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## **GET READY FOR SOME MIXED EMOTIONS**



All smiles from the EBL executive: Filippo Palma, Panos Gerontopoulos, Jan Kamras, Jean-Charles Allavena, Sevinc Atay, Pim Vaders, Yves Aubry, Radek Kielbasinski, Josef Harsanyi, Marc De Pauw, David Harris, Eric Laurant

You can throw a handkerchief over the leading pairs as the first tournament of the Championships reaches its climax today.

Marco Ter Laare and Linda Molle have the lead, but they are hotly pursued by Marc Bompis and Sylvie Willard, Massimo Lanzarotti and Cristina Golin, Huub Bertens and Martine Verbeek, Rosen Gunev and Dessy Popova and Tor and Gunn Helness.

With the next ten pairs containing a host of World Champions a thrilling finish seems assured. You can follow all the action on BBO and detailed reports will appear in Wednesday's Bulletin.

#### Mixed Pairs Final (some on BBO)

9:45 - 11:15 11:30 - 13:00 14:00 - 15:30

15:45 - 17:15 17:30 - 19:15 Side Events (Open IMP Pairs, Swiss Teams)

10:00 - 11:30

11:45 - 13:15

14:15 - 15:45

16:00 - 17:30

17:45 - 19:15



## → MIXED PAIRS - Finals Day One →

			•	
Ran	k		Country	%
Ι	MOLLE Linda	TER LAARE Marco	NED - NED	58.34
2	BOMPIS Marc	WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA	58.28
3	GOLIN Cristina	LANZAROTTI Massimo	ITA - ITA	57.75
4	BERTENS Huub	VERBEEK Martine	NED - NED	57.50
5	GUNEV Rossen Geourgiev	POPOVA Desislava Borissova	BUL - BUL	57.19
6	HELNESS Gunn	HELNESS Tor	NOR - MON	56.54
7	CRONIER Philippe	D'OVIDIO Catherine	FRA - FRA	56.45
8	RITMEIJER Richard	TICHA Magdalena	NED - NED	56.45
9	BROGELAND Boye	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	NOR - NOR	55.35
10	LEV Sam	LEVITINA Irina	USA - USA	54.77
П	KOWALSKI Apolinary	MISZEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	53.77
12	BARR Ronnie	GINOSSAR Eldad	ISR - ISR	53.34
13	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - USA	52.98
14	,	ZAHARIEV Zahari	TUR - BUL	52.91
15	DUFRAT Katarzyna	NOWOSADZKI Michal	POL - POL	52.83
16	,	GROMOVA Victoria	RUS - RUS	52.13
17		DOBBELS Tine	BEL - BEL	51.98
18	,	SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	51.77
	CASPERSEN Henrik	FARHOLT Stense	DEN - DEN	51.56
20		GOLDBERG Ulla-Britt	SWE - SWE	51.44
21		STEGAROIU Marina	ROM - ROM	51.28
22		SERGENT Denis	FRA - FRA	50.75
23	,	MYERS Barry	ENG - ENG	50.55
24		MATUSHKO Georgi	RUS - RUS	50.40
25		TIGNEL Jeremie	FRA - FRA	50.08
26		FRISBY William	AUS - ENG	50.01
27		NORLING Vivianne	SWE - SWE	49.73
28		GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	49.49
29		QUANTIN Jean-Christophe	FRA - FRA	49.35
30		HORVITZ Shimshon	ISR - ISR	49.32
31 32	HODEROVA Pavla	SLEMR Jakub	CZE - CZE	49.19
33	GLABBEEK Hedwig van OLIVIERI Gabriella	MAAS Willem Jan ZALESKI Romain	NED - NED ITA - ITA	49.13 48.94
	ODLUND Bim	ODLUND Max	SWE - SWE	48.26
35	MARINO Leonardo	PISANI Rosanna	ITA - ITA	47.87
36		SCHILHART Norbert	GER - GER	47.87
37	S	FUSARI Emanuela	ITA - ITA	47.56
38		PICUS Sue	USA - USA	46.84
39		VECHIATTO Claudia	LUX - GER	46.63
40		HOCHEKER Danuta	POL - POL	46.24
41		MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	46.19
42		RIOLO Iolanda	MON - ITA	45.95
43		SCHUELLER Matthias	GER - GER	45.75
44	S	TRAPANI Gaspare	ITA - ITA	45.66
45		SENIOR Nevena	ENG - ENG	45.51
46		WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	45.05
47		REES Tim	ENG - WAL	44.78
48		BAUSBACK Nikolas	GER - LUX	43.71
49	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	DESSI Barbara	ITA - ITA	43.54
50		NOKHAEVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS	41.30
51		BAHNIKOVA Eva	CZE - CZE	41.04
52		SEALE Catherine	ENG - ENG	38.51
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#### Other Bits and Pieces.

#### Partnership Desk

There is no formal partnership desk, but there is a board in the tent next to the registration where one can search for partners/team-mates.

#### **Internet access**

There is free wifi in the whole building, including the tent and its immediate vicinity. The network name is ebl-bridge-I or ebl-bridge-2. No password is necessary.

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We accept cash or Credit Cards with a chip.

#### Food and beverages

There is a stand selling sandwiches, soups and beverages in the tent, open at least until the start of the final playing session each day. A more substantial but quickly served lunch will be available at special attractive prices at the Aqua del Mar and Ostende Queen restaurants. The latter is also providing a specially priced dinner menu for our participants.

### Prize Giving Ceremony

A prize giving ceremony for the Mixed Pairs and Side Events will take place

Tuesday at 19:45 inside the tent.

## **New Mobile Device Policy**

Please take note that we are using a new policy for mobile phones at these championships. It **is allowed** to bring your mobile phones to the table provided they are completely **switched off** at all times. When going to the rest rooms however, they **must** be left at the table or with the person escorting you to the restrooms. Any breach of these rules (such as a phone ringing or vibrating) will be penalized in accordance with the General Conditions of Contest (available at <a href="http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/130Ostende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf">http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/130Ostende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf</a> ).

Such penalties are automatic and compulsory for the first offense.



### La Rubrique.FR

#### La donne d'Ostende du coté français

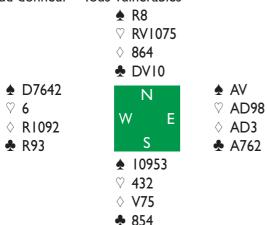
La France était le pays avec la délégation la plus importante dans le tournoi par paires mixtes, par ailleurs le Français est une des trois langues parlées en Belgique, il nous a semblé bon de présenter chaque jour une donne en Français. Le talentueux rédacteur en chef du **Bridgeur, Philippe Cronier,** a bien voulu se charger de la rédiger.

## Le comble du désespoir

Les éliminatoires du Paires mixtes ont donné lieu à de nombreuses rencontres entre bonnes paires françaises. À la dernière position de la sixième session, Marlène et Michel Duguet sont venus s'asseoir contre Bénédicte Cronier et Pierre Zimmermann.

Déclarant au contrat fort banal de 3SA, Michel Duguet trouva une levée supplémentaire d'une façon fort esthétique.

Donne n°29 – Session 6 Sud donneur – Tous vulnérables

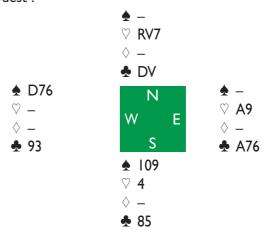


Sud	Ouest	Nord	Est
B. Cronier	Marlène	Zimmer-	Michel
	Duguet	mann	Duguet
passe	passe	passe	2SA
passe	3♡	contre	3SA
Ein			

Avec son solide arrêt Cœur, Michel Duguet déclara sans faillir 3SA sur le contre à 3% de Nord. En regrettant toutefois de ne pas pouvoir surcontrer, cette enchère

indiquant trois cartes à Pique sans envie de recevoir l'entame dans son système !

Il reçut l'entame du ♥2 et prit le 10 de Nord de la Dame, avant de monter au mort au ♣Roi (le 10 apparaissant en Nord) pour tenter l'impasse à Pique. Après le ♠V, il tira l'As et nota avec satisfaction la chute du Roi. Il était temps de passer aux ♦. L'apparition du Valet au troisième tour permit au déclarant d'encaisser le dernier ♦ maître du mort pour se retrouver dans la situation suivante, avec la main en Ouest :



À ce stade, Ouest encaissa la  $\triangle$ Dame. Lisant parfaitement la position, il défaussa un  $\clubsuit$  (Nord un  $\heartsuit$ ) et continua  $\spadesuit$  du mort : cette fois, Nord n'avait plus de parade contre le squeeze-suicide : s'il défaussait encore un  $\heartsuit$ , le 9 de Michel Duguet était affranchi. S'il défaussait un honneur à  $\clubsuit$ , le déclarant défaussait son  $\heartsuit$  et réalisait le  $\clubsuit$ 9 du mort. Bien sûr, un coup à blanc à  $\clubsuit$  plus tôt dans le coup aurait conduit au même résultat. Mais c'est tellement plus joli comme ça !

Philippe Cronier





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### Mixed Pairs Qualification Session Seven

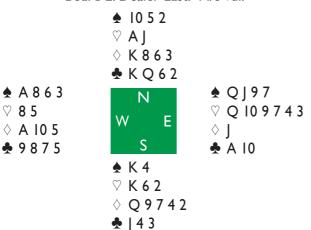
by Barry Riga

Mixed Pairs Qualifying Day Two, Round 3

I was watching the Anglo-Irish-Australian duo of Fiona Brown and Hugh McGann, who were struggling to make it into a qualifying spot. In their first round of session seven they would play against another English pair, David Gold and Suzanna Gross.

On the first deal of the pair, Fiona Brown found herself in 4 with 12 HCP facing nine, and respectable play for slam. Playing slightly carelessly she held herself to ten tricks with 11 easy, but it hardly mattered. She could not catch any of the pairs in game — and besides, the opponents were also cold for ten tricks in hearts. She collected 107/204, and the overtrick was worth only a further 13 MP. This was the second deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
		2♡	Pass
Pass	DЫ	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
All Doco			

2NT: Lebensohl; to play three of a minor or various GF hands.

No one did anything stupid, but East-West sold out to 3\$\iff \text{when they could make three of either major. Perhaps with the minority of the high-cards they should just consider themselves unlucky? Certainly Gross, whose weak-two bid showed 8-12, really had no good alternative —that is if you rule out passing, and she hadn't come all the way across the Channel to pass opening bids.

In 30 Brown won the heart opening lead in dummy to lead a trump to the jack queen and ace, and successfully finessed the trump on the way back to make nine tricks. (For those of you interested in why the finesse is the right mathematical play, the theory of restricted choice says that East has no choice but to follow with a bare ten or jack but has a choice from jack or ten, so the relevant percentages to compare are the chance of either singleton — the jack or ten — against the jack-ten doubleton. Additionally when

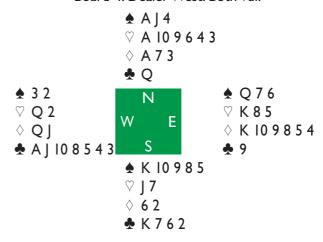
East has six hearts and West two, the rule of vacant spaces makes the a priori chance of East having a singleton diamond bigger than her having a doubleton. Hence the finesse would be right if the four missing cards were AJ52 and East had followed with a small card at her first turn.)

+110 was worth a very surprising (to me) 191/204 MP.

The next opponents for McGann-Brown were Nishimura-Sakamoto of Japan. On the first deal, declarer in 2°V with a trump suit of AKJ952 facing 74 had to decide whether to cash his trump ace-king before trying for a discard with °Qx facing °AKxx in a side-suit where the opponents had led the jack to trick one. This looks very close to me; you might easily run into a ruff (and subsequent overruff) if you don't cash the trump ace king early. So thought Sakamoto, but diamonds were 4-3 and hearts Qxx onside, so his safe line earned him only 70/204 MPs.

On the next deal it was McGann who had an awkward heart suit to handle as trumps.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.



West	North	East	South
Nishimura	McGann	Sakamoto	Brown
3♣	3♡	All Pass	

Sakamoto won the club lead and found what looks to be the normal shift to  $\lozenge Q$  to avoid endplaying partner if they had the  $\lozenge A$  after a club ruff/over-ruff. Now McGann had to decide if diamonds were breaking or not, and what to do after winning the  $\lozenge A$ . Eventually he decided to take the  $\lozenge A$  and advance the  $\image IO$ . South took her king, played a low diamond to her partner's jack, and when a club came back McGann pitched his last diamond to allow South to ruff for the defenders' fourth trick. But declarer's trumps were now secure, and he had + I4O for another 70% board.



The next two boards both resulted in essentially an average for each side, but Karl Morten Lunna had a chance to shine here. Holding

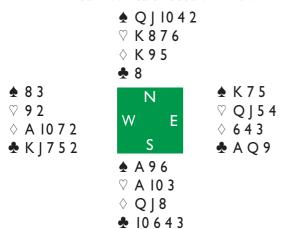
- **♠** A J 6 3
- ♡ 10 9
- ♦ K Q 6 3
- ♣ A J 5

You hear 2♠ on your left, 3♥ from your vulnerable partner. Pass on your right; your go!

Lunna did what I expect the majority of us would when he bid 3NT and caught a I-6-3-3 I6-count in dummy with the singleton ♠K and ♡KJ7643. After a spade lead he could not avoid losing a spade and two hearts for +430 and 84MPs. 4♡ would have been a comfortable 450 for I52 MP.

At this point McGann-Brown were putting together a decent set but the last four boards disappointed. There were plenty of opportunities, but they were not taken:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



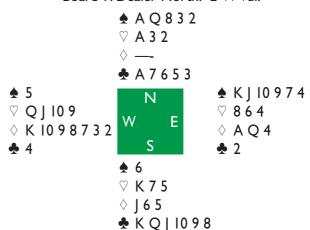
West	North	East	South
Schueller	McGann	Gromann	Brown
			Pass
Pass	l 🏚	Pass	2♣(♠)
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

When Schueller elected to stick his head in the lion's mouth vulnerable Brown was dealt the perfect hand to double 3♣ — though McGann might have been unable to sit for it with zero defence and a known spade fit. As it was, the play in 3♠ on a trump lead boiled down to how to play for the tenth trick with West marked with a doubleton heart. It would be relatively easy to make ten tricks with the actual lie of the cards, but if West has the doubleton queen or jack you should run the ♥8 after drawing trumps, and repeat the finesse. McGann reached the critical moment in the deal. Would he have got it right? Only the shadow knows! But when he led the first heart from hand East split her honours, and declarer was saved the guess.

+170 was worth 114 MPs, +500 would have been a painless 190 MPs. The last round threw up an even more painful opportunity that got away.



Gaspare Trapani, Italy
Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Trapani	McGann	Popa	Brown
	I <b>♠</b>	Pass	INT
Pass	2 <b>♠</b> *	Pass	3♣
3♦	4♣	<b>4</b> ♦	5♣
5◊	DЫ	All Pass	

2♣ Spades and clubs; less than 16 HCP.

Both North and South missed the boat here; South is surely worth 4. over 2. and North might well have bid 3. over 3. (and 6. over 5.!). the defenders have a painless 500 here but when McGann led a top club Brown contributed the king and McGann interpreted this as a request for continuation since the Q/J might have been the suit preference signal here? After a second club declarer could pitch his spade and escape for 200 and 165 MPs instead of the average that he would have received for -500, and the 53 MP for -920 (and who can say if East would have doubled the slam?).

### Tough luck

by Brent Manley

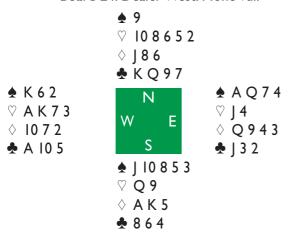
Mixed Pairs Qualification Round 9 (Day Two, Round 5)

In bridge as in other endeavours, Mark Knopfler will tell you that sometimes you're the windshield (windscreen, if you prefer), sometimes you're the bug.

In the final session of the Mixed Pairs qualifying, Irina Levitina and Sam Lev were a virtual lock for making it to the final, and it turned out to be a good thing, considering that they scored just 40.49%.

It was more a matter of bad luck than bad play. On the first board, they reached the normal 3NT, minus 200 on bad breaks and accurate defence. On the second, Lev played in 1% and East found the only lead to hold him to nine tricks for another mediocre score. One of their good scores occurred on this deal.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Lev		Levitina
INT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Against the 12-14 INT, Lev started with the  $\heartsuit 8$  to the jack, queen and ace. Declarer played a low diamond from hand to the 6, 9 and king. The  $\heartsuit 9$  was allowed to hold the



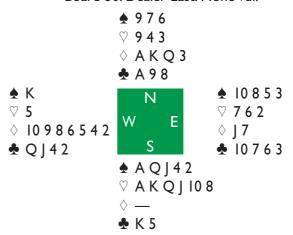
Nathalie Frey, Monaco

trick, so Levitina switched to a low club, ducked to Lev's queen. He exited with the \$9, taken in hand by declarer.

The  $\lozenge$ 10 was covered by the jack and queen, and Levitina continued with a club after winning the  $\lozenge$ A. Declarer ducked again, and Lev cleared the suit after winning the  $\clubsuit$ K. Had declarer simply played a third round of diamonds, the 3-3 split in the suit would have given her trick number seven. Instead, she cashed the  $\heartsuit$ K and played a spade to dummy. Lev took the last two tricks for plus 50 and 120.18 out of 204 matchpoints.

That was about it for good boards until the final deal of the qualifying sessions.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	<b>4</b> ♦
Pass	5◊	Pass	6♡
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Lev received the opening lead of the \$\.\text{\Lambda}8\$. He considered his play for a few moments before calling for the ace. When West's king dropped, Lev could claim plus 1520 for 86.27% of the matchpoints. On a non-spade lead, Lev noted that with 12 top tricks, a double squeeze was a strong possibility.

Indeed, at another table, Geir Helgemo as South reached 7NT and played along those lines.

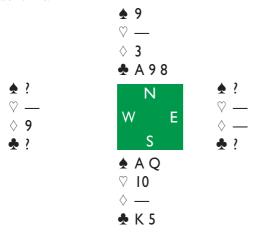
West	North	East	South
Bogacki	Frey	Sauvage	Helgemo
		Pass	I 🛇
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♡	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

Once Helgemo heard about his partner's two aces, he

immediately jumped to 7NT on what was for him the last board of an eventually unsuccessful attempt to qualify for the final.

West led the \$10 to dummy's ace. At this point, Helgemo could see 12 top tricks. The working spade finesse might bring in the 13th trick in a pedestrian way but, of course, the first thing Helgemo did was to have a look at possible squeezes. So he went on to cash the other two top diamonds, discarding two more spades and getting the interesting news that East did not follow to the third diamond.

Below is the end position you want, and Helgemo duly reached it.



On the run of the red suits, East had already discarded three spades, whereas West had discarded three diamonds and a club. Both defenders still had to find a discard on the last heart. Now, if the spades are 4-1 (or 3-2, for that matter), the double squeeze will be automatic but if spades are 5-0, declarer will have to read the end position correctly. As declarer does not know anything about the spade break in advance, this simply means that he will have to judge correctly in any event. Helgemo's problems were soon over, however, when Bogacki graciously discarded his  $\bigstar K$  on the last heart. Maybe, he thought that he was the only one to be squeezed as he held the  $\bigstar Q$  J as well. He would have been right if declarer had started with  $\bigstar K$ 10 instead of  $\bigstar K$ 5.

Still, if declarer judges that West has given up his club guard, he might well deduce that West is trying to protect something in the other suits and play accordingly. That is extremely likely since by the time declarer has reached the two-card ending he will know 12 of West's 13 cards (10-seventh of diamonds and QJxx of clubs plus a singleton heart) and West does not rate to have stayed silent over 1% with a 0-1-7-5 pattern when non-vulnerable.

Please note that an initial club lead does not make much difference as declarer can win the king in hand and cross to dummy's precious  $\heartsuit 9$  to cash his three top diamonds. Had the contract been  $7\heartsuit$ , however, an initial club lead destroys the end position as declarer will not be able to cash the three top diamonds and get back to hand safely.

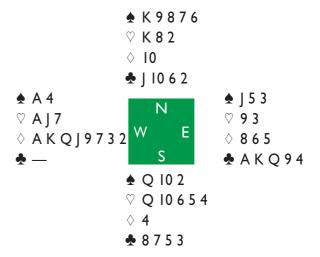
### Marco goes for the Max

by Jan van Cleeff

Marco ter Laare and Linda Molle are considered as one of the strongest mixed pairs from the Netherlands. Still, they achieved their best results abroad, in France. Last year, for example, the pair won the IMP Pairs in the bridge festivals of Biarritz and of Juan-les-Pins. Of course, Linda and Marco registered for the Mixed Pairs at this tournament. It doesn't come much of a surprise that they are in the final, qualifying in eighth position.

This deal from the third qualifying session is a fine example how solid agreements pay off:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Molle		ter Laare	
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
<b>4</b> ♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	7NT	All Pass

2♣: 6-10 with both majors or a game forcing hand.

2♠: Preference.

3♦: Game forcing, natural.

Guarantees at least second-round controls in other suits.

4♣: Cuebid, agreeing diamonds.

40: First-round control diamonds.

4NT: Roman Key Card Blackwood.

5♣: Four key cards.

Though the final contract was cold, it was not that obvious to reach 7NT. Checking the scores, East-West gained 97.5 percent on the board.

## If It's Tuesday This Must Be Belgium

by Mark Horton

If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium is a 1969 romantic comedy film made by Wolper Pictures and released by United Artists. It was filmed on location throughout Europe, and features many cameo appearances from various stars.

The title, also used by a 1965 documentary on CBS television that filmed one such tour, was taken from a magazine cartoon caption, humorously depicting the whirlwind nature of European tour schedules, which formed the premise of the film's plot.

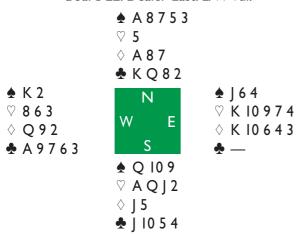
The film was remade in 1987 as a made-for-TV movie titled If It's Tuesday, It Still Must Be Belgium.

Why the title you may ask?

Well, if you have just completed a round trip to Hong Kong and then immediately travelled to Belgium and look at the date on this Bulletin then you may get a clue.

Let me start this report on the third session of the Mixed Pairs Final with a disclaimer; a match pointed event is just about the toughest for both players and reporters; whereas the players cannot offer jet lag as an excuse for their mistakes your reporter has every intention of so doing for his.

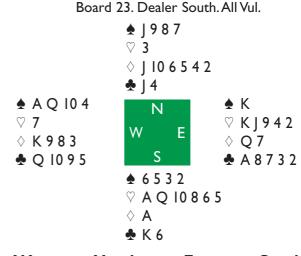
Board 22. Dealer East, E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Gunev	Von Glabbeeck	Popova	Maas
		Pass	Pass
Pass	♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

With an awkward hand to lead from East went for the seven of hearts. When declarer went up with dummy's ace an opportunity had been missed.

Declarer tried the queen of spades covered by the king and ace and then played the eihgt of diamonds for the six, jack and queen. West switched to the ace of clubs and continued with the nine, East ruffing and cashing the jack of spades. +50 gave EW 38/50.



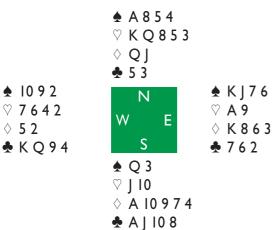
West	North	East	South
Mihai	Bahnik	Mihai	Bahnikova
			Ι♡
DЫ	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the eight of hearts and declarer won with the nine and cashed the ace of clubs, allegedly playing dummy's five. A club to the king saw South switch to the six of spades and declarer won with the king and played the seven of diamonds. South took the ace and played a spade and declarer won in dummy with the ace. If clubs had been unblocked ten tricks would be on top at this point, but declarer now cashed the queen of spades and played a diamond, North putting in the ten and declarer won with the queen and played a club to dummy's queen. At this point declarer can cash the ten of clubs and then exit with a spade to endplay someone for ten tricks. +630 would be worth 36/14 but it says eleven were claimed and +660 would score 47/03.



Dessy Popova, Bulgaria

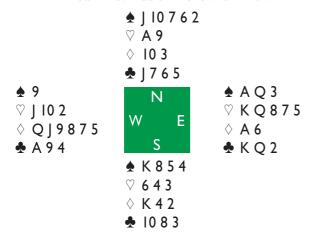
Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Mihai	Bahnik	Mihai	Bahnikova
Pass	I 🛇	DЫ	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	I♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

South led the jack of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played a club to the king, when that held she ran the ten of spades to South's queen. North overtook the heart continuation and played the eight of hearts, declarer ruffing with the jack and playing a club. It looks as if three down is a certainty from here, but a defensive error allowed declarer to escape for -300, only 14/36 for NS.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Norling	Hoderova	Norling	Semr
	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It appears that West had no way to discover if East held a five card heart suit (only 5 pairs played in 4% scoring +650 for 34/16).

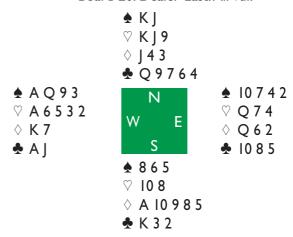
After a spade lead we have a classic pairs situation - how best to set about getting an overtrick or two?

Playing a heart ensures +630 (that was the line adopted here and was worth only 22/28) but several declarers tried the ace of diamonds and a diamond. That also leads to ten

tricks if South takes the king of diamonds, but not everyone did, and +660 was worth 45/05.

I quite like the sneaky play of the six of diamonds at trick two. If South ducks you switch to hearts for eleven ricks.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



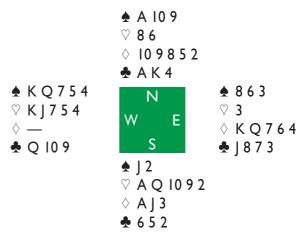
West	North	East	South
Norling	Hoderova	Norling	Semr
		Pass	Pass
ΙÖ	All Pass		

North led the four of clubs for the king and ace and declarer returned the jack of clubs to North's queen, South following with the two. Given that it was a racing certainty that declarer had started with A alone (he would hardly expose himself to a possible ruff) South was known to have started with A K32. In general playing the three at this point would be a suit preference signal, with the two being neutral, perhaps suggesting a diamond switch, but certainly suggesting that partner should not play a spade.

Alas, North, clearly not aware of the advice frequently given to Captain Mainwaring by Corporal Jones in the classic British TV comedy 'Don't panic, Captain Mainwaring', did exactly the opposite by switching to the king of spades.

Declarer won, played ace of hearts and a heart and north won and tried the jack of spades. that was -170 and a massive 47/03 for EW.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



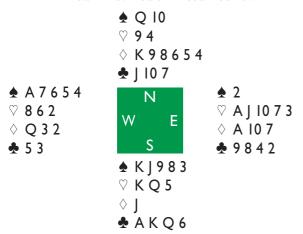
West	North	East	South
Gromov	Ionita	Gromova	Stegaroiu
			Ι♡
♠	INT	2♠	Pass
Pacc	DN	All Pacc	

North led the ace of clubs and switched to the nine of spades for the jack and king. North took the queen of clubs return and exited with a club to dummy's jack. When declarer played a heart South went up with the ace and returned a trump. North took the ten and ace and exited with the two of diamonds. Declarer was booked for two down, -300 and only 2/48.



Pavla Hoderova, Czech Republic

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



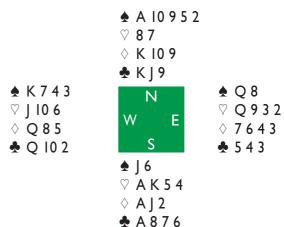
West	North	East	South
Gromov	Ionita	Gromova	Stegaroiu
Pass	Pass	2♡*	DЫ
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I'm guessing that 2% was hearts and a minor.

West led the two of hearts for the ten and king and declarer played a spade to the queen and a spade to the

king and ace. Now the only card to hold declarer to nine tricks is the queen of diamonds - not easy I'm sure you will agree. West played a heart and East won and returned a heart, declarer winning and claiming +630 and 33/17.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Sayer	Jaszcak	Zahariev
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♡*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the jack of hearts and continued with the ten when declarer ducked. After taking the heart declarer ran the jack of spades to East's queen and won the return of the queen of hearts pitching a club from dummy. A spade to the ten was followed by the ace of spades and a spade, West winning and exiting with a diamond. Declarer had the rest, +430 and a rare dead average, 25/25.



Marina Stegaroiu, Roumania

#### **Mixed Pairs Finals Session One**

by Barry Rigal

The session started with a deal played in 3NT which needed one of two finesses, and making nine tricks at almost every table. (5 depended simply on the losing club finesse). The second deal was a considerably less attractive 3NT contract.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

boar	d Z. Dealer East	. 1N/3 Vul.
	<b>★</b> A 10 8 6 3	3 2
	♡ J 7 3	
	♦ Q	
	♣ Q 7 2	
♠ K Q 7 5 4		<b>_</b>
♡ Q 6		♡ A 10 9 5
♦ 5		♦ K 10 9 8 7 6 2
♣ A 8 5 4 3		<b>♣</b> K 10
	<b>♠</b> J 9	
	♡ K 8 4 2	
	♦ A J 4 3	
	<b>♣</b> J 9 6	

West	North	East	South
Marino	Bertens	Pisani	Verbeek
		1♦	Pass
I♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



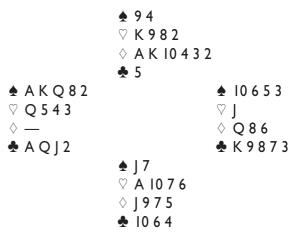
Rosanna Pisani, Italy

Where Huub Bertens was on lead to 3NT he had heard the opponents announce hearts as their weakness. So he led a low heart to Martine Verbeek's ∇K (declarer failing to unblock the queen). Verbeek shifted accurately to the ♠J, covered and ducked, Bertens following with an encouraging ♠2. A diamond to the queen, king, and ace saw a second spade come through. Marino covered in desperation, and Bertens cashed his three spade winners (dummy having pitched a heart and three diamonds) and exited with his fifth spade, leaving declarer to cross to the club king and drive out the diamond jack for down 100. That was 44 MP to North-South.

Auken-Welland did much better. They bid  $1 \lozenge - 1 - 2 \lozenge - 2$ NT -  $3 \lozenge - 2 \lozenge - 2$ NT -

Marino-Pisani recovered those matchpoints on the next round when they followed the principle espoused by members of the Young Chelsea Bridge Club of TTASL - Teach Them a Sharp Lesson. When the opponents reopen you from partscore, you must double or bid game, when they sacrifice over your game you must double or bid slam:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Marino	Gomerov	Pisani	Nokhaeva
			Pass
♠	3♦	3♠	<b>4</b> ♦
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
6 <b>♠</b> *	All Pass		

Both 6♠ and 6♠ can be troubled by the lead of a black suit. In 6♠ on a club lead you have to guess whether it is trumps or clubs that are splitting badly - to succeed you must play trumps before ducking a heart. In 6♣ on a spade lead you must not draw trump but instead play for spades to be 2-2 - far from obvious. No one led a black suit against

slam, of course. On a top diamond lead Marino ruffed then gave up a heart and had 12 painless winners. That was worth 47 MP/50.

At a number of tables, NS were allowed to save in  $6\lozenge$ . Here is an example:

West	North	East	South
Molle	Gromov	Ter Laare	Gromova
			Pass
	2♦	3♣	5◊
5♠	6◊	DЫ	All Pass

Opposite partner's fit-bid, Molle might as well have ventured 6♣ but for her partner, bidding the slam or even making a forcing pass over 6♦ was perhaps asking too much. After a spade lead and continuation, declarer lost the obvious four tricks but had little trouble in finding the right way to tackle the hearts. Down three, +500 to EW but a good matchpoint score (78%) for North-South.

