

KO AT THE KURSAAL

Poland topped the table in the Open Teams, followed by **Apollosoyuz** and **Isrmany**. These three are joined by the next thirteen teams in the knock out phase.

China dominated the Women's event and they are joined in the knock out by **Dutch Women**, **Austria** and **Italia I**.

Bardin was a clear first in the Seniors and the other qualifiers are Johnson, Hansen and Lavec.



Another successful contract signed (see page 24)

Today's Schedule	Today's Schedule	
Open, Women, Seniors Teams	Side Events	
Knockouts	10:00 - 11:30	
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Important Information

Badges

At the start of play of each round, you need to enter the code on your badge in the Bridgemates. Please don't forget your badges!!!!

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

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.

Open Pairs Qualification

The two-day qualification stage of the Open Pairs starts tomorrow, Tuesday June 25th. Those not already registered please do so by 20:00 tonight at: http://www.eurobridge.org/Repository/competitions/1300st ende/Microsite/Participants.htm. We remind those pairs registered for the Women or Seniors Pairs (which start after the Open Pairs qualification ends) but would first try to qualify in the Open Pairs that you have to be separately registered for both events (paying an entry fee of EUR 400 in total).

BBO Matches

5 matches every round on

http://www.bridgebase.com

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.

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.

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/13OOstende/Microsite/EBLGeneralCoC2013.pdf).



Such penalties are automatic and compulsory for the first offense.



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Rick Schouw and René Stienen, the happy winners of today's side event.

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Prize Giving Ceremony

A prize giving ceremony for the Open, Women and Seniors Teams and Side Events will take place **Tuesday at 20:00** inside the tent.

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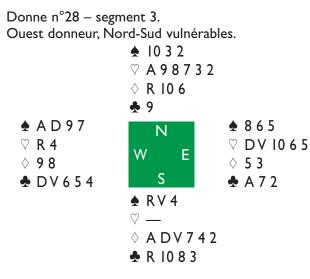
<u>Une question</u> <u>d'entraînement</u>

Il est indéniable que la tendance d'aujourd'hui est aux interventions légères. Ainsi Jean-Baptiste Fantun, à l'instar de nombreux joueurs dans sa position, trouva-t-il tout à fait normal, derrière l'ouverture d'I \clubsuit , d'intervenir à I \heartsuit , rouge contre vert avec le jeu suivant :

▲ 1032
 ♡ A98732
 ◇ R106
 ♣ 9

Le joueur à sa gauche passa et son partenaire, Édouard Beauvillain, annonça 2 \diamond , un changement de couleur que la majorité des joueurs présents à Ostende considère comme forcing. Il fut donc entraîné à soutenir à 3 \diamond (auriez-vous préféré 2 \heartsuit , à sa place ?). Et après qu'Édouard eut déclaré 3SA, il se résolut à passer. Quand l'Irlandais B. McGuire, en Est, décida de passer lui aussi, après un bref moment de réflexion, Jean-Baptiste poussa in petto un premier soupir de soulagement.

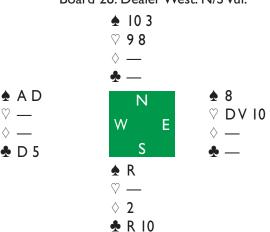
Observons maintenant la donne complète :



Personne ne peut dire ce qui se serait passé si McGuire avait contré pour demander l'entame à Cœur. Il est probable que Sud se serait réfugié à Carreau, pour un résultat sans relief. Mais sans indication, G. Hart entama du \$5 pour l'As d'Est qui continua la couleur. Sud fournit le 10, pris du Valet par l'ouvreur qui, après réflexion, découvrit la contre-attaque du \heartsuit Roi. À ce stade, le contrat était sur table et Édouard Beauvillain sut saisir sa chance. Il laissa passer le \heartsuit Roi et prit le retour Cœur de sa main, en défaussant deux Piques, séchant son Roi dans l'opération. Vint alors une avalanche de Carreaux pour aboutir à la position suivante, avant que le dernier Carreau soit joué :



Jean-Baptiste Fantun Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Sur le 2 de Carreau, Ouest est en théorie contraint de se séparer de la Δ Dame. Il est alors remis en main au Δ As et doit rendre les deux derniers Trèfles. Le défenseur irlandais préféra sécher sa Δ Dame pour le même résultat.

« Il faut reconnaître que ces interventions faibles ont vraiment du bon » conclut Fantun.

Philippe Cronier



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Date of Birth In the previous century.

Place of Birth Malmö, Sweden.

Place of Residence Stockholm, Sweden.

What is your favourite colour? The colour of money.

What kind of food makes you happy? Certainly not a 'happy meal' from McDonalds.

And what drink? Burgundy.

Who is your favourite author? Mark Horton. All-time favourite movie? The Godfather.

Do you have a favourite actor/actress? Too many share top position and in the absence of tie breaking rules....

What kind of music do you like to listen to? All, except Jazz.

What do you see as your best ever result? Winning the Swedish Team Championship.

Do you have a favourite hand? No, I like them both equally.

Who is your favourite bridge player? My late father Manfred.

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

What is the best bridge country in the world? After calculating all factors, studying statistics and factoring in population, size etc., the computer said: Sweden.

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

What is it you dislike in a person? See response to 'Do you have a favourite actor/actress?'.

Do you have any superstitions concerning bridge? No.

Who or what would you like to be if you weren't yourself? Scratch the 'if' since I am not myself today and would like to become myself again!

Which three people would you invite to dinner? Harpo Marx, Hellen Keller & Marcel Marceau.

Is there something you'd love to learn? Italian ... and bridge, of course!

What is the stupidest rule in bridge? That you have to follow suit.

Defending Champions

By Brent Manley

Open Teams Swiss, Round 1

The Jim Mahaffey squad won the Open Teams at the 2011 European Open Championships in Poznan. With one new face – Tony Forrester replacing Gary Cohler – the squad is back to defend their title.

Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Jacek Pszczola and Sam Lev make up the rest of the team.

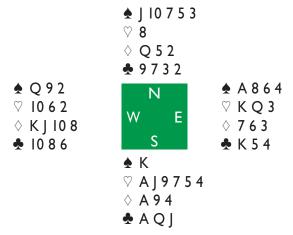
In the opening round of the event, Mahaffey faced a young Dutch team called Het Witte Huis (The White House): Berend van den Bos, Jacco Hop, Joris van Lankveld, Danny Molenaar and Tim Verbeek.

It was a lively match, Mahaffey coming from behind to win handily.

The first board was a push, and Mahaffey gained 1 IMP when Molenaar and Verbeek bid to 5, making seven, while Forrester played in 3NT and recorded plus 660.

White House went ahead on board 3

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.





Danny Molenaar

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Verbeek	Meckstroth	Molenaar
			\heartsuit
Pass	INT*	Pass	3♡
All Pass			

INT Five or more spades.

Rodwell led a club to the king and ace, and declarer followed with the $\Im A$ and a second heart. Meckstroth won and played a low diamond, ducked by declarer. Rodwell won the $\Diamond K$ and got out with the $\Diamond J$ to declarer's ace. A third round of trumps put Meckstroth in again, and he continued with a club, allowing declarer to toss his spade loser on the long club in dummy. Plus 170.

West	North	East	South
Bos	Mahaffey	Lankveld	Forrester
			\heartsuit
Pass All Pass	Pass	INT	2♡

Bos started with the \Diamond J, ducked all around. He continued with another diamond, taken in dummy with the queen. Now a heart to the queen and ace was followed by the \heartsuit J to Lankveld's king and a diamond to declarer's ace. In with the \heartsuit 10, West played the 13th diamond, ruffed by Forrester. He played the \clubsuit K to East's ace and inserted the queen on the club return, but he still had to give up a club at the end for plus 110 and a 2-IMP loss.

