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Mixed Emotions



Beatlemania in Poznan

As we move into day three of the European Open Bridge Championships, the players will be experiencing mixed emotions; those who are still alive in the teams event will be trying to secure a berth in the quarter final, while those who fell at the previous hurdle must regroup as they start out on the long road that might lead to qualification for the Mixed Pairs Final.

BBO Poznan

The VuGraph theatre is located on the second floor – simply follow the signs!

Registration for the Mixed Pairs

Players still involved in the knock out phase of the Mixed Teams who intend to play in the Mixed Pairs if they are eliminated **must register before the start of play today.**

Today's - Schedule

- 08.30 Mixed Pairs Registration
- 10.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R1)
- 10.00 Mixed Teams Round of 32 (R1)
- 12.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R2)
- 12.30 Mixed Teams Round of 32 (R2)
- 15.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R3)
- 15.30 Mixed Teams Round of 16 (R1)
- 17.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R4)
- 18.00 Mixed Teams Round of 16 (R2)
- 19.00 Mixed Pairs Qualification (R5)



MIXED TEAMS RANKING SWISS A - subject to official confirmation

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| 45 | BERIK | 47 |
| 46 | KENNY | 47 |

MIXED TEAMS RANKING SWISS B - subject to official confirmation

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| 1 | BALTI | 113 |
| 2 | ZARKESCH | 99 |
| 3 | GREEN EYES | 97 |
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| 5 | ASPE TEAM | 89 |
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Of Mice and Men

by Jan van Cleeff

Cruising in the closed room your reporter kibitzed a while with Anna Malinowski, a Polish bridge star living nowadays in Norway. Anna is playing with Rune Hauge. Both were members of the Hauge team that won the mixed teams gold medal in San Remo, 2009.

Round robin 4, mixed teams championships

In her match against powerful Gewanna from Poland Anna saw herself for four boards in a row confronted with tough decisions.

Quiz

1. On board 7 sitting East Anna had:

♠ Q J 10 7 2 ♥ A Q J 6 ♦ — ♣ A 8 7 3

S/All

| | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 3♦ | dbl | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | ? | Pass |

Pass or shoot?

2. Board 8 produced another decision for her:

♠ ♥ K Q J 6 4 3 ♦ A K 7 3 ♣ Q 10 5

W/-

| | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | 1♠ | 2♥ | 2♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | ? | |

Pass, dbl or 4NT?

3. Then came mysterious board 9:

♠ 5 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ A K 9 8 4 3

N/EW

| | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| | 1♥ | 2♣ | 2NT* |
| 4♦ | 4♠** | ? | |

* 3+ cards heart fit, inv+

** Cue bid agreeing hearts

Mice (Pass) or man (5♦)?

4. Board 10 was the final board of the match and of this quiz. Anna had:

♠ Q 3 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ K Q J 5

E/All

| | | | |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass | Pass | 1♣ | 2♥* |
| | | ? | |

Pass, dbl or 2NT?

Solutions

1. Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

| | | |
|---------------|--|--|
| ♠ 5 3 | | |
| ♥ K 9 8 5 4 3 | | |
| ♦ K J 3 | | |
| ♣ Q 2 | | |

At the critical moment Anna decided to pass. Maybe a 5♦ cue might lead to 6♠. Still, the slam depends on clubs to break (which they did).

2. Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | N | |
| W | | E |
| | S | |

| | | |
|------------|--|--|
| ♠ 9 8 6 | | |
| ♥ A 10 8 5 | | |
| ♦ Q 6 | | |
| ♣ K 9 6 2 | | |

Anna passed again, though 4NT (showing a 6-4) might have led to 5♦ which goes down for three hundred (due to a heart ruff). However, if North would have pressed to 5♠, there still was something to play for. Eleven tricks are on the table as East will be squeezed in hearts and clubs.



Anna Malinowski by Elizabeth van Ettinger

3. Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| ♠ J 7 6 ♥ — ♦ A 10 9 8 6 4 3 2 ♣ J 6 | <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> | ♠ K Q 8 3 ♥ A K Q 8 5 3 2 ♦ — ♣ 7 2 | ♠ 5 4 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q J 7 ♣ A K 9 8 4 3 |
|---|--|--|--|

Red against green Anna passed and NS signed off in 5♥ duly made after the club lead. However if Anna would have bid 5♦ instead and NS would bid 5♥. What would have happened? West might give it another shot with 6♦ and the pressure is on North when his side elects to defend (and double) the diamond slam. He definitely should lead a spade to defeat the slam or elsewhere thirteen tricks are on the table for EW.

4. Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

| | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| ♠ 10 8 6 ♥ A 3 ♦ K 9 6 5 3 ♣ 7 6 2 | <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> | ♠ A K 7 5 4 2 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 10 8 4 3 | ♠ Q 3 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ K Q J 5 |
|---|--|--|---|

Much to my surprise Anna passed again and defended 2♥ down one. I admit I would have bid 2NT with her hand and probably would end up in 3NT doubled by North for a spade lead. Indeed that lead (ducked by North at trick one) would be killing.

