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# bULGARIAN PAIR'S DRAMATIC TRIUMPH 



Marc Bompis and Sylvie Willard, Rosen Gunev and Dessy Popova, Netsy Sayer and Zahari Zahariev
They won in 2007 in Antalya, were second in San Remo in 2009 (when they were also members of the winning Mixed Team) and with their victory in yesterday's Mixed Pairs Championship Bulgaria's Rosen Gunev and Dessy Popova are now the toast of Ostend as they celebrate their third European Open title, which confirms them as one of the best Mixed Pairs in the world. The runners-up were France's Marc Bompis and Sylvie Willard, with the Bulgarian/Turkish combination of Zahari Zahariev and Netsy Sayer third.

## Press Conference

The President of the EBL, Yves Aubry, will host a Press Conference on Thursday at midday (the location will be announced in tomorrow's Bulletin).
There will be an announcement about the location of the 2015 European Open Championships. All Journalists and interested parties are invited to attend. The conference will be followed by a reception.

## Today's Schedule <br> Mixed Teams (Swiss, Day I/3)

10:00-11:30
11:45-13:15
14:15-15:45
16:00-17:30
17:45-19:15
Same schedule for the Open MP Pairs
Important Information

## Important Information

## Badges

your badge in the Bridgemates. Please don't forget your I badges!!!!

## Review Process

Please be reminded of the new appeals process where the classical appeal has been replaced by a review process. For further information, please refer to II

OOstende/Microsite/Information.htm\#Conditions

## Mixed Positions

Men and women can sit North or South, and East or West. However, once they have chosen their preferred position, they must retain that seat for the duration of the session.

## Side Events

Please note that all side events are open which means that pairs and teams can be composed of I players of any age or gender
Non-qualifiers from the qualifications for the medal I events have the right to play a side event the following I day free of charge. However, they must register for that side event the night before (best done right after I the end of play). For those not registered, it is assumed that they do not intend to play! Drop-ins may be accepted if convenient. If such a player wishes to play with a different partner, the new partner must pay his/her part of the entry fee (i.e. EUR 35 per day).
Winners of the side events are asked to stay at their playing area for a few minutes after the results are known in order to be photographed and to collect their certificates.

## 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 http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/l3OOstende/ Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC20I3.pdf ).

Such penalties are automatic and compulsory for the first offense.


## Just the Facts



## Date of Birth

25/05/53

## Place of Birth

Huddersfield UK

Place of Residence
Nottingham UK
What is your favourite colour?
Green - so I can afford to preempt aggressively
What kind of food makes you happy?
I don't do happy
And what drink?
Good beer not fizzy yellow ****
Who is your favourite author?
Mark Horton (and they say I don't have a sense of humour)

All time favourite movie?
The Shawshank Redemption
Do you have a favourite actor/actress? Yes

What kind of music do you like to listen to?
Rock, Blues
What do you see as your best ever result?
Back to back wins in the NEC Festival in Yokohama with Pablo Lambardi - we never played a board together except in the NEC

Do you have a favourite hand?
My right
Who is your favourite bridge player?
I don't like bridge players
Is there a bridge book that had a profound influence on you?
The Encyclopedia - I dropped it on my toe
What is the best bridge country in the world?
Thailand - great people, great food, great climate. We should hold every major championship there.

What are bridge players particularly good at (except for bridge)?
Standing blocking doorways while talking very loudly

## What is it you dislike in a person?

It depends. Which particular person do you have in mind?

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge?
I will never have any silly superstitions - in life or in bridge - touch wood

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself?
Happy
Which three people would you invite to dinner?
I wouldn't. Do you think I'm made of money
Is there something you'd love to learn?
Which $\mathrm{B}^{* * * * * * *}$ used my credit card fraudulently recently

What is the stupidest rule in bridge?
Allowing a defender to say 'having none?' Only ever gets asked by $99 \%$ of players when they are surprised, so it gives partner unauthorised information

## Mixed Pairs F2

by Jos Jacobs

The second session of the Mixed Pairs final got underway with what looked like a slam hand:

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.

|  | $6$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc \mathrm{K} 63$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 1094 |  |
|  | - AKJ64 |  |
| ¢ 9852$\bigcirc 11085$ | N | ¢ K Q 10743 |
|  |  | $\bigcirc 7$ |
| $\checkmark$ K Q |  | $\checkmark$ J 865 |
| -985 | S | - Q |
|  | - AJ |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A Q 942 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 32$ |  |
|  | +10732 |  |

Even the small slam in clubs is far from lay-down but it has the virtue of making. The fifth heart can be established and the last diamond loser can be ruffed.
In the better-scoring major-suit slam, you would have to go one down because of the 4 -I trump break. The odd score out among the -50 s was produced by the pair who reached $7 \%$ which would not have made even if the hearts had broken.
A few pairs got busy, possibly too busy, on board I3:
Board I3. Dealer North. All Vul.

- K 42
$\bigcirc$ A
$\diamond$ KJ 1072
4 10863
Q Q 96
-KJ 975

¢A73
© 843
$\checkmark 65$
8954

| N | ¢ A 73 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc 843$ |
| W E | $\diamond$ A 93 |
| S | \& AKJ 7 |
| ¢ J 1085 |  |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 1062 |  |
| $\checkmark$ Q 84 |  |
| * Q 2 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Welland | Slemr | Auken | Hoderova |
|  | $I \diamond$ | Dbl | $1 \triangleleft$ |
| $2 \triangleleft$ | Pass | Pass | 3 |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

Two Hearts was natural. When South competed again, knowing about partner's five-card suit, Auken had little trouble in applying the axe. She led a top club, on which West contributed the nine, and immediately switched to a low trump. Declarer won and played another club, but

Auken took her king and cleared the trumps, dummy's queen winning the third round. The of was covered all round, giving declarer a sixth trick, but the only other trick he could establish was a club. Down two, 500 to NS for a 94\% score.
At another table, we saw a convention coming into operation.