There was a lot of bidding on board 4 and not much of it was to Mahaffey's benefit.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.	

 ▲ A 7 3 ♡ Q J 6 4 ◇ Q 4 ◆ 9 6 3 2 	 ▲ J 9 5 4 ♡ K 9 7 ◊ 10 8 7 ♣ 8 7 N ₩ S ♠ K 10 6 ♡ A 10 6 ◊ K 2 ♣ A J 	7 5 ▲ Q ♡ 5 ◇ A ▲ K	8 J 9 6 3 Q 10 5 4
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Verbeek	Meckstroth	Molenaar
Pass	Pass	$ \diamond$	$ \heartsuit$
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♡	2NT	Dbl
3♣	All Pass		



Tim Verbeek

Molenaar started with the $\bigstar6$, which Meckstroth rode around to his queen. He played the \bigstarK to South's ace and won the return of the \bigstarK with the ace. Meckstroth then played a club to his 10 and South's jack, ruffing the return of the $\bigstar10$. Meckstroth next tried a low club to dummy's 6 to take the diamond finesse. After winning the king, Molenaar made the nice play of a low heart to the queen and his partner's king. Now the defenders could punch out declarer's last trump. He could ruff a diamond to establish the suit, but he could not get back to hand to cash the diamond winner. Plus 100 to White House.

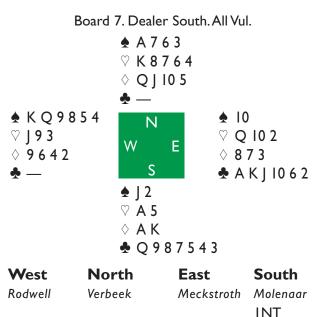
Forrester and Mahaffey got too high at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Bos	Mahaffey	Lankveld	Forrester
Pass	Pass	I \diamond	$ \heartsuit$
INT	Pass	2♣	2♠
3 📥	3♠	4♣	4♠
All Pass			

West led the $\Diamond Q$ to the ace. Lankveld then played the $\clubsuit Q$ to Forrester's ace. He cashed the $\Diamond K$ before playing a heart to dummy's king and following with the \clubsuit]: queen, king, ace. Bos played a club to his partner's king, East continuing with the \diamond 9. Forrester ruffed with the \bigstar 10 and played a spade to dummy's 9. He ruffed the \diamond 10 low but was overruffed and ended up two down for minus 200 – a 7-IMP gain for White House.



It was 14-1 in favour of the Dutch when this deal came along.



Pass 3NT All Pass Molenaar's INT with 2-2-2-7 shape is creative, to say the least (some would use different adjectives). It didn't work

Pass

3 🛧

Dbl

2♠

out too well for him, however. Rodwell started with the $\bigstar K$, ducked. Rodwell continued with the $\bigstar Q$, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer played a diamond to hand and unblocked the suit before cashing the $\heartsuit A$ and playing a heart to the king. He could take two more diamond tricks, but the well was dry at that point. The opponents took the rest of the tricks.

The only thing positive for White House regarding the result at the other table is that it could have been so much worse.

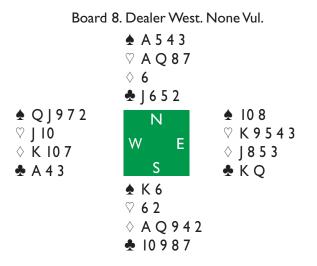
West	North	East	South
Bos	Mahaffey	Lankveld	Forrester
			♣
♠	Dbl	INT	2 🙅
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
3◇	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Mahaffey led the $\Diamond Q$ to Forrester's king. Forrester cashed the $\Diamond A$, then the $\heartsuit A$ and played a heart to Mahaffey's king. On the $\Diamond J$, Forrester pitched a club. He ruffed the heart return and played a club, ruffed with the 9 by Bos, Mahaffey discarding. Declarer tried to ruff a diamond with dummy's 10 but was overruffed by Forrester, whose club return promoted a second trump trick for North. That was five down in an undoubled contract and a 12-IMP gain for Mahaffey.

East's double of $3\clubsuit$ with the huge trump stack seems automatic, but the contract cannot be defeated with proper play. On the lead of the $\bigstar K$, declarer wins, plays a diamond to hand, unblocks the suit, plays the $\heartsuit A$ and a heart to the king, then the $\diamondsuit Q$ to discard his last non-

trump card – the \bigstar J. He can ruff a heart and exit with any club. East can take no more than four tricks, having to play trumps to the South hand each time he gets in.

That got Mahaffey to within I IMP of White House, and they took the lead on the next board.



Meckstroth played INT with the East hand, making nine tricks for plus 150 after a low diamond lead from South.At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Bos	Mahaffey	Lankveld	Forrester
INT	Pass	20	All Pass

Forrester started with the $\bigstar K$, following with a spade to Mahaffey's ace. A third spade was ruffed by declarer with the 9, Forrester discarding the \diamond 9. East cashed his two high clubs and played a diamond. Forrester took the ace and continued the suit, declarer putting in the \diamond 10. Mahaffey ruffed and played his last spade. Declarer ruffed with the $\heartsuit K$ and played a low heart to the jack and Mahaffey's queen. Mahaffey knocked out the $\clubsuit A$ and took the last three tricks with the $\heartsuit A$ 8 and the \clubsuit J. Plus 150 for Mahaffey at both tables was good for 7 IMPs and a 20-14 lead.



Tony Forrester

On the next deal, Mahaffey gained another 7 IMPs when Meckstroth and Rodwell defeated $2 \pm$ doubled by one trick for plus 100, while at the other table Lankveld was in a hopeless 3NT, going minus 200 trying to make it (he had eight tricks).

The last deal of the set gave Mahaffey their fourth 7-IMP gain in a row.

 ▲ K Q 4 ♡ J 9 5 4 3 ◊ K 6 4 ♣ 10 7 	Board 10. Deal	5 3 6 J 8 3 E ♀ ↓ 8 ♡ K ◇ A ♣ 9 2 0 2 5 2	3 7 8 J 8 7 3
West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Verbeek	Meckstroth	Molenaar
		Pass	Pass
Pass	♣	$ \diamond $	Pass
2 ◇	Dbl	All Pass	

Molenaar got off to the best lead – a low trump. Meckstroth played low and took the $\Diamond Q$ with his ace, exiting with a low club. Molenaar won the $\clubsuit K$ and continued with a trump. Meckstroth won in dummy and played dummy's $\clubsuit 10$. North had to win but had no trump to play and no way to get to the South hand. Verbeek tried a low heart, but Meckstroth went up with the king, ruffed his losing club in dummy and played the $\bigstar K$. North won and continued with the $\oiint Q$, but Meckstroth discarded his losing heart. On the fifth round of clubs, Meckstroth ruffed with the $\Diamond 7$. Molenaar could overruff, but it was at the cost of his natural trump trick. There was no way for North-South to prevent minus 180.

West	North	East	South
Bos	Mahaffey	Lankveld	Forrester
		Pass	Pass
Pass	📥	$ \diamond$	Pass
2 ◇	Dbl	Pass	3 📥
All Pass.			

Lankveld led the $\clubsuit2$, taken by Mahaffey with the queen. He played a low heart from hand, ducked by Lankveld. Mahaffey went in with the queen and played the \clubsuit K, and a club to his ace, followed by a low spade from hand. Lankveld took the \bigstar J and played the \heartsuit K, taken by Mahaffey with the ace. He played another low spade from hand, ruffed the return of the \heartsuit J, and when the \bigstar A revealed the 3-3 split, he could claim for plus 110.

The 34 -14 win was a good start for the team in defence of their 2011 championship.

