ A	
	♦ A D V 2	
	♣ R D V 9 7 3	
♠ 7 5 3		♠ A D 10 9
♥ D 10 9 7 3 2		♥ R V 8 5 4
♦ R 10 9 8		♦ 6 3
♣ - -		♣ 5 2
	Engel	
	♠ R 6 4 2	
	♥ 6	
	♦ 7 5 4	
	♣ A 10 8 6 4	


Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
	1♣	1♠	contre (1)
5♥	5SA (2)	Passe	6♣
Fin			

- (1) 4 cartes en ♠
- (2) le saut dans l'inconnu !

Entame Cœur pour l'As. 2 tours d'atout puis le déclarant joua Pique vers son Roi. L'As de Pique et le Roi de Carreau étant placés, le déclarant aligna 12 levées. Un très joli plongeon.

Il n'y avait que 25 points d'honneur dans la ligne et ce chelem chanceux ne fut évidemment pas annoncé par les Français.

Dernière position
Est donneur E/O vul

	Dehaye	
	♠ A R 8 6 5 3	
	♥ A R D	
	♦ 8 2	
	♣ V 3	
♠ 10 9 2		♠ V 7
♥ V 10 8 7 2		♥ - -
♦ D V 6		♦ R 10 9 7 5 4 3
♣ D 5		♣ 9 8 7 4
	Engel	
	♠ D 4	
	♥ 9 6 5 4 3	
	♦ A	
	♣ A R 10 6 2	

Dernière position

Salle ouverte

Ouest	Nord	Est	Sud
		Passe	1§ (1)
Passe	2♠	Passe	3♠
Passe	4♥ (2)	Passe	4SA
Passe	5♣	Passe	6♣
Passe	6♥	Passe	6♠
			All pass

- (1) trouvait ses 5♥ trop laids
- (2) dénie un contrôle mineur

Entame de la Dame de Carreau pour l'As de Sud. Cœur pour l'As et, à la grande surprise du déclarant, Est coupa. Trèfle pour l'As puis la Dame de Pique fut encaissée et le Valet apparut à droite. Le Roi de Trèfle écrasa la Dame et le dix fut coupé par Ouest et surcoupé. Carreau coupé du quatre de Pique puis Bernard Dehaye coupa un autre Trèfle pour rentrer dans sa main. Le dernier atout adverse fut enlevé et le déclarant montra son jeu et réclama le solde des levées.

Dans l'autre salle, le joueur assis en Sud ouvrit plus classiquement d'1♥ et la paire Française se retrouva à 6♥. Un contrat qui n'avait aucune chance de gagner vu le très mauvais partage des atouts.

3 des donnes qui contribuèrent au succès des Belges par 106 IMPs à 92

Final

Second quarter
by Jos Jacobs

After 12 boards, an interesting match seemed in prospect, I wrote at the end of my previous story. Partly I was right, for it certainly was an interesting and even entertaining session. In stating that it would be a match I was completely wrong, for, like we have seen so often before, all of a sudden the one-way traffic started again. And as we all know: if Italian bridge is involved in one-way traffic allimps go to Rome.

Only 5 of them were at stake on the first board, when the Danes overbid to 4♥ that was just one level too high, but next came a series of bigger swings:

Board: 2. Dir: East/NS

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
2♦	Dbl	4♥	Pass
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All pass	

Bruun could not foresee the unpleasant duplication in hearts so he bid one more for the road, only to find out that once again they were one level too high. Parioli +100. Of course, 2♦ showed majors.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
2♣	Dbl	2♥	3NT
All pass			

2♣ also showed majors, but Sementa got the chance to stress his heart values by bidding 3NT, after which Angelini was no longer interested. Parioli +660 and 13imps to lead by 26 now.

And:

Board: 3. Dir: South/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	All pass	

This time, 2♠ very much looked like an underbid so with game finally on it was missed by the Scandinavian pair. Schaltz +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
1♥	1♠	3♥	4♠
All pass			

1♥ was Canapé again, but Sementa apparently knows his partner's overcalls. Ten easy tricks, Parioli +420 and another 6imps.

