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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.

Loterie Nationale

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 Mixed Teams (Swiss, Day 1/3)

> 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

Badges

At the start of play, you need to enter the code on your badge in the Bridgemates. Please don't forget your 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Please be reminded of the new appeals process where the classical appeal has been replaced by a review process.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 http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/13 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 players of any age or gender

Non-qualifiers from the qualifications for the medal events have the right to play a side event the following day free of charge. However, **they must register** for that side event the night before (best done right after 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/1300stende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf).



Such penalties are automatic and compulsory for the first offense.

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-1 or ebl-bridge-2. No password is necessary...

Payment at the registration desk

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.

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BBO Matches

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Missing

Please check your Hospitality Bag

During the first days play on Saturday a red championship bag was mislaid on the second floor. It contained 230 postcards (It's fun to Play Bridge) wrapped in cellophane.

Could you please check the contents of your bag in case you picked it up by mistake. If you find it, please return it to the Jannersten Bookstall.

GRATIS CARDS

Those with very tight economy can apply for a number of used EBL cards free of charge at the bookstall on the Mezzanine level. New and old EBL cards are also sold cheaply.

DUPLIMATE DISCOUNTS

The new dealing machines used at this event are sold with same warranties as new units for \notin 2,350 as long as stock lasts. Place your order at the bookstall on the

Mezzanine level.





Team Jovi, the winners of the 2-Day Teams side event.

Just the Facts

Brian Senior



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 B^{******} used my credit card fraudulently recently

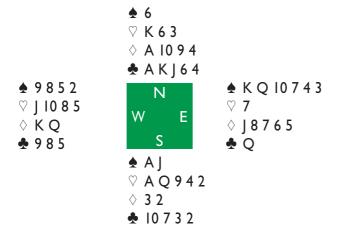
What is the stupidest rule in bridge?

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



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

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

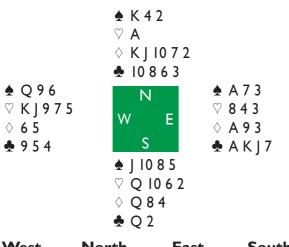


Even the small slam in clubs is far from lay-down but it has the virtue of making. The fifth heart can be established and the last diamond loser can be ruffed.

In the better-scoring major-suit slam, you would have to go one down because of the 4-1 trump break. The odd score out among the -50s was produced by the pair who reached $7\frac{1}{2}$ which would not have made even if the hearts had broken.

A few pairs got busy, possibly too busy, on board 13:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Welland	Slemr	Auken	Hoderova
	I \diamond	Dbl	\square
2♡	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 \bigstar J 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
	I \diamond	INT	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

Two Clubs showed both majors. When $2^{\text{(a)}}$ 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 $\triangleq 10$ 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:

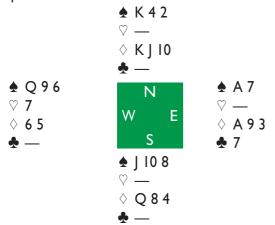
West	North	East	South
Van Glabbeek Sandqvist		Maas	Senior
	$ \diamond$	Pass	\bigcirc
Pass	INT	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
2 ♡	3♢	All Pass	

When North bid once too often, East was kind enough not to double but quietly led the \clubsuit A. West played the four and here too, East shifted to a trump. Dummy's eight won and the \bigstar J 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 \bigstar 10 and ruff a heart before exiting to West's \bigstar 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 11 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
	$ \diamond $	Dbl	Pass
\bigcirc	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♡	All Pass		

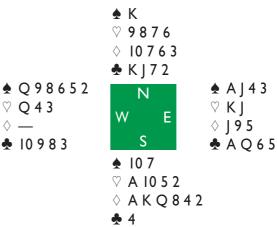
North led a club to dummy's ace. A low heart went to the nine and ace and back came the \clubsuit 8. This was probably intended to mislead declarer as to the location of the \clubsuit Q but it was a card North could not afford. Irina took full advantage of it, as we shall see. She called for dummy's king (thank you) and ran the \heartsuit 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 $\bigstar A$ and a spade to the nine, bringing down North's king and establishing the queen for a total of 11 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 15. Dealer North. North-South Vu
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Roy Welland was treated to a very early double:

West	North	East	South
Welland	Zahariev	Auken	Sayer
			$ \diamond $
♠	Dbl	2NT	4 ♡
4♠	Dbl	All Pass	

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
Marino	lonita	Pisani	Stegaroiu
			$ \diamond$
Pass	\square	Dbl	40
4♠	5 ◇	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

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 East-West this time, though +500 should still have beaten all the non-vulnerable undoubled games:

West	North	East	South
Senior	Hoderova	Sandqvist	Slemr
			$ \diamond$
2♠	3♢	4♠	5◇
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

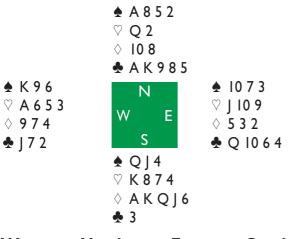
+500 was worth just 52% to EW because of the number of doubled spade contracts.

East-West could do even worse, though, as we saw in a Dutch confrontation:

North	East	South
Maas	Verbeek	Van Glabbeek
		I \diamond
3♣	4♠	4NT
5 ◇	All Pass	
	Maas 3♣	Maas Verbeek

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 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Slemr	Bertens	Hoderova	Verbeek
	♣	Pass	$ \diamond $
Pass		Pass	20
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4 \diamond
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♡	Pass	6◇
All Pass			

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 J109 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 $\bigstar Q$ rather than draw the last trump (not that this mattered very much) and when West covered, returned to her $\bigstar J$ to draw the last trump after all. When the $\heartsuit Q$ 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 $\bigstar 10$ 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 \heartsuit 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

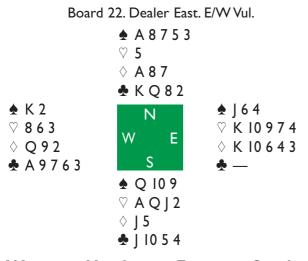
The Mamas and the Papas famously sang, "Monday, Monday – can't trust that day."

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.



West	North	East	South
	Auken		Welland
		Pass	♣
Pass	\Box	Pass	
Pass	2♣	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

1 2+ clubs, balanced with five of another suit possible.

- 1° 4+ spades.
- I ▲ Three spades.
- 2. Relay to $2\Diamond$.
- 2. Invitational raise.



Henrik Caspersen, Denmark

West can hold declarer to nine tricks with the lead of the \clubsuit A, 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 \bigstar Q to the king and ace. He then cashed the \Diamond A and ruffed a diamond, conceding a trump to the jack and the \clubsuit A. 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

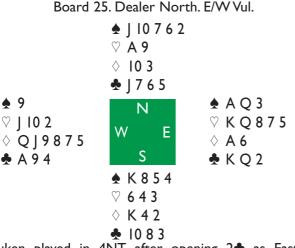
bard 2	3. Dealer	South. All	Vul.
	♡ 3		
	S ♠ 6 5 3 2	♦♣	K K J 9 4 2 Q 7 A 8 7 3 2
Nor	th	East	South
Auker	ו		Welland
2♣*		2☆	I♡ 2♡
			Pass
Pass		3♣	All Pass
	Nor Auker 2♣* Pass	 ▲ J 9 8 7 ♡ 3 ◇ J 10 6 ④ J 4 N W S ♠ 6 5 3 2 ♡ A Q 1 ◇ A ♣ K 6 North Auken 2♣* Pass	$\begin{array}{c} \circ J 10 6 5 4 2 \\ \clubsuit J 4 \\ & & $

Auken's $2\clubsuit$ 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 2° doubled, going minus at least 500, possibly 800, depending on the lead. Plus 130 helped North-South to a 66% score.

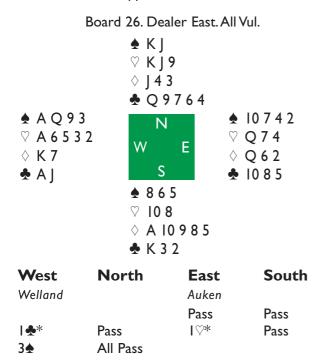
The next board of the set brought more bad news when Welland went down in 3NT by, in his words, "misguessing every card."

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.



Auken played in 4NT after opening 2 as East and showing 20-21 balanced. Welland made a try for slam in diamonds, which boosted the level. South got off to the lead of the \heartsuit 4, taken by North with the ace. Not reading the \heartsuit 4, she continued the suit instead of switching to the \clubsuit J. Auken no doubt would have gone up with the \pounds A and taken the diamond finesse to protect her \bigstar Q. It would then have been up to South to cash the \bigstar K to hold declarer to her contract.

As it was, Auken had no difficulty scoring 11 tricks for plus 660 and their best result of the session. The result on the next board was the opposite of the first.



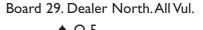
Welland's $I \clubsuit$ was ostensibly a balanced hand; Auken's $I \heartsuit$ showed 4+ spades. His acceptance of the transfer at the three level showed 17-19 high-card points.

North led a low club to the king and Welland's ace, and he fired back the \clubsuit J at trick two. North won and continued the suit, Welland pitching a heart on the \clubsuit 10.

He played a spade to the 9, and when North won the jack she played a low diamond. South won the $\Diamond A$ and played a heart, ducked to North's king. A heart was returned to dummy's queen and Welland had to decide whether to take another spade finesse or cash the $\bigstar A$ (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 \bigstar 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 $3\clubsuit$ when she should have made only seven as the play went, but the result was still disappointing because there was a better spot.



 ▲ K 7 3 ♡ Q 5 4 3 ◇ J 4 ▲ K 9 3 	2 ₩ 2 ₩	A K 5 2 A 8 7 6 4 2 N E S 9 8 6 4 2 C 7 6 Q 10 9	 ▲ A 10 ♡ A J 10 8 ◊ 8 7 6 3 ♣ Q J 10
West	North	East	South
	Auken		Welland
	♣	Pass	♡*
Pass	2 📥	All Pas	s
I♡ = 4+ spac	les.		

 $I\heartsuit$ = 4+ spades.

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 10. Auken when played the 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 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 110.

It was another poor score, however, because most pairs were playing in spades, scoring at least plus 140 (one pair scored plus 790 in 44 doubled).



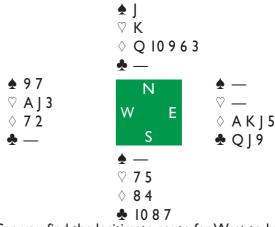
Sometimes the best stories have a sting in the tail. Barry Myers gave me this deal on which he simultaneously played the hero and the goat.



Barry Myers, England

Во	ard 19. Dealer	South. E/W	/ul.
	♠ A K J ♡ K 6 2 ◊ Q I0 ♣ A		
 ♦ 97532 ♡ A Q J 3 ◊ 72 ♦ 63 	N ₩ \$ \$ 108 \$ 107 \$ 84 \$ 108	♣ K 4 5	
West Myers	North	East Brock	South
Pass Pass 2♡	I	2♣ Pass 3♡	Pass Pass 2◊ 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 \clubsuit A. the defenders forced dummy with a second spade and Myers led the \clubsuit K, ruffed by North, giving declarer the blueprint to the whole deal. The next spade was ruffed in dummy, producing this ending:



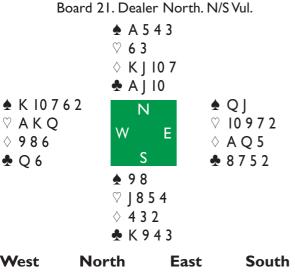
Can you find the legitimate route for West to bring home six of the seven last tricks? The winning line is to play ace king and a third diamond, ruffing with the heart jack, as Barry did. Now you play ace and a second trump, endplaying South to lead clubs into dummy's tenace. Very nice — so where's the 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 ± 6 , not the $\pm J$. 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.



West	North	East	South
Cronier	Kolesnik	D'Ovidio	Picus
	◊*	Pass	\square
♠	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 09/41.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

Dourd		., , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	 ▲ 10 4 3 ♡ A 10 8 ◊ A J 9 7 3 ♣ K 5 	
 ▲ Q J 8 ♡ J 9 6 4 2 ◇ K 4 ▲ 6 3 2 	N W E S ▲ K 9 6 5 2 ♡ K 7 ◊ ▲ A J 10 9 7 4	 ▲ A 7 ♡ Q 5 3 ◇ Q 10 8 6 5 2 ◆ Q 8

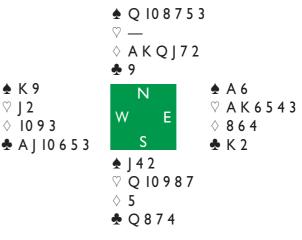
West	North	East	South
Cronier	Kolesnik	D'Ovidio	Picus
		Pass	♣
Pass	$ \diamond $	Pass	
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the six of diamonds and declarer took West'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.
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Catherine D'Ovidio, France



West	North	East	South
Eggeling	Dauvergne	Gotard	Quantin
			Pass
Pass		2♡	Pass
2♠*	4 \diamond	40	Dbl
All Pass			

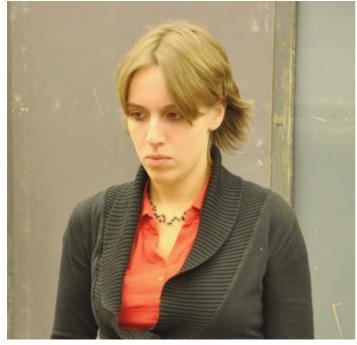
I am not certain about the precise meaning of West's $2 \clubsuit$, but East was happy to bid the heart game.

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 18 pairs making $4 \oplus$ or better that gave EW a healthy 42/08.



WESL	North	Easi	South
Eggeling	Dauvergne	Gotard	Quantin
♣*	Pass	INT	



Marie Eggeling, Germany

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 13/37 for East-West.



 ▲ K 6 5 ♡ K 9 8 2 ◇ Q 10 ▲ A J 5 4 	 ▲ J 9 8 2 ◇ A Q ◇ 8 4 2 ◆ K 7 6 N W S ▲ Q 10 ♡ 10 6 4 ◇ A K 9 ♣ Q 10 	3	5 5 5
West	North	East	South
Fantoni	Rees	Riolo	Cooper
	INT*	Pass	Pass
Dbl All Pass	Pass	2♠	3♢

INT 10-12

I cannot say if South was in a position to double $2 \pm$ 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 +110, 29/21 for East-West.

	 ▲ A 5 ♡ Q 5 2 ◊ A J 6 ♣ J 10 9 6 4 	
Q 9 6 4 9 3 Q 4 3 2 8 7 3	N W E S ▲ 83 ♡ A K J 10 7 4 ◇ K 10 7 5 ♣ 2	 ▲ K J 10 7 2 ♡ 8 6 ◊ 9 8 ◆ A K Q 5

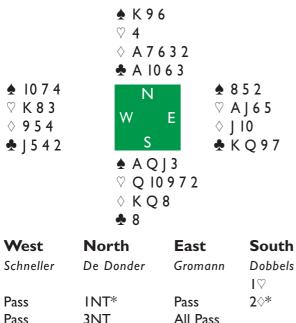
West	North	East	South
Fantoni	Rees	Riolo	Cooper
			2♡
2♠	40	All Pass	

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 15/35.

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 31/19.

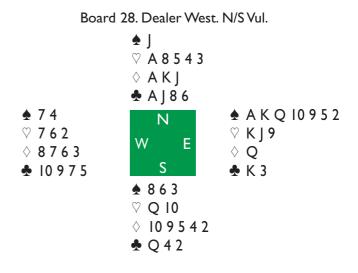


Tine Dobbels, Belgium Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



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 40/10for North-South (11 pairs missed game).



West	North	East	South
Schneller	De Donder	Gromann	Dobbels
Pass	$ \heartsuit$	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT*	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.

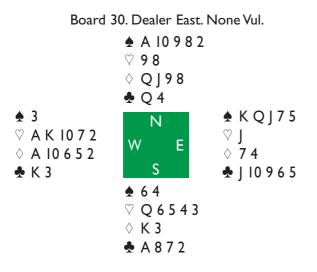
Declarer's timing was faulty. After winning the club return a diamond to the ace is followed by the top clubs, pitching a heart. Declarer then cashes the ace of hearts, ruffs a heart, ruffs a spade, ruffs a heart and finished with a high cross ruff, West having to underruff three times.

No one made eleven tricks in diamonds, so you may be able to calculate what the score would have been.

 ▲ K 7 4 ♡ K Q 8 2 ◇ 4 ④ Q 9 8 7 6 ▲ A J 6 5 2 ♡ I0 4 3 ♡ K J 8 ♥ K 5 ▲ Q 10 ♡ J 9 ◇ Q 10 9 6 5 3 2 ▲ A J 	Board	28. Dealer Wes	t. N/S Vul.
	 ▲ A J 6 5 2 ♡ I0 4 3 ◊ K J 8 	 K 7 4 K Q 8 2 ↓ 4 Q 9 8 7 6 N W E S Q 10 ♡ J 9 	 ▲ 983 ♡ A 765 ◇ A 7 ▲ 10432
,	•	S ♠ Q 10 ♡ J 9 ◊ Q 10 9 6 5	♣ 10 4 3 2

West	North	East	South
Trapani	Caspersen	Рора	Farholt
	Pass	Pass	Pass
♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Dbl	3◇
Dbl	3♡	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.



West	North	East	South
Trapani	Caspersen	Рора	Farholt
		2♠*	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 $2 \clubsuit$ 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 -100 and 37/3 for East-



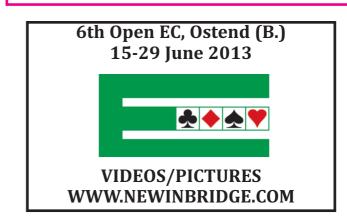
WBF Women's Bridge Club Online Festivals

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 **IIth – I7th 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 <u>www.wbfwomensbridgeclub.org</u> – and of course there is information about Women's Bridge on the WBF Website at <u>www.worldbridge.org</u>

Anna Maria Torlontano, Chairman, WBF Women's Committee



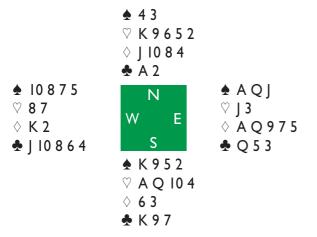
Mixed Pairs F5

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 12:

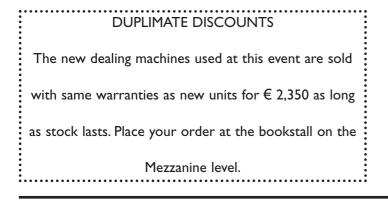
Board 12. Dealer West. North-South Vul.



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 $\bigstar 3$, 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 $\bigstar Q$ 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%.



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

Board 15. Dealer South. North-South Vul.

 ▲ J 9 8 5 ♡ Q 8 ◊ J 9 ◆ K J 9 	♥ A 7 ◊ Q 1 ◆ 10 4 3 W S ▲ 6 ♥ K 1	3 82 E 10643 <764	♠ A K ♡ J 9 ◇ 10 8 5 2 ♣ A Q 7 5 3
West	North	East	South Pass
2◊	Pass	2♡	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
	1 455	1 435	201

All Pass

Once again, North-South are cold for $4\heartsuit$ 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 $\diamondsuit Q$, 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 $2\clubsuit$ 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.



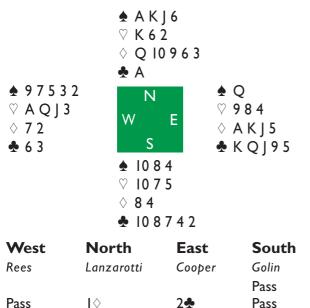
A 10 2 7 8 3 2 5 J 10 9 8 4 2	 ▲ 7 6 3 ♡ K Q 4 ◇ A Q J 8 7 6 ④ Q N E S ▲ J 9 8 5 4 ♡ A 7 6 ◇ 10 3 ▲ K 3 	 ▲ K Q ♡ J 10 9 5 ◊ K 9 4 2 ◆ 7 6 5
	🛧 A K 3	

Ostend, Belgium

As you can see, 3NT 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^{\pm} , 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 19. Dealer South. East-West Vul.



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 \diamond 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 10. North won the \bigstar 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 \bigstar 10 into the setting trick for +200 and 92%.