Interview with Mr.Yves Aubry, President of the European Bridge League

This is the first of three summaries of interviews with the Presidents of respectively the EBL, the WBF and IMSA.



Yves Aubry, President of the EBL

Firstly Mr. Aubry is always pleased to be in Ostend. As to the Championships he is satisfied with the number of participants in all series, being more than in Poznan 2011, except for the Mixed Pairs which is a bit disappointing. He would have expected more people coming for the Mixed from the neighbouring countries, France and The Netherlands. As for the French for instance, we know that there is a strong final FFB match in Paris and a festival. But overall we have good numbers of participation – a good result! Moreover, here in Belgium the organisation is as usual good.

And then there is the side event for players that dropped out and/or who want to play more, where in one or two days they could become winners.

As the successor of Gianarrigo Rona, in the past 3 years together with a strong team we have been able to organise successful championships in Poznan 2011, Dublin 2012 and now Ostend 2013. That is the first goal of the EBL. We also want to offer the best technology and comfort for the players.

And the development of bridge is another major objective. Within that context we made programmes for TDs and Youth including Youth Bridge Camps in 2014. This is very important because numbers are decreasing. Fortunately the EBL is in good financial health, has a buffer, but is still vulnerable. We lose on Youth Championships, must organise seminars, etc. By providing seminars for instance the NBOs get something back for their membership. Now there are three kinds of seminars: main and regional seminars for TDs, one seminar every two years for NBOs (3 days with NBO officers from all member countries – in January 2014 in Juan-les-Pins FR) and Teaching seminars in 2015.

Half of the member NBOs are from countries with less than 500 registered members, i.e. the small federations. EBL and bigger NBOs could help smaller NBOs to grow, organise, etc.

Looking to the future, Mr. Aubry will be a candidate in the elections next year. If re-elected, first of all he will continue implementing hightech and best player conditions. Secondly, develop bridge and competitions in many countries. The Young and Adult are important for the future of bridge, so we need to offer them opportunities to play and improve. Hence those Youth championships should be shorter and cheaper (getting discounts) so that more (young) people can participate. For this purpose there are funds available, and materials. Moreover a game without internet for the young is a game for old people, so internet should be involved like the competition for universities online. The involvement of the social media might play a significant role here. EBL has no programmes for the schools yet, but the EBL could offer support in the development of them, though most larger countries like France, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands have programmes for the schools.

Here the EBL can facilitate contacts between bigger and smaller countries. Universities are in a differrent position here – they are joined in EUSA and FISU. Anyhow the EBL wants to support them as well.

"The Committees of the EBL deal with specific themes or tasks and meet during the championships to reduce cost, which is my aim," says Yves Aubry. Cutting expenses is good, but never when the technical aspects are involved, like bridgemate and the digital cardreader (vugraph). Here one can also have in mind TS (live streaming). Innovations are also part of EBL policy, like changing the format to 10 boards per session. As the EBL is offering a lot of things free, for the future one might think of pay per view to generate income for the EBL, since the budget of the EBL is limited – less than that of the French or Dutch Federation.

Keywords for the EBL are: Youth-Adult participation, competition, development, innovation.

The programmes for the young and the adult will be different though. In the end we don't want only players on internet, but also in the clubs. Here a balance must be found between the two - of which we find a fine example in The Netherlands. Their experience can be used in other countries and the EBL can play a very significant part in sharing and spreading the knowledge.

— Geert Magerman and Jan Swaan

Rondo à la Turk

By Mark Horton

Turkey's Erdem Ozturk stopped by the Bulletin with a couple of deals:

Some players have a habit of making the most impossible looking contracts, sometimes by brilliant play, sometimes with a little help from the opponents. Geir Helgemo is one of the players who frequently seems to be on the right side of these situations.



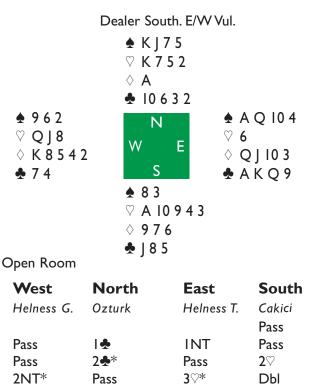
Gunn Helness

	Dealer West. All	Vul.
	 ▲ 6 4 2 ♡ 4 ◊ K 5 2 ♣ Q J 10 7 6 	4
 ▲ 7 3 ♡ A J 3 2 ◊ A 9 7 6 4 ♣ K 8 	N W E S ♠ A K Q J 8 ♡ Q 7 6 ◊ J 3 ♣ 5 3	 ▲ 10 9 ♡ K 10 9 8 5 ◊ Q 10 8 ▲ A 9 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
	Svendsen		Helgemo
$ \diamond$	Pass	$ \heartsuit$	
20	2♠	4 ♡	4♠
All Pass			

West led a spade and declarer won with the queen and played the seven of hearts. East won with the ten and returned a spade. Declarer won and played a club to the eight and queen and East ducked. Declarer played a small club and West won with the king and played a small diamond. Declarer went up with dummy's king, ruffed a club and claimed the rest.



2. .12-14 majors

2NT Tor Helness explained this as

Pass

'Mrs Helness tells me to play in a minor'

 $3\heartsuit$. . Shortage

3NT

Declarer was not hard pressed to take eleven tricks - and yes it was a swing.

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All Pass



Open Teams Swiss Round 3

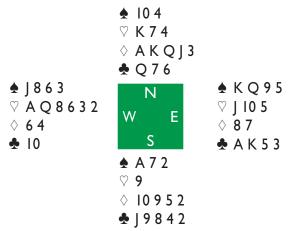
By Jos Jacobs

Barracuda v. Ned. Blue De Botton v. Onstein Aces

After two rounds of the Swiss, the Belgian Barracuda team was leading the field. As the Dutch juniors from Ned Blue had also made a good start, the two teams had to meet at table I for the first session after lunch on Saturday afternoon.

On the first board, we saw identical auctions at both tables but a significantly different outcome:





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Philipsen	De Roos S.	Severeijns	Arts
	INT	Pass	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♡	All Pass



Bauke Muller

North led the $\Diamond A$ and continued the jack, South following with the $\Diamond 2$ and $\Diamond 10$ respectively. North correctly shifted to the $\bigstar 10$ on which declarer tried a tempting $\bigstar K$ from dummy. When South won the ace, it was all over for the defence. Ned Blue +140.

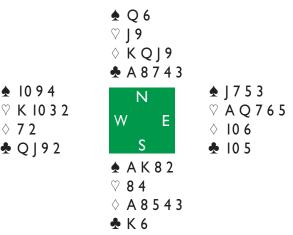
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Roos D	Westerbeek	Vermeiren	V. Overbeeke
	INT	Pass	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♡	All Pass

The same auction in the Closed Room and the same lead: A on which South played the ten. North cashed one more diamond and duly shifted to the ≥ 10 . When South ducked dummy's $\ge K$, it was all over for declarer. Ned Blue +50 and 5 IMPs to them.

This board may well have given the Dutch kibitzers some hopes but these were soon to be dashed, as this was board 23:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.



In the Open Room, the Belgians had a simple and ineffective auction:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Philipsen	De Roos S.	Severeijns	Arts
			INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a heart, which put the contract immediately one down. Ned Blue +100.

This looked like a good result for the Dutch but it was not to be. After a long and increasingly incomprehensible auction the Dutch North-South pair ended up in no less than $7\diamond$. Against this contract, West also led a heart, which led to an even quicker down two. Barracuda +200 and an unexpected 3 IMP back to them, to take the lead.