A Simple Safety Play

by Jan van Cleeff

When team Mano from Poland met Blue Rose from Bulgaria in the first round of the mixed teams championships it was merely a one-way traffic. The Poles won by 81 to 0. On this deal Iman Chammaa showed why she selected the great Krzysztof Martens as her partner:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

| | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| ♠ J 8 2 ♥ K Q ♦ A J 5 4 ♣ 10 7 6 5 | <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> | ♠ K 9 7 5 ♥ 9 8 4 3 ♦ Q 10 ♣ Q 9 3 | ♠ A 4 3 ♥ A 5 2 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ J 8 4 2 |
|---|--|---|--|

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------|--------------|
| West <i>Martens</i> | North | East <i>Chammaa</i> | South |
| | | 1♣ | |
| 2NT All Pass | Pass | 3NT(!) | Pass Pass |

Raising 2NT to game showed great confidence by Mrs. Chammaa in her partner's dummy play.

North kicked off with a fourth best heart. Declarer won the king and played a club. North went up with the queen, which was not so brilliant from his (or indeed anyone's) perspective. South, in with a top club, continued hearts. This gave Krzysztof the tempo to execute a simple safety play in diamonds as the maestro mentioned later: he won the ♥Q, cashed the ♦A and king and returned to clubs. Curtains.

A spade switch at some point definitely would complicate matters for declarer. Still he could survive by ducking the ace twice. In that case it is imperative for him to play for the drop of the ♦Q. Not easy.



Krzysztof Martens by Elizabeth van Ettinger

Mixed Teams Qualifications, Round 4

by Jos Jacobs

In Round 4 of Saturday's qualifications, three boards presented all sorts of problems to many players.

Here is what happened on them in three of the matches.

On the first of our three boards, the difficult defence to beat 5♥ was not found, as you can imagine after seeing the hands. The point is that South can win the ♠A, give his partner a club ruff and still collect the setting trick in clubs later.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| ♠ K 9 8 7 3 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ 10 9 8 4 3 ♣ — | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W | E | S | ♠ 6 ♥ 10 8 7 4 ♦ K Q J ♣ A 6 5 4 2 |
| N | | | | | | |
| W | | | | | | |
| E | | | | | | |
| S | | | | | | |
| ♠ 10 ♥ A K Q 6 3 ♦ A 6 ♣ Q 9 8 7 3 | | ♠ A Q J 5 4 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ K J 10 | | | | |

| West <i>Gotard</i> | North <i>Brogeland</i> | East <i>Eggeling</i> | South <i>Brogeland</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♠ | 4♠ | 5♥ | 5♠ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

Eggeling made the right decision when she doubled 5♠, rather than bidding on.
An easy two down, 500 to Pony.

| West <i>Helness</i> | North <i>Gotard</i> | East <i>Helness</i> | South <i>Gotard</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | 4♠ | 5♥ | 5♠ |
| 6♥ | Dbl | All Pass | |

Helness apparently trusted his opponents, as he decided to bid one more over 5♠. One down only but still another +100 to Pony, 12 Imps to them.

In the Herbst v. CMN match, 5♥ was the popular contract:

| West <i>Lund</i> | North <i>Herbst</i> | East <i>Mortensen</i> | South <i>Barr</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | 4♠ | 5♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl | All Pass | |

When North led a diamond, the losing spade quickly went on the diamonds so declarer ended up with a doubled overtrick: CMN +750.

| West <i>Herbst</i> | North <i>Korsholm</i> | East <i>Nosatzki</i> | South <i>Mortensen</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | 4♠ | 5♥ | All Pass |

On a spade lead and a diamond continuation, 11 tricks were easy enough so Herbst registered +50 but lost 12 Imps in the process.

In the Dhondy v. Batov match, we had another big swing:

| West <i>Aronov</i> | North <i>Dhondy</i> | East <i>Zobu</i> | South <i>Dhondy</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♠ | 4♠ | 5♥ | All Pass |

A twosuit overcall and a normal enough auction; Batov +450.

| West <i>Wojcieszek</i> | North <i>Batov</i> | East <i>Długosz</i> | South <i>Pilipovic</i> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♥ | 4♠ | 5♥ | 5♠ |
| 6♥ | Pass | Pass | Dbl |
| All Pass | | | |

Just as in the Brogeland v. Pony match, South's 5♠ bid induced a phantom save from West. One off, 11 Imps to Batov.

In our last featured match, Penfold v. DuckNDales, the former team just scored 1 Imp on an overtrick. Please note that they played in clubs at both tables, their best fit. Playing in a minor might cost an Imp if it makes, but it certainly does not cost if you are going down, it's just 50 per trick for all denominations.

| West <i>S Cope</i> | North <i>B Senior</i> | East <i>Stockdale</i> | South <i>S Penfold</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♠ | 4♠ | 5♣ | All Pass |

| West <i>Ivanov</i> | North <i>Callaghan</i> | East <i>Ivanova</i> | South <i>Duckworth</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Pass | 1♠ |
| 2♠ | 4♠ | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♣ | All Pass | | |

Two boards later, there was more serious stuff as variations in treatments of the weak two/Multi made a world of difference.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ♠ A K Q 9 3 ♥ K ♦ K Q 10 9 3 ♣ J 6 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W | E | S | ♠ 10 6 5 4 ♥ — ♦ A 7 5 4 2 ♣ 9 5 3 2 | ♠ J 2 ♥ Q 9 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ 6 ♣ K 10 8 |
| N | | | | | | | |
| W | | | | | | | |
| E | | | | | | | |
| S | | | | | | | |
| | ♠ 8 7 ♥ A J 10 8 5 ♦ J 8 ♣ A Q 7 4 | | | | | | |

In the Dhondy-Batov match, after West's Multi the former had enough bidding space left to find out that 3NT was their proper contract.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| <i>Aronov</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> | <i>Zobu</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

11 tricks, Dhondy +660.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Wojcieszek</i> | <i>Batov</i> | <i>Długosz</i> | <i>Pilipovic</i> |
| 3♥ | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

When Wojcieszek opened one level higher, NS were in trouble. North launched a nice convention to show his twosuit, only to find out that they were already beyond their safety level. Down one and 13 Imps to Dhondy. (If the operation is successful and the patient dies does it say something about the convention?).

