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THE GATHERING STORM



Civic Hospitality in Opatija

As we go into day three of the Championships some of the fancied teams are under a cloud. In Group A of the Open series **France** lead from **Norway**. In Group B **Israel** has a clear lead ahead of **Bulgaria** while **Italy's** 16th place leaves them in desperate shape.

In the Women's event **Italy** top the table followed by **The Netherlands** and **France**, while the highly regarded teams from **Poland** and **Russia** are already struggling.

In the Seniors **Poland** lead the way followed by their perennial rivals **England**.

BBO SCHEDULE

10.30

Hungary v Bulgaria (O)	BBO 1*
Denmark v England (O)	BBO 2
France v Ireland (O)	BBO 3
Netherlands v Turkey (W)	BBO 4
Croatia v Monaco (O)	BBO 5

14.30

Israel v England (O)	BBO 1*
Poland v Turkey (O)	BBO 2
Iceland v Monaco (O)	BBO 3
Sweden v Germany (O)	BBO 4
Bulgaria v Croatia (W)	BBO 5

17.20

Austria v Norway (O)	BBO 1*
Serbia v Faroe Islands (O)	BBO 2
Romania v Netherlands(O)	BBO 3
Hungary v Israel (O)	BBO 4
England v Croatia (W)	BBO 5

*BBO 1 = VuGraph

!!!! Most Important Information !!!!

The playing schedule has been changed. The free day in the Open and Women's series will now be on Thursday, with the matches originally scheduled for that day being played on Wednesday. There is no change to the Senior's schedule.

OPEN

○ 6 Group A 10.30

1	SLOVAKIA	SCOTLAND
2	CROATIA	MONACO
3	SPAIN	GERMANY
4	FINLAND	RUSSIA
5	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN
6	GREECE	ICELAND
7	PORTUGAL	NORWAY
8	IRELAND	FRANCE
9	SLOVENIA	ESTONIA

○ 6 Group B 10.30

11	LITHUANIA	SERBIA
12	ROMANIA	FAROE ISLANDS
13	BELGIUM	ITALY
14	WALES	NETHERLANDS
15	HUNGARY	BULGARIA
16	SWITZERLAND	POLAND
17	LATVIA	ISRAEL
18	DENMARK	ENGLAND
19	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	TURKEY

Important Line-Up Notice

Please remember that the line-up for EVERY match must be made

15 minutes after the LAST match

For the MORNING MATCH, this means YOU HAVE TO DO THE LINE-UP IN THE EVENING!!!!

○ 7 Group A 14.30

1	GREECE	AUSTRIA
2	PORTUGAL	FINLAND
3	IRELAND	SPAIN
4	ESTONIA	CROATIA
5	FRANCE	SLOVAKIA
6	NORWAY	SCOTLAND
7	ICELAND	MONACO
8	SWEDEN	GERMANY
9	RUSSIA	SLOVENIA

○ 7 Group B 14.30

11	ISRAEL	ENGLAND
12	POLAND	TURKEY
13	BULGARIA	DENMARK
14	NETHERLANDS	LATVIA
15	ITALY	SWITZERLAND
16	FAROE ISLANDS	HUNGARY
17	SERBIA	WALES
18	LITHUANIA	BELGIUM
19	ROMANIA	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA

IN EMERGENCY

1. Call 112

2. Ask Hospitality to call a doctor

Heart starter is based in the window at the book stall on 1st floor.

○ 8 Group A 17.20

1	SCOTLAND	MONACO
2	SLOVAKIA	GERMANY
3	CROATIA	RUSSIA
4	SPAIN	SWEDEN
5	FINLAND	ICELAND
6	AUSTRIA	NORWAY
7	GREECE	FRANCE
8	PORTUGAL	ESTONIA
9	SLOVENIA	IRELAND

○ 8 Group B 17.20

11	SERBIA	FAROE ISLANDS
12	LITHUANIA	ITALY
13	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS
14	BELGIUM	BULGARIA
15	WALES	POLAND
16	HUNGARY	ISRAEL
17	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND
18	LATVIA	TURKEY
19	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	DENMARK

RANKING

Open A after RR5

TEAM	VP
1 FRANCE	75.86
2 NORWAY	73.14
3 MONACO	68.46
4 AUSTRIA	67.40
5 GERMANY	62.63
6 ICELAND	60.19
7 RUSSIA	56.87
8 SWEDEN	55.41
9 GREECE	54.44
10 ESTONIA	48.99
11 IRELAND	48.36
12 SCOTLAND	46.91
13 CROATIA	46.28
14 FINLAND	42.91
15 SPAIN	39.07
16 SLOVAKIA	34.71
17 PORTUGAL	9.70
18 SLOVENIA	8.67

Open B after RR5

TEAM	VP
1 ISRAEL	73.64
2 BULGARIA	66.55
3 HUNGARY	63.53
4 POLAND	63.48
5 ENGLAND	60.97
6 BELGIUM	55.79
7 ROMANIA	54.83
8 NETHERLANDS	54.62
9 DENMARK	53.40
10 TURKEY	52.94
11 FAROE ISLANDS	48.33
12 SERBIA	45.37
13 LATVIA	42.86
14 SWITZERLAND	40.30
15 WALES	37.36
16 ITALY	36.79
17 BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	28.99
18 LITHUANIA	20.25

SENIORS

Swiss 7 10.30

41 POLAND	AUSTRIA
42 ENGLAND	SWEDEN
43 HUNGARY	FRANCE
44 BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS
45 IRELAND	NORWAY
46 ISRAEL	ITALY
47 SCOTLAND	TURKEY
48 BELGIUM	SPAIN
49 GERMANY	FINLAND
50 DENMARK	PORTUGAL
51 ESTONIA	ROMANIA
52 CROATIA	WALES
53 SLOVENIA	SERBIA

After Swiss 6

TEAM	VP
1 POLAND	90.46
2 ENGLAND	83.73
3 HUNGARY	79.02
4 AUSTRIA	75.17
5 FRANCE	72.47
6 SWEDEN	71.24
7 BULGARIA	70.02
8 IRELAND	69.07
9 NORWAY	67.92
10 NETHERLANDS	66.62
11 ISRAEL	61.40
12 ITALY	60.56
13 SCOTLAND	59.62
14 TURKEY	58.81
15 BELGIUM	57.35
16 SPAIN	56.77
17 GERMANY	55.12
18 FINLAND	54.52
19 DENMARK	53.59
20 PORTUGAL	49.33
21 ESTONIA	45.35
22 ROMANIA	44.19
23 CROATIA	40.82
24 WALES	40.20
25 SLOVENIA	39.46
26 SERBIA	34.19