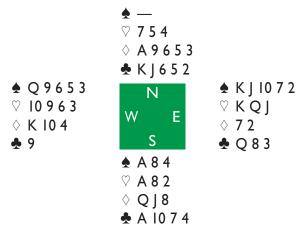
In our other match, Verhees-Van Prooijen for the Onstein Aces also bid INT-3NT for down one, but their Polish counterparts, playing for De Botton, showed the way:

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Narkiewicz	Muller	Buras
			$ \diamond$
Pass	2 ◇	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4秦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5◇	All Pass	

Natural 1 \diamond (Polish Club), inverted minor and a natural subsequent auction made it easy for the Poles to find out they had some problems with the heart suit. They thus were able to avoid 3NT and settle for the proper contract of 5 \diamond for a well-deserved +600 and 12 IMPs.

A few boards later, the same Polish pair had another bidding triumph:





Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Narkiewicz	Muller	Buras
			INT
Pass	3♠	DЫ	Redbl
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	



Krzysztof Buras

3 \bigstar showed 1-3-4-5 with minors, spade shortness and three hearts. The redouble confirmed first-round control of the suit. When North showed equal length by bidding 3NT, South knew how to continue.

West led a spade, which declarer won. He went on to guess the trump queen and thus made 12 tricks, the heart losers going on the established diamonds. Well played for +420 to De Botton.

At the other table, Verhees-Van Prooijen came to rest in $4\clubsuit$, which was just made for +130 but a gain of 7 IMPs for De Botton.



Simon de Wijs

On the next board, the Barracudas struck at both tables:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

Doard 2	O. Dealer West.	1 4/3 Vul.
	 ▲ 10 3 2 ♡ A 9 8 7 3 2 ◊ K 10 6 ♣ 9 	
 ▲ A Q 9 7 ♡ K 4 ◊ 9 8 ♣ Q J 6 5 4 	N W E S ▲ KJ4 ♡ ◇ AQJ742 ♣ KI083	 ▲ 8 6 5 ♡ Q J 10 6 5 ◊ 5 3 ▲ A 7 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Philipsen	De Roos S.	Severeijns	Arts
♣	\square	♠	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

I showed a natural INT response.

When South doubled INT, nobody had anywhere to go. The defence could always come to six diamond tricks, $\heartsuit A$ and a club for down two and +300 to Barracuda.

In the other room, East stayed quiet:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Roos D.	Westerbeek	Vermeiren	V. Overbeeke
- ♣	2♡	All Pass	

Had anyone doubled 2^{\heartsuit} , the Dutch would certainly have found the escape route to 3^{\Diamond} , so the Belgians judged well to leave 2^{\heartsuit} alone. Another contract down two and another +200 for a gain of 11 IMPs from almost nowhere.

In our other match, there also was a swing, though both North-South pairs found their diamond fit:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Narkiewicz	Muller	Buras
INT	Pass	2 ◇	3♢
Pass	3NT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	4 ◇	All Pass	

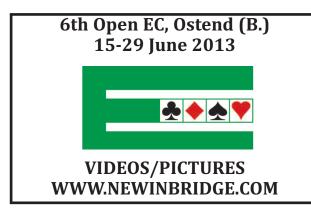
After Muller doubled 3NT, Narkiewicz correctly ran. When the defence did not lead trumps, the contract could no longer be defeated. De Botton +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hoftaniska	Van Prooijen	Charlsen	Verhees
♣	\square	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	2♡	Pass	3NT
Pass	4 \diamond	All Pass	

In the other room, the Dutch reached the same contract but West did indeed find the trump lead. Declarer won this in dummy and led a club, but East ducked smoothly. When declarer played low from his hand, West could win cheaply. Though West did not return a trump, declarer still went down, because he did not play for the A to come down in two more rounds. That was another +100 and 6 IMPs to De Botton, who thus won their match 26-0 or 17.16 – 2.84 VP.

On the last board of the Barracuda match, the Dutch declarer misplayed $4 \pm$ and went down one in a contract he should have made. This gave Barracuda another 10 IMPs so the Belgians also won by a substantial margin: 30-6 or 16.78 – 3.22 VP.



Championship Diary

Walking along the sea front on the way to the Kursaal yesterday it dawned on me that it was Sunday. During the football season Sky Television frequently introduces 'Super Sunday' when they show two (and sometimes three) Premiership matches featuring the top teams.

Nothing unusual in that, I hear you say, but consider this - they don't have the same set of commentators for each game. Here in Ostend we have a fantastic team of writers, but they never stop, watching a match from every round before bringing you a highlights programme.

This tournament is particularly challenging, as the players do not have to lodge their systems in advance, which can lead to some inspired guesswork as to the meaning of a specific bid.

This is my personal favourite so far - with \bigstar K10542 \heartsuit J8542 \diamond 3 \bigstar Q5 South opened 2 \bigstar and I guessed this promised the majors. In fact it promised hearts and another (and I might have got it right had I had time to look at an old convention card of one half of the partnership).

If you play against Bénédicte Cronier today, wish her happy birthday for yesterday.

If you see Ron Tacchi, offer him your commiserations. It is his 41st wedding anniversary and so far this century he has spent every one of them away from home.

We are not far away from the battlefields of Flanders. In the famous last episode of Blackadder Goes Forth, attempting to avoid almost certain death in a proposed attack on the Western Front, Captain Blackadder decides to feign madness. However his plan fails and just as they are about to go over the top Baldrick says he has a cunning plan. Before he can explain, the order to advance is given and Blackadder says: "Whatever it was, I'm sure it was better than my plan to get out of this by pretending to be mad. I mean, who would've noticed another madman around here?"

Why does that remind me of the Bulletin Room?

Have you heard about Andy Hung, the Australian BBO operator, covering two matches at a time? To know more about hime, see page 17!

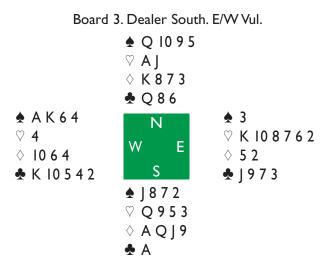
Open Teams Swiss Round 4

By Barry Rigal

For round four, I would be watching Vitas-Barracuda, and Apollosoyuz-Isrmany (there is normally time to watch more than one table when Michael Rosenberg is playing though I admit monitoring two tables as BBO operator would be beyond most of us).

The Herbst brothers, who play together for Israel, will be referred to by their first names (Ophir and Ilan); the De Roos brothers will generally be referred to by their first names in the text (Steve and Daniel).

The first couple of deals exchanged no more than overtricks and undertricks, before something more serious came along:



Barracuda-Vitas Open Room

West	North	East	South
Olanski	De Roos S.	Vainikonis	Arts
		Pass	$ \diamond $
Pass	♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Barracuda-Vitas Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Roos D.	Schwartz	Vermeiren	Fisher
		Pass	$ \diamond $
Pass	♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Open Room

West	North	East	South
Padon	Gromov	Birman	Dubinin
		Pass	$ \diamond$
Pass		Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Closed Room

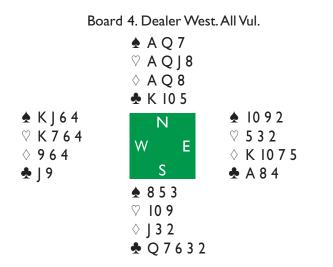
West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Ophir Herbst	Rosenberg	llan Herbst
		Pass	$ \diamond$
Pass	♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Dbl.	4♠	All Pass	

Four auctions to 4⁽¹⁾, two of them simple, two of them somewhat revealing. Gromov was lucky enough to get an active heart lead from Birman (I bet Papa David, apostle of the passive lead, will be chewing him out for that one) and won cheaply in hand to lead a club to the ace and a trump to his hand. When that held, he cross-ruffed for 420, letting West take his three trump tricks when he wanted.