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pisani | Bahnik | Marino | Bahnikova |
|  | $1 \diamond$ | INT | $2 \&$ |
| Pass | $2 \&$ | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | All Pass |  |  |

Two Clubs showed both majors. When 2 came round to Pisani, she had an obvious double in view of her heart holding. East led a low trump to the jack, queen and king. Declarer next ran the $\diamond J$ successfully but East won the second diamond, cashed two top clubs and gave his partner a diamond ruff. Rather than returning her last trump, West now led a heart, taking out an entry to declarer's hand. Bahnik ruffed a club in dummy, ruffed a heart in hand and tried to ruff his last club with dummy's eight but Pisani could overruff with her nine and had to return a heart, enabling declarer to score dummy's $\$ 10$ en passant for just one down. Still, -200 proved the "kiss of death" once again, giving East-West a well-deserved $82 \%$ score.


Pavla Hoderova, Czech Republic
At yet another table, East-West were slightly less aggressive than Sabine Auken, but their result was still entirely satisfactory:

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Van Glabbeek Sandqvist | Maas | Senior |  |
|  | I | Pass | $1 \otimes$ |
| Pass | INT | Pass | $\mathbf{2} \diamond$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | Pass |
| $\mathbf{2} \triangleleft$ | $\mathbf{3} \diamond$ | All Pass |  |

When North bid once too often, East was kind enough not to double but quietly led the West played the four and here too, East shifted to a trump. Dummy's eight won and the was next covered all round. East cleared the trumps but North won the third round in hand and played an extra round of trumps before reverting to clubs. East won his ace and led a heart. Declarer could do little better than win his ace, cross to dummy's $\$ 10$ and ruff a heart before exiting to West's $\$ 9$. When there was no endplay, he was down three for the fine score of $88 \%$ to East-West.
The popular contract on this deal was a heart partscore by East-West. This would usually yield only eight or nine tricks, but even making ten tricks would not beat the score of 200. Anyone who could make II tricks in hearts would earn himself (herself) a fine score of over $80 \%$. As far as we know, Irina Levitina was the only one to perform this feat.

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Levitina | Brogeland | Lev | Brogeland |
|  | $1 \diamond$ | Dbl | Pass |
| $1 \otimes$ | Pass | Pass | Dbl |
| $2 \otimes$ | All Pass |  |  |

North led a club to dummy's ace.A low heart went to the nine and ace and back came the 88 . This was probably intended to mislead declarer as to the location of the 2 Q but it was a card North could not afford. Irina took full advantage of it, as we shall see. She called for dummy's king (thank you) and ran the $\triangle 8$. Trumps were then cleared (North throwing a club and dummy throwing a spade) and now came two club winners. South could part with a spade on the first, but was in trouble on the next one. This was the position:


On the last club, South could not let go a spade, so had to discard a diamond. Declarer threw a diamond but North was squeezed out of a low spade. If North discards a diamond as well, the play of the $\diamond A$ and a diamond ruff would set up dummy's last diamond. The low spade discard did not help North, as declarer was now able to play the \$A and a spade to the nine, bringing down North's king and establishing the queen for a total of II tricks, enough to match the +200 for undertricks and an $82 \%$ score. This is a double ruffing squeeze, (possibly an extended one) and was the first such example the Daily Bulletin team has seen of this specific variation. Very well played!

Two boards later, all sorts of things were happening again, though this time it was more a question simply of bidding judgement.

Board I5. Dealer North. North-South Vul.
, K
$\checkmark 9876$
$\diamond 10763$
\& KJ 72


Roy Welland was treated to a very early double:
West

Welland $\quad$\begin{tabular}{lll}
North <br>
Zahariev

$\quad$

East <br>
Auken

$\quad$

South <br>
Sayer
\end{tabular}

Twelve tricks, EW +790 and $85 \%$. This contract and score occurred at no less than four tables.
At two other tables, North-South were in less of a hurry to double. Here is one instance.

| West | North | East | South <br> Marino |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| lonita |  |  |  |

Twelve tricks, EW +750 and just 73\%. This might well have been a disappointment for them...
Doubling the opponents was not the best idea for EastWest this time, though +500 should still have beaten all the non-vulnerable undoubled games:

| West <br> Senior | North <br> Hoderova | East <br> Sandqvist | South <br> Slemr <br> $1 \diamond$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2 ゅ$ | $3 \diamond$ | $4 \stackrel{y}{2}$ | $5 \diamond$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

+500 was worth just $52 \%$ to EW because of the number of doubled spade contracts.
East-West could do even worse, though, as we saw in a Dutch confrontation:

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bertens | Maas | Verbeek | Van Glabbeek |
|  |  |  | I $\diamond$ |
| 29 | 3\% | 49 | 4NT |
| Pass | $5 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |

Nobody doubled...losing only 200 was worth $98 \%$ to NS. Well, maybe, this was not Verbeek's best performance of the championships, but two boards later, we got to see how well she can play if required:

Board I7. Dealer North. None Vul.

- A 852
$\checkmark$ Q 2
$\diamond 108$
\& AK 985
4K 96
คA653
$\diamond 974$
- J 72


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Slemr | Bertens | Hoderova <br>  <br>  <br> Pass | $1 \mathbf{~ V e r b e e k ~}$ |

This contract is uncomfortably high, especially on a trump lead, which was duly found by West. Without the trump lead, declarer can score one heart ruff in dummy, enough to bring down the bare Jl09 in East. The spade loser then goes on a top club, once the finesse is right.
When dummy's $\diamond 8$ held at trick one, declarer had to find a plan. She cashed two top clubs, shedding a spade from hand, and ruffed a club high. A diamond to dummy's ten and another club ruff established dummy's fifth club. On this trick, West followed declarer's lead and discarded a low spade rather than a heart, a fatal mistake as we shall see.
Martine then ran the $\stackrel{\wedge}{ } \mathrm{Q}$ rather than draw the last trump (not that this mattered very much) and when West covered, returned to her to draw the last trump after all.When the $\oslash$ Q proved to be an entry to dummy, the fifth club then brought East under the sort of pressure defined by Reese as a vice squeeze. He was now obliged to hold on to his $\$ 10$ and thus had to throw a heart, enabling declarer to make two more heart tricks and her contract. One other pair matched this result, so +920 was worth $98 \%$ to NS.

## Championship Diary

How far have you travelled to get to Ostend? Can anyone beat the distance covered by GeO Tislevoll? He has come from New Zealand via Hong Kong, where he helped the All Blacks to a spot in the Bermuda Bowl at the APBF Championships.

We want to discover the youngest and oldest competitors here in Ostend - if you think you might qualify, please drop by the Bulletin Room.

World Bridge Federation President Gianarrigo Rona has had a hectic schedule of the last couple of weeks that saw him in Hong Kong for the APBF Championships, then Ahmedabad for the BFAME Championships and now here in Ostend.

New in Bridge will be covering the Championships- visit: http://newinbridge.com/specials for video interviews with players and personalities as well as photographs - the first ones are already there!

A former world champion from France and his partner were on defense against 3NT in the Mixed Pairs. In the three-card ending, his partner was down to the $\vee \mathrm{A}$ and two low diamonds and needing to make a discard. After some thought, she pitched the ace. "Why," asked the world champion,"didn't you discard one of your diamonds?" The response:"I didn't know which one."

You will be pleased to learn that the Jannersten Bookstall now has copies of the classic book by Jimmy Ortiz-Patiño, 'A World Bridge History' at a bargain price of Euro 18.

If you have any useful information about Ostend or find a good (or bad) restaurant, please let us know and we'll pass the information on!

If you would like to communicate with us during the championships, send your message to: markhorton007@hotmail.com

## Star crossed

by Brent Manley

The Mamas and the Papas famously sang, "Monday, Monday - can't trust that day."
After their third session in the Mixed Pairs final on Monday, Sabine Auken and Roy Welland might have been ready to sing along.
Bad luck and some misguesses produced a $45 \%$ game for the two stars.
The session started well when Welland went one down for minus 100 when the opponents - with 23 high-card points between them - could make plus 110 or 130 in a diamond contract.
The board they played against Henrik Caspersen and Stense Farholt wasn't a disaster, but it wasn't good.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.


West can hold declarer to nine tricks with the lead of the eA, but the opening lead was a low diamond. Welland ducked to East's king and won the heart switch with the ace and played the Q Q to the king and ace. He then cashed the $\diamond A$ and ruffed a diamond, conceding a trump to the jack and the 2 . Plus 170 was good for only $42 \%$ of the matchpoints.
Auken and Welland scored well on the next board when the opponents, Anja Alberti and Nikolas Bausback, had a shot at plus 800 or a vulnerable game and missed out on both.


Anja Alberti, Germany
Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

- 」 987
$\bigcirc 3$
$\diamond$ J 106542
- J 4
, A Q 104
$\bigcirc 7$
$\diamond K 983$
- Q 1095


K
「KJ 942
Q 7
A 8732

- 6532
© A Q 10865
$\diamond A$
\& 6

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Auken |  | Welland |
|  |  |  |  |
| Dы | 20* | 2 - | $2 \checkmark$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dы | Pass |
| 24. | Pass | 36 | All Pass |

Auken's 2 showed diamonds, and it seems that the cuebid of diamonds by East should have propelled her side
to game. That did not happen, and they didn't collect the penalty either. Welland would have had a rough time in 28 doubled, going minus at least 500, possibly 800, depending on the lead. Plus 130 helped North-South to a $66 \%$ score. The next board of the set brought more bad news when Welland went down in 3NT by, in his words, "misguessing every card."
On the next round, they shifted to East-West and played against Claudia Vechiatto and Berthold Engel, scoring 90\% when an opponent missed a golden opportunity.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { J } 10762 \\
& \diamond A 9 \\
& \diamond 103 \\
& \& \mathrm{~J} 765
\end{aligned}
$$

| + 9 | N | ¢ A Q 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ J 102 | $W^{\text {c }}$ | $\bigcirc$ KQ 875 |
| $\diamond$ QJ 9875 | W E | $\checkmark$ A 6 |
| \& A 94 | S | \% K Q 2 |
|  | ¢ K 854 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 643$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 42 |  |
|  | 91083 |  |