Herbst v. CMN:

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| <i>Lund</i> | <i>Herbst</i> | <i>Mortensen</i> | <i>Barr</i> |
| 2♦ | Dbl | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

No problems here for NS either, after the Multi. Herbst +660.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Herbst</i> | <i>Korsholm</i> | <i>Nosatzki</i> | <i>Mortensen</i> |
| 2♦ | Dbl | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 4♠ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♥ | Dbl | 5♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

A curious problem for South here: what is West's suit? North might have saved the day by passing 4NT but that does not look a sensible action opposite a still unlimited South hand. Down three, 14 Imps to Herbst.

Penfold v. DuckNDales:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>S Cope</i> | <i>B Senior</i> | <i>Stockdale</i> | <i>S Penfold</i> |
| 2♥ | 4♦ | Pass | 4♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

Here, leaping Michaels came into operation against the natural weak two but again, it was the wrong moment for this nice convention. Down one, 100 to DuckNDales.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Ivanov</i> | <i>Callaghan</i> | <i>Ivanova</i> | <i>Duckworth</i> |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

In the other room, East did not open at all so NS got a free road to the proper contract. +660 to them and 13 Imps won.

Contract Result : 3NS+2

Finally, the Brogeland v. Pony match:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Gotard</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> | <i>Eggeling</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| 2♥ | Dbl | All Pass | |



Steliana Ivanova, Bulgaria

This is the auction I like most of the eight shown: short and very sweet. Down three, NS +800 and the best score in their direction.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Helness</i> | <i>Gotard</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| 3♥ | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

When Gotard could not use a nice convention, he was forced to just make a spade overcall. After that, all his partner could do was convert to 3NT – which happened to be the proper spot. Well done but their +660 still meant a 4-imp loss to Pony's team.

Three boards later, we again saw swings of all sorts.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| <i>Lund</i> | <i>Herbst</i> | <i>Mortensen</i> | <i>Barr</i> |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| 3♠ | 4♥ | 6♠ | 3♥ |
| Pass | DbI | All Pass | Pass |

Lund struck gold when he ventured a little overcall at his second turn. East could hardly do less than raise to slam. North must have been disappointed to find out that only his ace of trumps stood up.

CMN +1660.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Herbst</i> | <i>Korsholm</i> | <i>Nosatzki</i> | <i>Mortensen</i> |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| DbI | Pass | 4♠ | 3♥ |
| | | | All Pass |

At the other table, Herbst ventured a second-round double which, disappointingly for him, did not inspire his partner to bid a slam. Herbst +680 but 14 Imps to CMN.

Dhondy v. Batov:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| <i>Aronov</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> | <i>Zobu</i> | <i>Dhondy</i> |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | 2♥ |

A remarkable auction. Down two, Batov +200.

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Wojcieszek</i> | <i>Batov</i> | <i>Długosz</i> | <i>Pilipovic</i> |
| 2♠ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| | | | All Pass |

A remarkable auction, even more so after looking at what happened at the other table.

12 tricks and 10 Imps to Dhondy.

Not much more action in the Penfold v. DuckNDales match either:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>S Cope</i> | <i>B Senior</i> | <i>Stockdale</i> | <i>S Penfold</i> |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 4♥ | DbI | 4♦ |
| | | | All Pass |

At least, NS did not escape undoubled here. Penfold -500.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Ivanov</i> | <i>Callaghan</i> | <i>Ivanova</i> | <i>Duckworth</i> |
| Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | 3♦ |

When East never bid, Penfold could only recoup +200 so DuckNDales won 7 on the board.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Gotard</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> | <i>Eggeling</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | 2♥ |

Just one off, Brogeland -100.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Helness</i> | <i>Gotard</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Gotard</i> |
| 2♠ | 3♥ | 4♥ | 2♦ |
| 4♠ | Pass | 5♠ | DbI |
| | | | All Pass |

The Helnesses also missed the slam but the Brogeland team still gained 13 Imps for their combined efforts.

A stumble at the finish line

by Brent Manley

After two boards in their match against the French Neve team, Fulvio Fantoni and his teammates in the Mixed Teams were trailing 20-0. With one board to go, they had come all the way back to lead 21-20. Even better, they were poised to win 13 IMPs on the last deal . . . but something happened on the way to victory.

Fantoni was playing with his wife, Iolanda Riolo. Their teammates were Claudio Nunes and Mihaela Balint. Opposing them were Jean Francois Allix, Joanna Neve, Jerome Rombaut and Vanessa Reess.

This is how the Fantoni team fell behind.

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ K 5 ♥ A 8 3 ♦ A J 10 6 5 4 3 ♣ 3 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | N | | E | W | | | | S | | ♠ J 6 4 3 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K 8 ♣ K J 9 7 5 |
| N | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ A Q 9 7 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ Q ♣ A 10 8 4 2 | | ♠ 10 8 2 ♥ K Q 10 4 2 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ Q 6 | | | | | | | | | |



Mihaela Balint, Romania

| West <i>Fantoni</i> | North <i>Allix</i> | East <i>Riolo</i> | South <i>Neve</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | Dbl | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | Dbl | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 3♥ | All Pass | |

Fantoni led his singleton diamond, taken by Neve with the ace. She continued with the ♦J to Riolo's king. Riolo played a club to South's queen and Fantoni's ace, and he had his last chance to take a spade trick to hold declarer to 170. Instead, he played a trump, and Neve was soon claiming plus 200.

The auction was much more spirited at the other table.

| West <i>Rombaut</i> | North <i>Nunes</i> | East <i>Reess</i> | South <i>Balint</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Pass |
| 1♣ | 1♦ | 1♥ | 2♥ |
| 3♠ | 4♥ | 4♠ | 5♦ |
| Dbl | All Pass | | |

The defenders took their two aces and trump trick for plus 100 and a 7-0 lead.

The lead grew substantially on the next deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ 10 7 6 5 ♥ A Q 9 3 ♦ A ♣ K Q J 9 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | N | | E | W | | | | S | | ♠ K J 8 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ Q J 3 ♣ 10 6 3 2 |
| N | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ Q 9 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ K 8 7 6 5 2 ♣ 5 4 | | ♠ A 4 3 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ A 8 7 | | | | | | | | | |

| West <i>Fantoni</i> | North <i>Allix</i> | East <i>Riolo</i> | South <i>Neve</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pass | 1♣ | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♣ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5♦ |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | |


Once Neve cuebid the ♠A, slam was inevitable, and Neve

| West <i>Rombaut</i> | North <i>Nunes</i> | East <i>Reess</i> | South <i>Balint</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2♥ Dbl | 2♠ All Pass | 1♦ 4♥ | 1♠ 4♠ |

This contract was ironclad. West led a low diamond, and Reess falsecarded with the king. Balint won the ♦A and continued with the ♠A and a second spade. When the ♠K and ♠Q fell together, there were only two more tricks to lose. Plus 590 meant an 11-IMP gain for Fantoni.

Fantoni picked up an overtrick IMP on the next deal, then added 5 IMPs on this one.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

| West <i>Fantoni</i> | North <i>Allix</i> | East <i>Riolo</i> | South <i>Neve</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1♥ 4♥ Dbl | 1♠ Pass All Pass | 2♥ Pass | 3♦ 5♦ |

At the vulnerability, the save was just too tempting to pass up, but it did not work out well. Fantoni cashed his ♥A, the followed with the ♠K and ♠A for one down and plus 100.


| West <i>Rombaut</i> | North <i>Nunes</i> | East <i>Reess</i> | South <i>Balint</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1♥ 4♥ | 2♥ All Pass | 3♥ | 4♦ |

Nunes cashed his high clubs and gave his partner a ruff. From there, Rombaut could not avoid the loss of a diamond for one down and minus 100. Fantoni had inched 5 IMPs closer. The score was 20-17 for Neve.

Fantoni picked up 2 more IMPs when Balint and Nunes took eight tricks against INT by Reess for plus 100 while Neve and Allix managed only seven tricks against the same contract. It was now 20-19 for Neve.

Another INT contract allowed Fantoni to pull ahead, 21-20.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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


The contract was INT by West at both tables.

Against Rombaut, Nunes started with the ♠6. Rombaut went up with dummy's king and played a diamond to his king, Nunes ducking. The ♣Q went to South's king, and another spade was returned to the jack and queen. When declarer played another diamond, Nunes won and cashed two spade tricks and exited with a club. Declarer finished with two spades, two diamonds, two clubs and a heart for plus 90.

At the other table, Allix started with a low diamond, and when dummy's 7 held at trick one, Fantoni was in business. He played a second diamond to his king at trick two. In with the ♦A, Allix switched to the ♥K, which did not paralyze declarer. He won the ace, played a low club from dummy, South ducking, to his queen. He cashed only three more diamonds because he was squeezing dummy. A spade to the king was followed by the ♥10. North was able to get two spade tricks in the end, but Fantoni finished with plus 150 for a 2-IMP gain.

At that point, Fantoni and company were leading 21-20. On the penultimate deal, 3NT by West went down a trick at both tables for push. This was the final deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

| West <i>Rombaut</i> | North <i>Nunes</i> | East <i>Reess</i> | South <i>Balint</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1♦ | Dbl | 3♠ | All Pass |

The bid of 3♠ with 7-2-2-2 shape would not be everyone's choice. North, after all, was likely to hold spades as part of his takeout double.

Thor's Hammer

by Mark Horton



In Norse mythology, Mjölhnir is the hammer of Thor, a major god associated with thunder in Norse mythology. Distinctively shaped, Mjölhnir is depicted in Norse mythology as one of the most fearsome weapons, capable of leveling mountains.

The Prose Edda gives a summary of Mjölhnir's special qualities in that, with Mjölhnir, Thor would be able to strike as firmly as he wanted, whatever his aim, and the hammer would never fail, and if he threw it at something, it would never miss and never fly so far from his hand that it would not find its way back, and when he wanted, it would be so small that it could be carried inside his tunic.