By contrast, Rosenberg knew what to lead. Declarer won the A and led a trump towards his hand. Best defence is to win the $\bigstar K$ and play anything but a club or a small trump, after which the defenders can defend passively and prevent declarer from establishing an extra heart or club trick. However, Weinstein ducked – as might we all – and when the \$10 held Ophir suspected the 4-1 trump break but did not find the 'all-or-nothing' solution. That is to ruff two clubs in dummy while cashing two top diamonds, then play ace and another heart. East will win and can only lead either a heart or club, both of which are fatal. Instead, declarer followed the quite reasonable line of ruffing two clubs in dummy using the $\Diamond K$ as a re-entry to hand. Then he played a second trump. Weinstein won, and drew another trump, then led out a winning club. Declarer was forced to ruff with his last trump, and Weinstein could ruff in again at trick 12 and cash his long club for down one. 10 IMPs to Apollosoyuz, leading 10-1.

Both tables in Vitas-Barracuda led a club. Steve De Roos won in dummy, led a trump to hand, ruffed a club, then took a heart finesse. When a diamond came back, he played a second heart, and Olanski ruffed in, drew trumps, and cashed two clubs for down two. By contrast in the other room the play was more complex. After a club lead, declarer tried a spade to the seven, club ruff, heart to the ace (well done!) club ruff, then a heart to the jack and king as West pitched a diamond. Vermeiren won the $\heartsuit K$ and returned a diamond, and declarer cashed a second diamond, then led the $\heartsuit Q$.

All West had to do was pitch a club now, and another club on the next heart, and he would have scored the last three tricks with his trumps. However, when he ruffed in, declarer could overruff and now all West got was his two trump tricks. (This particular defensive error also occurred in two of our other VuGraph matches, when Chateau Rosenovo defended against Texan Aces and De Botton defended against Marupe). I I IMPs to Vitas.

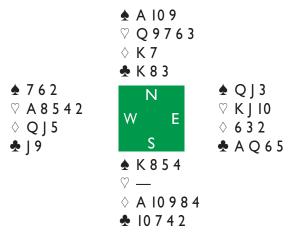


All four of our tables reached 3NT here. Gromov had a very easy time of it for +630 when he won the spade lead in hand and advanced the $\clubsuit K$, ducked, because on the next club Padon went in with the ace for some reason.

By contrast, Rosenberg led a diamond against 3NT and declarer won in dummy, led a club to the ten and then the \bigstar K, ducked. Now the \heartsuit Q, ducked, saw declarer lead the \heartsuit J, losing to the \heartsuit K. Ophir won the diamond return with the \diamond A, cashed out the hearts and exited in diamonds. Rosenberg had a club and two diamonds to cash, but then had to lead spades into the tenace. +600 but still an IMP to his opponents, for an 11-1 lead.

At another table (in Israbel-Rekstad) we saw Neve misguess clubs after a spade lead won in hand with the queen. The \clubsuit K ducked all round saw the next club go 5, 8, ...3. That was it for declarer; down 200.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Barracuda-Vitas Open Room Final contract: 24 by South.

Barracuda-Vitas Closed Room

North	East	South
Schwartz	Vermeiren	Fisher
	♣	$ \diamond $
Pass	♠	Pass
Dbl	20	All Pass
	Schwartz Pass	Schwartz Vermeiren I 🛧 Pass I 🛧

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Open Room

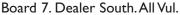
West	North	East	South
Padon	Gromov	Birman	Dubinin
		♣	Pass
I�(♡)	Pass	\square	Pass
2♡	All Pass		

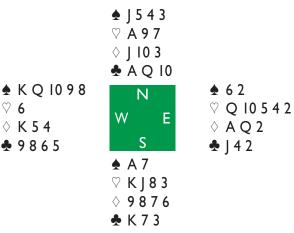
Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Ophir Herbst	Rosenberg	llan Herbst
		♣	$ \diamond$
\square	INT	DЫ	2 ♦
20	2NT	All Pass	

Arts made 2 deasily enough for Barracuda, but $2\heartsuit$ by Daniel de Roos ran into the defence of three rounds of diamonds, North ruffing, followed by three rounds of spades to lock declarer in dummy. When West erred by leading the \heartsuit K from dummy he could do nothing but pass the \heartsuit J next, to the \heartsuit Q. Now when a heart came back declarer was locked in dummy again to lead clubs, for down 200. 17-1 for Vitas.

In our other match, 2^{\heartsuit} went down one on South's friendly but normal club lead. Declarer also advanced the $^{\heartsuit}K$ at trick two and now had to lose four plain tricks and two hearts. That was still good enough for an IMP when 2NT came home on the lead of $^{\heartsuit}J$ round to the $^{\heartsuit}Q$. declarer cleared diamonds and Weinstein won the third to play a low club. Declarer ducked this round to the $\clubsuit Q$, and when Rosenberg cashed the $\clubsuit A$ next declarer could unblock his king and had an entry to dummy for the diamonds. That meant eight tricks; 11-2 to Apollosoyuz.





Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Open Room

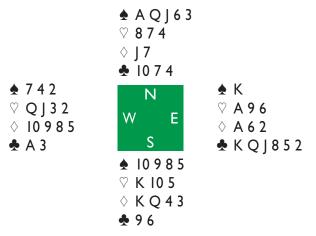
West	North	East	South
Padon	Gromov	Birman	Dubinin
			Pass
Pass	I \diamond	Pass	\heartsuit
	Dbl	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Ophir Herbst	Rosenberg	llan Herbst
			Pass
Pass	♣	Pass	I�(♡)
I ≜	Dbl	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

INT made eight tricks painlessly enough, but llan found an unsafety play in 2NT when he won the lead of $\bigstar K$ with his ace and played the $\heartsuit K$ and a heart to the ace. When hearts split 5-1 declarer could set up the $\heartsuit J$ but the defenders could clear hearts and declarer still only had seven tricks. He was forced to set up his second spade trick now, but the defence won the $\bigstar Q$, cashed their three club winners and still had two hearts to come for down one. That made it 17-2 to Apollosoyuz.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Barracuda-Vitas Open

West	North	East	South
Olanski	De Roos S.	Vainikonis	Arts
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass
\square	♠	Dbl	20 (Fit)
Pass	2♠	3♣	All Pass



Andrei Gromov

Barracuda-Vitas Closed

West	North	East	South
De Roos D.	Schwartz	Vermeiren	Fisher
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass
I 🗇	l.♠	Dbl	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
5 🐥	All Pass		

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Open

West	North	East	South
Padon	Gromov	Birman	Dubinin
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass
I�(♡)	l ♠	Dbl	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 ♡	All Pass		

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Closed

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Ophir Herbst	Rosenberg	llan Herbst
Pass	Pass	♣	Pass
\square	♠	Dbl	2♠
Pass	Pass	3 🙅	3♠
All Pass			

Vainikonis had no trouble wrapping up $3\clubsuit$, but $5\clubsuit$ was basically no play. The level of spade pre-emption proved critical both here and in our other match, where Rosenberg could get his hand off his chest at his second turn, then defend quietly to $3\clubsuit$, cashing a top club and shifting to hearts to set up the defenders' fifth winner in time.