Here is another slam-going auction.

West	North	East	South
Nowosadzki	Norling	Dufrat	Norling
			Pass
♣*	I♦	Pass	Pass
DЫ	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♠	3♦	4♡	Pass
6♣	All Pass		
I A Polish			

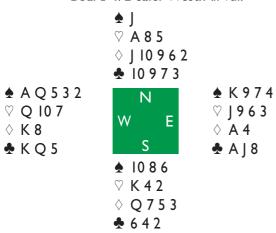
I ♣ Polish

After Dufrat's intelligent cuebid in hearts, Nowosadzki had no trouble in bidding the cold slam.

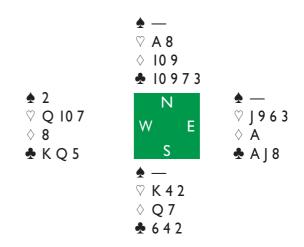
Declarer ruffed the diamond lead high, cashed one top trump and played a heart. He ruffed the diamond continuation with his \$2, cashed the other top trump, ruffed a heart and discarded his two losing hearts on dummy's two remaining trumps before running all the winning spades. Making the club slam was worth 86% of the available matchpoints.

Matchpoints is a strange game; there are those who would say it isn't bridge, but in many ways it simply magnifies the errors we make. Every trick can cost blood rarely truer than here.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



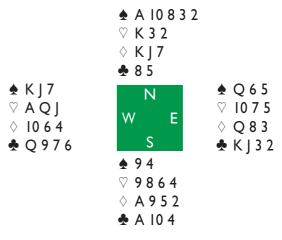
On what appears to be a normal enough  $4 \triangleq$  contract, making II tricks, Welland-Auken bid  $1 \triangleq -1 \lozenge (\heartsuit)$  - INT (18-19) - 3NT.While II tricks are easy enough on any lead but a diamond, Lars Goldberg as North had an easy lead from his diamond sequence. Welland won in hand and ran five rounds of spades. This was the ending:



Perhaps once West showed up with five spades North should have discarded a club now, but he pitched a diamond, dummy threw a heart, and South pitched a club. When declarer sneaked a heart past North all South could do was win and return a diamond, but declarer knocked out the other heart winner and claimed 11 tricks. That was 49 MPs instead of 3 MP.

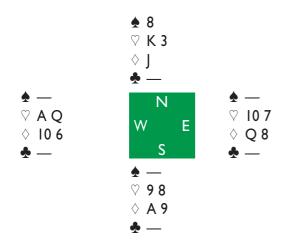
When Senior-Sandqvist took on the Brogelands, Nevena Senior negotiated her way around a tricky ending, with a little help.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Sandqvist	Boye B.	N. Senior	Tonje B.
♣	♠	INT	All Pass

Tonye led her partner's suit and Senior won in hand and drove out the ♣A. the defenders cleared the spades and Senior cashed out the clubs, then led a diamond. Boye hopped up with the king to cash out the spades, to reach this position:



As the last spade was led declarer discarded a heart from hand and Tonje pitched a heart, giving declarer a choice of winning actions. She chose to pitch a diamond from dummy and duck the  $\lozenge$ J, endplaying Boye, but a heart would have worked equally well. If South pitches a diamond, then dummy is squeezed. Should West pitch a heart North exits with a heart, if dummy pitches a diamond South overtakes her partner's jack and plays a heart through dummy to let North score the  $\heartsuit$ K.



Tonje Brogeland, Norway

Finally, a hypothetical lead problem: you hold

- **★**8764
- ♥ **1963**
- ♦ 64
- ♣ K 9 8

After partner passes you expect not to have to worry about doing too much bidding. Instead you hear 2NT to your right, 3NT to your left, double from partner! Pick a lead

If as I imagine is not uncommon you play this to suggest a solid suit somewhere or semi-solid with an entrance, wouldn't you expect spades to be partner's suit? That lead would not have been a success - declarer having five solid spades and two small hearts, and partner ♡AKQ74. 3NTx makes eight or ten tricks depending on the lead, but Levitina as declarer wasn't prepared to gamble out 3NTx and ran to 4♠ herself, collecting +620 and an average. A quiet finish after an exciting start!



Katrien Berbers and Georges Keldermans, our Belgian winners of the pairs event.



Mark Thiele and Renee Verdegaal, Netherlands, runners up



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## **PAIRS**

Par	nk Pair	Country	%
Ivai	BERBERS Katrien - KELDERMANS Georges	BEL - BEL	60.36
•	THIELE Mark - VERDEGAAL Renee	NED - NED	58.37
	APPERTET Micheline - FOLLIERO DE LUNA		30.37
•	, <u></u>	FRA - FRA	57.97
4	USZINSKI Woyciech - WAKSMAN Sophie	FRA - FRA	56.91
5	MANNO Andrea - PISCITELLI Francesca	ITA - ITA	56.76
6	LEWIS Marshall - MULLER Renata	CRO - CRO	55.95
7	CORNELIS Tom - NIERINCK Nicole	BEL - BEL	55.91
8	DUGUET Marlene - DUGUET Michel	FRA - FRA	55.88
9	SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER Elly - STIENEN R		
	,	NED - NED	55.85
10	DUC Laurence - MAGNUSSON Stephan	SUI - SUI	54.58
П	LECIS LOI M Grazia - SPANU Carlo	ITA - ITA	54.40
12	DEHAYE Bernard - DEWASME Isabelle	BEL - BEL	54.39
13	JANKOVA Jana - VOLHEJN Vit	CZE - CZE	54.19
14	PAVLIN Milan - ROJKO Silvana	SLO - SLO	54.07
15	LIGGAT David - McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz)	SCO - SCO	54.01
16	LESZCZYNSKA Lena - TOMASZEK Witold	POL - POL	53.95
17	CARIC Ante - PILIPOVIC Marina	CRO - CRO	53.61
18	GOUVERITH Marie-Claude - MULLER Serge	de	
		FRA - ARG	53.13
19	ALBERTAZZI Marz - PRATESI Andrea	ITA - ITA	52.98
20	HOMME Egil - HOMME Marianne	NOR - NOR	52.85
21	BOGACKI Patrick - SAUVAGE Valerie	FRA - FRA	52.29
22	GWINNER Hans-Herman - LANGER Darina	GER - SUI	51.71
23	COUTEAUX Antonella - WANGEN Michel	BEL - BEL	51.30
24	LANE Sue - THOMAS David Roy	ENG - ENG	51.19
25	STUYCK Dominique - VANDERVORST Mike	BEL - BEL	51.05
26	BEAUVILLAIN Edouard - PUILLET Carole	FRA - FRA	50.81
27	ILLNER Andrea - JEROLITSCH Stefan	AUT - AUT	50.50
28	MORAWSKI Dariusz - SALONEN Irmeli	FRA - FRA	49.98
29	FRANCESCONI Andrea - MANZANO Alida	ITA - ITA	49.74
30	PELED Barack - PELLED Adi	USA - GER	49.67
31	NUNES Claudio - SANI Federica	MON - ITA	49.57
32	KUZNIATSOVA Larysa - TSIMAKHOVICH A	leh	
		BLR - BLR	49.43
	MULTON Franck - WARD-PLATT Kiki	MON - USA	49.22
34	ALLGOWER Mats - OLSSON Ella	SWE - SWE	49.19
35	JESENICNIK Aleksandra - ORAC Tolja	SLO - SLO	49.06
36	DE BOTTON Janet - MALINOWSKI Artur	ENG - ENG	49.01
37	ZIETMAN Brian - ZIETMAN Margarida	ISR - ISR	48.67
38	SKELTON Joyce - THEELKE Mike	ENG - ENG	48.61
39	KONDAKCI SEN Emine - SEN Tezcan	TUR - TUR	48.5 I
40	BEGAS Han - GROSMANN Lucia	NED - NED	48.16
41	McINTOSH Andrew - PORRO Laura Cecilia	ENG - SCO	47.98
42	PIEDRA Fernando - SAESSELI Irene	SUI - SUI	47.60
43	KOTHARI Usha - MUNDY Roger	IND - ENG	47.36
44	MILMAN Victor - STELMASHENKO Nadia	ENG - ENG	46.71
45	EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik - ZACK EINARSSO		
		SWE - SWE	46.64
46	HALFON Nesim Mihail - HALFON Tola	TUR - TUR	46.26
47	BUSI Elda Angela - RICCI Sergio	ITA - ITA	46.05
48	SHAMA Jessica - MALESZA Leonard	FRA - POL	45.98
49	CAKICI Ferda - OZTURK Erdem	TUR - TUR	45.81

50	NISHIMURA Teruko - SAKAMOTO Midori	JPN - JPN	45.46
51	MONOD Emmanuelle - RIDOLFO Jean	FRA - FRA	45.06
52	BANULESCU Cristian - NEDELEA Ileana	CAN - ROM	44.84
53	NETSMAN Eva - NETSMAN Per	SWE - SWE	44.71
54	HORNISCHER Gerhard - WEIHS Bettina	AUT - AUT	44.12
55	HELLNER Vibeke - OLAFSEN Roger	NOR - NOR	43.90
56	BANKOGLU Ergun - BANKOGLU Lelia	TUR - TUR	43.26
57	ATALIK Leyla - ATALIK Selcuk	TUR - TUR	43.15
58	LEDGER Jimmy - HANNAH Maureen	ENG - ENG	43.14
59	CAMPANA Francine - CAMPANA Yves	BEL - BEL	40.43
60	AZERRAF Hortensia - BENYES Eli	VEN - VEN	36.73

## **TEAMS**

	JOVI	69.85
	HERLAND	69.37
3	CHAPPULING	68.55
4	MAGICFJORDS	67.58
5	ZIMMERMANN	66.01
6	MILNER	61.57
7	K4	59.53
8	PULPENSTEIN	54.74
9	PENFOLD	54.47
10	Q OF H	54.12
$\Pi$	ANGELINI	53.83
12	GOLD POLAND	53.01
13	OKAY	52.20
14	PERSIANI	50.22
15	MARILLE	49.23
16	GERLI	48.62
17	MCTURK	47.08
18	VON HELSING	46.76
19	ADAMS FAMILY	46.17
20	RAULUND	44.74
21	TOMEK	43.52
22	DE LEEUW	42.20
23	FLYING HEDGEHOG	40.31
24	STAHLHART	39.49
25	CASHEL	35.00
26	MARMAGLIA	33.81
27	COYLE	32.02

