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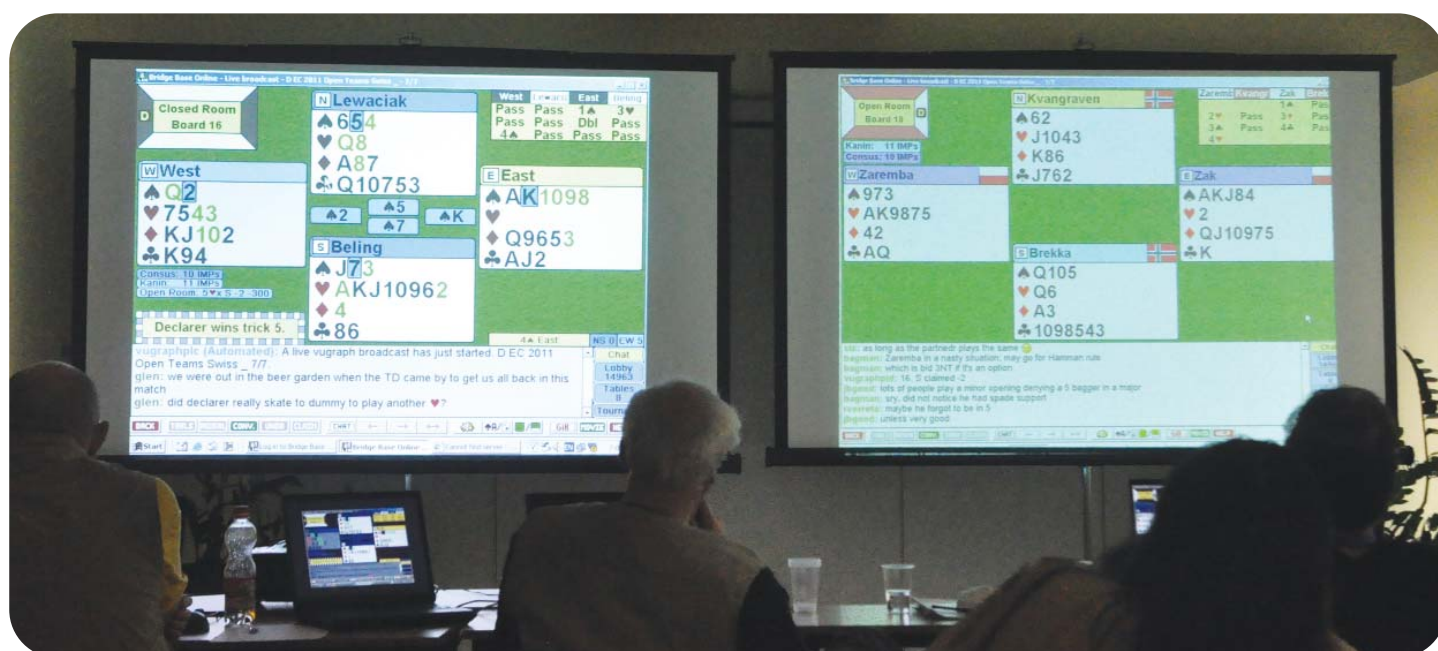
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No Second Chances



The popular Bridge Base Online VuGraph

The strength of these championships is easily demonstrated by looking at the number of powerful teams that failed to advance to the knock out phase, especially in the *Open*, where **Angelini, A.J** **Dia-** **ment, Lazy, Allfrey, De Botton** and **Zaleski** all missed the cut.

- Today's - Schedule**
- 10.00 Open Teams Round of 32 (R1)
 - 10.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R1)
 - 10.30 Women/Senior Teams Round of 8 (R1)
 - 12.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R2)
 - 12.30 Open Teams Round of 32 (R2)
 - 14.00 Women/Senior Teams Round of 8 (R2)
 - 15.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R3)
 - 15.30 Open Teams Round of 16 (R1)
 - 15.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R4)
 - 17.00 Women/Senior Teams Round of 8 (R3)
 - 18.00 Open Teams Round of 16 (R2)
 - 19.00 O/W/S Pairs Qualification (R5)



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OPEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING SWISS A

1	WRANG	135	202- 96	24	ANAVA	104	148-151
2	KAMRAS	132	202- 93	25	SHANURIN	103	120-132
3	KOPECKY	128	169- 89	26	NETHERLANDS WHITE	102	148-155
4	LAVAZZA	125	206-135	27	DENMARK OPEN	102	141-164
5	MAHAFFEY	124	176-117	28	SLOVENIA	101	164-178
6	JOKER	123	187-117	29	COLDEA	100	164-178
7	MONACO A	121	166-116	30	ANGELINI TEAM	100	167-191
8	PATANE	119	170-117	31	LAZY	100	114-142
9	ROSENTHAL	119	124- 85	32	COOREMAN BELGIUM	99	145-167
10	ISRAEL	119	206-137	33	BOKADIREKT.SE	99	148-177
11	VAINIKONIS	118	169-116	34	A.J.DIAMENT	99	127-156
12	APTEKER	118	184-147	35	DENMARK U27	98	152-183
13	ERIKAS	118	169-137	36	GREECE	98	177-210
14	KRAJEWSKI ŁOWICZ	117	156-114	37	MIRAGE	98	131-160
15	MONACO Z	117	164-126	38	CONSUS	97	143-175
16	RIEHM	114	174-148	39	CHINA TRINERGY	96	163-196
17	BESSIS	112	155-133	40	VILLA FABBRICHE	91	182-235
18	ISRAEL MONGOS	109	163-153	41	ALLFREY	89	138-178
19	NETHERLANDS JUNIORS	109	152-149	42	SIWIK INTERTRADE MRAGOWO	84	150-232
20	KANIN	108	129-118	43	DE BOTTON	81	130-220
21	TEXAN ACES	107	161-163	44	ZALESKI	80	125-220
22	HUNGARY STEVE	107	140-148	45	EKREN	76	119-217
23	BEGIJNTJE	104	157-158	46	NIKOLENKOV	62	56 -210

OPEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING SWISS B

1	NETHERLANDS RED	131	197-105	38	PARTOU	105	164-166
2	HELLE	130	213-115	39	MOSSOP	103	125-131
3	VITO	129	222-125	40	AUSTRIA	102	188-155
4	IRENS	129	191-112	41	SKOV	101	178-189
5	OTVOSI	128	183- 95	42	UELAND	101	133-147
6	DENMARK U25	126	201-115	43	ALIZEE REITER	100	148-158
7	NONAME	126	209-117	44	MARUPE	100	130-151
8	OVAI	125	180- 96	45	GODS OF WAR	99	187-212
9	MPE	124	178-119	46	BRIDGE PLUS	98	125-147
10	PAYEN	124	196-133	47	SBS ALF	98	166-192
11	ELLAS	123	197-134	48	POPOVA	98	152-185
12	BLANK ROMANIA	121	179-125	49	DUMBOVICH	97	171-189
13	WHITE HOUSE	121	197-140	50	PHARMA PLUS	97	137-161
14	ALLIX	121	194-139	51	TEMPO-KNEKTENE	96	150-182
15	NETHERLANDS BLUE	121	215-160	52	SAN MARINO	96	121-154
16	MAGYAROK	118	176-131	53	CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	95	164-196
17	HAUGE	117	205-147	54	POLISH JUNIORS	94	130-155
18	CRONIER	117	179-131	55	POLISH U20	94	169-202
19	MACCORMAC	117	166-128	56	TOTAL FIZ	94	148-187
20	KOLATA	117	178-139	57	DONBASS	93	140-184
21	ZORLU	116	204-153	58	BILAL	93	162-180
22	KAMIL	114	191-152	59	CONSUS RED	93	111-159
23	HANLON	114	193-154	60	WINCIOREK	92	157-178
24	KONSTANTA	114	187-154	61	CAPELLER	91	171-219
25	NYSHCHYI	113	187-150	62	SVINDAHL	91	166-219
26	UNIA WINKHAUS LESZNO	112	197-164	63	STARTS	86	139-209
27	ASPE	112	180-139	64	CHESTNUT MARE	86	110-169
28	DK NOTUS	111	212-167	65	OLIVER	86	105-174
29	A-MEDIA SIERADZ	111	188-169	66	KOWALEWSKI	85	143-207
30	FISH AND FRENCH	111	144-130	67	CONNECTOR	85	128-210
31	TEAM LUNNA	109	182-170	68	BC ACE OF SPADE	79	159-246
32	NADAR	108	158-138	69	SCHUMAN	77	168-286
33	SLOVAKIA	108	177-168	70	JACOB	68	97 -243
34	TEAM BERG NORWAY	107	184-166	71	PA-JANS NORWAY	67	38-185
35	WLKP	107	149-141	72	DYNOS	66	106-245
36	ROBERTSON	106	154-154	73	HARRIS	61	110-297
37	LA BOMBA	105	202-197				

WOMEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING

GROUP A

	VPs	IMPs
1	CRONIER	225 444-214
2	CBC MILANO	201 356-198
3	ITALIA	188 320-222
4	KAPADOKYA	172 307-276
5	SEALE	167 315-307
6	GERMAN LADIES	165 300-297
7	BONSIST	165 295-292
8	POLAND CONNECTOR GIRLS	158 268-282
9	BULGARIAN LADIES	145 276-346
10	SOMBRA E AGUA FRESCA	142 280-372
11	MANO	128 255-400
12	WHELAN	111 215-425

GROUP B

	VPs	IMPs
1	POLAND	214 390-201
2	NETHERLANDS WOMEN 1	207 337-174
3	JOEL	182 326-238
4	PENDER	180 359-245
5	SABARIAN	179 296-241
6	BELARUS	176 300-260
7	JAZZ	176 313-273
8	SWENOR	174 307-267
9	NETHERLANDS WOMEN 2	134 238-347
10	BOSPHORUS	121 201-402
11	DENMARK	111 231-435
12	SAN MARINO	107 271-486

SENIOR TEAMS FINAL RANKING

GROUP A

	VPs	IMPs
1	KUTNER	159 254-163
2	GRENTHE	156 195-133
3	TEAM MARKOWICZ	155 222-151
4	ENERGETYK	154 218-155
5	ITALIA	148 190-133
6	GERMANY	133 155-170
7	McGOWAN	122 164-224
8	RAIOLA	107 146-266
9	BURAKOWSKI	99 96-245

GROUP B

	VPs	IMPs
1	POL-CH	152 203-150
2	PHARON	149 159-135
3	MIROGLIO	149 219-168
4	WOJEWODA	143 230-179
5	IFF	140 228-219
6	NETHERLANDS SENIORS	135 183-190
7	ESTONIA	131 206-229
8	NO STRESS	126 195-238
9	GORACO	109 147-262

Just the Facts

Janice Seamon-Molson



Date of Birth: 06/06/1955

Place of Birth: Miami, Florida

Place of Residence: Hollywood FL

What is your favourite colour?