In the other room 4^{\bigcirc} saw the defenders cash a top spade and shift to diamonds. Declarer went all out to make by ducking a diamond, winning the second, then crossing to $\clubsuit A$ to finesse in hearts. The defenders won to play four rounds of diamonds, and declarer emerged with six tricks, for a pick-up of 7 IMPs to Apollosoyuz, now leading 24-2.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

Douid	TO: Dealer Ease.		, an
	 ▲ A 10 9 8 6 ♡ Q 2 ◊ Q 10 7 ♣ 9 5 4 		
 ▲ K 5 4 ♡ 9 ◊ K J 9 6 5 2 ▲ A Q 6 	N W E S ◆ ♡ A K J 10 6 4 ◇ A 8 4 ◆ J 8 7 3	\Diamond	Q J 7 3 2 8 7 5 3 3 K 10 2

Barracuda-Vitas Open

West	North	East	South
Olanski	De Roos S.	Vainikonis	Arts
		Pass	\square
2 ◇	Dbl	Pass	3♡
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	

Barracuda-Vitas Closed

West	North	East	South
De Roos D.	Schwartz	Vermeiren	Fisher
		Pass	\bigcirc
2 ◇	Dbl	Pass	20
All Pass			

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Open

West	North	East	South
Padon	Gromov	Birman	Dubinin
		Pass	\heartsuit
2 ◇	2 ♠ (NF)Pass	3♡	
All Pass			

Apollosoyuz-Isrmany Closed

West	North	East	South
Weinstein	Ophir Herbst	Rosenberg	llan Herbst
		Pass	$ \heartsuit$
2 ◇	Dbl	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Even on a diamond lead, Arts found 4^{\heartsuit} was impossible to make, after trumps failed to behave. Declarer won the $\Diamond Q$, and $\bigstar A$ for a diamond discard, then cashed two trumps. He turned his attention to clubs, and the defenders emerged with three clubs and a diamond ruff. That was another 6 IMPs to Vitas, for a 28-1 win.

Apollosoyuz picked up the same swing when 3^{\odot} produced +140 while 3NT — which would have made on a diamond lead — ran into a spade lead from Rosenberg. Declarer was not entirely out of swindle chances. He ducked the spade lead, and when West returned a spade he ducked again. Rosenberg won cheaply and shifted after much thought (© MR 2013) to the $\clubsuit10$ to the jack and ace. When a spade came back declarer cut his losses and cashed out for down one. That made it 30-2 for Apollosoyuz.



No Whiplash For Young BBO Operator

If you have ever seen a Bridge Base Online VuGraph operator at work, you may have wondered how they keep up with the bidding and the play – especially the play.

Now imagine being the BBO VuGraph operator for two tables - at the same time.

If you want to know how it's done, ask Andy Hung. He did it on Sunday for the sixth round of the Open Teams qualifying.

"He's the best in the world," says Traian Chira, who manages the BBO tables for this tournament.



Andy Hung

Hung, 25, lives in Brisbane, Australia, and has extensive experience doing BBO VuGraphs. Earlier this year at a big tournament in Canberra, Australia, he kept up with play at three tables. "Actually," he says, "it was two and a half."

On Sunday, he sat between two tables with a good view of both. In Canberra, he says, "I was doing a lot of running."

Hung has been playing bridge since he was 16 and is editor of the Australia Youth Bridge Bulletin, published six times a year. He just earned an aerospace degree from Monash University and is now considering what he should do next.

In the meantime, he is doing some travelling and landed in Ostend after visiting Germany. Hung did double duty on Sunday because there was a shortage of operators.

The key, he says, is to use the computer keyboard instead of the mouse to record the play.

Was there danger of whiplash as he looked back and forth between the two tables? Not really, he says. Actually, he adds, the high-level games are easier. "Usually at this level," he says, "the players are pretty slow."

— Brent Manley

Mixed Teams Playoff for 3rd place

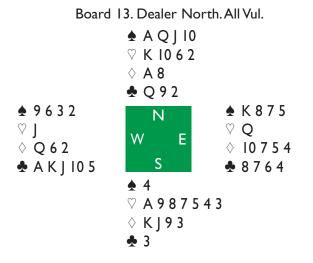
By Jos Jacobs

Schaltz v. Troll

In the 13th round of the Swiss, the Trolls (native Norwegians for the most part, though two live in England) beat their opponents – the Schaltz team from Denmark with Swedish Peter Fredin as their "mystery guest," – in what was essentially for them a bronze medal playoff by about 16-4, only to discover that the prize they had won was the right to play Schaltz again in the play-off for the bronze medal. As a consequence, the good scores the Trolls had registered in this 13th round encounter were no longer useful; they would have to start all over again, there being no carry-over.

On the first board of the play-off, the Schaltz team registered a partscore swing but after that, the Trolls struck twice in succession.

This was board 13, the third deal of the 20-board match:



Open Room

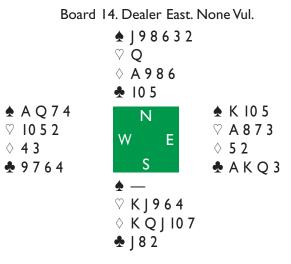
West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
	INT	Pass	4 \diamond
Pass	4 ♡	All Pass	

After the Texas transfer, any chance of getting to slam had been abandoned by the Danish. Schaltz +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
	INT	Pass	2 ◇
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4 ♡	Pass	5 🙅
Dbl	6♡	All Pass	

In the other room, Helen Erichsen followed a slower approach. Once partner had enough values and hearts to break the transfer, her eight-count had to be worth making two tries for slam, in her opinion, even after partner signed off (temporarily) in 4°. When Helen tried 5 \pm at her next turn, Espen was quick to convert this to the cold slam. That was +1430 and 13 IMPs to Troll to take the lead. They increased it on the next board:



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
		INT	2 ♦
Dbl	2♠	All Pass	

The transfer overcall did not work out very well when Peter Schaltz, anticipating a misfit, did not make any further move over $2\clubsuit$, in spite of his fine diamond suit. Down two, +100 for Troll.

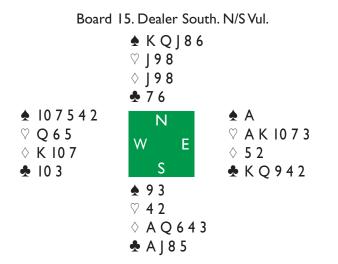
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
		INT	2 ◇
Pass	2♡	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3◇
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

In the other room, Helen Erichsen did make another move after her partner accepted the transfer and Fredin ventured $2 \clubsuit$. When Bekkouche produced an overaggressive spade raise, (maybe it was not unreasonable to hope a normal partner would have five spades – but this was Peter Fredin) Espen found a double, as one might have expected.

So the Danes (and a Swede) had managed to play in spades at both tables. Usually, this is not a good thing to do, and so it proved once again. Down two was worth +300 to Troll at this table, for 9 IMPs in all.

From the next board onwards, the Schaltz team took over the initiative.



In the Open Room, we saw a straightforward auction: Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
			$ \diamond$
Pass	♠	2NT	Pass
3♡	All Pass		

East showed her two-suiter and Boye, not judging his hand worth a shot at game, played safe for his nine tricks. Troll +140.

In the other room, Bekkouche (unperturbed by her experience on the previous deal) gave partner a raise...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
			I \diamond
Pass	♠	2NT	Pass
3♡	Pass	40	All Pass

Playing in game, Fredin needed to tackle the hand with considerable care. He won the spade lead in dummy and immediately led the \clubsuit K. South won the ace and played \diamond A and another. Now, Fredin's grandmother would have made the hand by drawing trumps and running the \clubsuit 10 but when he continued the \clubsuit Q followed by a low club, ruffed in hand and overruffed by North, the contract suddenly looked in danger. North returned the \heartsuit 9 but Fredin had been watching the trump spots carefully enough to know that it could not possibly cost to play dummy's ten. If South covered, his \heartsuit 6 would be the highest outstanding trump spot...

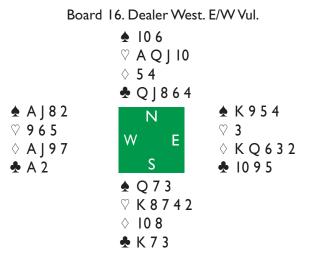
When the $\heartsuit 10$ held, Fredin could simply ruff a club with his $\heartsuit Q$, ruff a spade, draw trumps and cash the last club for his contract and +420. That meant a swing of 7 IMPs to his team.





Boye Brogeland

On the next board, Fredin's team recorded a bigger swing:



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
$ \diamond$	2 🛧	Dbl	3 🛧
Pass	Pass	3◇	All Pass

After Peter Schaltz's raise to $3\clubsuit$, it no longer seemed as attractive for either East or West to introduce spades since that would have meant bidding the suit at a rather dangerous level. Please note that over the $1\diamond$ opening bid, it was equally hard for North to show his hearts. $3\diamond$ produced one overtrick, Troll +130.

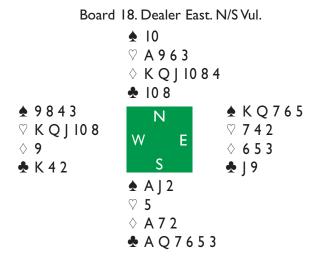
In the other room, West's INT opening bid made it much easier for North-South, as they had a convention available for a major and a longer minor :

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
INT	2♡	Dbl	4 ♡
4♠	All Pass		

On this bidding, Peter Fredin could "see" partner's heart shortness and thus had no trouble in announcing $4 \pm$ at his second turn. One overtrick here too, but +650 and 11 more IMPs to Schaltz.

Board 17 was flat but then, the Danish charge continued;



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
		Pass	♣
20	3♢	3♡	4 ♡
Pass	4NT	Pass	5 ◇
Pass	5NT	Pass	60
All Pass			

Very well bid by the Danish, even more so after the strong interference by the opponents.

Schaltz +1370.

In the other room, the Norwegians were given much more bidding space but they failed to fully exploit it:

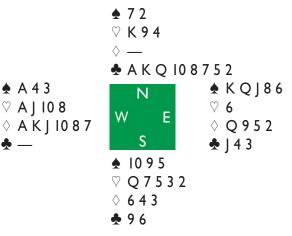
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
		Pass	♣
\square	2 ◇	2♡	3♡
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Redbl
Pass	4 \diamond	Pass	5 ◇
All Pass			

North's hand was worth a little more than only 4 \Diamond and South's hand was worth quite a bit more than just 5 \Diamond , and the combination of pessimistic actions led to the slam being missed. Troll +620 but 13 IMPs more to Schaltz.

After all that excitement there was a grand slam on the next board





Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
			Pass
$ \diamond$	5秦	5◇	Pass
5♡	Pass	6�	7♣
Pass	Pass	7 ◇	All Pass

Once Boye had an (easy enough) forcing pass over 7^{A} , Tonje had an automatic raise to 7° . Very well bid for a fine +2140.

In the other room, Helen Erichsen caused early trouble:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
			2 ◇
Dbl	Redbl	Pass	2♡
3◇	4 ♡	4NT	Pass
7 ◇	All Pass		



Tonje Brogeland



Peter Fredin

Opening the South hand would not be everybody's choice, nor would North's redouble. We were all wondering what message Bekkouche wanted to convey by bidding 4NT. It might have been intended as Blackwood but it might as well show a hand too good to bid just 50. Not that it mattered very much: Fredin still had so much in reserve that he jumped to 7, without any further ado.

Well done by both sides and no swing, of course. On the final board of the set, more IMPs went Schaltz' way:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	 ▲ 10 ♡ K 6 5 3 2 ◇ A J 9 6 ♣ K 10 7 	
 ▲ Q 7 3 2 ♡ Q ◊ K 4 3 2 ▲ A 8 3 2 	N W E S ▲ KJ8 ♡ 10974 ◇ Q75 ♣ 965	 ▲ A 9 6 5 4 ♡ A J 8 ◊ I0 8 ♣ Q J 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
Pass	$ \heartsuit$	♠	20
4♠	All Pass		

This is the type of hand where a jump to game is a twoway shot. The opponents might be cold for $4\heartsuit$; you may make 4. Even if neither is the case (as it is in fact here), going down in 4 probably is not very expensive. When partner had too much in hearts neither eventuality occurred; 4♠ one down, Schaltz +100.

In the other room, Fredin gave his partner a second chance:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
Pass	\square	♠	2♡
3♡	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Over West's highly invitational 3^o, Bekkouche was happy to sign-off in 3Φ , which proved an excellent decision. Just made, Schaltz another +140 and another 6 IMPs.

They had scored 40 unanswered IMPs over 6 boards to take a comfortable half-time lead: 46-22.

In the second half, almost nothing happened on the first five boards. Then, suddenly, the match came to life again:

Board	26. Dealer ▲ 10 4 2 ♡ K 8 7 4	
	♦ A 2	
	📥 K J 2	
▲ Q J 9 8 7 ♡ J 10 9 ◊ 7 4	N W E	 ▲ A K 6 5 3 ♡ Q 5 ◊ 5 3
뢒 A Q 8	S	뢒 10 9 7 4
	 ▲ — ♡ A 6 3 ◊ K Q J I ♣ 6 5 3 	0986

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
		Pass	$ \diamond $
Pass	\bigtriangledown	♠	20
2♠	Dbl	Pass	3♢
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

In the Open Room, the Danish had a quiet auction when West did not overcall, and they never came anywhere near bidding game. When the trumps broke 3-2 and the missing club honours were all well placed for declarer, she had no trouble in coming to ten tricks. Schaltz +170.

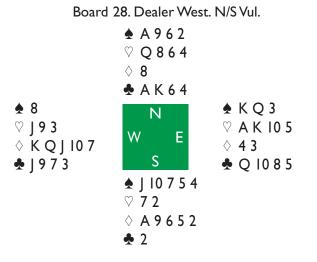
In the other room, Fredin did overcall, which dramatically changed the complexion of the auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
		Pass	I \diamond
♠	DЫ	2NT	3♢
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Redbl
Pass	5 ◇	All Pass	

As Espen Erichsen could no longer show his hearts freely, Helen got the chance to stress her good diamond suit and the pair settled for game in diamonds.

Because the hearts could be established for club discards, this contract was never in danger. Troll +600 and 10 IMPs to them to reduce their deficit to a mere 12 IMPs.



In the Open Room, Boye Brogeland tried the effect of an unorthodox INT opening bid:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
INT	Pass	2 📥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Apparently, the INT bid did not do the Danes any harm, for they managed to reach their normal spade game without much trouble.



Dorthe Schaltz

The difference was that first of all Tonje Brogeland as East could see that the contract was pretty sure to go down, even more so had she been on lead herself.

The other consequence of Boye's opening bid was, however, that the declaration now was placed in the South hand, which meant that Boye himself was on lead. When he led a fully normal $\Diamond K$, declarer could pitch a losing heart immediately.

The play is certainly not trivial, though. Declarer needs to husband his trump resources very carefully. Specifically, he must ruff the second diamond with 22 not the six or nine. At the table the play went: $\Diamond A$, club ace and king, pitching a heart, then a heart to the king. Now East mistakenly played a club (a diamond beats the contract by force); declarer ruffed and ruffed a diamond with the $\oiint{6}-$ ruffing with the two is essential here with the sight of all 52 cards.

Next a heart ruff and diamond ruff with $\bigstar 9$, overruffed with $\bigstar Q$ saw East play back a low heart, when a club would still have sufficed to set the hand. Schaltz let it run to dummy's queen and now had the discard he needed to allow him just to concede one more trump trick for 790.

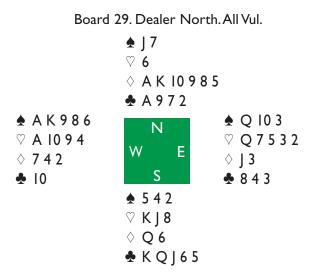
At the other table, the auction proceeded in a more normal fashion:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
Pass	♣	Pass	${\bf \nabla}$
2 ♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East cashed her top hearts and could then sit back, waiting for her trump tricks to come in. One down, Schaltz another +100 and 13 IMPs to them.

Had the contract gone down at the other table, Troll would have scored 3 IMPs to further reduce their deficit to nine, in which case they would have taken the lead on the next board, which looked like this:



In the Open Room, North-South had an abundance of tricks in the minors but could not get at them in time:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	B. Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
	$ \diamond $	Pass	2♣
Pass All Pass	3♡(SPL)	Pass	3NT

West led the \bigstar A and continued the king and another to partner's queen. Tonje then led a heart and when Peter Schaltz, logically enough, inserted the king, he was down three. Troll +300.

In the other room, North-South discovered their lack of major suit stoppers in time:

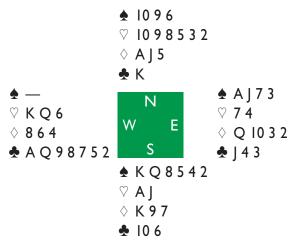
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
	I♦	Pass	2♣
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4 \diamond	All Pass	

This contract could not be defeated when the diamonds broke. Troll another +130 and 10 IMPs.

As you can see, they would have been leading by I IMP had the previous board been a success for them...in which case the final board would have been very interesting.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



In the Closed Room, the Anglo-Norwegians had gone down two in 4^{\pm} :

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Erichsen E.	Bekkouche	Erichsen H.
		Pass	♠
2 🛧	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Four Spades looks a fair enough contract but declarer could not handle the 4-0 trump split.

So the outcome of the match would have depended on Boye Brogeland's success or failure in making 4^{ch} .



Peter Schaltz

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland B.	Schaltz D.	Brogeland T.	Schaltz P.
		Pass	
INT	2♠	3NT	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

Again, Boye overcalled an eccentric INT but when partner bid game, he wisely retreated to $4\clubsuit$. North led the $\bigstar 10$ to dummy's ace and now, rather than leading trumps immediately, Boye first played a heart to South's ace. He ruffed the $\bigstar K$ and then led a diamond. The defence cashed their tricks in the suit and exited in hearts to the jack and queen. At this point, Boye might have tried to ruff the $\heartsuit K$ in dummy and lead a trump but when he first cashed the $\bigstar A$ instead, all his problems were over. Making $4\clubsuit$ brought his team one more IMP and thus would have secured victory for them had they managed to beat $4\bigstar$ on board 28.

As it was, this final IMP did not matter very much, since the final score in the match became 61-47 to Schaltz, who thus got their revenge for the earlier defeat in the Swiss against the same team, and won the bronze medal after all. Congratulations to them!

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GERMANY HOSTS JUNIORS IN 2014

The venue for the **12th European Youth Pairs Championships** is to be the Town Hall in Burghausen, Germany from 11th to 19th July, 2014. The contract was signed yesterday at the Press

Conference in Ostend by Ulrich Wenning, President of the German Bridge Federation and Yves Aubry, EBL President.

The onsite organiser is to be Josef Harsanyi, member of the EBL Executive. Burghausen is his home town.

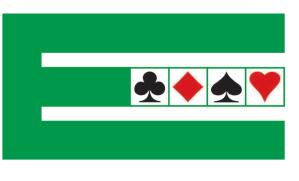
The national Pairs Championship for Mixed, Juniors, Youngsters, and Girls will be from Friday 11th July to Wednesday 16th July. This will be followed by a three-day Camp at which players of all abilities between the ages of 15 and 25 inclusive will be welcome.

The playing venue is walking distance from a Youth Hostel where accommodation is from 22 euro per night. There are also campsites and a range of hotels.

Burghausen is 57 km from Salzburg airport and 100 km from Munich airport. Trains from Munich are frequent. More details will be available soon on the EBL website.

Arrangements will be made during the Camp for participants to watch the World Cup Football from Brazil.

The Editor of Bridge Magazine, Mark Horton, offers three months free subscription to the online magazine for all participants.



WOMEN AFTER SWISS

	TEAM	VP
1	CHINA I	154.56
2	DUTCH WOMEN	122.89
3	AUSTRIA	121.94
4	ITALIA I	121.85
5	BAKER	118.81
6	SWEDEN	110.97
7	USRUFRA	109.42
8	POLAND	108.04
9	ITALIA 2	106.76
10	PINK	103.18
	CROATIA	102.71
12	BALT	101.51
13	GALATASARAY	98.54
14	GERMAN LADIES	97.70
15	GERMAN VALKYRIES	94.59
16	TARSUS AMERICAN COLL	93.75
17	MANO	91.99
18	CHINA 2	90.20
19	TELTSCHER	85.96
20	PECCOUD	85.72
21	GOOD WINE	82.11
22	SABARIAN	81.45
23	PHILIPPINES SWEDEN	79.85
24	IARRTHOIRI	78.77
25	CASHEL	74.73

SENIORS AFTER SWISS

TEAM	VP
I BARDIN	146.73
2 IOHNSON	136.29
3 HANSEN	9.4
4 LAVEC	116.35
5 SZENBERG	113.00
6 VRIEND	112.62
7 GERMANY SENIORS	109.32
8 MCGOWAN	107.09
9 FRANCE SENIORS	105.78
10 MARKOWICZ	104.93
I I ZAMBONINI	98.97
12 EICHHOLZER	97.80
13 SCOTLAND	96.70
14 BG SENIORS	93.62
I5 CAY	90.33
16 STRETZ	89.68
17 KAMINSKI	88.94
18 BEGAS	86.85
19 LONGCHAMPS	85.77
20 WIELEMANS	83.46
21 CHRISPE	79.75
22 CHIZZOLI	79.38
23 HOULIHAN	74.23
	71.25

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I POLAND	146.48		65 KENDRICK
2 APOLLOSOYUZ	139.57		66 TUTU
3 ISRMANY	36.8		67 TREBOLES
4 COOREMAN	133.85		68 ERA
5 VIIAS	131.26		69 ALLIX
6 ONSTEIN ACES	129.86		70 DAR INDIA
	128.16		71 STOKKEN
	128.06		72 PIEDRA
	127.45		73 NERAZZURRI
	127.13		74 K4
12 GOTARD	11978		75 HELLE
13 DEUTSCHLAND	119.45		76 MABO FROJ
14 CONSUS	119.45		77 PERRON
15 DE BOTTON	119.3		78 YAMATA
16 ZALESKI	118.73		79 DE TESSIERES
17 TEXAN AND THE TURKS	117.98		
18 REKSTAD	117.68		80 MARUPE
19 HUNGARY GAMAX	117.6		81 THE WHITE HOUSE 2
20 NED AUT	116.72		82 SQUEEZE
21 ISRAEL EMERALD	116.6		83 MONACO A
22 SVEINDAL	116.05		84 ANNA
	115.83		85 DOCTOR POLAND
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40 MONACO Z	108.78		100 ELVICTORIOS
41 HAUGE	108.5		101 DE LIEDEKERKE
42 NORVVAY LADIES	107.74		102 SPS CONSTRUCTION
43 KOSENTHAL	107.53		103 SANSAR
45 GREECE	107.13		104 FRENCKEN
46 ALINEO	105.38		105 BEILDORF
47 CHATEAU ROSSENOVO	104.89		
48 PAUNCZ	104.24		107 OSTANDINGOVATION
49 GILLIS	104.2		108 JOLLY LOMBARD
50 LINDOVIST	104.11		109 MPE LATTERIA TINIS
51 VILLA FABBRICHE	103.69		110 OLIVER
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60 BEAUVILLAIN	100.2		118 DEN U20
61 PESSOA	100.09		119 HARRIS
62 RIEHM	99.91		120 NOR WEST
63 NED BLUE	99.09		121 MASSELLI

WOMEN AND SENIORS KO

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