In the first round of yesterday's Swiss Brogeland's Norwegian hammers did not always find the mark, but they still stuck more than enough blows to secure a convincing victory.

Board 21. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Lewis | Brogeland | Kenny | Brogeland |
| | Pass | 2♦* | 2NT |
| All Pass | | | |

When East applied the Multi South made a natural overcall. With no idea which suit East might hold West led the five of hearts. Declarer put up dummy's jack and took East's queen with the ace. A low diamond went to the jack and now declarer ran for home, cashing all her winners. When West discarded the ten of spades on a heart declarer was even able to score an overtrick, West having to present de-

clarer with a diamond at the end, +120.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|---------|-------|
| Helness | Voltaire | Helness | Avon |
| | Pass | 2♠ | Dbl |
| 3♠ | Pass | Pass | 4♦ |
| All Pass | | | |

The defenders started with three rounds of spades and when declarer discarded the six of hearts she could not avoid two down, -100 and a fast 8 IMPs for Brogeland.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Lewis | Brogeland | Kenny | Brogeland |
| | | INT | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

West led the four of diamonds and East won with the king and switched to the king of clubs, trying to kill the entry to the spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of spades. East took the ace and switched to a trump, but declarer won, ruffed a diamond, cashed a spade for a club discard, came to hand with a club and claimed +450.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|---------|-------|
| Helness | Voltaire | Helness | Avon |
| | | INT | 3♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Play developed as at the other table, but +200 cost another 6 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---------|---|--|
| ♠ — ♥ A 7 6 2 ♦ K J 9 7 ♣ Q 8 7 5 4 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ A Q J 8 5 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ 10 9 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| ♠ K 9 6 4 3 ♥ Q J 4 3 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ K | | | | | |
| | ♠ 10 7 ♥ K 8 5 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ A J 6 3 2 | | | | |

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <i>Helness</i> | <i>Volldoire</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Avon</i> |
| Pass | Pass | 1♠ | Pass |
| 3♣* | Dbl | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♠ | All Pass | | |

Although North came in on the second round it was not enough to persuade South to get involved. She cashed the ace of clubs and switched to a trump, declarer winning in dummy and playing a heart. South won with the king and when she again failed to find the diamond switch declarer was able to record an overtrick, handing the Norwegians 13 IMPs.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Lewis</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> | <i>Kenny</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| Pass | 1♦ | 1♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | 4♣ | 4♠ | 2♣ |
| Pass | 5♣ | All Pass | 4NT |

I would be happy to open the North hand in a limited system (and it is also possible to open 2♥ – a limited three suiter with hearts as described in a recent book about the Multi). West led the king of spades and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a club to the jack and king (only a Rabbi would get this one right). The diamond suit provided a discard for the losing heart finesse, +600.



Marshall Lewis, USA

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|---|--|
| ♠ K 7 5 2 ♥ A 10 8 6 4 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ 9 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ J 10 8 ♥ Q 2 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ A J 6 3 2 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| ♠ A 3 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ 8 7 5 ♣ K Q 10 7 4 | | | | | |
| | ♠ Q 9 6 4 ♥ K J 5 ♦ A K 6 2 ♣ 8 5 | | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Lewis</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> | <i>Kenny</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♣* |
| Pass | 1♦* | Pass | 1♥* |
| Pass | 2♣* | Pass | 2♦* |
| Pass | 2♥* | All Pass | |

- 1♣ Can be two
- 1♦ Hearts
- 1♥ Three hearts
- 2♣ Forces 2♦
- 2♥ Invitational

West led the king of clubs and continued the suit. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a heart to the jack. She got the spades wrong, but still had ten easy tricks, +170.

In the Closed Room North/South were able to locate their spade fit and reach game, although declarer did not guess the spade position getting the hearts right was enough for a 7 IMP pick up.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|---|---|--|
| ♠ 9 4 ♥ A 4 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ A K 8 7 6 4 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ 10 5 3 ♥ 9 7 5 ♦ A 7 5 4 2 ♣ 5 3 | ♠ K Q J 8 7 ♥ K J 3 2 ♦ 9 8 3 ♣ Q |
| N | | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | | |
| S | | | | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Lewis | Brogeland | Kenny | Brogeland |
| | INT | Pass | 2♣* |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 3♣* |
| Pass | 3♦* | Pass | 3♥* |
| Dbl | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

East led the five of hearts and after considerable thought declarer went up with dummy's king, unblocked the queen of clubs and played the king of spades. When that held he came to hand with a heart and tried the clubs. When they failed to divide the game was up, and the defenders made no mistake, cashing all their tricks for +100.

With all four hands on view one can see that taking the



Tonje Aasand Brogeland, Norway

first heart in hand and attacking spades will lead to success thanks to the position in diamonds, but there is no particular reason for declarer to follow that path.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Helness | Voldoire | Helness | Avon |
| | INT | Pass | 2♣* |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 3♥* |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Her East had little reason to avoid a diamond lead and declarer won with the king, crossed to the queen of clubs, played a heart to the ace and tried the clubs. When they failed to break he turned his attention to spades. He had pitched a spade, so he scored nine tricks, +400 and 11 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|---|--|
| ♠ 9 7 2 ♥ Q 9 7 6 5 3 ♦ K 8 4 ♣ 2 | <table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W E | S | ♠ A K Q 6 ♥ J ♦ A J 9 2 ♣ A J 8 7 |
| N | | | | | |
| W E | | | | | |
| S | | | | | |
| ♠ J 10 8 ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ K 10 6 4 | ♠ 5 4 3 ♥ A K 8 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ Q 9 5 3 | | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Lewis | Brogeland | Kenny | Brogeland |
| | | | Pass |
| Pass | 2♦* | Dbl | 2♥* |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 5♣ | All Pass | | |

North led the six of hearts and South won and continued the suit, forcing declarer to ruff. A spade to the jack was followed by a club to the jack and queen. South played a third heart and declarer ruffed with the ace of clubs and played a club to the king. A third loser was inevitable, -50.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Helness | Voldoire | Helness | Avon |
| | | | Pass |
| Pass | 2♥ | Dbl | 3♥ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

The defence started in similar fashion, but at trick three declarer played the jack of clubs and ran it. He cashed the ace of clubs, crossed to hand with a spade and played the queen of diamonds for the king and ace. Now he simply drew trumps and cashed his winners, +400 and 10 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Lewis | Brogeland | Kenny | Brogeland |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣* | Pass |
| 2♠ | All Pass | | |

When West suggested a very modest hand East shut up shop. Declarer ducked the opening lead of the king of clubs, took the next club with dummy's jack and played a heart to South's king. He pitched a diamond on the club return and played another heart, South winning and giving her partner a heart ruff. Declarer won the diamond exit in hand and although he failed to locate the queen of spades he was +110.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Helness | Voldoire | Helness | Avon |
| 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

North led the six of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the jack and played a heart to the nine. South took the king, cashed the ace and played a third heart. Declarer won in dummy and played a spade to the nine. When that held he did not mess about, quickly claiming his contract, +400 and 7 IMPs.

Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Visit the Jannersten Bookshop on the first floor.

Championship Diary



The VuGraph theatre is operating every day, with commentary in English (not always the King's) and Polish. It is located on level D, just follow the signs.

Apart from the Daily Bulletin and the Championship web site you can also follow events in Poznan at www.BridgeTopics.com a website which supplies bridge news from all over the world. Anchorman of the website is Eric Rodwell (arriving in Poznan shortly) and the publisher/editor is Jan van Cleeff (EBL/WBF staff member). Support and e-commerce manager is Jan Swaan (EBL/WBF pressroom manager).

The Editor of the new edition of the Official Encyclopaedia of Bridge Brent Manley is here in Poznan. When he returns to Memphis it will be too late for you to update your biography. Here is an example of the type of thing we are looking for (your bridge results we know all about!):

Fritz Babsch (1933-) He was born in Vienna and has lived there ever since. He married Inge in 1959 they have two sons (only one is playing bridge) and three granddaughters. He learned bridge in the cold winter 1946/47 when he found a book on bridge in the library of his grandfather. He then played with the family (and never knew that there was something like Tournament Bridge) and some LOLs until 1963 when he discussed the result of a match with a colleague with whom he played basketball. It transpired that what he thought was a basketball result was a bridge result. He told him that he also played bridge. His colleague was enthusiastic and invited him to the bridge club and that was it for the rest of his life. Many good players found their way to bridge through similar accidents. In the early 70's he started a career as organizer and TD. He was successful at the first seminar of the EBL and has directed not only in Austria but also in Yugoslavia, Hungary, Germany and later in Croatia. He was TD in four EBL championships. In the last ten years he has played little bridge.

He was a civil engineer by profession but bridge was always number one in his life. His hobbies are travelling, alpine flowers, especially wild growing orchids, and classic music.

So, bring your biography to us in the Daily Bulletin office (on the second floor) or if you are not here in Poznan, email it to: markhorton007@hotmail.com

Mixed Teams Swiss Round 2

by Jos Jacobs

In Sunday's second round of the Swiss, two boards drew my attention, numbers 5 and 7. Here is what happened on both of them in three of the matches.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>♠ K J 6 ♥ 6 ♦ K 10 6 5 2 ♣ 9 5 4 2</p> | <p>♠ Q 5 ♥ J 9 7 3 2 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ Q 7 3</p> | <p>♠ 3 ♥ A Q 10 5 4 ♦ A J 8 ♣ J 10 8 6</p> | <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80px; height: 80px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div> |
|---|--|--|--|

This is a hand on which West can bid any number of spades he likes over South's opening 1♥ bid. The risk is of course that the higher you bid, the greater the chance of being caught for speeding.

Mr Ivanov was our first victim in this respect as this was the bidding at his table:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Ivanov</i> | <i>Brogeland B</i> | <i>Ivanova</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| Db1 | Pass | INT | Pass |
| 4♠ | Db1 | All Pass | |

The play was easy enough. Heart lead, heart ruff, diamond to the Jack, ♦A and another heart. Declarer ruffs with the ace and loses a trump trick later for down two. NS +300.

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Helness T</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Penfold</i> |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | INT | Pass | 2♣ |
| 2♠ | 3♣ | 3♠ | All Pass |

This contract was apparently brought home on less than stellar defence: a heart lead and heart ruff, but then repeated club exits from North... so +140 and 10 Imps to the Brogeland team

When the Wild Griffins faced the Adams Family, both EW pairs reached game but along completely different routes from what we saw earlier.

Kostadinov, for the Adams family, found himself quickly in 4♠ and got the same defence as was found by the Brogelands. Down two.

At the other table, we saw interesting variations in bidding and play.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Khven</i> | <i>Ignatov</i> | <i>Gulevich</i> | <i>Mineva</i> |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Db1 | All Pass | |

Here, North led the ♥6 and South did not put up her ace! Declarer won the eight and immediately led a low trump, North rising with the King. When a club came back, a red loser disappeared and nine tricks were thus made for a 5-imp gain to the Wild Griffins.

In our last featured match, Gotard jr. immediately took the bull by the horns:

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Gotard</i> | <i>Taczewski</i> | <i>Eggeling</i> | <i>Taczewska</i> |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| 4♠ | Db1 | All Pass | |

...only to find out that this had not been the right moment to do so. Heart to the ace, heart ruff and a club back but when declarer next played the ♠A, dummy was out of reach forever so down two was inevitable. Couples +300.

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>P Busse</i> | <i>T Gotard</i> | <i>G Busse</i> | <i>B Gotard</i> |
| | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| 1♠ | All Pass | | |

Busse was left alone in his modest overcall and got a very sharp defence indeed: Heart lead to the ace, heart ruff, diamond to the Jack and the ♥Q. Having no relevant information at all from the auction, declarer ruffed with the eight but North overruffed and played another diamond. South now could win his ace and lead yet another heart to promote North's trump king. Well defended but to no avail: Couples +80 and 9 Imps to them.

The other board to be discussed is an interesting declarer play problem, even more so when the opponents have competed a bit.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

| | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| ♠ 9 ♥ K J ♦ A K Q 9 2 ♣ K 9 7 3 2 | <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div> | ♠ Q J 3 2 ♥ Q 10 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ 10 ♣ 4 | ♠ 8 6 5 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ 7 6 ♣ Q 10 8 6 5 |
| | ♠ A K 10 7 4 ♥ A ♦ J 8 5 4 3 ♣ A J | | |

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <i>Ivanov</i> | <i>Brogeland B</i> | <i>Ivanova</i> | <i>Brogeland</i> |
| 2NT | 4♠ | 5♣ | 1♠ |
| Dbl | All Pass | | 5♠ |

Now, how would you play this contract, in view of the auction in which West had showed the minors?

West leads top diamonds and you ruff the second round low in dummy. As you intend to set up dummy's hearts, your next move is to cash the ♥A on which West plays the Jack. What next?

It looks so easy, double dummy, but it's a nasty guess at this point, especially as you are in Five Spades. . Maybe, the best line now is to cross to dummy's ♠Q. If West shows out, he is a favourite to have started with ♥KJ bare and this seems your only hope as well, now. You would have been better off if you had been in slam, as your best line for 12 tricks seems to be felling the doubleton ♥K.. However, it's all mere speculation, I feel.

At our table, Tonje Brogeland tried to cater for very bad breaks (she was doubled, mind you) so she ruffed a diamond high, crossed in clubs to ruff another diamond high and then played the ♥Q, throwing her last diamond when East did not cover. West won and had a trump to return, sealing the fate of the five-level contract as declarer was left with a club loser in the end. One down.

At the other table, NS were much more enterprising:

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Helness T</i> | <i>Senior</i> | <i>Helness</i> | <i>Penfold</i> |
| 2♦ | 4♠ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 5♣ |
| All Pass | | | 6♠ |

On the same defence of two top diamonds, declarer went on to cash the ♥A, lead a spade to the Queen and ruff a

heart with the ten. When the King appeared, it was all over in a flash. Penfold had +1660 and 17 much-needed Imps back.

Both the Wild Griffins and the Adams Family treated us to a good show in their match:

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Kostadinov</i> | <i>Orlov</i> | <i>Nalbatska</i> | <i>Dikhnova</i> |
| 1♥ | Dbl | 1♠ | 1♣ |
| 2♣ | 2♥ | 3♣ | Pass |
| 4♣ | 4♥ | 5♣ | Dbl |
| All Pass | | | |

Strong Club, a two-way two-suited overcall and finally a good fit found. South did her best to show her real spades but North was not impressed. A good save by EW anyway, with 4♠ cold and 6♠ on. One down, +200 to the Griffins.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>Khven</i> | <i>Ignatov</i> | <i>Gulevich</i> | <i>Mineva</i> |
| 2♣ | Dbl | 3♣ | 1♣ |
| 5♣ | 5♠ | All pass | 3♠ |

Strong Club here too, followed by a two-suited overcall establishing the fit. North's double showed less than 8 hcp but his distribution was such that he went on after 5♣.

As the play went, declarer should have made her contract after ruffing out the ♥K but she then had a blind spot somewhere, ending up with only 10 tricks...another +100 to the Griffins for 7 Imps to them.

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Gotard</i> | <i>Taczewski</i> | <i>Eggeling</i> | <i>Taczewska</i> |
| 2♦ | 4♠ | Pass | 1♠ |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 5♣ |
| All Pass | | | 6♠ |

Playing 6♠, Taczewska followed the recommended line when the ♥J appeared. She crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed a heart with the ten. Curtains. Couples +1430.

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Busse</i> | <i>T Gotard</i> | <i>G Busse</i> | <i>B Gotard</i> |
| 2♦ | 4♠ | All Pass | 1♠ |

A quiet raise by North saw NS end up in a quiet contract in which declarer played safe for her 10 tricks. She ruffed diamonds high and a club low and that was all she needed. However, scoring just +620 meant that Couples had gained a slam swing: 13 Imps to them.

REKORD

W I rundzie eliminacji grupowych padł rekordowy, jak dotychczas, wynik - 81-0 w 10 rozdaniach to prawdziwy nokaut. To wynik meczu Mano – Blue Rose. Jak do tego doszło? Obie pary zespołu Mano – Renata Wajdowicz i Andrzej Hycnar oraz Imam Chamaa i Krzysztof Martens zagrały perfekcyjnie, a do tego wykorzystały wszystkie prezenty od przeciwników. Popatrzmy na dwa rozdania z tego meczu. Pierwsze, o dziwo, było remisowe:

Rozdawał SWE po partii

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

Rozdanie to sprawiło mikstom wiele kłopotu. Wystarczy powiedzieć, że na 90 stołów wielki szlema wylicytowano tylko 11 razy! Wajdowicz – Hycnar doszli do szlema w



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następujący sposób.

| West | North Hycnar | East | South Wajdowicz |
|------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
| Pas | 1♣ ¹ | pas | Pas |
| Pas | 2♥ ³ | pas | 1BA ² |
| Pas | 3♥ ⁴ | pas | 3♣ |
| Pas | 4♠ ⁵ | pas | 4♦ ⁵ |
| Pas | 7♥ | pas... | 4BA ⁶ |

1) zmodyfikowana „Strefa” – naturalne, przygotowawcze, albo Acol

2) po pasie – 10-11 bez starszej czwórki

3) Acol na kierach lub rewers 4♥ 5+♣

4) Acol na kierach

5) cue bidy

6) cue bid ogólny

Dzięki temu zremisowali rozdanie, gdyż na drugim stole Nenova – Georgiew także dolicytowali się do 7♥.

Drugie rozdanie to problem wistowy. Po licytacji:

| West | North | East | South |
|--------|-------|------|-------|
| | 1♦ | pas | 1♥ |
| pas | 2BA | pas | 3BA |
| pas... | | | |

Jesteś na pierwszym wiście z ręką: ♠ A J 7 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ J 10 9 6 4. W co wistujesz?

Andrzej Hycnar doszedł do wniosku, że trefle są bez przyszłości – W powinien mieć nieźle w tym kolorze... Wobec tego jedyną alternatywą jest wist pikowy. Oto cały rozkład:

Rozdawał S Obie po partii

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

Obrona zdjęła cztery piki i asa karo. Oczywiście można dyskutować o licytacji, ale to w końcu turniej mikstów! Na W grał pan... Więc pani na E nie chciała, a może nie mogła wykazać się brakiem zaufania...

22,8 VP/MECZ

W eliminacjach najwięcej punktów zdobył team VITAS, złożony z graczy z Polski i Litwy – Grażyna Brewiak, Swetlana Bodrenkowa, Ewa Grabowska, Vytautas Vainikonis, Andrej Orlovich, Grzegorz Narkiewicz. Jak zdobywa się 114 VP w 5 meczach?

Oto jedna z odpowiedzi: w co wistujesz z ręką ♠ A Q 8 2 ♥ J 4 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ 8 6 5 2 po licytacji (obie po partii, rozdawał S):

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | | 1♥ |
| pas | 1♠ | pas | 2♣ |
| pas | 3BA | pas... | |

Ewa Grabowska – mistrzyni Europy junierek z Brasov – wyszła pasywnie – w waleta kier, niech rozgrywający sam szuka lew z boku, gdzie mamy honory... Oto cały rozkład:

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

Rozgrywający pobił asem i zagrał króla karo. Przepuszczono. Teraz dama kier do ręki i dama karo. E pobiła asem i zagrała czytelnie ósemką trefl. Vytas posłusznie pobił asem i zwieńczył dzieło, grając waleta pik – obrona wzięła trzy lewe pikowe i bez jednej.

ZACIEMNIENIE

I jeszcze praktyczna rozgrywka Piotra Tuszyńskiego z ostatniego meczu eliminacji:

Po licytacji:

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| | | | Pas |
| 1♣ ¹ | pas | 1♦ ¹ | pas |
| 2BA | pas | 3♣ ² | ktr. |
| 3♥ | pas | 3BA | pas... |

- 1) Wspólny Język
- 2) Stayman

Rozdawał S EW po partii

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

Niestety, nie dało się zagrać 3♣ z kontrą, a nawet z rekontrą. Trzeba było walczyć o kontrakt 3BA. Sprawa wygląda beznadziejnie, ale na błąd przeciwnika zawsze można liczyć, zwłaszcza, gdy nieco się pomoże go zrobić.

N zaatakował królem kier, a S zrzuciła (odwrotnie) dziewiątkę. Tuszyński przepuścił. Przepuścił również zagrana w następnej lewie damę kier. N kontynuował kiery błotką, licząc na ósemkę u partnerki... Tuszyński, wiedząc o zacinających się treflach nie ruszył tego koloru, ale zagrał damę pik. N puścił, a S wzięła asem i „podegrała” karo. As i as kier. S zrzuci pierwszego trefla. Teraz dwa kolejne kara i do ostatniego S zrzuci drugiego trefla... W ten sposób rozgrywający skompletował 9 lew – dwa kiery, trzy kara i cztery trefle.



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