Blue

What kind of food makes you happy?

Italian

And what drink?

Cosmopolitan

Who is your favourite author?

Stephen King

All time favourite movie?

ET

Do you have a favourite actor?

George Clooney

Actress?

I don't like women

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

60's

Do you have a favourite painter or artist?

Rubin Morris

What do you see as your best ever result?

My daughter

Who is your favourite bridge player?

Me

Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?

I like Eddie Kantar, but no

What is the best bridge country in the world?

USA

What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)?

Trivia

What is it you dislike in a person?

Lack of a sense of humour

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

If things are going badly I change my clothes – and then keep on wearing them!

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?

George Clooney (or his girlfriend)

Which three people would you invite to dinner?

George Clooney, Congressman Weiner and Hugh Jackman

Is there something you'd love to learn?

Languages

What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

Hesitation behind screens and what you can get away with

Read your own books!

by Krzysztof Jassem

One of the best books on dummy play that I have read is Martens's Practical Aspects of Declarer play. On board 27 of the Swiss Open Teams my partner showed that he not only writes his books, he also reads them!

Jepsen lead the club king, which seemed to be the killing lead. Playing a cross-ruff leaves declarer with nine tricks (if the ace of diamonds is offside). If declarer ruffs, comes to dummy with a spade honour to finesse in hearts, he finally finds himself short in trumps, when his fifth heart is established.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

This would be the six-card ending:

		♠ 8										
		♥ —										
		♦ Q J 5										
		♣ A 6										
♠ —			♠ Q J									
♥ —			♥ 7									
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W		E										
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♣ 10 9			♣ —									
		♠ 6 3										
		♥ —										
		♦ A 10										
		♣ Q J										

West <i>Jassem</i>	North <i>Bilde</i>	East <i>Martens</i>	South <i>Jepsen</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	2♣*
			All Pass

Declarer has taken the first seven tricks, and now plays a club. If North puts up the ace declarer ruffs, cashes his last trump and plays the established heart. South ruffs, but will have to surrender a diamond trick at the end.

If North plays low, declarer discards a diamond. South wins and plays a club, but declarer ruffs, cashes his last trump and plays his heart. South ruffs but is endplayed as before.)

Martens found the practical play of discarding a diamond on a club lead!

Jepsen was taken in. He hurriedly played a trump. That was what Martens hoped for. He took a trump in dummy, finessed the queen of hearts, cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, got back to hand with a club ruff and ruffed a heart. His last heart was good and he still had enough spades to get back to hand and take trumps away from opponents.

Jepsen's best defence was to continue clubs. Martens could have prevailed then but it required against odds play. (Declarer must refrain from playing a diamond to the king – instead he must assume that South has the ace of diamonds and the third spade, and play for the endplay).

If declarer gauges that the clubs are 4-4, then he can ruff a club, cash his last trump and play the last heart. If South is the one who has to ruff declarer is home, and if North has it declarer still gets home when North has the ace of diamonds.



Krzysztof Martens, Poland


Punch and counter-punch

by Brent Manley

In the first round of the Swiss in the Open Teams, the American Jim Mahaffey squad took on Alon Apteker team. Apteker and his partner, Craig Gower, are from South Africa. Their teammates are Ashley Bach, New Zealand, and Ishmael Delmonte, Australia. Mahaffey is playing with Gary Cohler, and their teammates are Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Sam Lev and Jacek Pszczola.

Mahaffey took the lead on the first board.

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West <i>Apteker</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Gower</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
			1♦
1♥	Dbl	2♣	2♦
2♥	3♦	4♥	All Pass

Rodwell led the ♦4 to dummy's ace, and Apteker played a heart to the king and Rodwell's ace. Rodwell continued with the ♠Q, overtaken by Meckstroth with the king when declarer ducked. Meckstroth cashed the ♥Q and continued with a spade to dummy's ace. Declarer ruffed a diamond to hand and put Meckstroth in with the ♥10. The spade through declarer's doubleton 10 gave the defenders six tricks for plus 150.


West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>Bach</i>	East <i>Cohler</i>	South <i>Delmonte</i>
			Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Mahaffey's 2♦ showed a weak two-bid in a major.

Delmonte started with the ♦K, taken by Cohler with the ace. He played the ♠2 from hand to the 8 and 9, then ruffed the heart return in dummy. Cohler played a spade to his ace, a club to dummy's ace, ruffed a spade, then re-entered dummy with the ♣Q to ruff dummy's last spade. Delmonte could overruff and force dummy with another diamond, but

the defenders could come to only two more tricks. Plus 140 was good for a 7-IMP gain for Mahaffey. The lead was gone after the next board.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Apteker</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Gower</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
2♥	3♣	4♥	5♣
All Pass			

Gower led the ♠K to dummy's ace. Rodwell played the ♣Q and a club to his hand, then tried three rounds of diamonds, but Apteker ruffed and could have defeated the contract two tricks by cashing a heart then playing a spade to his partner. Apteker, however, tried to cash two hearts, so one of Rodwell's spade losers went away. Still, it was one down for minus 100.

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>Bach</i>	East <i>Cohler</i>	South <i>Delmonte</i>
2♦	3♣	3♠	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Cohler also led the ♠K, taken by Bach with the ace. Bach cashed the ♣Q, the played a club to his ace, Cohler discarding a heart. The ♣K was next, and Cohler shed another heart. When Bach played the ♣9, Cohler threw the ♠J. The defenders were still heading for one down, but when Bach played the ♣7, Cohler discarded the ♠Q. Now Bach was able to knock out Mahaffey's ♠10 and taken the 11th trick with the ♠8. Plus 600 gave Apteker a 12-7 lead.

Fotis Skoularikis of the bulletin team sat in to replace an ailing player. He won the ♠K and ran six trumps, East pitching all his hearts. He cashed ♦AKJ then threw East in with a spade to give him the ♦Q at trick 13.

Mahaffey tied it on the next deal when Bach went one off in 3♣ at one table while Meckstroth was making 2♥ at the other.

The next deal was a push when both North-South pairs bid to 6♥ off two cashing diamonds with no way to avoid losing them even without an initial diamond lead. Apteker went ahead again on this deal:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Rodwell	Gower	Meckstroth
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Rodwell started with the ♦Q to Apteker's king. The ♥Q was next, taken by Meckstroth with the king. He got out with a low club, which declarer ducked to the jack. Now a low spade went to the 10 and Rodwell's king. That was the penultimate trick for the defense as Apteker scored up plus 420.



Craig Gower, South Africa

West	North	East	South
Mahaffey	Bach	Cohler	Delmonte
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Delmonte started with a low heart, dummy's jack winning. Cohler led a low club to his jack and Delmonte's ace. The ♦10 put Cohler in dummy again. He played the ♠A, following with the queen. North took his ♠K and exited with a heart. Cohler played the ♥A, entered dummy with a club and played another spade, hoping North would have to win and have no heart to play. South had the ♠J, however, and two hearts to cash for one down and 10 IMPs to Apteker.

The score was 26-12 for Apteker with one board to play. Mahaffey almost evened the match on the last deal.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Apteker	Rodwell	Gower	Meckstroth
INT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Dbl
All Pass			

Meckstroth started with the ♦3, taken in dummy perforce. Gower played the ♣Q, which held, then followed with the jack, covered by the king and ace and ruffed by Meckstroth, who exited with a diamond, declarer discarding the ♠4. A club went to Rodwell's 10. The ♠J was next, ducked to Meckstroth's king. He continued with a spade to the 10 and ace. Declarer led a low heart from hand, and Meckstroth put up the queen. Rodwell won when declarer ducked, and he gave Meckstroth a spade ruff. He still had a trump trick coming, so the result was plus 500 for Mahaffey.

West	North	East	South
Mahaffey	Bach	Cohler	Delmonte
INT	Pass	2♣	2♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♦
Dbl	All Pass		

Mahaffey led a spade to Cohler's ace. He played the ♦J to his partner's king. Now the ♣Q was covered by the king and ace, and Delmonte ruffed the club continuation low, playing a low heart from hand to Mahaffey's ace. The defenders took the obvious five tricks for plus 200 and a 12-IMP gain to make it a 26-24 win for Apteker.

University Bridge 2nd EUSA Championships 2011 - Warsaw



EUSA: European Universities Sports Association
18/9/2011 to 23/9/2011
1st EUSA event in Opatjia: big success
Modalities
European students teams may be from different universities

Unlimited number of teams per university/country may enter

60 Euro/day/person full board (all included)

Final ranking of universities (not countries)

Universities or high schools may finance the entry of students

Entries via the National University Sports Federation (not the National Bridge Federation)

All information on facebook account "Uni bridge" and www.eusa.eu

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University Bridge 6th FISU Championships 2012 - Reims



FISU: International University Sports Federation
9/7/2012 to 15/7/2012
Modalities
University or high school students between 18 – 28yr must have nationality of the country they represent
2 teams per country may enter

60 Euro/day/person full board (all included)

Final ranking of countries

Universities or high schools may finance the entry of students

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Overall score after Mixed events

There are Cash Prizes for the overall ranking in these championships (see regulation 37.3.1). Here are the points given so far for the Mixed Teams and Mixed Pairs. Added to these will be points for two more competitions. The worst of the 4 results will be dropped. There are prizes for the first 15 (Open), 10 (Women) and 5 (Senior) players.

The points in the Open (Women/Senior) category are 40% higher than those in the Mixed, so nothing has been decided yet.

Player	Teams	Pairs	sum
1 Philippe CRONIER	3600	3240	6840
Catherine D' OVIDIO	3600	3240	6840
3 Carla ARNOLDS	3312	2867	6179
Ton BAKKEREN	3312	2867	6179
5 Benedicte CRONIER	3600	1619	5219
Pierre ZIMMERMANN	3600	1619	5219
7 Huub BERTENS	3312	1906	5218
Martine VERBEEK	3312	1906	5218
9 Sylvie WILLARD	3600	1267	4867
10 Bogdan MARINA	2286	2536	4822
Marina STEGAROIU	2286	2536	4822
12 Jacek PSZCZOLA	2925	1830	4755
Janice SEAMON-MOLSON	2925	1830	4755
14 Fiona BROWN	2286	2337	4623
Hugh McGANN	2286	2337	4623
16 Franck MULTON	3600		3600
17 Maija ROMANOVSKA	1405	2068	3473
Karlis RUBINS	1405	2068	3473
19 Anton MAAS	3312		3312
Bep VRIEND	3312		3312
21 Bengt-Erik EFRAIMSSON	61	3110	3171
Anna ZACK EINARSSON	61	3110	3171
23 Anna GULEVICH	2286	745	3031
Max KHVEN	2286	745	3031
25 Jeffrey ALLERTON	2925	93	3018
Paula LESLIE	2925	93	3018
27 Frances HINDEN	2925	89	3014
Graham OSBORNE	2925	89	3014
29 Tuna ALUF	250	2752	3002
Namik KOKTEN	250	2752	3002
31 Richard RITMEIJER		2986	2986
Magdalena TICHA		2986	2986
33 Irina LEVITINA	2925	1	2926
Jim MAHAFFEY	2925	1	2926
Judi RADIN	2925	1	2926
36 Sam LEV	2925		2925
37 Atanas IVANOV	546	2244	2790
Steliana IVANOVA	546	2244	2790
39 Ewa KATER	11	2642	2653
Tom TOWNSEND	11	2642	2653
41 Pony Beate NEHMERT	1405	1216	2621
Michael YUEN	1405	1216	2621
43 Tomislav SCEPANOVIC	151	2435	2586
Nikica SVER	151	2435	2586
45 Brian CALLAGHAN	1405	1121	2526
Christine DUCKWORTH	1405	1121	2526
47 Janet DE BOTTON	1405	1076	2481
Artur MALINOWSKI	1405	1076	2481

Mixed Results


Paolo Clair and Carla Pagnini-Arslan reported the following deal from the Mixed Pairs final B. It was the last round of the final so no doubt some of the players were feeling flak-happy – as can be witnessed from the joie de vivre displayed in the auction.

In second seat vulnerable against not you pick up the following hand of power and quality:

♠ 10 8 7
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ 7
♣ Q J 7 6 2

1♦ to your right, you pass, and 1♥ to your left. 3♥ on your right, you pass, and it travels back to your partner who reopens with a double. You can restrain yourself no longer; buoyed with the confidence of a small singleton heart opposite you jump to 5♣ and end the auction. Nobody doubles – for which you are relieved when dummy appears on the lead of the heart five.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

There seem to be rather too many hearts and too few diamonds in this deck. Not to worry; Paolo won the heart lead with dummy's ace, trying to look like a man with the singleton that South would expect, cashed the diamond ace and played ace and another club. Dummy's ten held the trick so he played a third club to South's king, ruffed the diamond return, and stopped to count out South's hand; four hearts, five diamonds and three clubs....which suggested only one spade. So he led a spade to the ace, dropping the king in South – Bob's your uncle! Since 4♥ and 4♠ had gone down almost whenever they were attempted, Paolo had almost a clear top.


Open Teams Round Robin

by Jos Jacobs

Here is a board from the Round 2 match between Netherlands and Winciorek.

The famous Tarzan relay system, played by De Wijs-Muller (this in fact also explains the system's name), brought the Dutch a much-needed success on the penultimate board of their match against the Polish Winciorek team. The Dutch had leveled the match on board 18 where they were allowed to bid and make game at both tables, and then this board came up:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the Open Room, the Poles had reached 6♥, making all 13 tricks of course.

This is the auction in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Ilczuk	Muller	Jeleniewsk
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
7NT	All pass		

Maybe, this needs some explanation, so here we go. Strong Club after which 1♠ showed hearts and more than 8 hcp. From there, West started a relay sequence by passing the double and East showed a canapé with longer diamonds by bidding 2♣. 2♠ then showed the 2-4-5-2 and 3♥ showed four controls and some extra values. Then, 4♣ showed the ♦A or ♦K and either the ♥AKQ or none of those three. 4♥ denied any of the ♠AKQ and 5♦ then showed the two minor queens, also denying the presence of the ♥J, to be exact. After that, West could jump to 7NT in full confidence, knowing about all three South's queens. Great bidding!

Open Teams Round Robin Round 7

by Jos Jacobs

In the final round of the Round Robin, one of the VuGraph matches was of particular interest as the position in the table was such that the winner of that match would qualify whereas the loser would not. This was the match between Netherlands Blue and Lazy. As it turned out, not only this match was decided on board 6, but this same board also brought swings in a number of other matches.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q 10 9 5 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 10 9 6 5</p> <p>♠ A J 9 5 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ K J 8 4</p>	<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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ K Q 10 7 6 ♥ 7 ♦ K J 10 6 5 4 3 ♣ —</p> <p>♠ 4 3 ♥ A K J 6 4 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ 7 3 2</p>
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W E					
S					

In the Lavazza-Popova match, Zobu's pre-empt had a paralysing effect on the opponents:

West	North	East	South
Aronov	Baldursson	Zobu	Tokay
		4♦	All Pass

Just made...Popova +130.

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Popova	Sementa	Batov
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♥	Dbl
3♠	4♥	5♣	Pass
5♠	6♥	Dbl	All Pass

At the other table, Sementa passed as dealer but competed heavily at each of his next turns to bid. His 5♣ bid, followed by the double of 6♥, made the situation completely clear for Duboin but apparently not for declarer.

Giorgio Duboin led the ♣8 and declarer, fearing a singleton, went up with the ace. After this was ruffed, he had to lose a spade and a club as well for down two, Lavazza +300 and 5 IMPs.

In the Angelini-Mossop match, Fantoni had the last word:

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Nunes	Garvey	Fantoni
		1♦	1♥
1♠	4♥	4♣	Pass
Pass	5♣	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

In a sense, he was right as 6♥ cannot be made by his side (but 6♣ can, if you are clairvoyant or have listened to the bidding carefully) but his good work was spoilt when North led the ♣A rather than a heart. So the heart loser suddenly went on the ♣K and only two diamonds were lost. Mossop +850.

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Zivkovic	Angelini	Mossop
		3♦	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Not being warned by the auction, declarer had little reason for not playing the clubs normally, that is low to the queen. One down, Mossop -100 but 13 IMPs to them.

In the crucial match between Netherlands Blue and Lazy the Dutch had just won 13 IMPs on the previous board when the Bakkeren brothers had not bid the failing slam on #5. Here is what happened to them in board 6.

West	North	East	South
Khuippenen	T Bakkeren	Kholomeev	F Bakkeren
		Pass	1♥
1♠	4♣	6♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

4♣ was a fitbid and Kholomeev immediately took the save at the six-level. When Ton Bakkeren led the ♣A, like Nunes had done, 6♠ was only one off but still +200 looked a good result for the Dutch.

It certainly would have been, as the Dutch EW eventually also got in a very good position to register a plus score:

West	North	East	South
Westra	Matushko	Bertens	Khokhlov
		1♦	1♥
Dbl	2♦	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	6♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

West's double of 1♥ showed five spades and North's 2♦ was a transfer raise.

Westra might have passed 6♣ as it is far from sure that Matushko would have chosen the winning line for this contract. However, when North ran to 6♥, Bertens could have saved the day for the Dutch by doubling himself (Lightner) rather than leaving this to his partner.

When Westra, with little to guide him, elected to lead a diamond, declarer soon emerged with 12 tricks as the spade now could be disposed of. The safety play in clubs then meant there would be only one loser in that suit. Lazy +1210 and 14 IMPs to them instead of a possible loss of 7 that would have produced a draw in this match. As it was, Lazy won 21-9 in VP, enough to win their group.

Open Teams Swiss Round I

by Jos Jacobs

Here is a board from the first round of the Open Swiss. It proved to be the decisive board in both the Netherlands Juniors v. Monaco Z match and the Angelini v. Kanin match.

Of course, Monaco Z were already in the lead due to board 14, on which Balicki-Zmudzinski had been among the few pairs who managed to stay out of a slam missing the \heartsuit AK and no way to escape losing them.

Two boards later, this came up:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit —</p> <p>\heartsuit J 10 9 3</p> <p>\diamondsuit A K J 10 7 5 3</p> <p>\clubsuit 6 4</p>	<p>\spadesuit Q J 10 7 6 4 3</p> <p>\heartsuit 6</p> <p>\diamondsuit 8</p> <p>\clubsuit A 7 5 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit A K 8 2</p> <p>\heartsuit Q 8 7 5 4</p> <p>\diamondsuit 9 2</p> <p>\clubsuit Q J</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S	
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Dennis Stuurman, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bos</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Van Lankveld</i>
1 \heartsuit	4 \diamondsuit	4 \spadesuit	5 \diamondsuit
5 \spadesuit	All Pass		

Beating 5 \spadesuit may look relatively easy as East can never get rid of all his losers without a little help of his friends. When South led the \heartsuit A and North contributed the three, I wonder why South ever would consider cashing the \heartsuit K as well. Declarer can never get rid of any other loser in the suit and, what is worse, partner is odds-on favourite to be void in trumps. When South did try to cash his \heartsuit K as well, declarer ruffed and only lost to the \clubsuit K. Just made. Monaco Z +650.

West	North	East	South
<i>Wackwitz</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Stuurman</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
1 \heartsuit	2 \diamondsuit	3 \spadesuit	Dbl
4 \spadesuit	5 \diamondsuit	All Pass	

Balicki played the hand very well. He won the opening heart lead and immediately ruffed a spade. He crossed to dummy with a trump and ruffed the last spade. Next, he drew the outstanding trump, led a club to the ten and jack and claimed, West being endplayed of course.

Monaco Z another +400 and 14 IMPs.

In the Angelini v. Kanin match, there also was a big swing.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoiland</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Greco</i>
1 \heartsuit	4 \diamondsuit	4 \spadesuit	5 \diamondsuit
Pass	Pass	5 \spadesuit	Pass
Pass	6 \diamondsuit	Dbl	All Pass

When the Americans bid one more instead of defending 5 \spadesuit , they had to go one down themselves. Kanin +100. But note that only a heart lead (found at the table) beats 6 \diamondsuit - I leave the analysis to the armchair experts!

This would have been a very good result, had their defence against 5 \diamondsuit been appropriate:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Angelini</i>	<i>Fuglestad</i>
1 \heartsuit	4 \diamondsuit	4 \spadesuit	5 \diamondsuit
5 \spadesuit	All Pass		

Here too, South led the \heartsuit A on which partner contributed the jack. When South continued the \heartsuit K, he suffered the same fate as his Dutch counterpart in our other featured match.

So +650 to Angelini and 11 IMPs to them whereas defeating 5 \spadesuit would have brought the Norwegians 7 IMPs.

Open Teams Swiss Round 2

by Jos Jacobs

This set of boards started off with a grand slam which produced swings in many matches as it was not generally bid round the room. Two boards later, there was another slam which proved even more difficult to reach. One of the few successful sequences came from a Greek-Lebanese combination:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K Q J 7 ♥ Q 2 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ K 7 5 4	<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		♠ A 6 5 4 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ A Q 10 9 ♣ A 8	♠ 10 3 ♥ A J 10 4 ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ Q J 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Eidi</i>	<i>Intonti</i>	<i>Vroustis</i>	<i>D'Avossa</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♣	All Pass		



Mario D'Avossa, Italy

It's as simple as that. Greece +1430 and 13 IMPs when Versace-Lauria for the Zaleski team could not match this bidding:

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

Zaleski +680.

The other board to be shown from this match was a defensive problem that remained unsolved.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K 5 ♥ 10 ♦ 7 6 4 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7 3	<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		♠ Q J 10 9 7 ♥ A Q 7 6 4 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ —	♠ 8 4 ♥ K J 9 5 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ A 6 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Opening four-card majors first did not lead to satisfactory results for N/S this time. Down three, Lavazza +500.

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Van Prooijen ruffed the opening club lead and now, rather than crossing to dummy to take a heart finesse, he cashed the ♥A and then went for a complete cross-ruff, hoping to be able to score the ♦K in the end. When the ♦A was behind his king, he had to accept one down. Lavazza +50 and 11 IMPs.

In the Israel v. Monaco Z match, Helness made 4♠:

West Helgemo	North Pachtman	East Helness	South Ginossar
Pass	1♥	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	All Pass

Ginossar led a club on which Helness discarded a diamond loser. He THEN adopted the same line as Krzysztof Martens did (described elsewhere in this Bulletin by Krzysztof Jassem) and ended up by making the contract when the defenders returned a trump rather than continued clubs. Monaco Z +420. Helness told me that on a club continuation he would have followed the winning line Jassem regards as anti-percentage.

In the Closed Room, Zack showed his majors and Barel then settled for 2♠ just making on a trump lead, when declarer refrained from taking the heart finesse but played safe for eight tricks.

West Barel	North Balicki	East Zack	South Zmudzinski
Pass	1♣	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		Dbf

This way, Monaco Z scored a swing of 7 IMPs.

Hardly a senior moment!

by Gunnar Hallberg

Gunnar Hallberg was full of praise for the defence his partner had encountered on the following deal.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	1♣	1♦
		Pass	3NT

Against Hans Gothe's 3NT Ilnicki for the defenders led the club three (fourth highest) and for Pol-CH Stefan Cabaj smoothly inserted the jack. When Gothe took the trick the contract could no longer be made declarer had six diamonds one club and one heart but when declarer crossed to the diamond ten to lead a spade towards his king Cabaj went up with the ace and ran the club suit.

In the other room 3NT made nine tricks on a spade lead.

Enterprising Seniors

by Jos Jacobs

Here is a hand from the Seniors' Round Robin, Round 3. The auction below is a fine example of a combination of life-long experience and youthful optimism.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ —								
♥ J 10								
♦ A 8 7 6 5 4								
♣ K 10 5 4 3								
♠ A K J 8 3 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ Q 6 4
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♦ —	♦ K Q 2							
♣ A J 7		♣ Q 8						
	♠ 10 9 7 5							
	♥ Q 3							
	♦ J 10 9 3							
	♣ 9 6 2							

West	North	East	South
		1♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♥	Dbf	Pass	Pass
Redbl	All Pass		

5NT is the old-fashioned Josephine, well known outside Seniors' circles too.

I give you two questions to think about for yourself, as I don't think there are clear, logical answers. Some partnership agreements might even be relevant in answering them.

1. What do you think of North's double?

2. What should South lead and why?

3340 total points and 35 IMPs hinge on South's lead. On a spade lead, it's +400 and any other lead gives you -2940.

Bridge is a nice game, isn't it?

For sale

Anna Gudge and Mark Newton have put their home and office, the Old Railway Station in Long Melford, Suffolk, up for sale. If you are interested, you may contact Anna at anna@ecats.co.uk.

Open Teams Swiss Round 3

by Jos Jacobs

The first round on Sunday contained quite a lot of lively boards so once again it seems worthwhile to have a look at what happened at the two tables of more than one single match.

First blood in the Angelini v. Hungary Steve match went to Angelini as this was board 2:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 9 7 6 3 2 ♥ K ♦ J 6 ♣ K J 9	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ K 10 ♥ A J 9 8 6 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 10 5 4	♠ Q 5 ♥ 10 5 2 ♦ 10 9 8 7 ♣ A 7 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hampson	Cseho	Greco
3♠	3NT	Pass All Pass	INT



Zoltan Zsolt Zsak, Hungary

After the overall, Hampson took a fair shot at what to him was the easiest possible game contract. When, after a spade lead to dummy's king and two top diamonds, the ♥K appeared on the first round of that suit, his decision proved the right one. Ten tricks, Angelini +630

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Greza	Fantoni	Zsolt Zsak
3♠	All Pass	Pass	1♦

Once South opened 1♦, Nunes' 3♠ clearly outgunned the Hungarians. When the defence started off with two top diamonds followed by a low one, declarer shed his heart loser for North to ruff it with his natural trump trick. Ten tricks, Angelini another +170 and 13 IMPs. A good start for them.

Two boards later, we saw all sorts of scores appearing on this one:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8 4 ♥ K J 10 7 6 ♦ A J 8 5 ♣ 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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 style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ Q 6 5 3 ♥ 8 5 4 3 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ Q 9	♠ A K J 10 7 2 ♥ — ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ J 8 7
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		♠ 9 ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ K Q ♣ A K 10 6 5 3							

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Hampson	Cseho	Greco
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Dbl	All Pass		

2NT by North was lebensohl style, preparing for a sign-off in 3♥ but with his fine support, South correctly pressed on to game. On this auction, Szabo had an easy double and collected +500 for down two.

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Greza	Fantoni	Zsolt Zsak
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Dbl	3NT	All Pass	

When NS overstretched, they ended up in a contract that had to go one down after a top spade lead and a diamond shift. Angelini +100 but 9 IMPs back to the Hungarians.

In the Lavazza v. Monaco A match, Quantin was not in the same position as Szabo when 4♥ came round to him.

West	North	East	South
<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Quantin thus quietly passed and collected +200 for the same down two.
Monaco A +200.

At the other table, a quite different auction developed when West was the one to start the proceedings:

West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Catellani</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fissore</i>
2♥	Pass	2♠	3♥
Pass	3NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	4♣	Dbl	All Pass

After the non-forcing 2♠, South made an interesting overcall of 3♥, showing a stopper in the suit and asking partner to bid 3NT with the missing spade stopper. North knew that his partner would hold a running minor or something like that so the could retreat to 4♣ in relative safety after 3NT got doubled. In this contract as well, two down was inevitable. Lavazza +500 and 7 IMPs to them.

In our third featured match, Netherlands White v. Israel Mongo's, East hit the jackpot with his 3rd hand pre-empt.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Lengy</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dbl
All Pass			

With a suitable dummy and the friendly diamond layout, there is no legitimate way to beat 3♠. Declarer can use the ♦A and ♦J as entries to twice finesse trumps through North and will thus lose three clubs and a diamond. However, at the table the contract should have gone down. After a top club, Jansma played the ♦Q and declarer won the ace and played another club rather than a trump. North can now take the queen, cross to his partner's ♦K, overruff a club and give his partner a diamond ruff. When he did not but returned a trump instead to declarer's jack, Lengy was suddenly home after all. Israel Mongo's +730.

Had Verhees known the result at the other table, he would certainly have doubled the final contract at his table, when the Israeli pair overbid just a bit:

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Israeli</i>
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dbl
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Down four undoubled, +400 to Netherlands White but 8 IMPs lost where they might have won 9 in spite of the Open Room disaster...

The next board was about lost suits, missed games, and all that:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Szabo</i>	<i>Hampson</i>	<i>Cseho</i>	<i>Greco</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

As Precision One Diamond openings have little relation to diamond suits nowadays, it was not at all clear to South if NS would have a big diamond fit. As the 1♥ response, obviously, could have been made on four small hearts as well, the size of the NS heart fit also was still foggy. It therefore was no great surprise to see the bidding come to an untidy end. Eleven tricks. Angelini +150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Greza</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Zsolt Zsak</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The jump in the 4th suit was natural but would also confirm five hearts, so reaching the proper game was easy enough for the Hungarians. Eleven tricks for them as well but +650 gave them 11 IMPs.

In the Netherlands White v. Israel Mongo's match, the heart fit was not fully revealed either:

West <i>Bareket</i>	North <i>Paulissen</i>	East <i>Lengy</i>	South <i>Jansma</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♦
All Pass			

1♣ was Polish style so 1♦ was negative. The strong EW intervention then took away the bidding space NS needed to land really on their feet. Netherlands White +150.

West <i>Verhees</i>	North <i>Padon</i>	East <i>Van Prooijen</i>	South <i>Israeli</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Here too, the heart fit was missed and the Israeli thus reached the inferior game contract. On the actual diamond lead, Padon even made 12 tricks on the lead of a low club to his king. This +690 meant 11 more IMPs to his side.

Board 6 was mainly a communication problem.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Angelini v. Hungary Steve:

West <i>Szabo</i>	North <i>Hampson</i>	East <i>Cseho</i>	South <i>Greco</i>
		1NT	All Pass

When South led a spade and North later returned a low heart, trying to beat 1NT of course, Cseho emerged with ten tricks for +180.

West <i>Nunes</i>	North <i>Greza</i>	East <i>Fantoni</i>	South <i>Zsolt Zsak</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	All Pass

At the other table, the Hungarians found a fine defence to even beat 2NT when South kicked off with a heart to North's queen. Back came the ♣8 and declarer won the ace. He next unblocked the ♠AK and led a diamond, South hopping up with the king to lead another heart which cleared the suit. As North still had an entry with the ♦Q, he could thus cash his hearts and exit with a club to declarer's ace. As South could discard after declarer, it was easy for him to keep his ♦A as the setting trick. A nice defence indeed! Hungry Steve +100 and 7 more IMPs to them.

In the Lavazza v. Monaco A match, this was the bidding in the Open Room:

West <i>Quantin</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Bompis</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led a top diamond and continued the ♥9 to North's queen. Bocchi then found the fine play of the ♥K, killing dummy's entry to the spades. Declarer won the ♥A and played a club to his ten and South's jack. South then led a low diamond to partner's queen and Bocchi exited with a heart. Declarer's hand was high now except for his last diamond, the setting trick. Lavazza +100.

In the other room, the defence was less accurate:



Jean-Christophe Quantin, France

West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Catellani</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fissore</i>
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led a spade and Baldursson unblocked his ♠AK before playing the ♣9 from his hand, North winning with the queen. A low heart from North then went to declarer's jack and a low diamond went to dummy's jack and North's queen. Dummy won North top heart continuation and after that, declarer simply cashed his black cards from the top, losing just one diamond in the end. Ten tricks, Lavazza +630 and 12 IMPs to them.

In the Netherlands White v. Israeli Mongo's match, the Israeli pair stopped in a partscore when East did not accept the invitation:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Lengy</i>	<i>Jansma</i>
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

On a spade lead and a later low heart by North, the contract made with two overtricks. Mongo's +180.

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Israeli</i>
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Assaf Lengy, Israel

So the outcome of this hand hinged on the Israeli defence in the Closed Room. South led a top diamond and correctly continued a heart to North's queen but now, North exited with a spade. Declarer cashed his top spades and led a club from hand, won by South's jack. Another heart was led, declarer rising with dummy's ace to cash his remaining spades. Playing a club to his ace then gave him four more tricks in that suit, nine in all: +600 and 9 IMPs back to Netherlands White.

The boards 8 and 10 both saw swings in all our matches as one table would bid cautiously and one would stretch a bit. The amusing thing was that there was no justice at all this time: the bold bidders would chalk up their game swing on board 8 but when their opponents were the ones to stretch on board 10, they would go down a lot and thus give the earlier bold bidders (Angelini, Monaco A, and Netherlands White) another useful swing. Needless to say that these three teams thus all won their match.

Championship Diary



(This story appeared yesterday, but it is repeated with the correct numbers – and an added twist in the tale.)

Patrick Jourdain purchased 5 tram tickets, cost 10 PLN. The next day he purchased another 5 for 10 PLN. Meanwhile Tacchi purchased 20 tram tickets, cost 20 PLN. The moral: don't do things by halves.

It turns out that the ever youthful looking Tacchi was given the student rate, no doubt because he was wearing his badge.

I suggested to Jan van Cleeff that it was time to stop reporting deals from the Mixed events. He begged that one more might appear on the grounds that if it didn't Anton Maas and Bep Vriend would kill him.

Tempting Jan, very tempting.

(As it transpired that Jos had already reported the deal it was decided that we must leave Jan to his fate.)

The editors were speculating on the fact that the Mahafey team included both Pszczola and Cohler.

'They should line up with Gary as East and his partner West to make Pepsi-Cola' it was suggested. Who should their opponents be?

The best we can come up with is Alan Cokin North and Dick Lehman South – to make Coke'n Lemon...but perhaps you can do better?

Believe it or not, the Editor managed to spot and correct an error on the Polish pages in Saturday's Bulletin. (Pity about the ones on the other pages!)

Strong showing

by Brent Manley

In the third round of the Swiss in the Open Teams, the high-powered Monaco Z team faced a lesser-known squad from Italy – captained by Rosario Patane. It was a close match, but the Italians prevailed.

Monaco Z struck first.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K 9 8 2 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ 8 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ J 7 4 ♥ J 10 6 ♦ K 9 2 ♣ Q J 9 6	♠ Q 3 ♥ A 9 3 2 ♦ Q J 8 6 5 ♣ A 5 ♠ 10 6 5 ♥ K Q 7 ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ K 10 7 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Manno</i>
2♣	INT All Pass	Pass	Pass

With the friendly lie of the trump suit, Geir Helgemo needed only to lead up to dummy's clubs twice to come up



Andrea Manno, Italy

with eight tricks.

West	North	East	South
<i>Caiti</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Pattacini</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
	1♦	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Stefano Caiti started with a low spade. Adam Zmudzinski played the queen from dummy and called for the ♦Q, covered by East to play a spade to West. The defenders had four spade tricks and two diamonds, but no more. Zmudzinski finished with plus 90, and Monaco Z was in front 5-0.

The Italians went ahead on the next deal when Caiti and Maurizio Pattacini went minus 300 in 4♠ doubled, an 8-IMP gain compared to their teammates' plus 620 in 4♥.

The next deal was a push, but it did have a point of interest.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ 8 4 ♥ K J 10 7 6 ♦ A J 8 5 ♣ 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ Q 6 5 3 ♥ 8 5 4 3 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ Q 9 ♠ A K J 10 7 2 ♥ — ♦ 7 6 3 2 ♣ J 8 7 ♠ 9 ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ K Q ♣ A K 10 6 5 3	♠ Q 6 5 3 ♥ 8 5 4 3 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ Q 9
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	Pass	3♠	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Helness started with a diamond, which went to the king and Helgemo's ace. The ♠8 went to the 10, and Helness exited with another diamond. Declarer ran his club winners and cashed the ♥A for eight tricks and minus 200. It was a different contract at the other table, but a push nonetheless.

West	North	East	South
<i>Caiti</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Pattacini</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dbl
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Cezary Balicki's 2NT showed a poor hand, but Zmudzinski thought he had enough to push to game anyway. He might have been right had hearts not been divided 5-0 – and behind the strength. Balicki could do no better than eight tricks for minus 200.

Patane surged ahead on the next deal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Lanzarotti	Helness	Manno
	INT	2♦*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	4♦
Pass	4♥	Dbf	All Pass

The 2♦ bid by Tor Helness showed long hearts or spades with a longer side suit. On the right defense, his 3NT would have been five down – two major-suit aces and seven diamond tricks – but no double, no trouble, besides which Manno finally came to life by bidding his seven-card suit. Massimo Lanzarotti obviously worked out what his partner was holding and bid the heart game, Helness expressing doubts about it.

Helness led a low spade to the queen and ace, and Lanzarotti played a diamond at trick two, covering the jack from Helness with the queen. Declarer studied dummy for a while before finally playing the ♦A, gratified to see the suit split 2-2. Double dummy, Lanzarotti could have lost only one trick from there by floating the ♥10 (if West covers, declarer wins and plays low from hand), but he played a heart to the ace and a low heart. When Helness played the king and Helgemo followed, declarer claimed for plus 990.

West	North	East	South
Caiti	Balicki	Pattacini	Zmudzinski
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Balicki won the opening spade lead, played a diamond to the king and ace and continued with a low heart to the jack and king. The ♦J was returned to dummy's queen, and de-

clarer was soon claiming plus 650, but an 8-IMP loss. The next board was a disaster for Patane.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Lanzarotti	Helness	Manno
		INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Manno led a low spade, and Helness cashed his two spade winners before playing the ♣10 from hand. North took the ♣Q and played the ♥K. Helness won in dummy, cashed his spade winners, pitching diamonds, then played a club to his ace. When the ♣K revealed the 3-3 split, he had his game and plus 600.

The auction was the same at the other table, as was the lead, the unblock of spades by East, Pattacini, and the play of the ♣10. After he took the ♣10 with the queen, Balicki exited with a club. The roof caved in for Pattacini when he inserted his 9. Zmudzinski took the ♣J and got out with a heart, ducked to Balicki's queen. Balicki played a spade, won in dummy perforce. Pattacini desperately played a diamond to his 10 and South's king, and he ducked again when Zmudzinski played a second heart. Balicki won the ♥K and cleared the suit with a third round, then waited to win his ♦Q to cash two more heart tricks. That was minus 400 and a 14-IMP loss for Patane. Monaco Z was on top 19-17.

The Italians regained the lead on this deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Helness led the ♠4 to Helgemo's ace. Helgemo switched to the ♥10, taken by Lanzarotti with the ace to play the ♦10 from hand. When Helness ducked, Lanzarotti cashed the ♠K and continued with diamonds. Helness won the third round of the suit and put declarer in dummy with a spade to the queen. Five diamonds, two spades and two aces were enough for the contract, so Lanzarotti claimed plus 400. (After a heart lead the only logitimate way to set 3NT is for East to unblock the ♥K).

West	North	East	South
<i>Caiti</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Pattacini</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♣*	1♠	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Zmudzinski lost one trick in each suit for plus 110 and 8 IMPs to Patane, now leading 24-19.

The Italians increased the lead on the next deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

♠ A J 10 8
♥ A Q J 5
♦ A 2
♣ K 7 2



Cezary Balicki, Poland

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Lanzarotti</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Manno</i>
	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Lanzarotti led the ♣Q, taken by Helgemo with the king. It does not help for him to duck because North can continue with any club in his hand. Declarer has only eight winners, including the ♣K, and eventually must let North in to cash his club tricks.

After winning the ♣K, Helgemo cashed his red-suit winners, then played a spade to the ace, conceding one off.

The auction was identical in the other room, and Balicki also started with the ♣Q, ducked by Caiti. Instead of continuing with clubs, however, Balicki played a heart at trick two. Declarer took the heart in dummy and played a spade to the jack and Balicki's king. It was now too late for the defense. A second heart went to declarer's ace. Caiti cashed his heart winners, then played the ♦K, a diamond to the ace and a spade to the 10. When the spade suit proved to be friendly, Caiti had his nine tricks for plus 600 and a 12-IMP gain. Patane lead 36-19.

Monaco Z earned a 5-IMP swing on the final deal to close to within 12 IMPs, but Patane came away with an impressive win.

Open Teams Round of 32

- WRANG vs ANAVA
- ERIKAS vs ISRAEL
- MONACO Z vs TEXAN ACES
- PATANE vs RIEHM
- MAHAFFEY vs NETHERLANDS JUNIORS
- SHANURIN vs DENMARK OPEN
- IRENS vs VITO
- LAVAZZA vs KANIN
- KOPECKY vs HUNGARY STEVE
- NETHERLANDS WHITE vs OTVOSI
- BESSIS vs APTEKER
- JOKER vs ISRAEL MONGOS
- MONACO A vs HELLE
- NETHERLANDS RED vs KRAJEWSKI ŁOWICZ
- ROSENTHAL vs VAINIKONIS
- KAMRAS vs BEGIJNTJE

Women Teams Round of 8

- CRONIER vs PENDER
- NETHERLANDS WOMEN vs ITALIA
- CBC MILANO vs JOEL
- POLAND vs KAPADOKYA

Senior Teams Round of 8

- KUTNER vs WOJEWODA
- PHARON vs TEAM MARKOWICZ
- GRENTE vs MIROGLIO
- POL-CH vs ENERGETYK

Call us Old Fashioned

by Mark Horton & Patrick Jourdain

Championships that have many events running simultaneously present quite a problem, as even the most resourceful journalist finds it difficult to be in more than one place at the same time. During the qualifying stages the Women and Senior events get little or no exposure on BBO. They do get a modest number of kibitzers, but in order to present their efforts to a wider audience we went back to basics by actually sitting at the table for the Round 8 match between powerful teams from Germany and Italy. (Patrick was in the Open Room.)

recorded four tricks in the suit, leading to an easy +600 and 12 IMPs for Germany.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A Q 7 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ K 7 ♣ A J 7 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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	♠ K 8 6 4 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 9 8 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Barbara Hackett, on lead as North against 3NT, found the best start of a low diamond (third and fifth). Declarer ducked the first round, won the second, and laid down two top spades, the ace and queen, with both defenders false-carding length. Declarer next knocked out the ace of hearts and the defence cleared the diamonds.

Declarer still had an entry to take the spade finesse (the odds play a priori on principles of restricted choice) but, perhaps thinking North was the defender with five diamonds, laid down the king of spades, with plan B South having ♣KQ. Both failed and declarer was held to eight tricks.

Closed Room

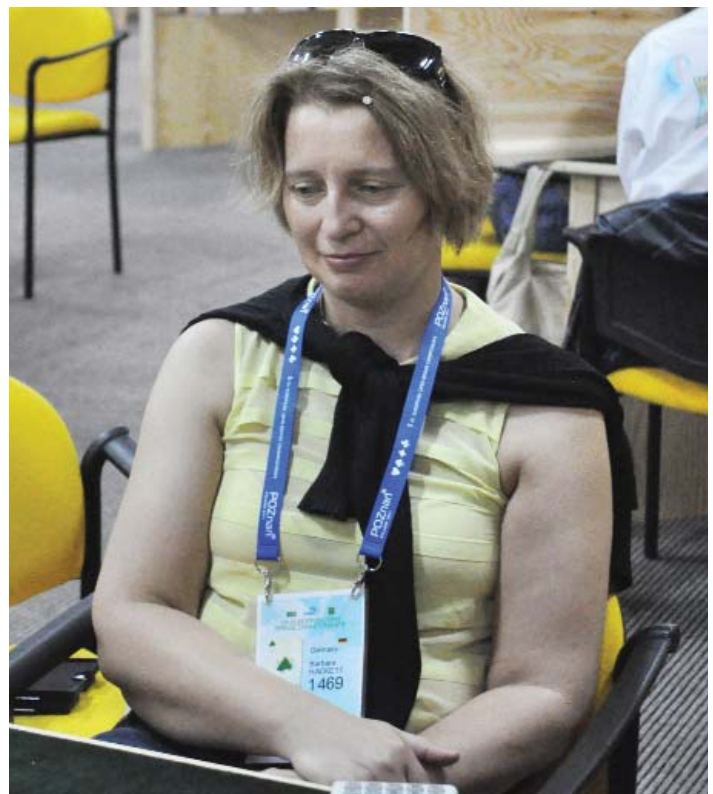
West	North	East	South
<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North elected to lead a spade and declarer immediately

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 7 5 3 ♥ J 4 ♦ K Q J ♣ 9 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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	♠ 9 2 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ A 6 ♣ K Q J 7 2
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		♠ Q 8 6 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ 10 9 7 5 4 ♣ A 8				

West	North	East	South
<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♣	All Pass



Barbara Hackett, Germany

The Italians had a lengthy and mostly artificial auction. Two Clubs was a game force and then relays enquired by East learned that West was 12-15 HCP with 5-3-3-2 shape, three cards in clubs, and one keycard.

Six Clubs can be deemed a sound contract even on a spade lead, with three rounds of diamonds having to hold up to dispose of the spade loser. On the actual diamond lead it was simply a matter of not losing two trump tricks. Gianna Arrigoni, having won the lead in dummy, led a trump to the king and ace. The next diamond was taken by the ace and she crossed to dummy with a heart to try the nine of trumps, hoping perhaps a helpful North with four would cover. North played low and she put on the queen, claiming +920 when South followed suit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

I don't see much wrong with that, (if 2♣ is game forcing then East might rebid 2NT) but the upshot was that Italy had 10 IMPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

The German pair (yes, Della Monta is on Team Germany) had an unopposed auction to Two Spades by South. The ♦10 lead ran to the king and a finesse of the trump nine lost to the ace. East switched to the ♣J which held and a second club went to dummy's bare ace. Now Della Monta played a heart to the queen and ace. When West continued with the ♦J declarer played low and regretted this when West switched to the club king. To make she has to ruff with the jack and lay down the king but the auction gave no clue that West had six clubs. Declarer ruffed low and East made the trump eight to defeat the partscore.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
	1♦*	Pass	1♠*
2♣	2♠	Dbl*	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

1♠ Possible canapé if weak
Dbl takeout

North led the five of spades and declarer won with the queen, crossed to dummy with the ace of spades and played the jack of clubs, covered by the queen, king and ace. She ruffed the spade exit, drew trumps and played the jack of diamonds (the ten is more subtle). When North failed to cover declarer was subsequently able to take a second finesse and record eleven tricks, +150, 3 IMPs to Germany.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Two Hearts from Della Monta was fourth suit and four clubs was optional ace-asking where partner only shows keycards if slam suitable. Barbara Hackett, with a nine-high trump suit showed no slam interest with her response.

Had East led a diamond declarer would have needed to have guessed the trumps because there is a trump promotion threatening.

East actually led a heart. Hackett won, ruffed a heart, and led a club to the jack and queen. West switched to a diamond. Hackett won and a second trump revealed the ace. Contract made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Declarer won the heart lead with dummy's ace, drew trumps and played on clubs for +150. That cost 10 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Hackett opened 1♥ and her partner responded 3♦ to show 10-12 with three-card support. Hackett signed off in 3♥ and just made when she lost two trump tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West led the king of diamonds for count and instanta-



Gabriella Olivieri, Italy

neously switched to the nine of hearts. When declarer played trumps East could win and play a heart, scoring a ruff, +140 and a flat board.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
		2NT*	3♠
Pass	4♦*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
Dbf	All Pass		

2NT showed both minors and after the 3♠ overall three cuebids followed. Six Spades appears to depend on the hearts until West doubled. Della Monta gave long thought to removing to 6NT but eventually passed.

A diamond was led and declarer won and played on trumps initially. When West ducked twice declarer took the chance to run the jack of hearts. Sadly this lost and a second diamond cleared the suit. Declarer could not afford to play a third trump so she took the club finesse and continued hearts. West ruffed the third heart, laid down the trump ace and stuck declarer back in hand to lose a club. Three down doubled was 500 to Italy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 2NT balanced or various strong hands
- 4♦ Cue bid

West led the nine of diamonds and declarer won and played on trumps. She also lost a trick to the queen of

hearts, -50, but 10 IMPs for Italy, leveling the scores with two deals to go.

On the penultimate deal a tactical opening of INT on ♠KJ2 ♥64 ♦K9742 ♣AK5 led to a poor 3NT facing ♠AQ9 ♥52 ♦J1063 ♣Q1064 in the Closed Room, the defenders cashing the first six tricks for +200, which went well with the 3♦+1 achieved in the other room, Germany by 8 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Arrigoni</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The 3♦ response again showed 10-12 with three card support and Hackett wisely just signed off in 4♠. On a heart lead she found an interesting way to avoid a diamond guess. At trick two she finessed the spade jack. This lost and a second heart was won in dummy and trumps drawn. Next the jack of clubs was run and East won her second queen. But declarer could now show her cards claiming ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Manara</i>	<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ferlazzo</i>
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♥*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
All Pass			

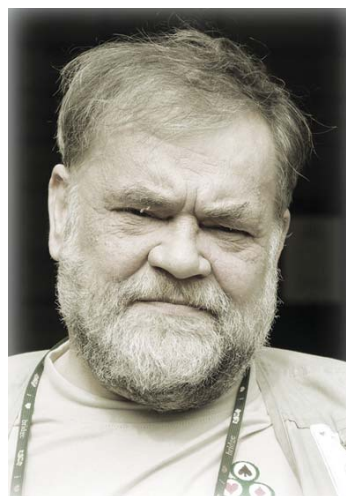
3♥ three card spade support

4♣ cue bid

4♥ cue bid

When East led the four of hearts declarer won in dummy and unless my eyes deceive me, the next trick comprised the four, three, five and seven of spades! Declarer had to lose a diamond and a club, -50, giving Germany 10 IMPs and a very hand 20-10 VP win.

Janek Romanski 1950 – 2011



Mark Horton (England):
The Polish events are always backed up by a fantastic results service...

Roland Wald (Denmark):
Jan Romanski's brilliant scoring programme, arguably the best the world has seen...

Nelu Croitoru (Romania):
Hi Slawek, may I tell you that what Poland does for bridge is amazing, in terms of: software, running scores and so on...

These are typical opinions about Polish tournaments when we broadcast them on BBO with a link for running scores. The Polish Bridge Union is proud of author of this fantastic programme – Janek Romanski.

Janek was born in 1950 in Warsaw. He graduated in Maths in Warsaw University and during his studies he started playing bridge but created his first programme for calculating tournament results. In the 70's. Then the programme was improved and finally we get KoPS. Every TD from Poland knows this famous software, very friendly for users. When the EBL decided to entrust the PBU with organizing the 48th European Teams Championship in 2006 we knew that a leading man concerning all technical aspects would be Janek. He started his work a several months before the EC and created this software we use nowadays. It was a turning point in bridge life in Poland. We use the software for all our divisions from first till fifth. Bridge players immediately forgot about paper protocols. When the 5th EOC was coming Janek prepared special tools for this event. February 26 Janek suffered a strong heart attack and fell into a coma. All of his friends hoped he would awake soon or later. However, ten days before the start of Championships Janek passed away.

A few days later I got an e-mail from Ton Kooijman: Janek was a treasure who should have been around for many more years. You probably hardly have time to realize what happened with the European Championship forthcoming. I wish you all you need to survive this loss and expect Janek to hang around and push things here and there into the right direction.

Janek was a perfect teacher as well and his schoolboys created a team you can meet at our Championships.

I will keep him in my mind and in my heart till the end of my days.

Slawek Latala

Bogusław Gierulski gra do końca

by Wojtek Siwiec

W pierwszej rundzie turnieju teamów open przyszło między innymi następujące rozdanie...

Rozd. 7/l; rozdawał S, obie po partii

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W		E										
	S											

też jeszcze niezbędną do wyegzekwowania tego manewru komunikacją pomiędzy swoimi rękami. Przebił zatem trzecie karo w ręce i ściągnął pozostałe atuty. W końcówce...

<p>♠ D 8 ♥ 6 ♦ — ♣ —</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border: none; text-align: center; width: 100%;"> <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> </div>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ K 10 ♥ — ♦ 9 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ 5 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 10 9</p>
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W meczu polsko-litewskiego teamu VAINIKONIS przeciwko duńskim juniorom DENMARK U-25 wielokrotny reprezentant Polski Bogusław Gierulski stanął przed następującym problemem rozgrywkowym:

Pokój zamknięty:

West	North Gierulski	East	South Skrzypczak
			1♣
pas	1♥	ktr.	2♥
3♣	3♦	pas	4♦
pas	4♥	pas	pas
pas			

I inwit do końcówki, przede wszystkim kierowej

Przeciwko 4♥(N) obrońca E zaatakował ♦D. Wydaje się, że rozgrywający w żaden sposób nie uniknie oddania dwóch trefli oraz dwóch pików, Gierulski miał jednak na ten temat inne zdanie. A przynajmniej postanowił walczyć do końca, tj. wykorzystać każdą szansę, choćby była ona jedynie praktyczna, tzn. wymagająca, aby obrońcy popełnili błąd. Początek był prosty: Bogusław zabił pierwszą lewę ♦A na stole, puścił ♥10 wkóło, powtórzył impas ♥D w ręce i ściągnął ♥A. Do kierów obrońca E, który miał w tym kolorze renons, pozbył się ♠W, ♠4 oraz... blotki treflowej. I okazało się, że ta ostatnia zrzutka bezwzględnie kontrakt już wypuściła (!), oczywiście pod warunkiem, że rozgrywający nie zmarnotrawi ofiarowanej mu szansy. Gierulski ani myślał tak czynić – w piątej lewie wyszedł więc z ręki małym treflem. E wskoczył wówczas ♣K (przepuszczenie nic by mu już nie pomogło) i kontynuował ♦W. Bogusław pobił na stole królem i powtórzył stamtąd treflem. Po lewie na ♣A – W podegrał piki, wychodząc siódmką. Rozgrywający na wszelki wypadek wstawił z ręki ♠8, a ♠9 obrońcy E nie zabił w dziadku asem, tylko dołożył stamtąd ♠2. E zagrał ♦10, ale jego los był już przesądzony, Gierulski dokonał już bowiem wymaganej redukcji lew do przymusu, dysponował

... po zagranie z ręki N ♥6 broniący E znalazł się w prostym pikowo-karowym przymusie, który przyniósł rozgrywającemu dziesiątą wziętkę. Kontrakt został więc zrealizowany (620 dla NS), a że na drugim stole młodzi Duńczycy zatrzymali się w 3♥ i zrobili tylko swoje (140 dla NS), VAINIKONIS wygrał w tym rozdaniu 10 impów.

Grę można było położyć, skuteczna obrona nie była jednak łatwa do znalezienia. Otóż po pierwsze, na swoją treflową zrzutkę do kierów (oprócz ♠W i ♠4) E musiał wybrać nie treflową blotkę, tylko waleta (!). Po drugie, na zagrana potem z ręki N blotkę treflową lewy obrońca nie mógłby wskoczyć ♣K, tylko musiałby dodać ♣4 albo ♣2. Wówczas po zabiciu dziadkowej ♣D asem broniący W wyszedłby pikiem, N wstawiłby ze swej ręki ♠8 i przepuściłby zagrana na trzeciej ręce przez E ♠9. Po trzecie wreszcie – po utrzymaniu się w tej lewie E musiałby kontynuować ♦W, aby zerwać komunikację tym kolorem pomiędzy rękami NS. Rozgrywający zabiłby w dziadku ♦K i powtórzyłby stamtąd treflem. Lewę tę musiałby wziąć obrońca W – na ♣10 albo ♣9, i wyjść drugi raz w pika. W ten sposób zerwana zostałaby również komunikacja pikowa pomiędzy rękami NS, do zwycięskiego dla rozgrywającego przymusu nie mogłoby już zatem dojść. N musiałby więc oddać jeszcze jednego pika i poległby bez jednej.

Clou tego rozdania z punktu widzenia broniących polegało zatem na tym, aby gracze WE, zanim rozgrywający zredukuje się do przymusu (tj. odda trzy lewy: dwie treflowe oraz pikową), całkowicie zniszczyli łączność pomiędzy rękami NS, zarówno karową, jak i pikową. A to wymagało też wykonania przez E odblokowującej zrzutki ♣W (do kierów). Gdy bowiem pozbył się on wówczas blotki, rozgrywający mógł tak manewrować swoimi treflami (wychodząc z ręki blotką), aby obrońca W wziął tylko jedną lewę w tym kolorze. Mógł on więc tylko raz podegrać piki, co – po przepuszczeniu ♠9 E – pozwoliło graczowi N zarówno na redukcję lewy w tym kolorze, jak i na zachowanie niezbędnej do ustawienia zwycięskiego przymusu pikowej linii komunikacyjnej.

Zmagania z niecodziennym rozkładem

by Wojtek Siwiec

Układ ręki 7–5 na pewno należy uznać za niezwykle, w siódmej rundzie eliminacyjnej turnieju teamów open gracze E otrzymali jednak taką właśnie niecodzienną kartę. A że także jedna z rąk przeciwnych (N) była mocno układowa (6–5), rozdanie to prawie na każdym stole miało interesujący przebieg, a na wielu spowodowało wysokie obroty...

Rozd. 6/VII; rozdawał E, WE po partii

<p>♠ A W 9 5 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ K W 8 4</p>	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	<p>♠ 8 ♥ D 10 9 5 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A D 10 9 6 5</p>	<p>♠ K D 10 7 6 ♥ 7 ♦ K W 10 6 5 4 3 ♣ —</p>
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	<p>♠ 4 3 ♥ A K W 6 4 ♦ A D 8 ♣ 7 3 2</p>					

W tego typu przypadkach szczególnie ważna jest właściwa ocena karty, a także całej przystolikowej sytuacji – aby połączyć się, kto jest w ataku, a kto w obronie, oraz do jakiej wysokości należy licytować, a kiedy czas już z licytacji się wycofać. Oto, jak doskonale wywiązały się z tego zadania cztery czołowe polskie pary, występujące w polsko-litewskich teamach VAINIKONIS i ERIKAS...

Pokój zamknięty (VAINIKONIS – ISRAEL):

West	North	East	South
Kalita	Ginossar	Gawryś	Barel
4♠	4BA ²	2♣	3♥
pas	6♥	5♦	ktr. ³
pas	pas	ktr.4 (!)	pas

1 polska dwukolorówka 5+–5+ piki i młodszy, zasadniczo 6–10 PC

2 blackwood na kierach

3 zero lub trzy wartości z pięciu

4 kontra Lightnera

Piotr Gawryś – po systemowym otwarciu 2♣ – w drugim okrążeniu zastosował strategię otwartości i przejrzystości – i ujawnił drugi kolor oraz duży, ofensywny układ swojej ręki (założenia!). Dzięki temu w trzeciej rundzie licytacji mógł dać czytelną kontrę Lightnera, wzywając partnera do oddania niezwyklego wistu. W tym wypadku było to jednoznaczne przesłanie: mam piki i kara, wistuj zatem w trefla! Kontra Piotra rzeczywiście zakończyła licytację i jego

partner – Jacek Kalita – wyszedł lawintalową ♣8. Rozgrywający celnie zadysponował z dziadka ♣10, ale Gawryś przebił i zagrał ♠K (odwrót karowy szlemika by wypuścić!). Bez jednej, 100 dla WE.

Także przy drugim stole gracze teamu VAINIKONIS właściwie wymierzili swój potencjał ofensywno-defensywny i wycofali się z licytacji własnej na odpowiednim szczeblu...

Pokój otwarty (VAINIKONIS – ISRAEL):

West	North	East	South
I.Herbst	Gierulski	O.Herbst	Skrzypczak
1♠	4♣ ²	1♦ ¹	1♥
ktr.	pas	5♠	ktr.
pas	pas	pas	

1 normalne otwarcie z pełnej strefy

2 konwencja kolor + fit

Gierulski miał szansę, aby opisać swoją rękę przy pomocy popularnej w Polsce konwencji kolor + fit, następnie zaś – zachowując pełną dyscyplinę licytacyjną – uszanował decyzję partnera. Po ataku singlową ♦2 kontrakt został położony bez jednej, za 200. A w sumie VAINIKONIS zyskał w tym rozdaniu 7 impów.



Bogusław Gierulski, Poland

Przenieśmy się teraz na plac boju zespołu ERIKAS przeciwko irlandzkiemu teamowi HANLON...

Pokój zamknięty (ERIKAS – HANLON):

West	North	East	South
Martens	Hanlon	Jassez	McGann
		2♠	ktr.
4♠	4BA ²	pas(!)	5♦ ³
pas	5♥	5♠(!)	6♥
pas	pas	pas	

1 polska dwukolorówka 5+–5+ piki z młodszym, zasadniczo 6–10 PC

2 wywoławcze, możliwość gry w dwa kolory (albo nawet trzy)

3 do koloru partnera

Krzysztof Jassem zastosował tu strategię pająka (który nie ujawnia swoich intencji, tylko czeka!), a zatem zachował się zupełnie inaczej niż Piotr Gawryś, z którym Krzysztof też często grywa w parze. Był to ukłon w stronę stałego partnera – profesora Krzysztofa Martensa – który zagadnieniu temu poświęcił całą, uhonorowaną potem prestiżową nagrodą IBPA, książkę. W następnym okrążeniu Jassem powiedział jeszcze 5♠ – z nadzieją na wygranie tego kontraktu! – S jednak gry tej nie skontrował, tylko – także w pełnym ataku – przelicytował ją sześcioma kierami. I te stały się kontraktem ostatecznym. Ale też zostały szybko położone – Jassem (tu rozgrywającym był bowiem N)



Krzysztof Jassem, Poland

wyszedł przeciwko nim ♠6 (!), a Martens zabił asem i odwrócił treflem do przebitki. Bez jednej, 50 dla WE.

Pokój otwarty (ERIKAS – HANLON):

West	North	East	South
Mesbur	Narkiewicz	Fitzgibbon	Buras
		1♦ ¹	1♥
1♠	3♠ ²	4♠	5♦ ³
pas	5♥	5♠	ktr. (!)
pas	pas	pas	

1 otwarcie przygotowawcze

2 splinter z fitem kierowym

3 cuebid

Tu z kolei Krzysztof Buras na podstawie otrzymanych informacji ocenił, że na wyższą grę własną nie ma już raczej szans, i 5♠ zawodnika E skontrował. Partner także uszanował tę decyzję, a potem wyszedł w singla karo i gra przeciwników została pewnie położona bez jednej, za 200. ERIKAS wygrał więc w tym rozdaniu 6 punktów meczowych.

Wprowadzie 7 i 6 impów, jakie zanotowały tu polskolitewskie zespoły, to zyski umiarkowane, w rozdaniu takim jak to chodzi jednak przede wszystkim o to, aby uniknąć wysokich strat. Tak było i tym razem – niektóre pary przegrały w nim, a inne wygrały, 13–14, a nawet więcej impów.

Proszę jeszcze zwrócić uwagę na fakt, że optymalne rozwiązanie trudnych problemów tego rozdania przez wymienione wyżej polskie duety było w dużej mierze zasługą podlimitowego otwarcia dwukolorowego 2♠, które mogli zastosować Gawryś i Jassem (a także opisowych konwencji 4♣ i 3♠, których użyli tu Gierulski i Narkiewicz). Nie mówiąc już o tym, że po naturalnych 2♠ graczy E ich partnerzy mogli szybko skoczyć na 4♠, co znacznie utrudniło stronie NS licytację. Natomiast przeciwnikom, którzy takich możliwości nie mieli i dali normalne otwarcie 1♦, dużo trudniej było zarówno precyzyjnie zbilansować swoje ręce (określić ich potencjał atakująco-obronny), jak i ocenić, na jakim szczeblu należy wycofać się z licytacji.

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Przeczytałem kiedyś, że prawo jedenastu to docelowy punkt ewolucji prawa dwóch i trzech Culbertsona. Co prawda prawo jedenastu mogłoby dotyczyć jedynie bardzo wysokich otwarć, ale zmiany kryteriów, dotyczących otwarć blokujących są bardzo wyraźne. Popatrzmy...

Prawo 2 i 3 mówi, że na otwarciu blokujące przed partią powinno się mieć tyle lew w ręce, aby być bez trzech, a po partii bez dwóch. Czyli na otwarciu 3♠ po partii powinno być coś takiego: ♠KDWxxxx ♡x ♢W10xx ♣x a przed partią ♠KDWxxxx ♡x ♢10xx ♣xx. Czy dzisiaj ktoś jeszcze tak gra?

W latach 7-tych Zbigniew Szurig, nieżyjący już polski gracz i teoretyk zaproponował prawo 4321 – w korzystnych bez czterech, w obie przed bez trzech, w obie po bez dwóch, w korzystnych bez jednej. Potem lansowano 5322...

Otwarcia 3 w młodszy na I i II ręce traktowano jako konstruktywne, obiecujące przyzwoity kolor, zwykle z dwoma starszymi figurami, dający szansę na to, że będzie Źródłem lew na 3BA.

A jak wygląda to dzisiaj?

Otwarcia są bardzo losowe. Na III ręce zasada jest brak jakichkolwiek zasad. Popatrzmy na kilka przykładów.

Po pierwszym dniu turnieju teamów przybiegł do mnie jeden z naszych obiecujących juniorów, Jakub Wojcieszek, z następującym rozdaniem:

Rozdawał N WE po partii

♠ J 9 7 6 5
♡ J 7
♢ 10 9 6
♣ A Q 3

♠ A 10
♡ A 5 2
♢ A K 5 4 3
♣ K J 6

N
W E
S

♠ K Q 8
♡ 10 8 4
♢ J 8
♣ 10 9 8 5 2

♠ 4 3 2
♡ K Q 9 6 3
♢ Q 7 2
♣ 7 4

Oto jego relacja: „Z ręka S otworzyłem na III ręce 3♡, oczywiście, W powiedział 3BA i zgasło. Partner wyszedł waletem kier, przejąłem damę. Rozgrywający pobił od razu asem i zagrał króla trefl – partner asem i kier – bez dwóch!”

Czyli juniorskie trzecioreczne 3♡ to ♠432 ♡KD963 ♢D72 ♣74. W poprzednim biuletynie mieliśmy przykład trzeciorecznego 3♢: ♠98 ♡4 ♢DW964 ♣87532 Z zebranych przeze mnie relacji mogę potwierdzić, że 3♢ z tą ręką otworzyli m.in. profesor Martens Bridge University – Krzysztof Martens, wicemistrz Europy z Ostendy Jacek Kalita, główny inżynier Śląskiej Kuźni Systemów Bogusław Pazur.

W świetle powyższych wydarzeń nie może zaskakiwać rozdanie poniższe, które można po siatkarsku zatytułować „wystawka ok, ale zabrakło ściecia”

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Rozdawał W Obie po partii

♠ Q 6 5 3
♡ 8 5 4 3
♢ 10 9 4
♣ Q 9

♠ 8 4
♡ K J 10 7 6
♢ A J 8 5
♣ 4 2

N
W E
S

♠ A K J 10 7 2
♡ -
♢ 7 6 3 2
♣ J 8 7

♠ 9
♡ A Q 9 2
♢ K Q
♣ A K 10 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuszyński</i>			
pas	pas	3♠	ktr.
pas	4♡	pas	pas
pas???			

Tuszyński

3♠ wystawiło przeciwników na odpowiednią wysokość, ale W zapomniał zwięździć akcję kontrą. Być może nie chciał dobijać przeciwników, gdyż na drugim stole NS zrealizowali 3BA... Tam E otworzył standardowo 2♢ Multi.

Reasumując, pokazane wyżej otwarcia 3♡ i 3♢ wskazują, że prawo „trzech” doszło już w swojej ewolucji to prawa „szczęściu”. Ciąg dalszy prawdopodobnie nastąpi.



Piotr Tuszyński, Poland



Bridge Tournament

Anybody is welcome to participate in the "Greek Islands" bridge festival.

Entry fees **per person** for all participants throughout the festival are:

- ♣ 100€ - Open pairs
- ♦ 60€ - Mixed pairs
- ♠ 75€ - Teams
- ♣ (entry fee for friendly night tournaments will be 8€)

Also the Greek Bridge Association will give Master Points to the winners.

Should you require a playing partner in any of the above categories please contact Mr. Stavros Bobolakis Tel.: +30 210-6606057 or mob.: +30 6936 606057 or send a relevant mail to the Logistics Team Mrs. Christina Papadaki (chris948@otenet.gr) or Mrs. Andriani Livada (livada1@ath.forthnet.gr)

Awards

OPEN PAIRS	MIXED PAIRS	TEAMS
Total of 20.000 € 4.000 € winning pair and many category prizes	Total of 10.000 € 3.000 € winning pair and many category prizes	Total of 20.000 € 4.000 € winning team and many category prizes

Please bear in mind that only those who will make their reservations through the authorized organizers will be able to participate in all the events such as bridge lessons, friendly night tournaments, a half day excursion and the gala dinner.

Schedule

Sunday 28th August 2011

Arrival of delegates, accommodation

(We would kindly ask you to consider that we are organizing this festival during a very high season, therefore, rooms will not be ready for delegates prior to 14.00 p.m. on the day of arrival. Of course, an effort will be made and any available rooms will be given as soon as they are ready on a first come first served basis. If any delegates need to enter their rooms upon their arrival (before 14.00 p.m.) then the rooms should be reserved from the previous night at an extra charge of 200€)

- 20.00 Welcome cocktail
- 21.00 - ... Open pairs (1st Session)

Monday 29th August 2011

- 15.00 - 16.00 Bridge Lessons by Fulvio Fantoni
- 17.00 Open pairs (2nd Session)
- 22.00 Friendly Night Tournament

Tuesday 30th August 2011

- 15.00 - 16.00 Bridge Lessons by Fulvio Fantoni
- 17.00 Open pairs (3rd Session)
- 22.00 Friendly Night Tournament

Wednesday 31st August 2011

- 15.00 - 16.00 Bridge Lessons by Fulvio Fantoni
- 17.00 Mixed pairs (1st Session)
- 22.00 Friendly Night Tournament

Thursday 1st September 2011

- 15.00 - 16.00 Bridge Lessons by Fulvio Fantoni
- 17.00 Mixed pairs (2nd Session)
- 22.00 Friendly Night Tournament

Friday 2nd September 2011

- 15.00 - 16.00 Bridge Lessons by Fulvio Fantoni
- 17.00 Teams (1st Session)
- 22.00 Friendly Night Tournament

Saturday 3rd September 2011

- 15.00 Teams (2nd Session)
- 21.30 - ... Awards Ceremony - Gala dinner

Sunday 4th September 2011

Departures (check-out by 12.00).

- › All the games will be transmitted through Bridge Base on Line - BBO.
- › International Directors will be present during the Festival