And, to complete the hatrick:

Board: 4. Dir: West/All

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
1♥	Pass	3♥	Dbl
Pass	4♣	All pass	

This time too, NS were not quite on the same wavelength. On repeated heart leads the contract went no less than five down, 500 to Parioli.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
2♣	Pass	2♥	Dbl
Pass	3♣	All pass	

2♣ showed majors but 2♥ did not really make life difficult for Sementa. He doubled and Angelini bid what he had and that was it. Parioli +110 and an unexpected 12 more imps to lead by 44 now after just four boards.

On board 5, the Danes might have recouped a game swing had they defeated 5♥ in one room, but on the boards 6 and 7 a few more imps went Parioli's way. With the score at 64-10 this was board 8:

Board: 8. Dir: West/None

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
3♥	Dbl	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♠	All pass	

Apparently, 4NT, 5♣, 5♦ and 5♥ were all cuebids, so Bruun judged very well to bid the grand in spite of the pre-empt in front of him. Schaltz +1510.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
2♥	Dbl	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All pass	

When Christiansen opened only 2♥ Angelini had much more room, but after partner's 4♠ he gave up by jumping straight to 6♠ where a more forward-going action seemed appropriate. Parioli +1010 and Schaltz finally had scored 11 imps in this segment.

Not that it mattered very much:

Board: 9. Dir: North/EW

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♠
4♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
	All pass		

Versace won the ♠K lead and had little choice but to run the ♥9. When the king won and trumps turned out to be 3-3 he had 11 tricks. The play

was funny (or elegant, if you want):

♠K to the ace, ♥9 to the king, ♠9 ruffed, two top hearts, ♣A and a low (!) diamond. Of course, had Versace played ♣AK and another, North would have been endplayed, but this way North could exit in diamonds. Not that it helped him very much: on the run of the trumps the double squeeze was automatic as North guards diamonds in front of dummy. Neither defender could possibly hold three clubs without establishing dummy's last diamond or spade.

It looked a board without history but at the other table, they made heavy weather of the play:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All pass

Schaltz ducked the lead of the ♠Q and the ♠J continuation as well, but won the third spade. He had thrown two hearts from dummy and so ran into trouble when diamonds proved 4-1. He had ducked the first diamond to North who had returned a club, so he got the bad news on cashing the ♦A. He might have recovered now by crossing in clubs and playing a heart to the ten, but when he next cashed the ♦K first, this chance had gone too. He did his best by cashing out his clubs and conceding a diamond to North, but when Angelini produced the 13th club Schaltz had to concede one down. Parioli another unexpected 13 imps.

The next board:

Board: 10. Dir: East/All

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Fredin</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All pass		

Probably, the best game contract is 4♠, as you can afford to lose two spades and one diamond trick, but not a heart trick as well. When Lauria showed "false preference" the spade fit did not matter any more for Versace.

Bruun led a trump to the queen and ace and Versace crossed to dummy's ♣Q to finesse in trumps. Bruun won his jack and exited in clubs. On the run of the trumps, dummy discarded two small spades and Fredin the ♦7 and the ♠7. The latter happened to be the card he should have contributed had declarer led a spade to the king. If he does not duck this, Versace would have had no option but to play the ♠Q from hand next, making his contract after all. After this discard, Versace could afford to lead the ♠Q from hand to land his contract. Parioli +620. a

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Sementa</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

1♣ was the heart variation once again, but at this table too, no signs of a spade fit. Angelini led a club and declarer drew trumps, Angelini winning the jack and exiting in clubs. With the ♣Q still in dummy as an entry to lead spades, Christiansen could start spades by leading up to the king. It did not matter so much if Sementa ducked this or not, so Sementa won and returned the suit. When declarer put in the ♠10 he was one down for another +100 and 12 imps to Parioli.

There was nothing to the two last boards, so the Italians had won the second quarter 71-11 to take an unassailable 68-imp lead. It looked all over at the halfway mark.

Well, effectively over it was, the final margin being 78 to Parioli.

As a tribute to the good spirit in which the match was played by the losing team as well, here are two hands from the final segment.

Board: 5. Dir: North/NS

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Schaltz D</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz P</i>
	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♥
All pass			

Easy enough after the weak NT opening; Schaltz +1430.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen Fantoni</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	
	Pass	1♠	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All pass	

When the possibly weak Canapé entered the scene at the other table, NS suddenly found themselves in trouble. Nunes showed a void with 4♦, but what should North do holding no very clear fits? The necessary spade cuebid seemed far beyond...

Anyway, only +680 to Parioli and 13 imps to Schaltz.

On the very last board, Christiansen-Martin Schaltz also bid a fine slam, beating Angelini-Sementa's auction to game:

Board: 12. Dir: West/NS

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Schaltz D</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Schaltz P</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Eleven tricks, Parioli +450.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Christiansen Fantoni</i>	<i>Schaltz M</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	
1♣	Pass	2♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All pass		

Twelve easy tricks in spite of the bad heart break. Very well done by the Danes again, for another 10-imp gain. They had managed to reduce the deficit by 14 imps and, as you can see, finished the match in a blaze of glory as well. However, the inevitable but also very pleasant conclusion will remain that the best bridge in Europe is still being played by a selected number of gifted Italians. It has been a joy to see them in action again too! Thank you all very much for playing so well in the final.

Final

Team Parioli op kruissnelheid

by Jan Serras

Het eerste van de vier wedstrijdsegmenten over telkens 12 boards in de finale tussen titelverdediger Parioli (Italië) en het team Schaltz (Denemarken) ging evenwichtig op: 18-10 in het voordeel van team Parioli.

Van bij de aanvang van het tweede wedstrijdsegment zette team Parioli een tandje bij. Na 8 boards had dit team haar voorsprong uitgebouwd tot 43 IMP's (64 tegen 21)

Board nr.9 van het tweede finalesegment: Noord gever, OW kwetsbaar

<p>♠ 5 ♥ A V 10 8 3 2 ♦ A H 4 ♣ H B 7</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ H 5 4 ♦ V B 3 2 ♣ 8 6 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; position: relative;"> N S W E </div> </div> <p>♠ H V B 8 4 2 ♥ B 7 6 ♦ 5 ♣ V 9 3</p>	<p>♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 9 8 7 6 ♣ A 10 5</p>	
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In de gesloten zaal, met Angelini-Sementa (Parioli) in NZ, verliep de bieding als volgt

West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
Christians	Angelini	Schaltz M	Sementa
	pas	1♠	pas
2♣	pas	2♠	pas
3♥	pas	3NT	a.p.

Tegen drie zonder troef, te leiden in oost, startte Sementa met schoppenvrouw die de slag mocht houden. Zuid vervolgde met schoppenboer die eveneens hoog bleef; in dummy werd een harten afgegooid. In slag drie werd schoppenheer gespeeld genomen door de leider; zowel dummy als noord gooiden een harten af.

De leider stelde nu al zijn hoop op de ruitenkleur. Hij speelde ruitenzes voor en toen zuid (de gevaarlijke tegenstander) ruitenvijf bijspeelde legde hij in dummy kleine ruiten; noord maakte de slag met ruitenboer.

Noord speelde kleine klaveren terug en

klaverenboer van dummy maakte de slag. Toen hierna ruitenaas werd gespeeld vernam de leider het slechte nieuws; zuid gooide schoppentwee af.

De leider volhardde in ruiten: ruitenheer van dummy; zuid gooide schoppenvier af.

In dummy werd klaverenheer geïncasseerd waarna kleine klaveren volgde naar de hand van de leider. In middels was klaverenacht van noord hoog geworden. De leider speelde in slag tien ruitennegen voor ruitenvrouw van noord. Noord incasseerde klaverenacht voor één down.

Had de leider zijn speelplan opgebouwd rond de hartenkleur en in deze kleur de goede keuze gemaakt, dan zou winst wel mogelijk zijn geweest. Hoe dan ook, het werd 100 voor NZ.

In de gesloten zaal, met Lauria-Versace (Parioli) in OW werd als volgt geboden:

West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
Versace	Bruun	Lauria	Fredin
	pas	pas	3♠
DBL	pas	3NT	pas
4♥	a.p.		

Tegen vier harten te leiden in west startte noord met schoppentien voor het aas in dummy.

Hartennegen werd voorgezet, zuid speelde kleine harten bij en de leider liet lopen: noord nam de slag met de heer en speelde schoppenneven na, ingetroefd door de leider.

Slagen vier en vijf waren voor hartenaas en vrouw van dummy: alle vijandelijke troeven bleken opgeruimd. De leider wist zich reeds verzekerd van winst maar hij poogde er nog meer uit te halen. Hij incasseerde ruitenaas, gevolgd door ruitenvier, voor de vrouw in noord en zuid gooide een schoppen af.

Noord speelde ruiten terug voor de heer van de leider en zuid gooide nogmaals een schoppen af.

De leider speelde nu hartentien: noord gooide een klaveren af, dummy een ruiten en zuid een schoppen.

Leider Versace, west, had inmiddels een prachtige dwangstelling voorbereid. Na negen slagen was hij aan slag in volgend diagram:

<p>♠ ♥ ♦ V ♣ 8 6 4</p> <p>♠ 7 ♥ ♦ 10 ♣ A 10</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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>♠ V ♥ ♦ ♣ V 9 3</p>
	N										
W		E									
	S										

De leider incasseerde de laatste troef. Noord kon zich niet verloorloven ruitenvrouw af te gooien; dus gooide hij een klaveren af. Dummy ontdeed zich van de inmiddels waardeloos geworden ruitentien, en nu was het de beurt aan de arme zuid. Zuid moest schoppenvrouw bijhouden en gooide bijgevolg een klaveren af.

De leider had inmiddels de zekerheid dat het klaverenesidu 2-2 zat. Hij speelde klaverenaas gevolgd van klaverenheer. Klaverenzeven zorgde voor de overslag. 650 voor OW. Parioli raapte bij dit spel 750 punten op, goed voor een winst van 13 IMP's.

Board nr.10 van het tweede finalsegment: Oost gever, allen kwetsbaar

<p>♠ V 10 3 ♥ A H 10 9 8 6 ♦ V ♣ A H B</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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>♠ B 5 ♥ B 5 3 ♦ A 9 8 4 3 ♣ 7 6 5</p> <p>♠ H 8 6 4 2 ♥ 4 2 ♦ B 10 5 ♣ V 10 4</p> <p>♠ A 9 7 ♥ V 7 ♦ H 7 6 2 ♣ 9 8 3 2</p>
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	S										

In de beide zalen werd het contract vier harten te leiden in west

In de gesloten zaal startte noord met klaverenzenes, zuid speelde klaverennegen bij en de leider, Christians (team Schaltz) nam de slag met het aas waarna hij hartenaas en -heer incasseerde. Hierna volgde hartentien voor de boer in noord; in dummy werd een schoppen afgegooid en zuid ontdeed zich van klaverentwee. Noord speelde

klaveren na voor de heer. De leider speelde kleine schoppen naar de heer van dummy en zuid nam de slag met het aas. Zuid speelde schoppenzeven na. De leider dacht even na en legde de 10. Noord moest wel de slag nemen en het werd één down. 100 voor NZ (Angelini-Sementa).

In de open zaal startte noord met hartendrie, zuid legde de vrouw en de leider, Versace (Parioli), nam het aas. De leider stak over naar klaverenvrouw en ondernam in slag drie de snit op hartenboer; de snit mislukte, noord nam en speelde klaveren na voor de heer van de leider. Op hartenheer werd in dummy schoppentwee afgegooid en zuid ontdeed zich van ruitenzeven (aanmoedigend). Hierna volgde hartenacht waarop in die volgorde ruitenvier, schoppenvier en schoppenzeven meekwamen.

Toen de leider later in het spel besliste schoppenvrouw voor te spelen kon hij het niet meer mis doen. De leider lukte twee slagen in schoppen en de tien slagen waren binnen. 620 voor OW en 12 IMP's voor team Parioli.

Met nog slechts 26 boards te gaan stond het het 89-21 in het voordeel van Parioli.

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