Auken played in 4NT after opening 2\% as East and showing 20-2I balanced. Welland made a try for slam in diamonds, which boosted the level. South got off to the lead of the $\vee 4$, taken by North with the ace. Not reading the 84 , she continued the suit instead of switching to the © $\mathbf{~}$. Auken no doubt would have gone up with the $\boldsymbol{\varphi} \mathrm{A}$ and taken the diamond finesse to protect her $\varphi \mathrm{Q}$. It would then have been up to South to cash the $\Phi \mathrm{K}$ to hold declarer to her contract.
As it was,Auken had no difficulty scoring II tricks for plus 660 and their best result of the session. The result on the next board was the opposite of the first.

| Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| © KJ |  |  |  |
| 8 KJ 9 |  |  |  |
| $\diamond$ 」 43 |  |  |  |
| \& Q 9764 |  |  |  |
| - A Q 93 | N |  | -10742 |
| - A6532 |  |  | $\bigcirc$ Q 74 |
| $\diamond$ K 7 |  | E | $\checkmark$ Q 62 |
| - AJ |  | S | -1085 |
|  | - 865 |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 108$ |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 10985 |  |  |
|  | ¢ K 32 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Welland |  | Auken |  |
|  |  | Pass | Pass |
| 19** | Pass | $1{ }^{\text {\% }}$ | Pass |
| 31 | All Pass |  |  |

Welland's Is was ostensibly a balanced hand;Auken's I® showed 4+ spades. His acceptance of the transfer at the three level showed I7-19 high-card points.
North led a low club to the king and Welland's ace, and he fired back the j at trick two. North won and continued the suit, Welland pitching a heart on the 20.
He played a spade to the 9 , and when North won the jack she played a low diamond. South won the $\forall A$ and played a heart, ducked to North's king. A heart was returned to dummy's queen andWelland had to decide whether to take another spade finesse or cash the $\Phi A$ (which would have had a satisfying result) to avoid the pending heart ruff.
He went with the second finesse, which loses only when North has K-J doubleton. That was indeed the case, so when North won the $\mathbf{~ K}$ she gave her partner a heart ruff for two down. The opponents' plus 200 was worth 47 matchpoints out of 50 .
On the penultimate board, playing against William Frisby and Eva Caplan, Auken made nine tricks in $3 \%$ when she should have made only seven as the play went, but the result was still disappointing because there was a better spot.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.


East led a low diamond to the 9 , jack and Auken's king. She played a heart up immediately, putting in the king when East played the IO. Auken when played the $\Leftrightarrow \mathrm{A}$ and a low club. East won and continued with another low diamond. Auken won in dummy and played a third round. West could have scored a trick with the se K , separating it from East's trump trick, but he played low. Auken then ruffed a heart to hand and played a third round of clubs, compressing two trump winners into one to score plus IIO.
It was another poor score, however, because most pairs were playing in spades, scoring at least plus 140 (one pair scored plus 790 in 4s doubled).

## The Dustbin Of History <br> by Barry Rigal

Sometimes the best stories have a sting in the tail. Barry Myers gave me this deal on which he simultaneously played the hero and the goat.


Barry Myers, England
Board 19. Dealer South. E/WVul.

- AKJ6
©K 62
$\diamond$ Q 10963
- $A$


Q Q
$\bigcirc 984$
$\diamond A K J 5$
\& KJ9 5

- 1084
$\bigcirc 1075$
$\checkmark 84$
- 108742

| West <br> Myers | North | East <br> Brock | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pass | $1 \diamond$ | $2 \curvearrowright$ | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl. | Pass | $2 \diamond$ |
| $2 \diamond$ | 2 | $3 \diamond$ | All Pass |

Myers experimented at his third turn with a 'leaddirecting' club raise and found his partner could not take a joke. The defenders led a top spade and shifted to trumps. Myers won the queen in hand and knocked out the A. the defenders forced dummy with a second spade and Myers led the k , ruffed by North, giving declarer the blueprint
to the whole deal. The next spade was ruffed in dummy, producing this ending:


Can you find the legitimate route for West to bring home six of the seven last tricks? The winning line is to play ace king and a third diamond, ruffing with the heart jack, as Barry did. Now you play ace and a second trump, endplaying South to lead clubs into dummy's tenace. Very nice - so where's the catch? Take another look at those spade spots; on the third round of spades North had led his spade jack rather than a low spade, so North had left himself with the $\mathbf{~} 6$, not the $\mathbf{~} \int$. Myers $\$ 97$ were now high and he could simply have ruffed a diamond to hand and drawn trumps, whereupon his hand would have been high for +170 .


Seen at the Beach ... let's hope Summer stays!

## Early Doors

by Mark Horton

The phrase early doors is widely in use in British football circles. The phrase originates in the practice of British theatres from around 1870 of allowing customers who paid a little extra to enter the theatre early and choose their own seats before the rush just before the performance started. With play in yesterday's Mixed Pairs Final starting at 09.45 it seemed a not inappropriate title for this report on the first ten deals of the day.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \wedge A 543 \\ & \diamond 63 \\ & \diamond \text { KJ } 107 \\ & \& A J 10 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \& K 10762 | N | - Q J |
| $\bigcirc$ AKQ |  | $\bigcirc 10972$ |
| $\checkmark 986$ |  | $\checkmark$ A Q 5 |
| \& Q 6 | S | -8752 |
|  | - 98 |  |
|  | Q1854 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 432$ |  |
|  | - K 943 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cronier | Kolesnik | D'Ovidio | Picus |
|  | I $\diamond *$ | Pass | I $\varnothing$ |
| IS | Pass | INT | Pass |
| 2NT | All Pass |  |  |

South found the excellent lead of the three of clubs, which essentially decided the destination of the matchpoints and North won with the ten, cashed the ace and played the jack, South overtaking and cashing the nine, as two diamonds were discarded from dummy, North parting with the three of spades. The diamond switch went to the king and ace and declarer played the queen of spades. When North took the ace declarer claimed the rest, +120 but only 09/4 I .

## Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

¢ 1043
$\checkmark$ A 108
$\diamond$ AJ 973
\& K 5

- Q J 8

ค J 9642
$\diamond$ K 4
\& 632

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cronier | Kolesnik | D'Ovidio <br>  | Picus |
| Pass | $\mathrm{I} \diamond$ | Pass | 19 |
| Pass | 3 NT | All Pass |  |

East led the six of diamonds and declarer tookWest's king with the ace and played king and another club. When the queen popped up he took four more clubs then played a heart to the ace and a spade. East won with the ace and played a heart and declarer won in dummy and cashed the king of spades. That was ten tricks, +430 , but only $13 / 37$ as 16 pairs had located the spade fit and +450 was worth $31 / 19$.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.


Catherine D'Ovidio, France
\& Q 108753
Q -
$\diamond$ AK Q J 72
9


| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eggeling | Dauvergne | Gotard | Quantin |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| Pass | 14 | 2 | Pass |
| 24* | $4 \diamond$ | 4 | Dbl |

All Pass
I am not certain about the precise meaning of West's 24, but East was happy to bid the heart game.
South led the five of diamonds and North won with the jack, cashed the king and ace, South discarding the four and two of spades and played a fourth round, declarer ruffing with the four. South ruffed with the seven, dummy overruffed with the jack and declarer quickly discovered there were two trumps tricks to lose, -500 .
With I8 pairs making 4s or better that gave EW a healthy
$42 / 08$. Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

Ⓚ943
『 J 5
$\diamond 9852$
\& K 72
\& J 107
$\checkmark$ K 972
$\diamond$ Q 73

* AQ4
- A Q 2

- 865
$\checkmark$ A Q 8
$\triangleleft A K J$
\& 10953

| West | North | East |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Eggeling | Dauvergne | Gotard |
| $1 \mathbf{Q N}^{*}$ | Pass | INT |

When East decided to keep quiet about the heart suit (had it been West I could have used the line 'All quiet on the Western Front') East-West had missed the best spot.
South led the ace of diamonds and switched to the six of spades, covered by the jack, king and ace. Declarer played a heart to the nine and jack and North returned the eight of diamonds and South cleared the suit. Declarer came to three spades, two hearts, one diamond and one club, +90 , worth just I $3 / 37$ for East-West.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/WVul.

- J 982
$\checkmark$ A Q
$\diamond 842$
\& K 763


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fantoni | Rees | Riolo | Cooper |
|  | INT* | Pass | Pass |
| Dbl | Pass | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ | $3 \diamond$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

INT 10-I2
I cannot say if South was in a position to double 2s for takeout; it would have given North an opportunity to look for (and achieve) the 'magic 200.
West led the five of spades and East won with the ace, declarer dropping the queen, and switched to the five of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the king and played the ten of spades. West took the king and played ace of clubs and a club. South won with the queen, crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts and discarded hearts on the black suit winners, East scoring the master trump in due course. That was +IIO, 29/2I for East-West.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fantoni | Rees | Riolo | Cooper |
|  |  | IS | $2 \varnothing$ |
| 24 | $4 \odot$ | All Pass |  |

West led the four of spades and declarer put up dummy's ace and cashed the ace and king of hearts. Then came a diamond to the ace and the jack of diamonds. West won with the queen, cashed the queen of spades and exited with a diamond. The defenders had to score a club trick, +620 but only I5/35.
It looks natural to play the opening bidder for the diamond queen, but there was no particular rush. Say declarer plays the jack of clubs from dummy at trick two. East will win (perhaps with a slightly injudicious queen) and it might just be that declarer will learn enough to finesse the other way. +650 would have been worth $31 / I 9$.


Tine Dobbels, Belgium
Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul. - K 96

ค 4
$\diamond A 7632$

- A 1063

| - 1074 | N |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ¢K83 |  |  | J 65 |
| $\checkmark 954$ |  | E |  |
| - 1542 | S |  | Q 97 |
|  | - A Q |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ Q 1 | 972 |  |
|  | $\checkmark \mathrm{K}$ Q |  |  |
|  | -8 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Schneller | De Donder | Gromann | Dobbels |
|  |  |  | 18 |
| Pass | INT* | Pass | $2 \diamond *$ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |

INT Forcing

East led the jack of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's king, played a spade to the king and a diamond to the queen. There were ten tricks on top, +430 and $40 / 10$ for North-South (II pairs missed game).

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|  | - J |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - A 8543 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ AKJ |  |
|  | - AJ86 |  |
| - 74 | N | - AKQ10952 |
| $\bigcirc 762$ | W E | ¢KJ9 |
| $\checkmark 8763$ | W E | $\diamond$ Q |
| -10975 | S | - K 3 |
|  | - 863 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ Q 10 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 109542$ |  |
|  | - Q 42 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Schneller | De Donder | Gromann | Dobbels |
| Pass | I\& | $4 \uparrow$ | Pass |
| Pass | 4 NT $^{*}$ | Dbl | 5 |
| Pass | Pass | Dbl | All Pass |

West led the ten of clubs and East won with the king and cashed the ace of spades and then went back to clubs. Declarer won in hand, ruffed a spade, cashed the king of diamonds, then played the top clubs, pitching a heart, cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart and ruffed a spade. That meant that West's $\diamond 876$ was worth a trick, -200 and only 01/49.
Declarer's timing was faulty. After winning the club return a diamond to the ace is followed by the top clubs, pitching a heart. Declarer then cashes the ace of hearts, ruffs a heart, ruffs a spade, ruffs a heart and finished with a high cross ruff, West having to underruff three times.
No one made eleven tricks in diamonds, so you may be able to calculate what the score would have been.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.
, K 74
๑K Q 82
$\diamond 4$
\& Q 9876

$\vee \mathrm{J} 9$
$\diamond$ Q 1096532
\& AJ

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Trapani | Caspersen | Popa | Farholt |
|  | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Is | Pass | $2 \wedge$ | Pass |
| Pass | $2 N T$ | Dbl | $3 \diamond$ |
| Dbl | $3 \vee$ | Dbl | All Pass |

Since I cannot think of an appropriate adjective (adventurous, suicidal, etc) I will leave you to choose one.
East led the nine of spades and West took the queen with the ace and returned a trump, ducked to dummy's nine. Declarer played the ace of clubs and a club and West won and played a second heart. East took the ace and switched to the three of spades for the ten, jack and king. Declarer drew trumps and cashed the queen of clubs - his last trick, -800 and a rare 0/50.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

- A 10982
$\bigcirc 98$
$\diamond$ QJ 98
- Q 4
- 3
$\triangle A K 1072$
$\Delta$ A 10652
K 3

| West | North | East | South |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Trapani | Caspersen | Popa <br> Farholt |  |
|  |  | $2 \boldsymbol{N}^{*}$ | Pass |
| 2NT* | Pass | $3 *$ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass |  |  |

2. Spades and a minor

2NT Enquiry
When I asked Brian Senior what he would bid over 2 he said 'INT' which is pretty much in accord with my own view.
North led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with the ace, played a spade to the king and successfully ran the jack of hearts. North took the queen of spades and returned the nine. Declarer won in dummy, played a club to the king and returned a club to North's queen. North cashed the ten of spades and when declarer pitched the ten of hearts, exited with a heart. Declarer won and took only one more trick, two down -l00 and 37/3 for East-


## WBF Women's Bridge Club Online Festivals

The WBF Women's Committee was delighted with the success of the April Women's Online Bridge Festival, run on BBO. There was a $20 \%$ increase in participation over the previous year with no less than 98 countries taking part. Thanks to the generosity of the European Bridge League, the overall winner, Mariana Ribarska from Bulgaria is in Ostend competing in the Women's Pairs Championship with the partner she chose - the player who came second in the overall ranking, Stefka Paskaleva (Bulgaria). The third placed player was Maha Malhas from Jordan.

Following on this success, we are organising a second Festival each year in future, with our first Autumn Festival to be held from $1 I^{\text {th }}-17^{\text {th }}$ November 2013.And the exciting news is that the World Bridge Federation has offered free entry to the Women's Pairs Championship World Bridge Series Championships to be held during the autumn of 2014 (exact dates and venue to be announced). The prize will go to the winner of the overall classification, with the partner of her choice.

The results and more information about the Festivals can be found at www.wbfwomensbridgeclub.org - and of course there is information about Women's Bridge on the WBF Website at www.worldbridge.org

Anna Maria Torlontano, Chairman, WBF Women's Committee

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## Mixed Pairs F5

by Jos Jacobs

The last session of the Mixed Pairs finals on Monday proved a comedy of errors at quite a number of tables. This is easily understandable once you realise that the competitors already have 40 deals under their belts. So for once, most of my observations will go without names. I do not intend to hurt anyone but the amusement value of what I saw here and there was high enough for publication, I feel.
Take for example board I2:
Board I2. Dealer West. North-South Vul.

|  | - 43 <br> © K 9652 <br> $\diamond$ J 1084 <br> - A 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -10875 | N | - A Q J |
| $\bigcirc 87$ |  | $\bigcirc{ }^{\circ} 3$ |
| $\checkmark$ K 2 | W E | $\checkmark$ A Q 975 |
| \& J 10864 | S | * Q 53 |
|  | - K952 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A Q 104 |  |
|  | $\checkmark 63$ |  |
|  | -K97 |  |

You open INT as East in fourth position, which becomes the final contract. Neither North nor South, being vulnerable, ventured a bid, so they came nowhere near reaching their cold heart game(!).
South led a spade to declarer's queen, North playing the four, and a low club went to the jack and North's ace. North returned the $\$ 3$, declarer going up with her ace. She went on to cash her top diamonds but when they did not break, she exited with another low club, South winning her king. As South was still afraid of opening up the hearts, she next tried to get her partner in by leading a low spade to the jack. As it happened to be declarer who held this card, she suddenly found herself back on lead with the se still there as her 7th trick...
Making ten tricks in a heart partscore was already worth 84\%. Making INT yielded $92 \%$ whereas going down just one would still have brought East-West 74\%.

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A few boards later, North-South were faced with a bidding problem, followed by a defensive problem:

Board I5. Dealer South. North-South Vul.


Once again, North-South are cold for $4 \bigcirc$ but cannot really be blamed for not reaching it. Two Spades should go one off but only if the defenders take their red-suit tricks immediately. When North played a trump after leading the $\diamond$ Q, which held the trick, declarer suddenly ran home by playing off dummy's two top trumps and reverting to clubs. When North had to follow suit three times, declarer could shed a red loser for North to ruff with one of his sure trump tricks. Not that it mattered very much: ten tricks in a heart partscore was worth only $36 \%$ to Norht-South and even +200 would bring you about average. Beating 24 doubled by one trick would have been only $14 \%$ more than the actual -470.
Over now to some more serious deals. This was board 18.

Board I8. Dealer East. North-South Vul.

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வ 763
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$\checkmark$ K Q 4
$\diamond$ A Q J 876
\& Q


As you can see, 3 NT is cold for ten tricks as the defence cannot cash their three spade tricks. Only four pairs were in 3NT, however, the rest playing in 4@, mostly with South the declarer. Against this contract West would lead his singleton diamond. If you go up with the ace, believing the lead, and play a spade, you will quietly go down one. But if you duck, as happened at a number of tables, East would win her king, give partner a ruff, win a top spade and play another diamond for partner to ruff with his ace. Down two would bring you $82 \%$ whereas down one would be worth only $42 \%$ to the defence.
On the board below, we saw a fine defence by Lanzarotti and Golin:

Board I9. Dealer South. East-West Vul.

|  | - AKJ6 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ¢ K 62 |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ Q 10963 |  |  |
|  | 4 A |  |  |
| -97532 | N |  | - Q |
| ¢ A Q J 3 |  |  | $\bigcirc 984$ |
| $\checkmark 72$ |  | $\diamond$ | $\diamond$ AKJ 5 |
| +63 | $S$ S |  | * K Q 95 |
|  | -1084 |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 1075$ |  |  |
|  | $\checkmark 84$ |  |  |
|  | -108742 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rees | Lanzarotti | Cooper | Golin |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| Pass | $1 \diamond$ | 2\% | Pass |
| Pass | D | All Pass |  |

South's pass of the double was a daring move, but what else could she do? She led the $\diamond 4$ (low from a doubleton), which went to the queen and ace. Declarer cashed the $\triangleleft K$ and played a diamond but South ruffed in front of dummy with the seven and duly returned a spade when North followed with the $\diamond I O$. North won the $\Phi K$ and returned another diamond, ruffed by South with the eight. A heart came back to North's king and North exited with another spade. Declarer ruffed and then, rather than crossing to dummy with a heart, decided to lead a top trump from hand to North's blank ace. Lanzarotti's last diamond then promoted Golin's 10 into the setting trick for +200 and 92\%.


## MLXED PAIRS Final Standing

Rank Pair
GUNEV Rossen Geourgiev - POPOVA Dessy
BOMPIS Marc - WILLARD Sylvie
SAYER Netsy - ZAHARIEV Zahari
4 AUKEN Sabine -WELLAND Roy
HELNESS Gunn - HELNESS Tor
GOLIN Cristina - LANZAROTTI Massimo
GROMOV Andrey - GROMOVA Victoria
BERTENS Huub -VERBEEK Martine
CRONIER Philippe - D'OVIDIO Catherine
0 EGGELING Marie - GOTARD Thomas
RITMEIJER Richard - TICHA Magdalena
BROCK Sally - MYERS Barry
3 GULEVICH Anna - MATUSHKO Georgi
MOLLE Linda - TER LAARE Marco
LEV Sam - LEVITINA Irina
6 BROGELAND Boye -BROGELAND Tonje
17 KOWALSKI Apolinary - MISZEWSKA Ewa
18 IONITA Marius - STEGAROIU Marina
9 CASPERSEN Henrik - FARHOLT Stense
HODEROVA Pavla - SLEMR Jakub
FAIVRE Corinne - TIGNEL Jeremie
DUFRAT Katarzyna - NOWOSADZKI Michal
DAUVERGNE Sophie - QUANTIN J.-C.
OLIVIERI Gabriella - ZALESKI Romain
GOLDBERG Lars - GOLDBERG Ulla-Britt
DE DONDER Steven - DOBBELS Tine
CICHOCKI Miroslaw - HOCHEKER Danuta
8 ENGEL Berthold -VECHIATTO Claudia
GRAIZER Nurit - HORVITZ Shimshon
BARR Ronnie - GINOSSAR Eldad
GRAMBERG Angela - SCHILHART Norbert
GROMANN Ingrid - SCHUELLER Matthias
3 GLABBEEK Hedwig van - MAAS Willem Jan
CAPLAN Eva - FRISBY William
BOURDIN Dominique - SERGENT Denis
KOLESNIK Alex - PICUS Sue
JASZCZAK Andrzej - SARNIAK Anna
38 ALBERTI Anja - BAUSBACK Nikolas
39 SANDQVIST Nicklas - SENIOR Nevena
40 MARINO Leonardo - PISANI Rosanna
MIHAI Geta - MIHAI Radu
NORLING Lars - NORLING Vivianne
POPA Michaela - TRAPANI Gaspare
WENNING Karin - WENNING Ulrich
FANTONI Fulvio - RIOLO Iolanda
ODLUND Bim - ODLUND Max
47 BAHNIK Petr - BAHNIKOVA Eva
48 BASILE Mauro - FUSARI Emanuela
49 COOPER Jenny - REES Tim
50 CIMA Leonardo - DESSI Barbara
51 GOMEROV Pavel - NOKHAEVA Tatiana
PASKE Thomas - SEALE Catherine

Country \%
BUL - BUL 57.55
FRA - FRA 57.27
TUR - BUL 56.45
GER - USA 55.80
NOR - MON 55.69
ITA - ITA 55.29
RUS - RUS 55.09
NED - NED 54.74
FRA - FRA 53.52
GER - GER 53.33
NED - NED 53.30
ENG-ENG 53.14
RUS - RUS 52.71
NED - NED 52.66
USA - USA 52.53
NOR - NOR 52.31
POL-POL 52.24
ROM - ROM 51.5I
DEN-DEN 51.46
CZE - CZE 50.89
FRA - FRA 50.85
POL-POL 50.65
FRA - FRA 50.00
ITA - ITA 49.97
SWE-SWE 49.84
BEL - BEL 49.8I
POL-POL 49.74
LUX - GER 49.59
ISR - ISR 49.27
ISR - ISR 49.13
GER - GER 49.02
GER - GER 48.98
NED - NED 48.90
AUS - ENG 48.64
FRA - FRA 48.61
USA - USA 47.85
POL-POL 47.78
GER - LUX 47.70
ENG - ENG 47.52
ITA - ITA 47.48
ROM - ROM 47.45
SWE-SWE 46.48
ITA - ITA 46.46
GER - GER 46.38
MON - ITA 45.73
SWE - SWE 45.70
CZE - CZE 44.78
ITA - ITA 44.50
ENG -WAL 44.44
ITA - ITA 44.15
RUS - RUS 42.70
ENG - ENG 41.22

## Side Events

## IMP Pairs

| Rank Pair | IMPs | Avg. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I GOLD D. - GROSS S. | 76 | 1,52 |
| 2 DeHAYE B. - DEWASME I. | 60 | 1,20 |
| 3 NISHIMURA T. - SAKAMOTO Y. | 52 | 1,04 |
| 4 ILLNER A. - JEROLITSCH S. | 47 | 0,94 |
| 5 METSELAAR H.-TOPIOLY. | 42 | 0,84 |
| 6 BASA M. - ZADEL M. | 40 | 0,80 |
| 7 DENZA. - DENZ E. | 39 | 0,78 |
| 8 ATALIK L. - ATALIK S. | 38 | 0,76 |
| 9 BELLUSSI F.-BELLUSSI L. | 21 | 0,42 |
| 10 USZINSKIW. - WAKSMAN S. | 13 | 0,26 |
| II ZIETMAN B. - ZIETMAN M. | 13 | 0,26 |
| 12 CAKICI F.- OZTURK E. | 11 | 0,22 |
| 13 BANULESCU C. - NEDELEA I. | 10 | 0,20 |
| 14 MALESZA L. - SHAMA J. | 10 | 0,20 |
| 15 BANKOGLU E. - BANKOGLU L. | 6 | 0,12 |
| 16 GOUVERITH M. - MULLER S. | 5 | 0,10 |
| 17 McINTOSH A. - PORRO L. | 4 | 0,08 |
| 18 MONOD E. - RIDOLFO J. | -2 | -0,04 |
| 19 ALLGOWER M. - OLSSON E. | -13 | -0,26 |
| 20 JANKOVA J. - VOLHEJNV. | -16 | -0,32 |
| 21 MILMANV. - STELMASHENKO N. | -25 | -0,50 |
| 22 KUZNIATSOVA L. - TSIMAKHOVICH A. | -29 | -0,58 |
| 23 LUCCHESI G. - MICHELOTTI R. | -29 | -0,58 |
| 24 LECIS LOI M. - SPANU C. | -30 | -0,60 |
| 25 LIGGAT D. - McGOWAN E. | -32 | -0,64 |
| 26 PAVLIN M. - ROJKO S. | -42 | -0,84 |
| 27 HORNISCHER G. - WEIHS B. | -46 | -0,92 |
| 28 MORAWSKI D. - SALONEN I. | -52 | -1,04 |
| 29 PELED B. - PELLED A. | -58 | -1,16 |
| 30 AZERRAF H. - BENYES E. | -108 | -2,16 |

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| 1 JOVI | 131.03 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 PULPENSTEIN | 127.23 |
| 3 MILNER | 124.31 |
| 4 ZIMMERMANN | 120.73 |
| 5 K 4 | 120.14 |
| 6 PENFOLD | 114.04 |
| 7 GOLD POLAND | 113.01 |
| 8 PERSIANI | 112.18 |
| 9 GERLI | 108.10 |
| 10 CHAPPULING | 104.56 |
| II Q OF H | 104.44 |
| 12 OKAY | 101.42 |
| 13 HERLAND | 100.83 |
| 14 ANGELINI | 100.03 |
| 15 MAGICFJORDS | 99.23 |
| 16 RAULUND | 95.70 |
| 17 CASHEL | 94.36 |
| 18 STAHLHART | 91.60 |
| 19 ADAMS FAMILY | 91.23 |
| 20 TOMEK | 90.44 |
| 21 MCTURK | 89.62 |
| 22 FLYING HEDGEHOG | 89.03 |
| 23 MARILLE | 87.90 |
| 24 VON HELSING | 87.00 |
| 25 COYLE | 85.34 |
| 26 DE LEEUW | 76.45 |
| 27 MARMAGLIA | 57.05 |



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