All Pass



MIXED PAIRS Final Standing

Rai	nk Pair C	Country	%
Т	GUNEV Rossen Geourgiev - POPOVA Dessy	BUL - BUL	57.55
2	BOMPIS Marc - WILLARD Sylvie	FRA - FRA	57.27
3	SAYER Netsy - ZAHARIEV Zahari	TUR - BUL	56.45
4	AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	GER - USA	55.80
5	HELNESS Gunn - HELNESS Tor	NOR - MON	55.69
6	GOLIN Cristina - LANZAROTTI Massimo	ITA - ITA	55.29
7	GROMOV Andrey - GROMOVA Victoria	RUS - RUS	55.09
8	BERTENS Huub - VERBEEK Martine	NED - NED	54.74
9	CRONIER Philippe - D'OVIDIO Catherine	FRA - FRA	53.52
10	EGGELING Marie - GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	53.33
П	RITMEIJER Richard - TICHA Magdalena	NED - NED	53.30
12	BROCK Sally - MYERS Barry	ENG - ENG	53.14
13	GULEVICH Anna - MATUSHKO Georgi	RUS - RUS	52.71
14	MOLLE Linda - TER LAARE Marco	NED - NED	52.66
15	LEV Sam - LEVITINA Irina	USA - USA	52.53
16	BROGELAND Boye -BROGELAND Tonje	NOR - NOR	
17	KOWALSKI Apolinary - MISZEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	52.24
18	IONITA Marius - STEGAROIU Marina	ROM - ROM	51.51
19	CASPERSEN Henrik - FARHOLT Stense	DEN - DEN	51.46
20	HODEROVA Pavla - SLEMR Jakub	CZE - CZE	50.89
21	FAIVRE Corinne - TIGNEL Jeremie	FRA - FRA	50.85
22	DUFRAT Katarzyna - NOWOSADZKI Micha		50.65
23	DAUVERGNE Sophie - QUANTIN JC.	FRA - FRA	50.00
24	OLIVIERI Gabriella - ZALESKI Romain	ITA - ITA	49.97
25	GOLDBERG Lars - GOLDBERG Ulla-Britt	SWE - SWE	49.84
26	DE DONDER Steven - DOBBELS Tine	BEL - BEL	49.81
27	CICHOCKI Miroslaw - HOCHEKER Danuta	POL - POL	49.74
28	ENGEL Berthold - VECHIATTO Claudia	LUX - GER	49.59
29	GRAIZER Nurit - HORVITZ Shimshon	ISR - ISR	49.27
30	BARR Ronnie - GINOSSAR Eldad	ISR - ISR	49.13
31	GRAMBERG Angela - SCHILHART Norbert	GER - GER	49.02
32	GROMANN Ingrid - SCHUELLER Matthias	GER - GER	48.98
33	GLABBEEK Hedwig van - MAAS Willem Jan	NED - NED	48.90
34	CAPLAN Eva - FRISBY William	AUS - ENG	48.64
35	BOURDIN Dominique - SERGENT Denis	FRA - FRA	48.61
36	KOLESNIK Alex - PICUS Sue	USA - USA	47.85
37	JASZCZAK Andrzej - SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	47.78
	ALBERTI Anja - BAUSBACK Nikolas	GER - LUX	47.70
39	SANDQVIST Nicklas - SENIOR Nevena	ENG - ENG	47.52
40	MARINO Leonardo - PISANI Rosanna	ITA - ITA	47.48
41	MIHAI Geta - MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	
42	NORLING Lars - NORLING Vivianne	SWE - SWE	46.48
43	POPA Michaela - TRAPANI Gaspare	ITA - ITA	46.46
	WENNING Karin - WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	46.38
45	FANTONI Fulvio - RIOLO Iolanda	MON - ITA	45.73
46	ODLUND Bim - ODLUND Max	SWE - SWE	45.70
47	BAHNIK Petr - BAHNIKOVA Eva	CZE - CZE	44.78
48	BASILE Mauro - FUSARI Emanuela	ITA - ITA	44.50
49	COOPER Jenny - REES Tim	ENG - WAL	44.44
	CIMA Leonardo - DESSI Barbara	ITA - ITA	44.15
51	GOMEROV Pavel - NOKHAEVA Tatiana	RUS - RUS	42.70
52		ENG - ENG	

Pass

Dbl

Side Events

IMP Pairs

Rank Pair I GOLD D GROSS S.	IMPs 76	Avg. 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 TOPIOL Y.	42	0,84
6 BASA M ZADEL M.	40	0,80
7 DENZ A DENZ E.	39	0,78
8 ATALIK L ATALIK S.	38	0,76
9 BELLUSSI F BELLUSSI L.	21	0,42
10 USZINSKI W WAKSMAN S.	13	0,26
II ZIETMAN B ZIETMAN M.	13	0,26
12 CAKICI F OZTURK E.	П	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 VOLHEJN V.	-16	-0,32
21 MILMAN V STELMASHENKO N.	-25	-0,50
22 KUZNIATSOVA L TSIMAKHOVICH	HA29	-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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I JOVI	131.03
2 PULPENSTEIN	127.23
3 MILNER	24.3
4 ZIMMERMANN	120.73
5 K4	120.14
6 PENFOLD	114.04
7 GOLD POLAND	3.0
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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