WOMEN

W 6 10.30

21	RUSSIA	SCOTLAND
22	ROMANIA	SERBIA
23	POLAND	SPAIN
24	NORWAY	SWEDEN
25	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY
26	LEBANON	AUSTRIA
27	ITALY	BULGARIA
28	ISRAEL	CROATIA
29	IRELAND	DENMARK
30	GREECE	ENGLAND
31	GERMANY	ESTONIA
32	FRANCE	BYE

W 7 14.30

21	BULGARIA	CROATIA
22	AUSTRIA	DENMARK
23	TURKEY	ENGLAND
24	SWEDEN	ESTONIA
25	SPAIN	FRANCE
26	SERBIA	GERMANY
27	SCOTLAND	GREECE
28	RUSSIA	IRELAND
29	ROMANIA	ISRAEL
30	POLAND	ITALY
31	NORWAY	LEBANON
32	NETHERLANDS	BYE

W 8 17.20

21	NORWAY	POLAND
22	NETHERLANDS	ROMANIA
23	LEBANON	RUSSIA
24	ITALY	SCOTLAND
25	ISRAEL	SERBIA
26	IRELAND	SPAIN
27	GREECE	SWEDEN
28	GERMANY	TURKEY
29	FRANCE	AUSTRIA
30	ESTONIA	BULGARIA
31	ENGLAND	CROATIA
32	DENMARK	BYE

After Round 5

TEAM	VP
1 ITALY	77.97
2 NETHERLANDS	75.84
3 FRANCE	75.34
4 ENGLAND	70.70
5 DENMARK	66.31
6 IRELAND	65.32
7 ISRAEL	64.02
8 SPAIN	63.13
9 TURKEY	62.66
10 NORWAY	54.83
11 SWEDEN	51.49
12 GERMANY	51.50
13 ESTONIA	49.35
14 ROMANIA	48.40
15 AUSTRIA	41.77
16 POLAND	40.51
17 GREECE	40.29
18 SCOTLAND	34.71
19 CROATIA	29.78
20 BULGARIA	28.64
21 RUSSIA	25.03
22 LEBANON	21.75
23 SERBIA	20.66

Request for Review:

A request to have a TD ruling reviewed must be made, stating the ground for the request, either to the Chief TD or the TD delivering the ruling not later than:

- 15 minutes after the end of that playing session or
- 15 minutes after the ruling was actually delivered, whichever is later.



The Croatian Corner

**“Misli svako da je meni lako”**

Prvi dan prvenstva počeo je poprilično vatreno, no ni drugi nije oskudjevao akcijom i uzbuđenjem. Drugi ćemo dan obilježiti još jednim bordom iz meča hrvatske reprezentacije protiv Francuske. Ovaj put u ženskoj konkurenciji.

Francuska ženska reprezentacija je krema svjetskog bridža, višestruke svjetske i europske prvakinje uvijek su neugodan protivnik za stolom. No i naše igrateljice imaju razna oružja u svom arsenalu što se i pokazalo na bordu koji je tema ovog članka. Boje hrvatske branile su Nikica Šver, Marina Pilipović, Sandra Tomljanović i Renata Muller, a minijatura izgleda otprilike ovako:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q 3 ♥ 4 3 2 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ K Q J 7 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"> </td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W		E		S		<p>♠ 8 ♥ A K Q 10 8 7 ♦ A Q 8 4 2 ♣ 4</p>	<p>♠ A 7 6 5 4 ♥ J 9 6 5 ♦ 9 ♣ 10 9 8</p>
N												
W		E										
	S											
		<p>♠ K J 10 9 2 ♥ — ♦ K J 10 3 ♣ A 6 5 3</p>										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Muller		Tomljanovic	
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♠	4♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	All Pass

U otvorenoj sali licitacija je bila relativno miroljubiva, koliko je to sama podjela dozvoljavala, naravno. Nakon otvora u hercu, overkola u piku te herc podrške na Westu, North je odlučila licitirati vrlo solidnih 3 pik pokazujući dobar fit i manjak snage. Držeći u ruci jaki crveni bikolor, nakon partnerove podrške Tomljanović je pokušala igrati slem licitirajući 4 karo što je bilo dovoljno da zastraši Southa. South je licitirala 4 pik po inerciji, bilo kao obranu ili čak za napraviti, no nakon što je Tomljanović licitirala još i 5 herc, South je pasirala kontrakt, očito očekujući karo kratkoću kod Easta, a ne dužinu, u nadi da će se kontrakt pasti.

Nakon pik atake do asa i povrata karo Tomljanović je stavila damu, South uzela kraljem i dala partnerici karo porez. Ulaz tref asom značio je još jedan porez karo za Francusku, ali to je bilo to. Karo kralj, dva crna asa i dva karo šnaperi za obranu su kao rezultat imali tri pada na 5 herc uz

tugu Southa što ipak nije kontrirala.
5♥ X E, -3, NS +300

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
	Sver		Pilipovic
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♦	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♥	Dble
All Pass			

Zatvorena sala je bila nešto agresivnija a to sugerira i konačni rezultat borda. Početak licitacije je bio isti, međutim Šver je izabrala agresivniji pristup i licitirala 4 pik tamo gdje je Francuskinja licitirala 3. Rezultat agresivnog pristupa bio je odmah vidljiv. East je licitirala 5 karo vjerujući da će biti jasno kako pokušava slem, ali u ovoj situaciji 5 karo može izgledati i kao prijedlog obrane tako da je Eastova puna snaga ostala skrivena. Pilipović je licitirala još i 5 pik koji se sretno napravi jer nakon tref atake East ne može prebaciti Westa u štih po trefove pa izvođač stigne baciti trefa na karo kralja. East je pod pritiskom odlučila licitirati još i 6 herc, ali Pilipović je to nemilosrdno kontrirala i teren za zaradu je postavljen.

Međutim, igra je donijela nekoliko zanimljivih momenata. Gledajući bord, izvođač treba pasti 4 puta za -1100 jer nema mogućnost dolaska na stol i gubitnog karo impasa. Igrajući sve iz ruke izvođač će prije ili kasnije igrati karo as, karo.

No, Pilipović i Šver su imale drukčije planove. Pilipović se, umjesto “pasivnog” pika na partneričinu podršku, odlučila na ataku tref asa. Nakon trefa vratila je pik do partneričinog asa, a Šver je nakon dužeg razmišljanja vratila tref. East je pustila tref do stola odbacujući karo i u tom trenutku bila u mogućnosti pasti “samo” 800 na način da skine visoki tref i odbaci još jedan karo. Ipak, obrana za stolom je djelovala pomalo čudno i East je zaključila da će joj netko porezati visoki tref pa se odlučila, s obzirom da je zadnji put na stolu, napraviti karo impas.

Nakon toga egzekucija je bila nemilosrdna. Pilipović je uzela karo kralja i vratila pik kojeg je izvođačica porezala. Odigrala je herc asa, a kad je vidjela loše vijesti u adutu probala je skupiti i karo asa kojeg je Šver porezala i vratila aduta. U tom trenutku East nije mogla izbjeći 5 padova za -1400. 6♥ Dbl, -5, NS +1400 Hrvatska +15 IMP

Nažalost, meč je ipak završio pobjedom Francuske 46:32, ali navijači su dobili svoje veselje i još jedan “debeli” upis protiv favoriziranih Francuza. Ostaje nam pričekati meč i treće naše reprezentacije, Open ekipe, protiv Francuza i vidjeti hoćemo li i tamo isproducirati nekakvo navijačko veselje.

Tomislav Šćepanović

Senior Teams - Round 1

By John Carruthers



Poland v Norway



Poland is a factor in every championship in which it plays, from Schools, through Open and into Seniors and everything in between. Here, their usual and now-familiar Senior team met the not-as-familiar Norwegians.

Straightaway, Apolinary Kowalski demonstrated proper technique ...

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room & Closed Room

West	North	East	South
R Maese	Kowalski	H Maese	Romanski
Lasocki	Anderssen	Russyan	Marstrander
	INT	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♦ Transfer to hearts

Helge Maese led the ten of clubs to Roald Maese's king. West shifted to the five of spades and Kowalski did well to insert the nine, forcing the king. East played another club to West's ace and West played the jack of spades to declarer's ace. Declarer drew trumps and took the high diamonds, then finished hearts. He would have made four hearts any time spades had been 3-3 or the same player with spade length had also held both the queen and jack of diamonds, or any five diamonds. Plus 420 for Poland.

The play started similarly in the Closed Room, with the nine of clubs to the king and a shift to the five of spades. Jerzy Russyan continued with spades after winning the nine of spades with his king, however, and Krzysztof Lasocki's ten was won by Rune Anderssen's ace. Anderssen drew trumps and tested the spades. When they proved to be 3-3, he had a discard for the losing diamond. Had spades been 4-2, Anderssen could have taken the remaining hearts and tried to squeeze West in spades and diamonds but, at this

table, that squeeze would not have worked against East. Still, it was plus 420 and a pushed board.

Board 2 was a fairly routine four-heart game for East/West, where the defence could take no more than three tricks and both sides did, for another 420 push.

On Board 3, both Souths declared two spades with five top losers and the defence needing nothing more than not to lead a diamond away from king-ten fifth to set the contract. Both Wests managed that feat and went plus 50 for a third straight push.

The next deal provided something more substantial ...

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
R Maese	Kowalski	H Maese	Romanski
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣	All Pass	
2♣	5+♣, natural		
2♥	5+♥, natural but non-forcing		



Apolinary Kowalski, Poland

The Poles stole the pot with their natural, limited two-club opening. The defence took their four winners to hold Kowalski to nine tricks, plus 110 North/South, but were rather dismayed to discover that they could have made four spades with no diamond ruff available to the defence against that contract. Perhaps West might have considered balancing when three clubs came back to him, but that action was certainly not without danger.

However, at the other table ...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Anderssen</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Marstrander</i>
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	

3NT Running suit, no outside A or K

Did I say the Poles stole the pot? I take it back. Against Anderssen's Gambling Three Notrump, Russyan made the classical lead of the ace of spades, saw the king in dummy and shifted to the ace and another heart to Lasocki's king. Declarer had the rest for a magnificent plus 630. Had East chosen the ace of hearts as his 'classical' lead, the sight of dummy and a discouraging noise from West would have allowed the killing diamond switch.

Whatever the positional deficiencies of the Gambling Three Notrump, there can be no doubting its effectiveness as a preemptive tool.


Norway was on the board with an 11-IMP gain, the first swing of the match. One imagines the comparison thusly:

"Sorry - we let them play three clubs when we were cold for four spades. Minus 110."

"Win 11."

Board 5 was a routine four-heart game for North/South, off two aces and on a guess for the trump queen, missing four of them, for the overtrick. Jacek Romanski guessed it while Peter Marstrander did not and Poland had broken its duck, albeit with only an IMP. It was 11-1 Norway.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R Maese</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>H Maese</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
All Pass		1♣	3♣

Helge Maese's one-club opening was in the context of a five-card major system and could have been a two-card suit. Thus Romanski's three clubs was natural and weakish. The defence got its heart ruff, so declarer was held to nine tricks for plus 110.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lasocki</i>	<i>Anderssen</i>	<i>Russyan</i>	<i>Marstrander</i>
		1♣*	Pass
1♦*	1♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	
1♣	Polish: (i.) Any 12-14 balanced without 4 or 5 diamonds (ii.) Natural, 11-21 or (iii.) 18-21 any distribution without 5 diamonds		
1♦	(i.) <7 HCP (ii.) >12 HCP, no 4-card major or (iii.) 8-11 HCP with both minors		

Lasocki paid the price for his enterprise. On a good day, partner would have three low hearts and he would achieve a double game swing. Here, Anderssen and Marstrander smiled to themselves at the sight of the dummy, took their three diamond tricks and waited for North's trump tricks. Plus 500 to North/South and 9 IMPs to Norway, now leading 20-1.

On the next deal, Romanski/Kowalski had a signalling misunderstanding, denying Rune Maese the chance for a 'Declarer Play of the Year' contender.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>R Maese</i>	<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>H Maese</i>	<i>Romanski</i>
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Kowalski's third-chair three diamonds was rather on the conservative side since a couple of aces opposite could have put him on a trump finesse for game. Nevertheless, he jockeyed the Maeses into the vastly-inferior four-spade game. Kowalski led the ace of diamonds, collecting the six, three and two. He shifted to the king of clubs, receiving the nine from Romanski. Since they play upside-down count

move, Lasocki was left undisturbed in four spades. A club ruff would have put paid to that contract, but North led the jack of diamonds to South's ace and South returned the nine of diamonds, trying to give North a ruff rather than trying to acquire his own. When the queen of clubs showed up singleton, Lasocki was doubly pleased, firstly to make his contract but secondly, to observe that the defence could have beaten him.

That meant plus 620 to Poland and 11 much-needed IMPs. The match score now stood at Norway 30 – Poland 18.

On Board 11, Norway made a non-vulnerable three notrump that could have been beaten while Poland rested in partscore - 6 IMPs to Norway, 36-18. Board 12 provided an overtrick to Poland in a routine four spades, 36-19. An overtrick in three clubs on Board 13 went the other way, 37-19. Board 14 was a partscore in a Moysian two spades, made by Norway at one table and defeated at the other. That was another 4 IMPs Norway's way, leading 41-19 with two boards to play.



Rune Brenderford Andersen, Norway

Board 15 continued the string of dullness with another partscore, halved at plus 140. Still 41-19.

On Board 16, Rune Maese opened a (14)15-17 one notrump with 3=2=3=6, effectively keeping his opponents from bidding a very fortunate spade game which saw king-jack-two of diamonds (not with the notrumper) in front of ace-queen to four and the ace-queen doubleton of hearts in front of the king when dummy had jack-third. That meant only plus 200 to Poland. At the other table, Lasocki opened the bidding with one club and the opponents were in game in two bids. That was plus 450 to Norway and a further 6 IMPs.

The final score of Norway 47 – Poland 19 was slightly flattering to Norway, but they were uninterested in such trivia.

Long Or Short?

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The record entry of 26 nations for the Seniors meant they began one match before the Open or Women. So there were at most 26 people who faced this opening lead problem that occurred on Board 4.

Right hand opponent, in second seat at game all, opens 3NT showing a solid minor and little outside. All Pass. What do you lead from:

♠ A Q 7 6 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ 5 2

Those who led the ace of spades regretted it for this was the full lay out:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

N	E
W	S

The king of spades was declarer's ninth trick and it was too late to set up diamonds for the defence.

I tested a theory with Geir Helgemo. "We are taught to lead an ace against this auction but what if you have two? Which should you lead? Dummy has passed - often thinking it has possible stops in three suits. In the suit where you have length (and strength) dummy is more likely to be short and therefore have a high card, but where you are short it may have length and expect a stop without a high card. So is there a case when you have two aces for leading from the shorter suit?"

Helgemo nodded but gave a diplomatic reply "There is a case for each of spades, hearts and diamonds, but a diamond lead would be a disaster when that was what declarer thought was his solid suit!"

The records showed only one player had led the ace of hearts. This was Mihaly Kovacs of Hungary, partnering the legendary Miklos Dumbovich. Your intrepid reporter sought him out to ask the reason.

"We always lead an ace to have a look at dummy, and I thought dummy was more likely to have the king of spades than the king of hearts." Once dummy came down the diamond switch was clearcut.

Well done Kovacs, who had spotted the theory instinctively, particularly as his long suit held both the ace and queen, increasing the chance that dummy's expected stop was the king.

The Humble Zlatan of Bridge

By Christina Lund Madsen

Interview with Peter Bertheau, Sweden Open

Peter Bertheau was on everybody's lips after he showed his way to 7th at the World Championships in Lille in 2012, leading his team to the World Championship title Sweden had been longing for. He once described himself as the Zlatan of bridge and



although his talents as a striker and self-confident air bears some resemblance to his even more famous countryman, Bertheau possesses a humbleness rooted in his curiosity in others and deep love for the game.

We are sitting outside a restaurant in picturesque Opatija with the sea and mountains as our main audience. It is just before the beginning of the first match of the European Championships and Peter is like a horse about to enter the race course, yet patiently answering my questions.

How do you see Sweden's chances at this championship?

He pauses. "We definitely have the potential to win the whole thing. We can win and we can miss qualifying after the first week. It is so random because the amount of boards makes it such a short tournament and everybody is so good, so if you lose a couple of matches you are out. We would be satisfied making it into the top 6. It is always nice to be on the podium, but third or sixth doesn't really matter. We are aiming for gold."

What is your opinion about the format of this event?

"I prefer the format we had before with a full round robin, but I know it is very hard to keep it with so many teams. My opinion is the more you play, the tougher it is, the better the event."

Like Zlatan, Peter is not reluctant to utter his opinion.

How do you find the decision of reducing the amount of boards from 20 to 16?

"I think it is a terrible, terrible decision. Really poor decision. For me it increases the randomness.

It used to be the toughest event in the world. Now it becomes more like a holiday tournament."

His partner Per-Ola Cullin arrives at our table as I ask the following question:

Your team did not qualify from Dublin in 2012 but won the World Championships in Lille 6 weeks after. What is your explanation for that?

Bertheau is smiling. "It is quite easy. We didn't play in Dublin." (Both laughing) "The fact is that we were selected for both tournaments, but we both have small kids and family and also played the American nationals, so we decided to play only the World Bridge Games.

I now ask the ignorant question: Are you happy with that choice?

He just looks at me confidently and replies: "If we had played the European Championships we would have won it already," followed by a laugh, Per-Ola telling me "You cannot write that".

What did it mean to you personally winning in Lille?

He is thinking for a while. "We have been close so many times, second in the Rosenblum, the Europeans, lost a Bermuda Bowl semifinal. It meant more than I realised. It is a nice feeling to finally be the winner. It was more relief than happiness. Sad to say."

We send Per-Ola away so I can ask about their partnership. Three years ago Fredrik Nyström and Peter played together and Johan Upmark with Per-Ola. Then they switched partners, which has turned out to be very successful for both pairs.

You changed partnerships some years ago. How did you see that then and now?

"In the situation we did it I was a little ... It was a lot of work to get where Fredrik and I were. We played for 13 years. But there is something with Per-Ola that me and Fredrik didn't have."

What is he like as a bridge player?

"His highest level is very, very high. He can be very strong. As a card player he is top class. Some tournaments he is amazing. Sometimes he needs to warm up. It is because he doesn't play as much as the rest of us. His weakness is the bidding. Sometimes he invents something and expects me to understand it though I have no clue. Then we have to discuss and agree on something. I didn't have those discussions with Fredrik because we played for so many years. We had better harmony, but I don't know why."

"I personally think that my game has evolved playing with Per-Ola. When I played with Fredrik it was like... He was so insanely aggressive, and you cannot both be so aggressive in a partnership, then it becomes too difficult. In some way I feel more free to do what I feel is right."

Describe Per-Ola as a person.

"I need to think about how to phrase it. I think he is the

most intelligent person in the whole tournament. When you think about what he has accomplished. He is 35 years old, he is a bridge world champion and he is a judge. He is such a bloody good guy that... But he has become a bit less social during the past years. So have I. I am not as social as I used to be. Before I had kids I was almost afraid of being by myself. Now it is almost the opposite. When I come to a tournament I just want to be by myself, go to the room. Watch a movie. When you go to tournaments in the beginning you don't know anyone. Now you know everybody. It is not as exciting talking to the same persons every time."

As the clock is ticking towards game time his tension increases. His hands play with a sugar bag during our conversation.

Do you ever get nervous?

"No." The words fall without any hesitation.

Did you use to be?

"Yes. When I played chess when I was younger I got really nervous. Playing bridge not so much. You learn to control it I guess. If you play the biggest and toughest events in the world all the time you get used to situation. The worst situation is when you are up by 40 with 16 boards to go. I feel disgust rather than nervous. You know they will try to hunt you down, take weird actions."

His captain passes by and asks how the Zlatan of Bridge is doing. I ask them who gave him that nickname. Obviously himself, a lack of modesty that Zlatan himself would surely support.

Do you think you resemble Zlatan?

"No," he replies, waiving me off. "I look up to Zlatan, I think he is a bloody cool guy. When he enters the room there is no doubt who is the star. Everybody has respect for him. Even the most important politicians in Sweden treat him like royalty. He is my idol. He used to be such a punk, you know. He has bad sides as well, but I really like him."

They don't resemble each other physically either. Where Zlatan has a pointy nose and sharp features, Bertheau has soft curves all around. A look that matches his gentle nature.

How would you describe yourself in three words as a person?

"Kind. Ironic. Fat." He laughs.

The Italian open team walks by and he throws the sugar bag after them. Not to be provocative, rather as a greeting. He looks at me and asks. "What do you think they talk about?"

Throughout our conversation he often asks me what I think, though he is the main topic. It makes him very easy

to talk to and difficult not to answer. He displays a genuine interest in other people that makes him highly popular and serves as a contrast to his self-confident air.

Also when we talk about bridge, which is uncommon for a bridge star. Many top players have a huge ego and usually stand firmly on their opinion.

"When it comes to bridge I am definitely curious. I always think everybody knows something I don't know. I think it is one of the reasons I learned bridge so quickly. When it comes to bridge talk I prefer to listen rather than speak myself."

What would you have been if not a bridge player?

"Running a youth club. Or teacher of the youngest classes. I love kids. Kids are... The best thing I know is to hang out with my kids. I am also a football coach. It is the best thing I know."

Which is your best memory?

"Of my life? Probably when I had my daughter. Incredibly intense feeling. Surreal. She came one month early, we were quite young, 26. We didn't plan to have a child, but were like ok, here we go. We were not mentally prepared to be parents."

Would you rather have waited?

"No, I am so happy. It is great that the time with small children is over. My daughter is 12 now. A teenager. And my son is 9. Now we can do things together. But of course some years disappeared where we could have done other things."

Which is your worst memory?

"I am very lucky so far. I don't have any traumatic memories. My grandfather was a person I cared a lot for. To see him fade away was very hard. He was also a top bridge player although he never taught me bridge. It is a shame he didn't live to see our successes. When we won in Lille I thought that he should have lived to see that."

Short about Peter Bertheau:

Married to Kathrine Bertheau, originally from Norway. They met as juniors and she moved to Sweden and is also in Opatija representing the Swedish women's team.

Together they have a son and a daughter, aged 9 and 12. He studied one year of math at university and worked one year as a computer programmer until dedicating his life to bridge.

Professional bridge player and World Champion in Lille 2012.

A much better dancer than you would guess him to be.

For the video of the interview:



Open Round I

By Ron Tacchi



France v. Iceland



In the opening round of the Open Teams in Group A, France faced Iceland. In the open room the father and son pairing of Thomas and Michel Bessis were pitted against Sigurbjorn Haraldsson and Jon Baldursson, whilst in the closed room Magnus Magnusson and Throstur Ingimarsson competed against Frederic Volcker and Alain Levy. This match was interesting to me for two reasons: firstly I play most of my bridge in France and so I am cognisant of the standard bidding system employed in France which forms the basis of both French pairs' system card. Secondly I have been having discussions about the relative merits of a strong no-trump five-card major system. So the results on these deals could prove ammunition for either of the parties involved in the discussions.

The very first board produced a swing.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Michel Bessis, France

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South made no forward move to slam, perhaps realising that his red honours were not going to be full value opposite his partner's hand being black-suited. East cashed the diamond ace and declarer peacefully made eleven tricks to record +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Ingimarsson</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
1♣ 2+♣, balanced hand outside NT range or clubs			
1♦ transfer to hearts			

Here South was more forceful and pressed on to the slam. Which way would the swing go? East led the ♥3. Declarer went into the tank and eventually played low, West took his king and returned a diamond for an immediate one-trick defeat -50 and 10 IMPs to France

In the Open series the hand was played in the slam twenty one times and was made fifteen losing only six times. Of course some declarers had an easier ride, especially those declaring from the South hand. Personally if any of my students had led a small heart I would have been up with the ace in a flash and put my faith in establishing the clubs and correctly guessing the diamonds without realising that the deal is an awful lot more complicated than that. If you take the time to investigate the various possible ways of playing the hand against all reasonable distributions by using Deep Finesse you will find that it is important that either the ♣109 or the ♥K is doubleton.

Should the finesse succeed, then you need very little else for the slam to come home. It is easy sitting here viewing all four hands to be dismissive of a play, but it was self-evident that the declarer gave a great deal of thought as to the correct plan to make his contract.

Board 2 was a flat game and Board 3 was an overtrick IMP in a part-score to the French, then came:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

My mother instilled in me as a young child that ‘if you could not say something nice then say nothing’, thus I shall not comment on North’s bid. When the dust settled, and there was a lot of dust, it was 1100 to Iceland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Ingimarsson</i>
Pass	2♥*	2NT	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass
2♥	Weak 2♠ or GF in hearts		
3♦	Transfer		

South led his singleton ♠K and East recorded an easy eleven tricks for 10 IMPs to Iceland.

Board 5 was amusing that in both rooms the opponents doubled a game bid and misdefended to give declarer an overtrick.

Board 6 was a flat 4♠+2. For the French camp, dummy discovered a 4-4 spade fit with 14 points opposite an opening strong NT but made no effort, whilst the Icelanders had a more informative auction but still subsided at the four-level. The slam was not a particularly good one (though excellent according to Hamman), needing a 3-3 club break with some other chances.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Bessis T.</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Bessis M.</i>
Pass	1♣	Dble	Pass
All Pass			3NT

After North had opened his balanced 11-count South ignored East’s double and bludgeoned his way into 3NT, taking a rosy view of his club fit.

West led the ♦4 (attitude) to East’s queen. Now unless East can find a heart switch then South will make his contract. Unfortunately for Iceland East switched to a spade and the hand was over. Sometimes it seems that to do the right thing is just too hard.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Ingimarsson</i>
Pass	Pass	INT	Pass
			All Pass

When North could not summon up a bid on his motley collection East opened a strong NT and bought the contract. South started with a small club and the contract peacefully drifted two off for 9 IMPs to France, who were now leading 23-10.

Board 8 gave an overtrick IMP to Iceland. Then came a torrent of IMPs to France, 52 unanswered IMPs in five boards.



Jon Baldursson, Iceland

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Bessis T.	Haraldsson	Bessis M.
	3♥	3♠	5♥
6♠	All Pass		

Someone said North had pre-empted on a pile of rubbish, I would postulate that it does not even amount to a small pile, but the effect was devastating. South's 'advance sacrifice' gave West the belief that he was being talked out of a slam and so he promptly bid it. Unfortunately the defence cashed the first three tricks, +200 to France.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Magnusson	Volcker	Ingimarsson
	Pass	1♠	Dble
Rdbl*	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
Rdbl 11+ points			



Sigurbjorn Haraldsson, Iceland

Without the barrage E/W had no problem in remaining at the four-level and the contract was made easily enough for 13 IMPs to France.

This was followed by a confidence sapping bombshell.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Bessis T.	Haraldsson	Bessis M.
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♠	Pass	3♠
4♣	4♦	4♥	4♠
5♣	Dble	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

West showed that his opening bid was really based on a club suit by continuing to the five-level, doubled by North. That player would have had to have found a diamond lead to beat the contract but in this case 'father knows best' and removed to 5♠. East led the ♣8, won by West with the jack and switched to ♥7, East contributing the 3. Declarer now played a low diamond towards the queen which was taken by West, who attempted to cash the ♥K – much to his chagrin as North now wrapped up the contract. West knew he had to cash out but it seems that East/West either had a signalling error or there was genuine confusion as the BBO commentators conjectured that East would have to lead the 8 from both 98 and 986.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Magnusson	Volcker	Ingimarsson
		Pass	Pass
2♣*	2♠	Pass	4♠
5♣	All Pass		
2♣	Semi GF or GF in hearts		

North had to lead a diamond but naturally enough cashed his ♥A and played a small spade to put his partner in to give him a heart ruff. This was an excellent strategy but no one had told West that this was the plot as he cruelly ruffed the spade and claimed plus one and a huge 15 IMPs to France, who now led 41-11.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ Q 6				
	♥ Q 10 4				
	♦ A 9 3				
	♣ A K Q 6 4				
♠ K J 9 7	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 10 8 4
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♦ 10	♦ Q 7 6 5				
♣ J 7 3	♣ 8 2				
	♠ 5 3 2				
	♥ 7 2				
	♦ K J 8 4 2				
	♣ 10 9 5				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Bessis T.	Haraldsson	Bessis M.
			Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Dble	Rdlb	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

South had obviously read the Bols Tip about responding (I expect the editor will put a comment in here) and West joined the fun with a light double. North showed his strength with a Redouble and East showed his values with jump to 2♠, eventually South bid 3♣ in response to his partner's double and West thought he had done enough with his original double and so East/West sold out.

After a trump lead declarer was not too thoroughly tested. At trick two he lead an unblocking nine of diamonds and finessed, pinning the ten. He then drew trumps and cashed four more diamond tricks making the contract +1.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Magnusson	Volcker	Ingimarsson
			Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
2♣*	Dble*	3♠	All Pass

- 1♠ Transfer to NT
- 2♣ Majors
- Dble Clubs

This time East/West competed to the three-level and made their contract in some ease for another seven IMPs.

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NBOs with poor economy can have used EBL playing cards for free at the book stall on the 1st floor.

Used cards are also sold at low prices.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ J				
	♥ K 8 7 4 3				
	♦ Q 3				
	♣ A K J 7 2				
♠ Q 9 7	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 6 5 4 3 2
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♦ 10 7 6 4	♦ A K J 9				
♣ Q 10 8 5	♣ 3				
	♠ A K 10				
	♥ Q J 5 2				
	♦ 8 5 2				
	♣ 9 6 4				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Bessis T.	Haraldsson	Bessis M.
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2NT four-card raise 10-11 points

East cashed the ace and king of diamonds before switching to a spade but declarer drove out the trump ace and finessed against the ♣Q for his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Magnusson	Volcker	Ingimarsson
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♠*
Dble	5♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

It was not made clear as the exact meaning of South's first bid though without intervention it is game-forcing with a four-card fit. Whatever it was or supposed to be North got over excited and they ended a level too high. East/West cashed the first three tricks to record another 12 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Bessis T.	Haraldsson	Bessis M.
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣	2♥	Dble	Redbl
2♣	All Pass		
Precision: 6♣ or 5♣ and 4M			

A part-score battle and obviously with the way the wind was blowing it would be icy for Iceland. It is noteworthy to look at North's hand and compare it with the heart preempt earlier and then this time not even a weak two squeak, presumably because it was too strong. When East's precision-style 2♣ bid was overcalled by a passed hand he re-entered the fray showing his other black suit with a double. South showed confidence and general strength with a redouble and West retreated to the club suit. The defence started with two rounds of hearts, the second being ruffed by declarer, who tried to encourage an error from the defence by repeatedly leading diamonds but they played with straight and true bat and came to their five tricks for one off and +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Levy	Magnusson	Volcker	Ingimarsson
All Pass	2♦*	Dble	4♥
2♦	Weak two in hearts or GF		

North plucked the weak two arrow from his quiver but to no avail. Maybe he was hoping that East/West would overextend themselves in 4♠ or that there might be a play for game South bid the heart game. Yet again the defence took the contract off with the first tricks, in this case four of them. Five Imps to France and a lead of 71-11.

The final three boards were flat, so that became the final score. This translated into 20 VPs to France and thus after the first round of the Open Series Group A they were leaders.

You can replay all the deals from this match at:
[BBO OI France Iceland](#)

Budapest 2016

Yesterday representatives from Hungary made a presentation to the EBL Executive regarding their candidacy for the 2016 European Team Championships.

There are two possible venues and later this year a delegation from the EBL will carry out a formal inspection.

If all goes according to plan it is anticipated that a contract will be signed during the 2014 Champions Cup later this year.

Championship Diary

Here are the links to the matches that appeared in yesterday's Bulletin:

[France v Croatia](#)
[Germany v Belgium](#)
[Denmark v Ireland](#)
[Italy v Netherlands](#)
[Denmark v Poland](#)

The official website: www.eurobridge.org contains a wealth of information, including Results, running scores and the Bulletins, Videos from the Championships, Photographs from the Championships, the EBL Facebook page, the Schedule of play, Systems for all teams, the draw for all teams

Civic Reception

Yesterday **Ivo Dujmić** Mayor of the City of Opatija hosted a civic reception for the EBL Executive. In his speech of welcome the Mayor revealed how hard everyone had worked in the months leading up to the Championships and thanked the EBL for having chosen Opatija.

This year Opatija celebrates its 170th year of tourism and the town is enjoying a record number of visitors.

Stressing how important the Championships are for the town the Mayor thanked **Goran Grguric** for his outstanding efforts in organising this event.

Replying on behalf of the EBL The President, **Yves Aubry** thanked the Mayor for his welcome and his involvement in bridge related matters over the preceding ten years. He said that Goran Grguric had already organised several events before but this year this is something extra special, a major championship with 85 teams. He referred to the honour bestowed on the Championships by the presence of the President of the Republic of Croatia, **Ivo Josipović** at the Opening Ceremony and observed how happy the players were to be in Opatija.

Thanking the Mayor and the President for their kind words, Goran Grguric noted that in November, Opatija will host the 7th FISU World University Bridge Championships and in July 2016 the 3rd European Universities Games will be staged in Zagreb and Rijeka, observing that it was great honour for Bridge to be recognised by EUSA.

Round 2 Open Group B

By Ram Soffer



Poland v Netherlands



Both Poland and Netherlands are among the favourites to qualify for the 2015 Bermuda Bowl. They were drawn against each other in Round 2 of Group B, each team having won its first round match comprehensively.

The first major swing occurred as early as the first deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A J 6		
	♥ 8 4 2		
	♦ 9 7 6		
	♣ J 10 5 2		
♠ Q 10 9	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ 8 5	
♥ A K J 10 6		♥ 9 5	
♦ A 5 4		♦ K J 10 3 2	
♣ A 8		♣ Q 9 6 3	
	♠ K 7 4 3 2		
	♥ Q 7 3		
	♦ Q 8		
	♣ K 7 4		

West	North	East	South
Kalita	De Wijs	Nowosadzki	Muller
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West showed too strong a hand for a 2♥ overcall, and East raised a game. The ♣J lead, despite developing a trick for the defense, made it easy for Kalita. It was covered all around and declarer immediately played back a club. North continued the suit, West discarding a spade. The fall of South's ♣7 meant that after a successful trump finesse declarer didn't need the diamond finesse any more, since dummy's ♣6 was available for a discard. When the ♦Q fell, he claimed 12 tricks.

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Here 4♥ was reached after a similar bidding sequence, but Balicki led a trump, which extracted his partner's ♥Q at trick 1. Verhees drew trumps, but he was no longer able to ruff a spade, and the fate of the contract depended on the diamond guess. Actually it was not a guess since finessing against South might have meant no parking place for the club loser. Upon winning a trick with his ♦Q South

switched to a spade, setting the contract.

However, it was careless play by declarer to rely solely on the diamond finesse. After capturing the ♥Q at trick 1, he should have played a small diamond to the ♦J, giving up a trick while there is still a trump in dummy to counter a spade switch. In this case declarer has 10 sure tricks even if the finesse fails, unless diamonds are 4-1. By the way, this play was found by Lotan Fisher in the Israel-Italy match.

The Dutch fought back and soon gained 7 IMPs due to a more accurate defense against a doubled contract:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

		♠ 9 5 3	
		♥ K Q 7 3 2	
		♦ J 10 8 6 2	
		♣ —	
♠ Q 8 4 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A K 7 6	
♥ J 8 6 5		♥ A 10 4	
♦ Q		♦ A K	
♣ A 8 3 2		♣ Q J 10 9	
		♠ J 10	
		♥ 9	
		♦ 9 7 5 4 3	
		♣ K 7 6 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Kalita	De Wijs	Nowosadzki	Muller
	Pass	5♦	2NT
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

The Dutch pair's weak 2NT opening for the minors was perfectly suited for this hand and vulnerability. Not only did E/W have no chance to exchange information, North's bid of 5♦ didn't reveal much about his hand, which proved to be advantageous in the play. Nowosadzki started by cashing his ♦AK, which was followed by the ♠AK. At this point he was uncertain about the location of the ♠Q, so he cashed the ♥A as well, and that was the end of the defence – minus 500.

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dble	2♠
Pass	3♦	Dble	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

At this table Van Prooijen knew that declarer had a heart suit, and he defended more cleverly. After leading the ♦K in order to see dummy, he switched to the ♣Q. Declarer could ruff only three losing clubs in dummy. In addition, forcing him to ruff clubs in his hand denied him the chance to develop and cash a long heart, so Balicki was limited to seven tricks: six ruffs and one heart – minus 800.

In the following deal both teams showed impeccable bidding judgment and the par contract was reached at both tables – a push board.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kalita	De Wijs	Nowosadzki	Muller
1♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The bidding up to 4♠ was routine (E/W play a natural system). Muller did well to compete to 5♥. At this point Kalita's pass was forcing, and Nowosadzki judged well to double despite his lack of defensive values. 5♠ would have failed, provided that South finds an early diamond switch which would have been easy after seeing dummy's clubs.

As the location of the ♦A was obvious from the bidding, De Wijs went just one down in 5♥ doubled for -200.

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
1♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
Dble	All Pass		



Cezary Balicki, Poland

The Dutch pair use a canapé system, so the spade fit was found immediately and the bidding was shorter. Despite his strong hand, the poor trumps persuaded Verhees to double 5♥, and he was right. In fact, 5♠ by West would have been tougher to beat with declarer's long clubs unmentioned, but then Balicki-Zmudzinski don't commit too many defensive errors.

The next big swing for Poland on Board 7 was due to systemic reasons. The Polish pair sitting N/S play two suited weak two openings, unavailable to their Dutch counterparts. South's 5-5 2♠ opening bid silenced E/W, while at the other table South didn't open and E/W reached an easy 3NT.

The next three boards featured one small swing to the Dutch, when a poor lead by Nowosadzki allowed a 3♠ contract to make, but then came an opportunity for a big swing either way:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kalita	De Wijs	Nowosadzki	Muller
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

De Wijs/Muller play a strong club system. The 1♠ response shows 4+ hearts and 9+ HCP, perhaps with a longer minor, denying 4 spades. South's subsequent bids were relays. Upon learning of the misfit he decided to stop in 3NT, since his partner could have as few as 9 points. N/S +460.

West	North	East	South
Verhees Jr	Balicki	Van Prooijen	Zmudzinski
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			6♠

Zmudzinski/Balicki more natural Polish Club approach

helped them reach a good slam and play it from the right side. North's 2♦ response was game-forcing, and South's subsequent bidding showed a 19+ hand with good spades. North's 5♠ asked his partner whether his spades were really that good, and Zmudzinski thought that a suit headed by the AKQJ was good enough. Unfortunately, East was holding a guarded ♠10. Eventually he gained the lead and switched to clubs for down two.

A very unlucky board for Poland, after which their lead was cut to 24-21.

The following deal appeared to be a routine push, but both declarers did very well to avoid a trap into which many other declarers fell.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Playing a natural system, opening 2NT with the East hand is a practical solution, otherwise the bidding may have rested in 1♦ with game makeable. 3♣ was puppet stayman, and 4♥ was played from the right side.

At the other table, E/W strong club system allowed them to reach the same contract more comfortably.

In both tables South led a trump, and the two declarers followed a similar line: ruffing two clubs in dummy and finessing diamonds early. Upon the fall of North's ♦J10 dummy's ♦9 became high and declarer had 10 tricks.

So where is the trap? Several good declarers were tempted to discard an apparent diamond loser early on the ♣K. However, attempting to ruff spades and set up the West hand is doomed to failure, since East's high hearts are needed in order to draw trumps. Those who discarded a diamond could not enjoy their ♦9 later for a 10th trick.

The right line is to make East the master hand, ruffing two

clubs and then hoping for something good to happen in diamonds – either a successful finesse, a 3-3 break or the actual layout.

In the next board Balicki/Zmudzinski once again outbid their Dutch counterparts, and this time luck was on their side as well.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North had a major decision to make at his second turn. Were his diamonds worth mentioning at the four-level? De Wijs preferred to defend against a spade contract, but beating an undoubled 4♠ by two tricks failed to compensate for a missed game.

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦



Ricco Van Prooijen, The Netherlands

Balicki/Zmudzinski are well armed against a strong club opening, being able to show all 5-4 two-suit combinations. 1♠ showed either the blacks or the reds with 8-15 HCP. North's 2NT indicated a good fit for both options and 4♦ invited to game. Being maximum for his range, Zmudzinski accepted and when both missing aces were found, as expected, in the East hand, the contract was made with an important 9 IMP swing for Poland.

Despite many interesting bids and plays so far, the best was saved for last. A superb defense by Balicki in the penultimate board netted the final big swing for Poland.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A 3 ♥ 10 9 8 6 ♦ Q J 7 2 ♣ Q 7 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J 7 2 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ A 10 9 8 6 ♣ K 2	♠ K Q 9 8 5 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ K 4 ♣ A 10 4
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ 10 6 ♥ A J 5 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ J 9 8 5 3.					

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Muller</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Muller led the ♣3. Nowosadzki guessed correctly to play small from dummy, and his ♣A captured North's ♣K. He drew trumps, led the ♦K and claimed.

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhees Jr</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	4♠	Dble
			All Pass

North's light 3rd seat opening in spite of the vulnerability persuaded Zmudzinski to lead the ♦3 (low from small doubleton). Imagine holding the North cards. Wouldn't you have tried to give partner a ruff? Balicki knew better. Perhaps he reckoned that his partner would have refrained from a negative double holding a weak hand and a singleton in his suit. He ducked trick 1, killing declarer's hopes of making the contract. Trumps had to be drawn before establishing diamonds, and dummy was left with no entry. Eventually North won a trick with his ♣K and played a heart. Had the ♦A been played at trick 1, East can draw two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and then discard losers with South unable to ruff.

Despite the unlucky slam on board 11, Poland won the match 45-21, earning 15.74 out of the maximum 20 VP.

You can replay all the deals from this match [here](#).

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Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President

BBO Statistics

Here are the BBO viewing figures for day 1 of the Championships

Segment	Teams	Kibsm	Kibsm	Kibsav
BBO1(S)	France-Croatia	18	560	340
BBO1(O)	Ireland-Russia	35	414	294
BBO1(O)	Poland-Netherlands	23	1646	1106
BBO2(S)	Italy-Netherlands	27	1447	774
BBO2(O)	France-Iceland	6	1170	823
BBO2(O)	Israel-Italy	1	3009	1952
BBO3(S)	Poland-Norway	28	1360	690
BBO3(O)	Denmark-Poland	14	2699	1949
BBO3(W)	Italy-Norway	35	548	391
BBO4(S)	Denmark-Ireland	4	396	243
BBO4(W)	Poland-Germany	1	341	196
BBO4(W)	England-Sweden	21	535	367
BBO5(S)	Germany-Belgium	3	157	101
BBO5(O)	Spain-Croatia	9	157	99
BBO5(O)	Croatia-Slovenia	7	84	50

Cherchez la Femme

Simon Cochemé provides some advice on how to handle a perennial problem:

It is your first European Championships. You are on BBO. The world is watching. You (South) and dummy hold the following:

♥ A J 8 7

♦ K 10 6 5

How do you find the queen? Of course you remember the saying 'Eight ever, nine never', and you plan to take a finesse rather than play for the drop. The only decision is whether to play East or West for the queen?

The great Eddie Kantar says 'Hungry players finesse toward the kitchen, romantic players finesse toward the bedroom and practical players finesse toward the bathroom', but I don't think he is being serious. Fortunately I have lots of other useful bits of advice to help you.

You could invoke Bentley's Law: cashing a top honour and finessing through the person you like less; that way you won't feel so bad if the finesse loses. This strategy is the least harmful to your emotional well-being.

Alternatively, you could follow the Norwegian rule and play for the defender with the longer nose to hold the queen. I got this independently from two Norwegians, one a world champion, so it is definitely worth considering.

Some think it is best to play for the queen to be sitting over the jack, but that is an old rubber bridge adage followed by old rubber bridge addicts, and it doesn't apply in duplicate. In rubber bridge the cards are played together in the middle of the table and the queen might well have been put on top of the jack. Imperfect shuffling means there is a good chance that it is still there the next time cards are dealt.

In India they have a saying that the queen and the nine of a suit will be in the same hand, so you should wait until the ♥9 appears and play for that hand to hold the queen. As a statement of statistical fact it is dubious. As a strategy it is unlikely to work, especially against someone who knows it to be a favourite superstition of yours. If you were to start by playing small towards dummy, then you would feel obliged to take an immediate finesse if West played the ♥9, and he will be happy to false-card with ