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Eyes on the Prize



The magnificent team of support staff here in Poznan

After some exciting semi finals where several matches were in doubt until the last board, six teams will battle for the gold and silver medals. In the **Open Mahaffey** meet **Bessis** (who they defeated 33-0 in the Swiss). **Netherlands Women I** face **Kapadokya** in the **Women's** final and **Pharon** take on **Grenthe** in the **Senior** contest.

The unlucky losers, **Texan Aces & Monaco A** (*Open*), **Cronier & Joel** (*Women*) and **Kutner & POL-CH** (*Senior*) will battle for the bronze medals.

It promises to be a thrilling day, and BBO will be covering all three finals.

Today's - Schedule

- 10.00 O/W/S Pairs Semi-final A&B (R1)
- 10.30 O/W/S Teams Final & PO (R1)
- 12.00 O/W/S Pairs Semi-final A&B (R2)
- 14.00 O/W/S Teams Final & PO (R2)
- 15.00 O/W/S Pairs Semi-final A&B (R3)
- 16.00 O/W/S Teams Final (R3)
- 17.00 O/W/S Pairs Semi-final A&B (R4)
- 19.00 O/W/S Pairs Semi-final A&B (R5)

Teams Prize Giving

The Teams Prize Giving Ceremony will be held today 29th June immediately after the end of the last match, in front of the playing area C1



OPEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 8

		1st	2nd	total
1	WRANG	21	15	36
	TEXAN ACES	10	31	41
2	LAVAZZA	25	5	30
	MAHAFFEY	22	21	43
3	NETHERLANDS WHITE	9	24	33
	BESSIS	39	16	55
4	ROSENTHAL	8	41	49
	MONACO A	39	25	64

ROUND OF 4

		1st	2nd	total
1	TEXAN ACES	26	29	55
	MAHAFFEY	40	28	68
2	MONACO A	12	27	39
	BESSIS	34	20	54

WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND OF 4

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	CRONIER	38	9	47	94
	NETHERLANDS WOMEN I	13	42	42	97
2	KAPADOKYA	49	27	34	110
	JOEL	28	32	29	89

SENIOR TEAMS

ROUND OF 4

		1st	2nd	3rd	total
1	KUTNER	36	9	12	57
	PHARON	51	39	24	114
2	POL-CH	23	22	28	73
	GRENTHE	29	11	52	92

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Little Fish are Sweet

by Mark Horton

'Whispering' Ted Lowe, who died earlier this year, was known as the voice of snooker.

He became a household name after his debut on the BBC show Pot Black in 1969, his unmistakable hushed tones earning him his nickname.

Lowe uttered the occasional on-air gaffe, his most famous quote being, 'and for those of you who are watching in black and white, the pink is next to the green.' He once told viewers that Fred Davis (by then well over 70) struggling to rest one leg on the edge of the table in order to reach a long shot, 'is getting on a bit and is having trouble getting his leg over'.

When a player was forced to pot one of the minor colours for positional reasons and the shot was successful he would use the phrase 'Little fish are sweet'.

In bridge terms, while snookers black and pink are represented ace and king, the minor colours, starting with the yellow are the 'little fish'.

On this deal from the Open Teams (reported in an earlier bulletin) declarer missed a chance to utilise them and recover from what appeared to be a poor position:

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cullin	Rodwell	Upmark	Meckstroth
4♣*	Dbl	4♥	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	5♣
			All Pass

West led his singleton diamond, and it was reported that declarer lost a spade and two diamonds.

A closer inspection reveals that declarer has a winning line!

Win with dummy's ace of diamonds and set about eliminating the heart suit by cashing the ace of hearts and ruffing a heart. A trump to dummy enables declarer to ruff another heart, and he now plays a spade. West takes the ace and returns a spade, declarer winning with the king and pitching a diamond. Declarer draws the outstanding trump and then plays the eight of spades. When East cannot beat it he simply discards a diamond, forcing West to win and concede a ruff and discard. How sweet is that?!

This was the line followed by Jean-Christophe Quantin against Nystrom and Bertheau to bring home 550 in 5♣x.

Just the Facts

Piotr Gawrys



Date of Birth: 1955

Place of Birth: Warsaw

Place of Residence: Warsaw

What is your favourite colour?

Black

What kind of food makes you happy?

Anything good

And what drink?

Wine

Who is your favourite author?

While I was studying I was asked this by my professor. I knew the answer he was looking for so I said Faulkner. In those days they marked you on a scale of 2-5. He gave me 6.

All time favourite movie?

The Promised Land (Ziemia Obiecana) a 1975 Polish film directed by Andrzej Wajda

What do you see as your best ever result?

The 1984 Olympiad

Who is your favourite bridge player?

That's a secret

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

Why You Lose at Bridge

What is the best bridge country in the world?

For a professional player it must be the USA. It also offers the strongest opposition.

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

In my case selling coffee

What is it you dislike in a person?

Plenty of things!

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?

I try not to be superstitious, but if I start well in a tournament I hope it is a short one, as I like to wear the same clothes!

What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

Those relating to the opening bid out of turn

Experience wins out

by Brent Manley

In the round of 32 in the Open Teams, the veteran Jim Mahaffey team squared off against a team of Dutch Junior players. The youngsters got off to a fast start but could not sustain the effort.

They Dutch showed their aggressive posture on the first deal.

Double-dummy, Meckstroth could have made this contract, playing low clubs from hand by twice, but he made the normal percentage play of entering dummy with the ♠Q and playing up to his ♣K for one down and minus 100. The contract and the play were the same at the other table, but Gerbrand Hop (South) was not doubled, so the Dutch started with a 2-0 lead.

The lead grew to 10-0 on the next deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ AK9854 ♦ KJ93 ♣ A10	N W E S	♠ 94 ♥ QJ72 ♦ 106 ♣ QJ863
♠ AKJ108532 ♥ 10 ♦ A ♣ K75		

West	North	East	South
Lankveld	Rodwell	Bos	Meckstroth
Dbl	Pass	Pass	4♠
	All Pass		

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 975 ♥ AQ10754 ♦ K6 ♣ 42	N W E S	♠ AQJ3 ♥ KJ9 ♦ — ♣ AQJ1093
♠ K10 ♥ 6 ♦ AQ943 ♣ K8765		
♠ 8642 ♥ 832 ♦ J108752 ♣ —		

West	North	East	South
Lankveld	Rodwell	Bos	Meckstroth
1♥	Dbl	1♦	Pass
2♥	Dbl	2♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	2♠

Joris van Lankveld led a low spade to the queen and king, and a heart was returned to East's ace. Van Lankveld gave his partner a heart ruff at trick two, and a low diamond was returned to the jack and king, ruffed in dummy. Meckstroth cashed the ♠J, then played the ♣Q, letting it run when East did not cover. He ended with nine tricks for plus 140. Things went awry for Mahaffey at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Mahaffey	Helmich	Cohler	Hop
1♥	Dbl	1♦	Pass
2♥	Dbl	2♣	Pass
3♦	Dbl	All Pass	2♠

Hop started with the ♦J to the king, and Cohler played a club from dummy.

Aarnout Helmich went in with the ♣A and continued with the ♣9, ducked by declarer. He ducked again when




Berend Van Den Bos, Netherlands

North played the ♣Q and ruffed with dummy's last trump. A spade went to the ace, and the ♣10 was covered by the king and ruffed by South, who played a spade to declarer's king. When Cohler led a low heart from hand, Hop ruffed and played a spade to the queen, ruffed by Cohler to cash his high diamonds. He was out of tricks at that point, down three for minus 500.

Mahaffey returned the favour on the next deal.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Lankveld</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Bos</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	2♣

Rodwell took the opening spade lead in dummy with the queen, cashed the top diamonds and played a club to the queen. The ♦J was taken by the queen for a spade return. Rodwell ended up with three diamonds, two spades and two clubs for minus 50.


West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>Helmich</i>	East <i>Cohler</i>	South <i>Hop</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
Dbl	Pass	2♥	2♣(♦)
Pass	3♦	Pass	2NT
Dbl	All Pass		Pass

2NT would have been a better place to play so the 3♦ call was an unsuccessful Helmich manoeuvre.

Cohler led a diamond to declarer's king, then took the ♠K when declarer played a low one from hand. The ♥J held when declarer did not cover, then Mahaffey was in with a heart to the queen and his king. He played another diamond, taken perforce by declarer, who ruffed a heart, played a spade to his ace and ruffed another heart. Seven tricks was the limit for North, so he was minus 300 – 6 IMPs to Mahaffey.

It was 10-9 for the Dutch when Mahaffey went ahead for good on board 6.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Lankveld</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Bos</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Rodwell led the ♠J. Meckstroth took the ♠A and returned the ♦8. No doubt influenced by Meckstroth's bid of 2♠, declarer placed him with the ♦A and went up with the king. Rodwell took the ♦A and returned a diamond to Meckstroth's queen. He still had the trump king to come, so van Lankveld was down one for minus 100.

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>Helmich</i>	East <i>Cohler</i>	South <i>Hop</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Helmich started with the ♣10, taken in dummy with the king. Mahaffey played a spade to his king and ran the ♥J to Hop's king. As at the other table, the ♦8 came back, but Mahaffey played low, as did Helmich, and the jack won the trick. The defenders later won tricks with the ♦A and ♠A, but that was only three tricks, and Mahaffey was in with plus 620 and a 12-IMP gain.

Tim Bourke, watching the match on BBO from his home in Australia, emailed the Daily Bulletin to say that there were two thoughtful comments by kibitzers on the board.

Here is what he had to say: "I missed Meckstroth's pass and made a 'learned' comment about whether to play the king or low (I favour king here when South is not a passed hand).

"Noodle (Norman Houlie) pointed out that declarer should make the second-degree assumption that ♥K is wrong. Then, as Meckstroth would open with ♠A, ♥K and ♦A, it was right to play low.

"Ron Borg then made the observation that it was wrong to switch to a diamond at trick two; West is marked with 4-4 in the majors and will have 9 or 10 points in the minors. The defence needs two tricks from the minors and that can only come if West has ♦K. He reasoned that the

diamond shift was wrong and South should leave West to his own devices.”

The match was relatively close at the halfway point – Mahaffey leading 28-19 – but things got out of hand for the Dutch in the second half.

At both tables on board 15, North was doubled in 4♠ making an overtrick for plus 990. Board 16 was not so good for the Juniors.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 5 4 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ K 9 5 ♣ Q J 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ 9 6 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q J 8 6 3 2 ♣ 4 3	
♠ K 10 7 ♥ J 10 5 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ K 10 9 2	♠ Q J 2 ♥ Q 9 7 6 ♦ A 4 ♣ A 8 7 5		

West <i>Lankveld</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Bos</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Ernst Wackwitz, Netherlands

Bos led a low diamond to West’s 10, Rodwell ducking. A diamond continuation would have been better, but the shift to a club went to Rodwell’s queen, and a low spade was played to dummy’s queen and West’s king. West continued with the ♣K, taken in dummy with the ace. A heart to the king was won by East with the ace, and the ♥2 was ducked to West’s jack. Now a club to Rodwell’s jack, was followed by a diamond to dummy, the ♠J and a spade to the ace. The friendly split allowed Rodwell to get home with three spades, three clubs, two diamonds and a heart for plus 400.

At the other table, Dennis Stuurman played 4♠ from the North seat and could not manage more than nine tricks for minus 50 and 10 IMPs to Mahaffey.

Two boards later, the Mahaffey lead grew again.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 6 5 4 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ 10 9 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ A 7 2 ♥ Q 4 3 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ A 7 6 4	
♠ K Q ♥ K 9 6 ♦ A K 10 8 ♣ K Q J 3	♠ J 9 8 3 ♥ A 10 8 2 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ 8 5		

West <i>Lankveld</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Bos</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Meckstroth led the ♥A and continued with a heart to the king. The contract hinged on the diamond finesse, which was wrong – minus 50.

West <i>Lev</i>	North <i>Stuurman</i>	East <i>Pszczola</i>	South <i>Wackwitz</i>
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Jacek Pszczola’s 3♠ was a relay to 3NT. Sam Lev lost the same two tricks that Bos did, finishing at plus 460 for an 11-IMP gain.

Another big swing for Mahaffey came two boards later.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

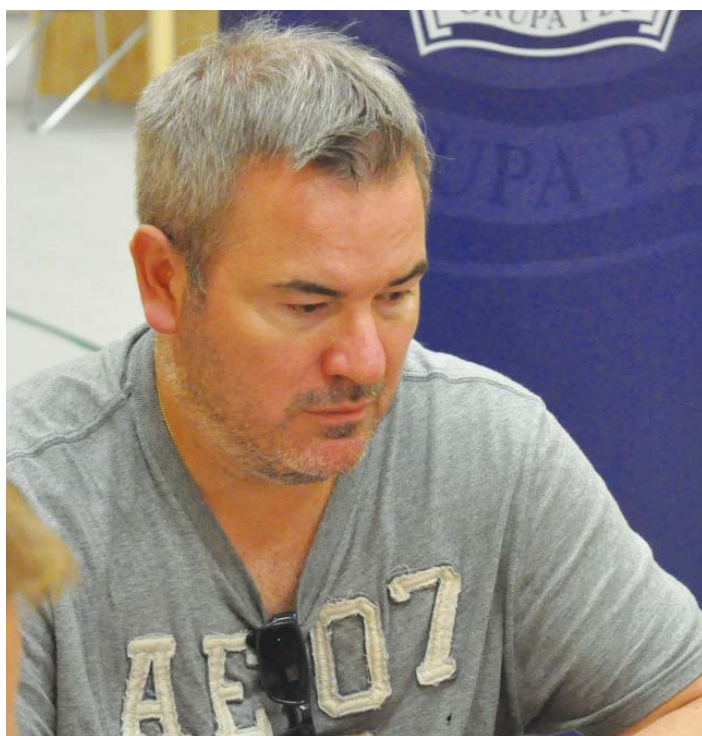
♠ A J 6 4
 ♥ A J 3
 ♦ A 6 5
 ♣ J 9 5
 ♠ K 7 3 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 8 3 2
 ♣ A Q 8 6 3
 ♠ 5
 ♥ K Q 10 9 8 4 2
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ K 7 4
 ♠ Q 10 9 8
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ K J 10 9 4
 ♣ 10 2



West	North	East	South
<i>Lankveld</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Bos</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Bos led the ♠10 to the 5, van Lankveld playing low. Rodwell pulled trumps, pitched a diamond on the ♠A and played a club to the king and West's ace. He won the ace on the diamond return, ruffed a diamond and played a low club from dummy, guessing to play the jack when West followed low. That was plus 650.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Stuurman</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Wackwitz</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



Jacek Pszczola, USA

Pszczola hit on the killing lead of the ♣10. Lev took the ♣Q and ♣A and gave his partner a ruff. The defense still had a diamond trick coming, so the contract was one off. Unlike the auction at the other table, which gave away virtually no information, the Dutch auction pinpointed the opening lead for Pszczola.

The final deal of the match epitomized the ill fortunes of the Dutch team.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Lankveld</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Bos</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Rodwell led a club to the jack and Meckstroth's queen. The ♦A and was followed by the ♣A for one down – minus 50.

At the other table, Lev opened the bidding with 4♠, which Ernst Wackwitz doubled in the passout seat. Three tricks were the limit for the defense, so that was plus 590 for Mahaffey. The final score was 96-34.



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.

Search for the Hero

by Mark Horton

One of bridge's greatest problems is the lack of personalities, heroes who the public can identify with. Of course, lack of exposure is part of the problem. When Poland's Renata Dancewicz was leading the Mixed Pairs, fans came to the Congress centre wanting her autograph. That is the advantage of being a film star. Still, some players and partnerships command a regular following on BBO, none more so than Meckwell. You can always tell when they are playing, as thousands flock to their table.

However, for the first half of the round of 16 I chose to watch another table featuring an outstanding talent, Sweden's Peter Fredin. He is noted for his willingness to make things happen, both in the bidding and the play. Want to back someone to underlead an ace at trick one – put your money on Peter!

Here is the pick of the action:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Tornqvist</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Wikner</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

North led the king of spades and South overtook it and returned the suit, North winning with the jack and switching to the seven of diamonds. Declarer finessed and South won and returned the nine of diamonds for North to ruff. With the club finesse onside that as two down, - 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
	Pass	1♣*	1♦
Pass	1♠	Dbl	Pass
INT	2♣	Dbl	Rdbl
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

East led a trump and declarer won in dummy and ran the eight of clubs. East won with the jack, cashed the ace of diamonds and played a second spade. Declarer won, played two more rounds of trumps and exited with a heart. In due course he took a spade and a club for two down, -100 and 5 IMPs to Kamras.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Tornqvist</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Wikner</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	All Pass	



Andrew Rosenthal, USA

Declarer took the king of diamond lead, cashed two hearts for a diamond discard, ruffed a heart and played a club to the queen. He cashed the ace of clubs, and when East discarded, he knew his fate. He tried the jack of spades, but West won, cashed two clubs and forced dummy with a heart. East had the rest, two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Declarer ducked the first two diamonds, won the next one and played the queen of spades. West won and now does best to play back a spade, giving declarer no help. When he switched to the ten of hearts he gave declarer a chance. However, declarer put up the king of hearts and played a spade. East took the ace, cashed the nine of diamonds and could exit in either black suit for one down. But the defenders allowed declarer to score his ♥J for the eighth trick. That meant 8 IMPs to Rosenthal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Tornqvist</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Wikner</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbl*	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

South led the eight of spades and declare took North's king with the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond. North declined to ruff, pitching the eight of clubs, so declarer won with the queen, ruffed a spade with the nine of diamonds, came to hand with a trump and ruffed his last spade with the ace of diamonds. He still had three trump tricks to come, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dbl*	Rdbl	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the eight of spades and declarer took North's king with the ace, cashed three rounds of diamonds, South discarding two spades and heart, and played a heart to the king and ace. North switched to the six of clubs and the defenders were in a position to put the contract four down. However, South played the jack of spades and declarer won and cashed two diamonds, escaping for two down, -100, still a loss of 5 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Tornqvist</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Wikner</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

West led the ten of hearts and declarer won with the king as East pitched the eight of clubs. He cashed all his winners then put East on lead with a spade and collected the jack of diamonds at the end, +630.



Peter Fredin, Sweden

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
			INT
2♦*	DbI*	Rdbl	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	DbI
All Pass			

North cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the ace of spades and a spade. South won with the king, cashed the king then ace of diamonds and played the queen of clubs. North overtook with the king, cashed the jack, South discarding his remaining diamond, and exited with a spade. Declarer had to ruff and could not avoid the loss of two more trump tricks, -1100, handing Rosenthal 10 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Tornqvist</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Wikner</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led the jack of hearts and continued with the ten, declarer taking the ace and playing a diamond to the king. When that held he cashed his clubs ending in dummy and played a diamond to the queen and ace. South led his heart to North's queen and a low spade to the ace and a spade back was one down, +100.

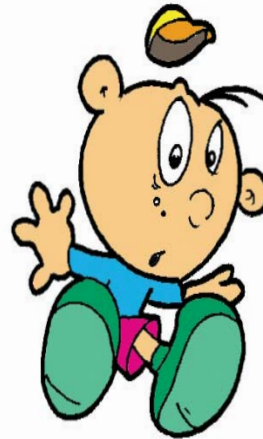
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

As before South led the jack of hearts and North put up the king, declarer winning at once and playing a diamond to the king. When that held he played a diamond to the jack and when South withheld his ace it was a case of 'duck and no dinner' as declarer claimed, +90 and 5 IMPs back to Kamras.

At the half Rosenthal led 23-10 – all to play for.

Championship Diary



When Amit Choudhuri came by asking the bulletin to plug Bridge Boffin (www.bridgeboffin.com) a new site for players, learners and teachers, we noted that he was wearing a badge that indicated he was representing Spain. We raised a courteous eyebrow, and expressed surprise that Spain was not represented by its

usual countries (Italy and Poland). Amit explained he was from India, his wife (with whom he had played in the Mixed Pairs) was Swedish, he was playing with a Norwegian, and his teammates were German and an Englishman born in Pakistan. No Spanish players were on the representative team.

You might like to know that you can buy a Karnet from the *Caffe Vergnano 1882* (that's the outlet by the bookstalls) that entitles you to but any six coffees of your choice (making it a real bargain) for only PLN 30. (They also give you your 70 PLN change the next day when you have forgotten to pick it up the day before.)

As the clock ticked down to the time we have to send the Bulletin to the printer we were still missing a vital piece of information. I decided we had better send a runner. 'Well, that rules me out' said Tacchi.

There was a National Strike in Greece yesterday and today. George (our tireless layout Editor) felt he should join in but when his requests that we should join him resulted in a marked lack of Solidarity, he gave up on the idea.

While we were discussing the general strike in Greece Panos Gerontopoulos remarked 'General strikes are very rare in Greece, the previous one was well over a week ago'.

We have been looking at the layout of the front page – for example, a smaller picture would leave more room for us to report on the day's events. You might see some changes in Greece next year.

He who is here without blame, let him cast the first stone John 8.7

by Marco Catellani

If you have played in Open Teams 32/1, perhaps on board 5 you were defending against Four Hearts. Try to see the problem from the correct perspective.

You are West and the bidding is 4♥ All Pass, or 3♥ Pass 4♥ All Pass (I let you choose, I'm kind or not?), but the second sequence was what really happened at the table. Your partner's lead is the queen of clubs (standard leads), and you see:

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

Are you with me? OK... Let's continue.

Declarer takes the lead with dummy's ace, following with the nine, and plays a small heart from dummy, for his ace and partner's two. Another heart is led, partner taking with the king, and you discard the seven of spades. Partner duly follows your indications, playing the three of spades (3 cards), and you take with your king, declarer following with the six. Your move.

Maybe at the table you played against this possible distribution:

♠ 6
♥ A Q J 9 8 4 3
♦ J 3 2
♣ 9 2

And so, hoping for an error on your left (with this hand declarer can always succeed by giving up a club trick, ruffing one, and then squeezing partner) maybe you returned a small spade, awaiting developments. But you are still waiting, because the full deal was:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

So you may have missed the obvious ruff, and all the blame from partners, casual teams, directors, personality, etc. comes to you in a rush. And blame comes also from your second (or third?) girl-friend...

You cannot deny that ruffing was really obvious: why declarer should play that way, giving up a certain trick (with the king of hearts well placed), if it wasn't for fear of a ruff and ten tricks without it?

(At trick three, if declarer risks the diamond finesse he can then discard his losing spade after which there is no defence. Editor.)

Yes, after all it was really obvious, but... do you remember? No one said a single word to you. At least, that was what really happened to me.

But if that would happen to you, please take note that you can defend yourself, simply by stating 'He who is here without blame, let him cast the first stone'...

The contract can be beaten also by partner, playing low on the second heart trick. Declarer is in dummy, with no convenient way to re-enter hand, and hence losing control.

P.S. Analyses flourished only in front of a beer (for which I had obviously to pay) by my really good partners: Jean-Christophe Quantin and Marc Bompis. I told them I cannot permit myself always to pay a beer for each of my mistakes. 'Never mind', they answered 'we will take a dinner'.

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The only one

by Jan van Cleeff

In the round of 16 Netherlands Red – a former open EC winner - was knocked out by Monaco A. Still the match was at one stage pretty close, when the Dutchies were working on a strong comeback in the second half. Brink-Drijver earned 14 IMPs on this deal:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♥	All Pass



Marc Bompis, France

- 4♣ long hearts, better than an immediate 4♥ response
- 4NT RKC
- 5♠ 2 Key Cards + ♥Q

South led the ♦10 to North's king. Declarer ruffed the second diamond and ran all his hearts but the last reaching this position where South still has to play a card:

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

Jean-Christophe Quantin decided to sit on his spades, otherwise declarer would ruff the fourth spade high. So South bared his ♣K, but Bas Drijver read the position. He crossed to the ♣A and scored dummy's ♣9 as the twelfth trick.

Drijver who turned out to be the only one to make the slam had every reason to play for the criss-cross. It was most likely that the ♣K was with South as North was a passed hand. By the way, a club or a heart switch at trick two would have been fatal for declarer.

(With the East hand on view it would be easier find the switch, which breaks up the potential squeeze as declarer has no route back to dummy after ruffing a diamond, but on balance North might perhaps have switched on the basis that there was no reason for East to look for a slam with two losing diamonds. Editor)

Souvenir Cards

The cards that you have been playing with are now for sale at Jannersten's sales stand (next to the coffee bar).

Laundry service

A local college student is available to do laundry at a reasonable price. Her email address is sliwinska.michalina@gmail.com.



Vox Populi

More views on the tournament from the players here in Poznan.



Ruth Leverkoff is one half of a partnership that may hold a unique record – having competed in every edition of the European Open Championships. She thinks Poznan is amazing.

Ireland's **Gilda Pender & Hilary Dowling-Long** think Poznan is great and they are having a fantastic time. (Gilda has promised to tell us more when Hilary is not around!?)



Rita Seamon (you guessed, Janice Seamon-Molson's mother) is the other half of this remarkable partnership (they both live in Florida) and she is having a great time. One of her favourite spots is the Town Hall in the Old Market Square (*Stary Rynek*) in the centre of the Old Town neighbourhood and the display of mechanical fighting goats, played out daily at noon above the clock on the front wall of the building.

The Netherland's **Bauke Muller** told us this was his first time in Poland and he thinks Poznan is a great city. His only complaint – there is too much bridge!



Jean Charles Allavena, representing Monaco, was also visiting Poland for the first time. He particularly enjoys the excellent restaurants to be found in the city.

Hanging tough

by Brent Manley

At the halfway point of their match against the Denmark Open team, the Jim Mahaffey squad held 36-15 lead. The Americans were breathing hard at the end, but they prevailed to make it to the quarterfinal round of the Open Teams.

Mahaffey earned an overtrick IMP on the first deal of the second half, then came this board.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A K J ♥ A 10 7 3 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A 7 6 4	<table border="1" style="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 7 4 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ Q 10 2 ♣ 10 9 5 3
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♠ Q 6 ♥ Q 6 ♦ A K J 8 7 4 ♣ K 8 2	♠ 10 8 5 3 2 ♥ K J 9 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ Q J				

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	



Soren Christiansen, Denmark

Soren Christiansen led the ♦2 to Jens Auken's king. Eric Rodwell ruffed the diamond continuation and played a heart to dummy's king. The ♣Q held the trick, and the ♣J was covered by the king and ace. A third round of clubs was ruffed with the 9, and Rodwell re-entered his hand with a spade to the ace to ruff his last club with the jack. Auken overruffed with the queen, but that was the last trick for the defense as Rodwell chalked up plus 450.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>
INT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

With the high cards marked with West, Gregers Bjarnarson had no difficulty taking 12 tricks in his spade contract for plus 230 and a 6-IMP loss.

The Danes got those IMPs back on this deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 7 4 ♥ A ♦ J 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ 10 9 7	<table border="1" style="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	♠ K 10 9 5 3 ♥ Q 6 4 2 ♦ K ♣ Q 8 6
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W E					
S					
♠ 8 6 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A K J 4 2	♠ A Q ♥ J 10 9 8 5 ♦ A Q 10 4 ♣ 5 3				

West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠*	Pass	2♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

1♠ denied four spades (INT = 4+ spades).

Jeff Meckstroth cashed two high clubs and played a third round, but Christiansen ruffed, played a heart to dummy and followed with a low diamond. The sight of the king was welcome, and it remained only to take the spade finesse for the contract. When it worked, the Danes were plus 400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>
INT	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	All Pass	2♦	Pass

Pszczola also took 11 tricks, but it was a 6-IMP loss. Denmark was behind 43-22, and they closed the gap even more two boards later.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A K J 10 5 ♥ 10 7 2 ♦ A K 9 ♣ A 3	<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	♠ Q 9 7 3 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ 10 6	♠ 4 ♥ Q ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 5 4 2
N						
W E						
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West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

The 2NT opening (here 19-20) is sometimes called the "slam killer" because it starts off taking up so much room in the bidding. Indeed, although Meckstroth and Rodwell no doubt have many bidding tools for 2NT openers, Meckstroth chose simply to blast into 5♣ after the relay to 3NT. Twelve tricks are trivial on the deal, so North-South were plus 620.



Michael Askgard, Denmark

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Bjarnarson's disciplined 1♦ bid after Michael Askgard's strong 1♣ was followed by 2♠, which presumably showed his club length over relay bid of 1♥. Bjarnarson's judgment in bidding the slam was rewarded by a 13-IMP gain for his side, trailing at that point by only 8 IMPs.

Three pushes followed before Mahaffey extended the margin to 17 with the result on the following deal.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 10 9 7 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ Q 7 6	<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	♠ Q 8 6 4 ♥ J 10 9 4 ♦ A 8 6 ♣ A 10	♠ A 5 ♥ A 6 ♦ 9 7 5 4 2 ♣ K 8 5 3
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W E						
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West	North	East	South
<i>Auken</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Christiansen</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Whereas he would have had no hesitation in opening the bidding with the South hand in any other seat, Meckstroth's judgment in passing this deal out proved profitable given what happened at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Lev</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Pszczola</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Bjarnarson started with a low heart, ducked by Pszczola to his 9. He played a low diamond from hand, taken by Bjarnarson with the jack to continue with another low heart to dummy's ace. Pszczola cashed the ♦A and played a third round, won by North, who played a club to the 10, jack and queen.

Pszczola cashed his two good diamonds, then played the ♠A and another spade, ducked by North. Pszczola put in the queen and was pleased to see that it held. He had three

diamonds, two hearts, two spade and two clubs for plus 400 and a 9-IMP gain for Mahaffey.

The Danes did not go quietly, however, recovering 7 IMPs on this board.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Auken	Rodwell	Christiansen	Meckstroth
		Pass	1♦
Dbl	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Meckstroth started with a low spade, taken by dummy with the 10. Had Christiansen continued by playing on hearts, there would have been no defense, but he had no way of knowing the layout of the red aces. When Bjarnarson played a diamond to his king, Meckstroth won the ace and could have scuttled the contract by playing his top clubs and a third round of the suit. Rodwell could simply wait with his ♥A to cash good clubs for one down. When Meckstroth continued with the ♣K, however, Rodwell followed with the 10. Unaware that Rodwell held five clubs, Meckstroth got out with a low heart, and it was easy from there for Christiansen to emerge with 10 tricks for plus 630.

West	North	East	South
Lev	Askgaard	Pszczola	Bjarnarson
		Pass	INT
All Pass			

Bjarnarson managed only his three aces and the ♣K for minus 300. That put the margin at 10 IMPs with two boards to go, and they picked up another two on the penultimate board, but the last deal did not produce a swing for the Danes. In fact, they lost 6 IMPs on the final deal when Christiansen went minus 50 in 3♦ while Bjarnarson was going two down for minus 200 in 5♣ in the other room.

The final score was 58-44.

Digging a pit....

by Barry Rigal

On this deal from round six of the Round Robin many Wests were prepared to insult the intelligence of their opponents while giving up on a legitimate chance. Amongst others we heard of many declarers who preferred to go for the gusto by trying to fool the player in the North seat.

Before we start, let's guess what should have happened here:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

As you can see, the defence to 4♠ should see the defenders taking two heart tricks and one trick in each minor. Against 5♥ West will find it hard to win a spade trick and follow up with ♣Q for down two but that is technically the par result for his side. So now you can all guess: how many tables played 4♠ and how many pairs set it?

Of the 120 pairs playing the deal 15 E/W pairs collected small positives in partscore (!) or defending hearts. 105 played spade contracts – quite a few of those higher than at the four level. 58 tables led the ♠Q – of course on a low club lead found at 16 tables the contract made, while 22 tables led a heart and defeated the game at once.

So how many of those 58 tables defeated the game? Remarkably, no fewer than 43 of the 58 made game. Quite a few declarers sneaked the diamond jack past a dozing North; when Cullin managed this against a top-class Norwegian international he added insult to injury by crossing back to hand and leading a club to the ten at trick four. That produced +510 and embarrassment all round.

At more than a few tables West led a low club from hand at trick two! When Steve de Donder tried this against Gert-Jan Paulissen Paulissen flew up with the king and cashed out – well done! This defence was duplicated by Geoff Hampson against Peter Bertheau – true respect being shown by both declarer and defender.

Battle royal

by Brent Manley

In the quarterfinal round of the Open Teams, the match that attracted the most attention was the American Mahaffey squad against the Lavazza team.

The Americans jumped out to an early lead.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K Q 6 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ 10 8 3 2 ♣ A 3	♠ 10 7 5 4 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ J 9 7 4 ♣ Q 9	<div style="text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 3 ♥ A K Q 2 ♦ 6 ♣ K 8 6 5 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	Dbf
	Pass	2♣	All Pass

Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell took only the ♦A, ♠A and a trump trick against Jon Baldursson's 2♣ as he scored plus 130.



Mustafa Cem Tokay, Turkey

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Dbf	Pass	1♣	INT
	All Pass		

Jim Mahaffey started with a heart, hitting his partner's best suit. Gary Cohler cashed four heart tricks, then switched to the ♠J. The defenders took eight tricks to defeat the contract by two tricks. Plus 300 was good for 5 IMPs to Mahaffey.

On board 3, Rodwell played in 2♠ on a 5-1 fit with a 6-1 split and still gained IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 8 7 5 2 ♥ 9 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ J 9 2	♠ K Q J 9 6 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ A Q	<div style="text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 4 ♥ A J 10 5 ♦ J 10 7 5 ♣ K 10 8 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
2♦*	2♠	All Pass	Pass

Mustafa Cem Tokay's 2♦ was the Multi (weak two-bid in a major), and he was happy to defend holding six of declarer's trumps. Baldursson started with a trump to Tokay's ace, and he switched to a low club. Rodwell went up with the ace and played the ♠K, then a low heart from hand to dummy's queen. Another heart was ducked to East's 10, and the ♥A was next. The ♦J went to dummy's ace, followed by a club ruff and a diamond exit. Near the end, Tokay had so many trumps he had to ruff his partner's winner and lead into Rodwell's space tenace. All things considered, Rodwell was happy to take seven tricks for minus 50.

At the other table, Norberto Bocchi and Agustin Madala got too high.

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Madala</i>
2♦*	2NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♠

Mahaffey's 2♦ was also Multi. Cohler led the singleton spade to his partner's ace, and Mahaffey switched to a club.

Bocchi put in the queen, losing to Cohler's king for a club return to declarer's ace. A heart to the queen held, but a bad contract got worse when Bocchi played a heart from dummy. He ended with only four tricks, his only consolation being that he wasn't doubled. Still, it was minus 300 and 6 IMPs to Mahaffey.

Lavazza recovered 6 IMPs when Meckstroth and Rodwell bid to 4♠, losing the first three tricks with the trump ace still out – minus 100. Bocchi and Madala managed to stop in 3♠ and scored plus 140.

The score was 12-7 for Mahaffey when board 9 game along.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J 9 8 3 ♥ K 9 8 7 6 5 ♦ 10 ♣ 10 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ Q 10 ♥ A Q 10 3 ♦ 8 5 2 ♣ A Q 8 7	♠ K 5 ♥ J 4 ♦ A K J 7 3 ♣ J 6 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Baldursson had three trump tricks, and the defenders had three other tricks they could cash, but one of them got away.

Baldursson started with the ♠Q to the king and ace. Tokay switched to a trump, ducked by Rodwell to Baldursson's queen. The ♥A took out dummy's other trump, but the continuation of the ♠10 saved Rodwell a guess in that suit. He cashed the ♥K, then played a diamond to dummy's ace, shedding one of his club losers on the ♦K. He lost one spade, three hearts and a club for plus 470.

At the other table, Mahaffey managed one down playing in 2♠, so the gain was 9 IMPs. Mahaffey was ahead 21-7.

Lavazza surged ahead on the final two deals of the first set.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 9 6 5 4 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 8 5 4 ♣ 6 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ 10 8 ♥ A K J 7 3 2 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ K	♠ A J 7 2 ♥ 10 9 8 5 4 ♦ A 2 ♣ 9 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	2♥	1♠	2♣
	All Pass	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Meckstroth started with the ♠A and continued with a spade to Rodwell's king. Rodwell got out with a low diamond, and Tokay went up with the king. Meckstroth took the ♦A and played another to Rodwell's queen. Meckstroth still had a trump trick coming, so Tokay was minus 200.

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahaffey</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Cohler</i>	<i>Madala</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	2♥	Dbl	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

Bocchi's bold – some would say rash – Michaels cuebid worked out splendidly when Madala bid the cold spade game, and the situation got even better when Mahaffey took the save at 5♣, which Madala doubled.

Bocchi led the ♠9 to his partner's ace, and Madala switched accurately to a low heart, ruffed by Bocchi to return a low diamond. Had Mahaffey misguessed this one, Lavazza would have scored plus 1100. He got it right, however, and the damage was limited to minus 800, a 12-IMP loss. Mahaffey was now leading 22-19.

A missed game on the last board put Mahaffey behind at the break.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ K Q J 10 7 6 5 ♦ 10 2 ♣ J 8	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ A Q J 6 4 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ 5 4 3	♠ K 8 7 ♥ 4 ♦ K 7 5 4 ♣ A K Q 10 6
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West	North	East	South
<i>Tokay</i>	<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>
		1♠	2♣
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Meckstroth has a nice hand, but Rodwell didn't promise a heart suit as good as he held. There was nothing to the play,

and Rodwell scored up a disappointing plus 170.

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Cohler</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
		1♠	2♣
2♠	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

If his partner held the ♥A and another heart, Bocchi's hand would be worth a lot of tricks in notrump. It doesn't pay to count on partner for certain holdings, however, and Bocchi knew his hand would take lots of tricks in hearts. Plus 420 gave Lavazza another 6 IMPs and a 25-22 lead going into the second half of the match.

Lavazza added 5 IMPs on the first three deals of the second half to lead 30-22. Mahaffey closed to within 1 IMP on this deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dbf	Redbf	1♠
Dbf	2♠	3♣	All Pass

A trump lead would have sunk this contract, but Madala led the ♥10 to Meckstroth's ace. Meckstroth played a low spade from hand, taken by Madala with the ace. He continued with the ♥9 to his partner's jack. Bocchi cashed another winner and played a fourth heart, but Meckstroth ruffed in dummy and had five trump tricks in hand, three in dummy plus the ♥A for nine tricks and plus 110.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dbf	Pass	1♠
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Giorgio Duboin started with the ♣A, switching to the ♠10 at trick two. Jacek Pszczola took trick two in dummy

with the king and played the ♥K, ducked by Antonio Sementa. When Pszczola played a low heart from dummy, Sementa took the ace and played a spade to the queen. Pszczola cashed two more hearts, pitching clubs from hand, then played a diamond to his king and West's ace. The ♣K was ruffed and Pszczola was able to claim the rest for plus 170. The 7 IMPs to Mahaffey made the score 30-29

Seven consecutive push boards followed, including the following interesting deal.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Bocchi and Madala had a protracted auction to 5♣ from the South seat, Madala giving long thought at the end to boosting himself to 6♣.

Rodwell took the suspense out of the situation by finding the killing lead of the ♦7. Madala went up with the king, taken by Meckstroth with the ace. He cashed the ♦Q and continued with the ♦2, ruffed by Madala with the 10 and overuffed by Rodwell. Down one, minus 50.

At the other table:

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

What follows is Mark Horton's commentary on the contract and the result.

At this point there were more than 3500 spectators following the play on BBO. They could all see that a diamond lead would defeat 5♣ (there was speculation as to a possible double of 6♣ by East) but many thought that 5♣ would go down regardless of the lead. It might, but as the cards lie, declarer can always get home if West does not find the killing lead..

Say West leads a spade. Declarer wins in hand with the ace pitching a diamond from dummy, and plays a club to the jack. When that holds he comes to hand with a heart and plays the ♣10. Say that holds, East discarding a spade. He draws the last trump, which will leave this type of ending:

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

There are many ways for declarer to get home at this point, but they all center around putting pressure on East in the red suits. As Reese famously said, the hearts are like a tin can tied to East's tail – he can never afford to discard one.

Say declarer comes to hand with a heart (he can also simply play a low diamond from dummy) and plays a diamond to the king (the 10 and 8 are also good enough).

East takes the ace and exits with a spade (it won't help to play diamonds). Declarer ruffs and plays a diamond toward his hand. East wins but is down to ♥J 8 and ♦Q 2. he has no good move.

If East discards differently, pitching a low diamond and keeping a second spade. Now declarer must play a low diamond from dummy. East wins with the jack and exits with a spade. Declarer ruffs in dummy, comes to hand with a heart and plays his trumps. This will be the four-card ending:

♠ — ♥ K 10 ♦ K 10 ♣ —		♠ — ♥ J 8 ♦ A Q ♣ —
♠ K J 8 ♥ — ♦ 7 ♣ —	♠ 9 ♥ 6 ♦ 9 ♣ 7	

When declarer plays the last trump he discards the ♦10 from dummy. East has to throw the ♦Q and is now thrown in to lead into the heart tenace.

I had a most enjoyable discussion with 147 on BBO. He claimed (and still does) that you could lead anything and beat 5♣. Close, but not quite a maximum break!

The minus 50 at both tables was the last of the seven

straight push boards. Mahaffey still trailed by 1 IMP with three deals to play.

They went ahead on the next deal.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West <i>Rodwell</i>	North <i>Bocchi</i>	East <i>Meckstroth</i>	South <i>Madala</i>
		1♦	Dbl
2♦	4♦	Dbl	Redbl
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Meckstroth led the ♦K to dummy's ace, and Bocchi played a heart to his king and another heart from hand. Meckstroth followed with the ♥10, and Bocchi studied for a long time before going up with the ace. He still had to lose a club and two spades, so the trump loser left him a trick short and minus 100. Had Rodwell bid more than 2♦, Bocchi might have played him for some distribution considering the vulnerability (even 2♦ probably showed at least five diamonds considering that Meckstroth might have only two), and that might have influenced Bocchi's decision in the play of the trump suit.

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Lev</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Pszczola</i>
		1♦	Dbl
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Duboin's 3♣ was no doubt a diamond raise. He led a low diamond to the jack and ace, and Pszczola led a low heart to the king, following with another low heart to his jack. He had three tricks to lose, but the game was in the bag for plus 620 and 12 IMPs to Mahaffey, who took the lead 41-30.

Mahaffey tacked on two more IMPs on the final deal when East-West overbid to 5♦ at both tables going down one at both but doubled by Lev and not doubled at the other table.

The final score was 43-30 for Mahaffey.

Siła kolektywu

by Wojtek Siwiec

Nawet dotkliwa porażka na jednym stole meczu nie przesądza definitywnie, że rozdanie zostanie przez team, który ją poniósł, przegrane. Nigdy przecież nie wiadomo na pewno, co zdarzy się w drugim pokoju. Zwłaszcza gdy reprezentuje nas tam taka para, jak Jeff Meckstroth z Erikim Rodwellem. Trudno o lepszy przykład na poparcie powyższych stwierdzeń niż przebieg wydarzeń w najbardziej dramatycznym rozdaniu poniedziałkowego meczu 1/16 turnieju teamów open MAHAFFEY – DENMARK...

Rozd. 7/l; rozdawał S, obie po partii

<p>♠ W 2 ♥ A D 10 9 6 5 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 10 7 3</p>	<p>♠ A 5 4 ♥ W 3 ♦ W 6 5 3 ♣ A K W 9</p>	<p>♠ D 9 8 7 3 ♥ — ♦ D 10 9 8 ♣ 8 5 4 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ K 10 6 ♥ K 8 7 4 2 ♦ A K 4 ♣ D 6</p>
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Pokój zamknięty:

West <i>Mahaffey</i>	North <i>Konow</i>	East <i>Cohler</i>	South <i>Hagen</i>
pas	1BA ¹	pas	1♥
pas	2♦ ³	pas	2♣ ²
ktr. ⁵ (!?)	rktr. ⁶ (!!)	pas	2♥ ⁴
pas		pas	pas

- 1 sztuczny forsing do dogranej, pytanie o kartę partnera
- 2 układ zrównoważony albo boczny longer pikowy
- 3 pytanie
- 4 układ zrównoważony, minimum otwarcia
- 5 kontra karna
- 6 także rekontra

Kontra Mahaffeya była dużym błędem, przede wszystkim dlatego, że przeciwnicy sforsowali się już do dogranej, gdyby nawet zatem ich 2♥ nie wychodziły, na pewno przenieśliby się na inną grę, na przykład 3BA, którą zapewne łatwo by zrealizowali. Także przekazane nią przesłanie wistowe (w kontekście ewentualnych 3BA) było wątpliwej wartości, jako że z licytacji wynikało, iż partner jest w kierach bardzo krótki.

W rzeczywistości zapowiedź Jima Mahaffeya spotkał los

najgorszy z możliwych, może nawet bardziej okrutny, niż jej autor na to sobie zasłużył. Prowadzący licytację Kacper Konow karnie bowiem zrekontrował i 2♥(S) z rekontrą stały się kontraktem ostatecznym. Anders Hagen nie miał specjalnych problemów rozgrywkowych. Pierwszy wist karowy zabił asem w ręce i wyszedł stamtąd ♥2. W wskoczył damą, ściągnął ♥A i kontynuował karem. Rozgrywający zabił w ręce ♦K, ściągnął trzy trefle (zrzucając z ręki karo) oraz ♠K A, następnie zaś na ♣A wyrzucił z ręki jej ostatniego pika. Mahaffey przebił ♥5, po czym – w końcówce trzykartowej – musiał wyjść z układu ♥10 9 6 do konfiguracji ♥K 8 7 w ręce rozgrywającego. Zdobył zatem jeszcze tylko jedną wziętkę, a Hagen zrealizował swój zrekontrowany kontrakt z nadróbką. Po stronie NS pojawił się więc tyleż efektowny, co niecodzienny zapis w wysokości 1240 punktów. Wyglądało to na pewne 12 impów straty dla MAHAFFEYA, na NS wychodziło bowiem jedynie 4BA.

Od czegoż jednak ma się na drugim stole słynny duet Meckwell...

Pokój otwarty:

West <i>Bjarnarson</i>	North <i>Rodwell</i>	East <i>Askgaard</i>	South <i>Meckstroth</i>
			1BA ¹
2♦ ²	ktr. ³	2♥ ⁴	ktr. ⁵
pas ⁶	pas	rktr. ⁷	pas
2BA	ktr. ⁸	pas	pas
rktr. ⁹	pas	3♦	ktr. ¹⁰
pas	pas	pas	

- 1 w tych założeniach i pozycji licytacyjnej 14–16 PC
- 2 6+♥/♠, tak jak otwarcie multi
- 3, 5, 8, 10 kontry karne
- 4 do koloru partnera
- 6 kiery
- 7, 9 rekontry SOS, tj. ratunkowe

Po długiej walce z przeznaczeniem (zdeterminowanym przez wejście Gregersa Bjarnarsona 2♦) norweska para stanęła ostatecznie w kontrakcie 3♦ z kontrą – na sześciu atutach. Obrona nie była trudna – Meckstroth zaatakował ♦K, a potem Amerykanie odebrali cztery trefle (w międzyczasie został jeszcze, rzecz jasna, ściągnięty ♦A) oraz dwa piki; w końcówce Eric dostał też jeszcze wziętkę na waleta atu. Skończyło się więc na bez pięciu, za 1400 dla NS (to obrońcy zrealizowali zatem kontrakt 3♦!) – i zamiast na kilkunastu oczkach straty czterech impach zysku dla MAHAFFEYA. Oto siła kolektywu – pozwalająca na przekucie dotkliwej porażki (partnerów) w umiarkowany sukces (całego teamu, a zatem i własny)!

Uwaga – fredinówka!

by Wojtek Siwiec

Szwed Peter Fredin od lat uchodzi za enfant terrible światowego brydża. I w pełni na to określenie zasłużył, przede wszystkim ze względu na niezwykłą ekstrawagancję swoich przystolikówych poczyniań, tak w licytacji, jak i w rozgrywce oraz grze obronnej. W zasadzie w każdym meczu czy turnieju musi wykonać zagranie tak odległe od ogólnie przyjętych schematów, że przeciwnikom opadają ręce. I nawet jeżeli dobrze znają styl gry Petera i są przygotowani na jego fredinówki, najczęściej nie są w stanie przed pomysłami sympatycznego Szweda się obronić. Oto przygoda, jaka w meczu 1/32 mistrzowskiego turnieju teamów open spotkała naszą reprezentacyjną parę Piotra Gawrysia z Jackiem Kalitą...

Rozd. 2/I; rozdawał E, NS po partii

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

West <i>Kalita</i>	North <i>Fredin</i>	East <i>Gawryś</i>	South <i>Fallenius</i>
		1♦	pas
1♥	ktr.	2♣	pas
2♥	2BA ¹ (!?)	pas	3♣ ²
pas	3BA(!?)	pas	pas
ktr.	4♠(!)	ktr.	pas
pas	pas		

1 naturalne, silna ręka w składzie zrównoważonym albo quasi-zrównoważonym

2 kolor przeciwnika, tu: odpowiednik staymana, czyli pytania o starszą czwórkę

W drugim okrążeniu Fredin „wiernie” oddał charakter swojej ręki zapowiedzią 2BA, najwyraźniej licząc na to, że kara musi trzymać jego partner. Ten ostatni – Björn Fallenius – zadał wówczas coś na kształt staymana (3♣). Po wskazaniu przez Petera czterech pików odzywką 3♠ miał zamiar podnieść ją do szczebla dogranej, natomiast na jego ewentualne 3♦ – mówiące o braku czterech pików – spasować. Peter zaskoczył go jednak kolejną ekstrawagancją w postaci w zasadzie niesystemowej zapowiedzi 3BA. Jak widać, nie tylko ukrył cztery piki, ale też nadal nie bał się forsować gry w bez atu z renonsem w karach. Trudno się dziwić Jackowi Kalicie, że – z dziewięcioma dobrymi miltonami po pierwszoręcznym otwarciu partnera – tę ostatnią zapowiedź skontrolował. Fredin połapał się teraz, że za licytacją partnera musi się kryć posiadanie przezeń starszej czwórki (pikowej), i „uciekł” na 4♠. Te z kolei zostały konsekwentnie skontrolowane przez Piotra Gawrysia.

Przeciwko końcówce pikowej z kontrą Piotr zaatakował w

singla kierowego. Jacek Kalita zabił pierwszą lewę ♥A i powtórzył kierem. Rozgrywający wstawił z ręki ♥W, a Gawryś przebił ♠10 i spróbował ściągnąć ♦A. Nie udało się – Peter przebił w ręce, zgrał ♠A (od Gawrysia spadł singlowy już w tym momencie ♠K) i wyszedł ♣D. Piotr nie położył rzecz jasna króla, a Peter – po chwili namysłu – przebił tę lewę w dziadku. Mimo to kontrakt był niezagrożony: rozgrywający wrócił do ręki ♠D, ściągnął ♣A i kontynuował ♣W – teraz już na ekspas. Jacek przebił ♠9, ale była to ostatnia wziętka broniących – Fredin przebił bowiem w ręce kontynuację karową, zgrał ♣10 na ponowny ekspas króla, a potem dostał się do ręki ♥K i wykorzystał dwie treflowe forty. Swoja gra, 790 dla NS.

A że na drugim stole gracz W utrzymał się w kontrakcie 2♥ (?) i po ataku ♣A wpadł bez jednej, za 50, team ROSENTHAL wygrał w tym rozdaniu z teamem VAINIKONIS 12 punktów meczowych.

Kontrakt 4♠(N) można wprawdzie było położyć, ale pewną drogę do takiego rozstrzygnięcia otwierał jedynie pierwszy wist błotką karo (!) – spod asa z damą, śmiertelnie skracający rękę rozgrywającego. To jednak wykraczało ponad umiejętności nawet takiego mistrza pierwszego wist, jak Piotr Gawryś. Atak błotką karo, a nie figurą, był konieczny, aby broniący zachowali dobrą komunikację tym kolorem i w końcówce byli w stanie zagrać weń figurami dwa razy. Takie odejście w karo uchroniłoby gracza W przed kierową wpustką końcową. Na obrońców czyhałoby też kilka innych pułapek, np. gdyby w pierwszej rundzie trefli rozgrywający wyszedł z ręki niskim honorem, graczowi E nie wolno byłoby położyć nań króla. Kiedy zaś lewy broniący dostałby się do ręki królem atu (po zagranie przez przeciwnika ♠A i ♠D), musiałby wyjść następnie w błotkę treflową (!), a nie drugi raz w karo. Słowem, także poza pierwszym wistem obrona musiałaby być niezwykle staranna – do tego stopnia, że przeprowadzenie jej w zakryte karty można śmiało uznać za zupełnie nierealne.



Jacek Kalita, Poland

OSTATNIE ROZDANIA

Mówi się, że futbol to taka gra, gdzie wszyscy grają, a w końcu i tak wygrywają Niemcy. Niewątpliwie, cechą wszystkich niemieckich drużyn jest gra do końca. Nawet przegrywając 0-2 na 2 minuty przed końcem Niemcy walczą, licząc, że uda się im odwrócić wyrok losu. Najlepszym tego przykładem jest pamiętny finał ligi mistrzów sprzed kilkunastu już chyba lat Bayern – Manchester... A w brydżu?

W meczach jest do rozegrania określona liczba rozdań... Ta prawda powinna być oczywista, zwłaszcza w meczach play off, gdzie 1 imp decyduje o odpadnięciu bądź awansie. I do ostatniego rozdania niezbędna jest koncentracja i optymalna gra. W Polsce formuła „przegrywający odpada” jest stosowana dość rzadko, zwłaszcza z długimi meczami – praktycznie jedynie w rozgrywkach ligowych. Być może dlatego nasi gracze niejednokrotnie tracą punkty, decydujące o awansie, w końcówkach meczów... Pamiętam ćwierćfinał Bermuda Bowl z 2000 roku gdzie nasza drużyna w ostatnich kilku rozdaniach meczu z USA roztrwoniła przewagę, tracąc szanse na medal. Także w Poznaniu - turnieju teamów mikstowych dwie nasze młode drużyny odpadły z powodu dużej straty w ostatnim rozdaniu meczu pierwszej rundy play off. Dziwić może, że to samo przydarzyło się naszej parze, która w meczach play off ma chyba największe ogranie:

Turniej teamów, 1/16 finału. Mecz Monaco Z – Texan Aces. Po 27 rozdaniach drużyna Monaco Z, w której grają Balicki – Żmudziński prowadzi 46-36. Na stole pojawia się rozdanie ostatnie:

Rozdawał W NS po partii

<p>♠ A K J 8 7 3 ♥ K 4 2 ♦ J ♣ 9 6</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ Q 4 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ K 2 ♣ K J 10 8 7 3</p>	<p>♠ 2 ♥ 8 7 6 3 ♦ A 8 7 6 3 ♣ A Q 2</p>
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W pokoju otwartym Sridharan – Sunderram na WE zagrali 4♠, realizując kontrakt. 420 dla WE. A w pokoju zamkniętym Balicki – Żmudziński spróbowali szczęścia:

West	North	East	South
Żmudziński		Balicki	
1♠	pas	2♣	pas
2♠	pas	2BA	pas
4♦ ¹	pas	6♠?	ktr.!
pas...			

1) Autosplinter – krótkość karo, samodzielny kolor pikowy

Adam, po ostrzeżeniu o słabości odzywką 2♠, znalazł dobrze sprzedające kartę 4♦. Cezary uznał, że partner musi mieć kartę nadzwyczajną – as z królem atu i as treflowy. N posłusznie wyszedł w ten kolor i bez dwóch... 12 imp dla Texan Aces i jeden z głównych faworytów – team Zimmermana – odpadł z turnieju.

Zacząłem opisywać kolejne rozdanie pod tym samym hasłem:

Podobne emocje przeżywał Jacek Pszczoła w ćwierćfinałowym meczu Lavazza – Mahafey. Skończył wcześniej grać w pokoju zamkniętym i w vue-graphie oglądał końcówkę gry swoich partnerów z teamu, Meckstrotha z Rodwellem. Po 27 rozdaniach Lavazza prowadziła 30-29. Oto rozdanie ostatnie:

Rozdawał W NS po partii

<p>♠ J 6 2 ♥ A 10 5 2 ♦ 10 ♣ A 9 8 7 4</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ Q 5 ♥ K 6 ♦ J 9 8 7 4 ♣ 10 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 4 ♥ Q J 9 8 4 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ K Q</p>
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Jacek z Lwem wzięli na NS 100 za 5♦ z kontrą w obronie niewychodzących 4♥. Znając styl gry Meckwella było pewne, że także pójdą oni w 5♦ i jedyną szansę awansu dają nieskontrowanie. Faktycznie, 5♦ utrzymało się bez kontry:

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Bocchi	Meckstroth	Madala
1♠	pas	1BA	2♥
3♦	4♥	5♦	pas...

Bez kontry, bez jednej, 50 dla Lavazzy i 2 imp dla Mahaffeya... Zwycięskie...

Ta opowieść już była gotowa, ale dwa rozdania wcześniej Jacek wygrał 4♥, co wymagało trafnego rozegrania atutów AWxx – Kxxxx – trzeba było zaimpasować trzecią damę u S. Bocchi nie zdołał tego wygrać i mój artykuł się spalił, gdyż przewaga przed ostatnim rozdaniem wynosiła 11 imp...

OPEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(final standings - subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	N BUCHLEV - J LESNICZAK	59.29	56	J JAUKEN - S CHRISTIANSEN	53.60
2	D BILDE - E JEPSEN	58.60	57	X MICHAUD-LARIVIERE - T DE MENDEZ	53.54
3	N KUBAC - N ZORLU	58.21	58	W GAWEL - P WIANKOWSKI	53.52
4	L K NIELSEN - M SCHALTZ	57.33	59	K SIKORSKI - W WEJKNIS	53.52
5	M BARYLEWSKI - C KRZEMINSKI	56.60	60	K OMERNIK - S HENCLIK	53.47
6	A JELENIEWSKI - J WACHNOWSKI	56.59	61	M DUGUET - F RIEHM	53.46
7	K NADAR - B SATYANARAYANA	56.43	62	A LEVY - F VOLCKER	53.40
8	P CRONIER - G D TESSIERES	56.37	63	E GINOSSAR - R PACHTMAN	53.37
9	P KARLYKOV - B SHUKHMEYSTER	56.27	64	K BURAS - G NARKIEWICZ	53.36
10	P JASSEM - P TUCZYNSKI	55.83	65	R RITMEIJER - M TICHA	53.25
11	T BAKKE - J HOYLAND	55.76	66	T OSINSKI - R SZCZEPANSKI	53.23
12	P GUILLAUMIN - F STRETZ	55.69	67	L BREDE - K KOTOROWICZ	53.21
13	B AMBROZ - M SENK	55.60	68	M DEMBINSKI - M PEDZINSKI	53.20
14	O GHIGHECI - I ROTARU	55.44	69	J CIESLAK - D FILIPOWICZ	53.18
15	A MORATH - B EFRAIMSSON	55.33	70	J JANOWSKI - S PAJAK	53.17
16	A JASZCZAK - M LESNIEWSKI	55.24	71	M KOPECKY - J KURKA	53.17
17	D ISRAELI - D PADON	55.22	72	R BOEDDEKER - F ZARKESCH	53.17
18	F BAKKEREN - T BAKKEREN	55.14	73	M BAREL - Y ZACK	53.16
19	H BERTENS - B WESTRA	55.12	74	A KASPRZAK - M SZALINSKI	53.15
20	G KARAKOLEV - Z ZAHARIEV	55.03	75	F AYDOGDU - N AYDOGDU	53.12
21	B POPOV - S SKORCHEV	54.98	76	J PRZYGRDZKI - R NIEDZIELSKI	53.11
22	O BERSET - B O EKREN	54.86	77	F MULTON - P ZIMMERMANN	53.05
23	I KANDEMIR - S KOLATA	54.85	78	P KANNAVOS - K DOXIADIS	53.03
24	M CHERNY - L GREENBAUM	54.81	79	F BJORNLUND - N SANDQVIST	53.02
25	S DISSARD - S DE DONDER	54.81	80	A MALINOWSKI - A RASMUSSEN	52.94
26	R JAGNIEWSKI - M KWIECIEN	54.58	81	H MATTSON - I HAYES	52.93
27	S ORLOV - D PROKHOROV	54.56	82	J MSCISZ - J WOJCIESZEK	52.91
28	V GIUBILO - R ZALESKI	54.52	83	G PROBOLA - J ROGOWSKI	52.90
29	J CIECHOMSKI - W SKORA	54.51	84	A ARLOVICH - E VAINIKONIS	52.86
30	S MLYNARCZUK - W TOMASZEK	54.46	85	J ROMBAUT - P SCHMIDT	52.83
31	R ROHOWSKY - E SANSOUR	54.46	86	A APTEKER - C GOWER	52.81
32	L SEBBANE - L THUILLEZ	54.40	87	D MOLENAAR - T VERBEEK	52.80
33	M MATISONS - J ALFEJEVA	54.39	88	E BEDNARCZYK - B OSTROWSKI	52.79
34	A GULA - M TACZEWSKI	54.33	89	I LYNGEN - B I HANSEN	52.75
35	D BOGUICKI - I DZIKOWSKI	54.29	90	B KRUCZEK - B LESIECKI	52.70
36	M NOWOSADZKI - P TUSZYNSKI	54.27	91	M MALYSA - D RYAN	52.69
37	R GARDZIELEWSKI - P KOLWICZ	54.20	92	U KIELICHOWSKI - A KOZIKOWSKI	52.65
38	M YUEN - P B NEHMERT	54.14	93	S GUPTA - K R VENKATARAMAN	52.57
39	W SZELKA - C WOLCZAK	54.12	94	J GRANSTROM - K PATANA	52.57
40	S ASSAEL - Y KAHYAUGLU	54.10	95	A WIKNER - J KAMRAS	52.52
41	G REKSTAD - P TONDEL	54.06	96	D BAKHSHI - T TOWNSEND	52.50
42	J H HERLAND - D UELAND	54.04	97	G MIHAI - R MIHAI	52.49
43	J MICHALOWSKI - W DOLNY	54.04	98	R BOWDERY - J HACKETT	52.44
44	C STIRBU - G SERPOI	54.00	99	A ZOBU - V ARONOV	52.44
45	T BARDBEN - K C BAUMANN	53.99	100	E MISZEWSKA - S ZAKRZEWSKI	52.41
46	D WARWAS - M TYRAN	53.87	101	D DANAILOV - J STAMATOV	52.38
47	M ROMANOVSKA - K RUBINS	53.82	102	T WINCIOREK - M WRECZYCKI	52.36
48	S GARCIA - Q ROBERT	53.81	103	S COPE - S SHAH	52.34
49	J KOTOROWICZ - P MIECHOWICZ	53.78	104	F FLORIN - M IONITA	52.33
50	V VROUSTIS - M EIDI	53.78	105	J FJALBERG - J E OLSEN	52.27
51	S ZAWISLAK - M KRUPOWICZ	53.77	106	S JOHNSEN - A STOKKELAND	52.26
52	T GOTARD - T GOTARD	53.77	107	I KHAZANOV - M LEBEDEVA	52.19
53	E CZUBAK - S ROKICKI	53.74	108	P BUSSE - A SYREK	52.17
54	K JASSEM - K MARTENS	53.72	109	I COLDEA - B MARINA	52.13
55	P BUTRYN - N SAKOWSKA	53.60	110	O BESTRZYNSKI - R NOWICKI	52.10
			111	A MALINOWSKI - J P SVENDSEN	52.07

112	E HOMME - K O KOPSTAD	52.05	172	T BLINSKI - S BOLESTA	50.67
113	E KACZMAREK - W SROCZYNSKI	52.00	173	P BETHERS - A IMSA	50.63
114	MYERGIN - V DENIZCI	51.99	174	J SCHINZE - J CAPPELLER	50.63
115	F BIGDELI - P BOCKEN	51.91	175	P KLIMACKI - I JAROSZ	50.63
116	A BACH - I DELMONTE	51.91	176	E ELIASSEN - T SOILAND	50.61
117	M KANE - P SHIELDS	51.90	177	V KHANUKOV - M FELMY	50.59
118	A GOLYGOWSKI - R PALASZ	51.86	178	M KUPNICKI - L MAJDANSKI	50.55
119	G BREKKA - T HOILAND	51.82	179	H ORR - R SLIWINSKI	50.55
120	I RADJUKEVICH - A TIMAKHOVICH	51.80	180	M BARTOSZEWSKI - T SINKIEWICZ	50.54
121	T BRAUN - V LENZ	51.79	181	M KRASNICKI - P TELESZYNSKI	50.54
122	A STERKIN - A PETRUNIN	51.79	182	G ENGBRETSSEN - K SKOV	50.53
123	D NIKOLAYENKO - G RYBNIKOV	51.75	183	M CHEBELEU - L OJOGA	50.51
124	P ILCZUK - M JELENIEWSKI	51.75	184	J OSTROWSKI - P WITTENBECK	50.43
125	S PETERKIN - S PUNCH	51.71	185	J HOLMBAKKEN - F JOHNSTUEN	50.37
126	M ASKGAARD - G BJARNARSON	51.71	186	A IVANOV - S IVANOVA	50.34
127	P CULLIN - J UPMARK	51.65	187	J CARROLL - T GARVEY	50.34
128	T HELNESS - J MOLBERG	51.63	188	Z BELING - G LEWACIAK	50.33
129	J NOWAK - S JANIK	51.57	189	E KLIDZEJA - O NYEMTSEV	50.33
130	J MAKARUK - P NIEDZIELSKI	51.55	190	M MAKI - P ZIEBA	50.29
131	G BILAL - B BROGELAND	51.54	191	R FRANZEL - G KRIFTNER	50.25
132	W NICINSKI - A PAWLOWSKI	51.53	192	G GAWRON - J KOWAL	50.24
133	W FRUKACZ - J ZADROGA	51.52	193	A HINTERTAN - R URBANSKI	50.19
134	J F ALLIX - W LIBBRECHT	51.52	194	S NIAJKO - A POMARANSKI	50.16
135	P ZATORSKI - S GOLEBIEWSKI	51.44	195	A MESBUR - N FITZGIBBON	50.14
136	I BAREKET - A LENGY	51.43	196	K KARAIVANOV - T RUSEV	50.12
137	W BROWN - S DYBDAHL	51.38	197	A BENOIT - O GIARD	50.12
138	A DELLA MONTA - B HACKETT	51.37	198	M STAVRACHE - B BONTAS	50.11
139	J ROMANOWSKI - W ROZWADOWSKI	51.36	199	J BENDIKS - J BENDIKS	50.10
140	P JOKISCH - U KASIMIR	51.34	200	Z KOWALEWSKI - A RUTKOWSKI	50.10
141	M KLUKOWSKI - T KLUKOWSKI	51.31	201	C CURTIS - P FEGARTY	50.09
142	J T BERG - O SVENDSEN	51.30	202	A CHONIAWKO - Z PLESKOT	50.07
143	S O HOYLAND - M EIDE	51.29	203	A SMILGAJS - U JANSONS	50.04
144	P BLASZCZYK - M SAMUJLLO	51.19	204	L GLAERUM - T UNDEM	50.02
145	D IORDACHE - D B COTESCU	51.19	205	A ALLFREY - A ROBSON	49.98
146	M GIZA - T LATOS	51.16	206	J BETHERS - M LORENCIS	49.96
147	A PESZKE - J WROBEL	51.16	207	R JASKIEWICZ - S JASKIEWICZ	49.93
148	R LACHOWICZ - P SALINSKI	51.14	208	E AKSUYEK - A GURSEL	49.89
149	P GOMEROV - E ZAPADINSKIY	51.11	209	B O AASAN - J HANSEN	49.89
150	P GAWRYS - J KALITA	51.11	210	D STOKKVIK - J OVESEN	49.86
151	R ZWOLAK - L KOSTEK	51.10	211	S GEORGIEV - S NENOVA	49.79
152	S SIMANAITIENE - A TYLA	51.10	212	T E HOFTANISKA - T CHARLSEN	49.75
153	T KLUZ - K KLEINROK	51.09	213	A HUSSEIN - T SADEK	49.70
154	J JAGODZINSKI - R KOWALEWSKI	51.03	214	A BOWLES - S MOHANDES	49.66
155	G SZOTS - C CZIMER	51.03	215	S NYSHCHYI - V ZUBAN	49.59
156	J BLAJDA - G SUPERSON	50.94	216	B WEGNER - R LASKOWSKI	49.57
157	P ZAK - J ZAREMBA	50.93	217	D KOZLOWSKI - H LAKOMSKI	49.54
158	S MARTINUSSEN - D H PAULSEN	50.92	218	D FORGE - V VENTOS	49.52
159	M JANECZKO - J SZCZERBOWSKI	50.92	219	W ROBINSKI - L ROSOCHOWICZ	49.48
160	M LOEFGREN - N BAUSBACK	50.90	220	A CZECH - M PIECZKA	49.47
161	K CHLOBOWSKI - T BIERNAT	50.83	221	P ZUBIEL - M SZALEWICZ	49.47
162	P CHINDELEWICZ - B PAWSZAK	50.82	222	A GROMOV - W STARKOWSKI	49.46
163	Y PAPAKYRIAKOPOULOS - T KOUKOUSSELIS	50.82	223	A HYCINAR - R WAJDOWICZ	49.45
164	I POPOV - M LEWIS	50.78	224	J GREWLING - P SOLECKI	49.43
165	W OLANSKI - V VAINIKONIS	50.78	225	M MLYNARCZYK - P SIWINSKI	49.39
166	T BIRKELUND - L W KVARSVIK	50.75	226	B PAZUR - M WOJCICKI	49.34
167	D STUURMAN - E WACKWITZ	50.74	227	M DOBRZYNSKI - W ARCZEWSKI	49.34
168	T FORRESTER - D GOLD	50.73	228	H KOPERNOK - T SZYMCZYK	49.32
169	O RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ - W TALAR	50.73	229	W JABLONSKI - A JAKIMIEC	49.29
170	O GUR - M YILMAZ	50.69	230	M R SAKIRLER - M O SEN	49.29
171	M CICHOCKI - P ZURAKOWSKI	50.69	231	G BAJEK - W SIUDA	49.28

232	J RADECKI - T PALUCHOWSKI	49.26	292	A CSATLOS - L HITTMANN	47.07
233	P LYCZKOWSKI - A SERWACH	49.23	293	E OTVOSI - J STEPINSKI	47.00
234	P JASSEM - P MALECKI	49.17	294	T STRYSZAWSKI - M RODZAJ	46.97
235	K CZUL - J WESOLOWSKI	48.99	295	K BEDNAREK - Z SZYSZKOWSKI	46.96
236	K KUJAWA - T UKRAINSKI	48.98	296	G LIOSSIS - C SIRAKOPOULOU	46.92
237	L CHERNYAK - D DOBRIN	48.97	297	S OLECH - J POLETYLO	46.87
238	A DUDZIK - A KUSION	48.97	298	A SKOP - A WUJKOW	46.85
239	W KOZUCHOWSKI - R JUNIK	48.88	299	K WARZOCHA - A KOKORYKA	46.84
240	M PIETRASZEK - J ZNAMIROWSKI	48.87	300	J KACZOROWSKI - G KULAK	46.83
241	M KHVEN - E RUDAKOV	48.86	301	J BALASOVS - U BETHERS	46.81
242	R CHMIELAK - M WALCZAK	48.76	302	B DANIEL - V ISTVAN	46.78
243	T SPODENKIEWICZ - W TURANT	48.75	303	R BOYD - M RUDZINSKI	46.70
244	R DANCEWICZ - W BIEGAJLO	48.75	304	M PITULAN - A SILVASANU	46.68
245	J GRZELCZAK - T KRYSZTOFIK	48.72	305	J ROMANSKI - R GRZELAK	46.66
246	J COUNIL - J P DESMOULINS	48.66	306	A NOWAKOWSKI - A WITKOWSKI	46.64
247	Z KULESZA - Z SABALA	48.66	307	M HUBERSCHWILLER - Q LEVOY	46.60
248	M ARUTIUNIANC - J GACKOWSKI	48.57	308	P BANG - J MURI	46.56
249	K LATAWIEC - P STOPA	48.54	309	V PLATONENKO - K TRETACHENKO	46.55
250	G ZIVKOVIC - D MOSSOP	48.51	310	I FERANCHUK - I GODUN	46.54
251	E RECZUGA - M WILGA	48.49	311	M WHELAN - M BALDYSZ	46.47
252	S KOWALCZYK - M PAWLIK	48.46	312	T BUCHNAJZER - J NAWROCKI	46.41
253	J RODZIEWICZ - M RODZIEWICZ	48.44	313	M VAN HOOIJDONK - M WINKEL	46.39
254	P SAPORTA - J VOLDOIRE	48.43	314	A WLAD - R KIELCZEWSKI	46.37
255	P KAZUB - A KONCZAK	48.40	315	P KACPRZAK - P LECKI	46.25
256	M KITA - R WOLINSKI	48.38	316	J KURDEJ - E SEICHTER	46.19
257	M HUTYRA - R WOLANSKI	48.36	317	F MAGRI - P BARTOLOTTI	46.19
258	J KOSCIELNY - P MACHOWCZYK	48.29	318	J A PAULSEN - R SMISSETFOSS	46.09
259	P GRUSZCZYNSKI - M NOWACZYK	48.25	319	B BASARAN - H CIVGINER	46.08
260	D LIPUZIC - M NOVAK	48.13	320	M KEMENOVA - J TOMCANI	45.94
261	M SINKIEWICZ - J TRETOWSKI	48.02	321	J DOMBROWE - W NAQVI	45.94
262	A DEBOWSKI - R SZLACHETKA	47.88	322	A SUWIK - T WISNIEWSKI	45.93
263	M D MORTENSEN - M ROHRBERG	47.86	323	M MAKATREWICZ - J JANIAK	45.77
264	J MACHOTKA - N MERCAN	47.84	324	I GLOWACKI - J IWANSKI	45.64
265	R OPALINSKI - P ZAWADA	47.83	325	K BEYER - R KLUK	45.63
266	B RASULA - J SADAR	47.80	326	M CZEREPAK - G JARZABEK	45.53
267	H PEYRET - T SEN	47.79	327	W MARYNIOWSKI - T NIEDZWIADK	45.53
268	E SHANURIN - V TATARKIN	47.77	328	A CHAUDHURI - B ODDEN	45.53
269	T JARMOLINSKI - T WASILEWSKI	47.76	329	M SOROKA - Z STACHOWIAK	45.13
270	M BARTKOWSKI - B SZULEJEWSKI	47.75	330	R KUJAWSKI - G MALAZDREWICZ	44.89
271	M URBANSKI - W STACHNIK	47.75	331	T MacCORMAC - R McMAUGH	44.56
272	A GORZEWSKI - P SUCHODOLSKI	47.73	332	B WYSOCKI - M DOBROWOLSKI	44.40
273	H K PETERSEN - K HANSEN	47.73	333	M HJELTE - J SAFSTEN	44.38
274	A WILKOSZ - J JELEN	47.73	334	J OCHIJEWICZ - C PRZASNEK	44.35
275	J LOSIAK - J STANCZAK	47.71	335	R KARP - J KOWALOWKA	44.34
276	S PIEPIORA - P TOMCZAK	47.71	336	D PILON - G IZISEL	44.28
277	E DEBUS - R VAN MECHELEN	47.69	337	D MORAWSKI - I SALONEN	44.07
278	J SKWARK - M WITEK	47.69	338	K BUZALA - M NIEMIR	43.90
279	W RAFALSKI - D BORYSOW	47.67	339	T BARANOWSKI - J MAZURKIEWICZ	43.88
280	J BOROWINSKI - L MIELCZAREK	47.66	340	K KRAJEWSKI - S GAWRYSZCZAK	43.63
281	M MACIAZEK - J ROMOT	47.65	341	R KLEJNY - J HLIWA	43.50
282	R BENNETT - H SMITH	47.63	342	M FECHNER - M ROBAK	43.39
283	Y CHUMAK - O ROVYSHYN	47.62	343	W RADZIAK - W ANDRUK	43.39
284	M JAWORSKI - T PILCH	47.50	344	R SZCZEPANOWSKI - P DYBOWSKI	43.02
285	G OIKONOMOPOULOS - P ANGELOPOULOS	47.49	345	R CYLWIK - J BATOG	42.97
286	D KOPRON - T PAWLUK	47.42	346	M HENC - E VELECKY	42.96
287	M PACHNIEWSKI - W SOLTYSIAK	47.35	347	S CIESLAK - M PATER	42.54
288	A HERMANSDORFER - J UJMA	47.23	348	K GOLAS - J ZABROCKI	42.47
289	T SIELICKI - M KWIECINSKI	47.21	349	R KAZMIERCZAK - M PILECKI	42.42
290	J MAJKUT - L MOKRZYCKI	47.15	350	M BLACH - W SOLTYSIK	42.41
291	T BISPING - W STRZEMECKI	47.12	351	J KLIMCZAK - D KRUPNIK	42.41

352	L GOLDER - A PELSZYNSKA	42.40	357	T KUS - P RESZCZYNSKI	40.52
353	S SAMOL - M KRZYWINA	42.37	358	M BIELAWSKI - I CHALUPEC	40.04
354	C C UNGUREANU - D UNGUREANU	41.62	359	J BOJKO - B JAKUBOWSKA	39.23
355	C MARRO - J MAZE-SENCIER	41.56	360	FVLAANDEREN - FVLAANDEREN	36.53
356	W DZIACHAN - T URBANSKI	40.69	361	A TOEPLITZ - M PAROL	30.99

WOMEN PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(final standings - subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	K BERTHEAU - J LARSSON	58.61	23	H DOWLING-LONG - G PENDER	50.40
2	G HELNESS - S THORESEN	57.87	24	K McCALLUM - L BAKER	50.28
3	M ROSSARD - J NEVE	55.31	25	A BLEWITT - D GEORGEVIC	49.95
4	E WEBER - C VECHIATTO	55.25	26	C BALDYSZ - J KROGULSKA	49.95
5	J KENNY - E JOYCE	53.95	27	M AGHEMO - A UGLIETTI	49.79
6	R MIRCHEVA - A LEKOVA-KOVACHEVA	53.71	28	G SMYKALLA - P v MALCHUS	49.01
7	B PANCHEVA - V YANEVA	53.69	29	M STEGAROIU - M BALINT	47.94
8	C SEALE - C JAGGER	53.06	30	M McGREGOR - J COOPER	47.86
9	R BARENDREGT - M VERBEEK	52.91	31	M HOMME - J FENESS	47.75
10	N SENIOR - R WOLFARTH	52.86	32	F BRACCO - G MURANTE	47.50
11	J TACZEWSKA - M HOLEKSA	52.82	33	S PAOLUZI - C GOLIN	47.05
12	L GODFREY - L LHERE	52.69	34	A DOSSENA - L GENTILI	46.40
13	U HAPONAVA - S BADRANKOVA	51.90	35	C HOLCZER - A LEVANON	46.27
14	J SPANGENBERG - S SPANGENBERG	51.88	36	A SORESINI - M SEVERGNINI	46.15
15	E SHOKHAN - Z BELIANKINA	51.67	37	C TORSTENSSON - A NORDBJORK	46.07
16	E HARASIMOWICZ - M SAWICKA	51.65	38	I CZAJKA - P KLIMENTOWSKA	45.52
17	A DE BIASIO - D GIGLIOTTI	51.28	39	D GRIGOROVA - M NIKOLOVA	45.49
18	C SJOBLUM - C HALLKVIST	50.61	40	P O NEILL - P MEEHAN	44.61
19	L BRIKMANE - N VEKSA	50.51	41	E MIELCARZEWICZ - J ZIETARA	44.58
20	J YARDIMCI - B ATALAY	50.45	42	M MODLIN - M NIEHAUS	44.05
21	G BREWIAK - D KAZMUCHA	50.40		R CLOW - H CORNFIELD	42.24

SENIOR PAIRS - QUALIFYING

(final standings - subject to confirmation)

Rank	Names	Percentage			
1	C MARI - S WALTER	57.66	24	A PIESIEWICZ - M SZMAKFEFER	50.27
2	Z KUNC - L LANIEWSKI	57.03	25	D LIGGAT - E (McGOWAN	49.97
3	F FALAY - O EKINCI	55.23	26	P ADAD - G SALLIERE	49.91
4	A KONDEJA - W BURAKOWSKI	54.05	27	B BUDZYN - L BUDZYN	49.79
5	S OWCZAREK - Z RADWANSKI	53.80	28	P ERICH - C NIEMEIJER	49.69
6	M E COPUR - C S GEBECALI	53.42	29	L NIEMIEC - I KOWALCZYK	49.57
7	A BURATTI - A COMELLA	53.40	30	S KOWALCZYK - J SUCHARKIEWICZ	49.40
8	A KOWALSKI - G BONGIOVANNI	53.39	31	A FRONCZAK - J SUKOW	49.23
9	T KACZANOWSKI - K ANTAS	53.30	32	J POCHRON - S SZENBERG	48.65
10	J CHODOROWSKI - I CHODOROWSKA	53.18	33	D HIRTZ - A NIMHAUSER	48.46
11	G GIGLI - G VIOLINI	53.17	34	L WARWOCKI - K POKORSKI	48.32
12	P WEYMANN - W KWIATKOWSKI	53.00	35	G RANGEVALL - B LILJEKVIST	48.26
13	A JEZIORO - J RUSSYAN	52.86	36	K PUCZYNSKI - W WYRZYKOWSKI	48.14
14	J KLUKOWSKI - V MARKOWICZ	52.84	37	G YALMAN - A YALMAN	47.96
15	N DOREMANS - J TROUWBORST	52.76	38	M LUKASIAK - D JEDRZEJEWSKI	47.80
16	V MELMAN - S ZELIGMAN	52.69	39	J STANCZYK - W KOZICKI	47.51
17	B O SORENSEN - A VERMUND	52.68	40	K DRIVER - G DRIVER	46.67
18	M ROESLER - E WOJEWODA	52.19	41	A ALEKSANDRZAK - M NOWACKI	45.82
19	E BANKOGLU - R TOLUN	51.07	42	Z KOVACS (2) - A BUZA	44.60
20	U HUSTEN - M DRUKIER	51.01	43	L SADOS - R BUDZIK	44.35
21	B STRATER - U KRATZ	50.98	44	K O SHEA - E COUNIHAN	41.43
22	W HOEGER - S KOSIKOWSKI	50.70	45	J KOPRAS - W KANIEWSKI	41.41
23	W BUZE - J POLEC	50.52	46	R LEVKOFF - R SEAMON	38.33

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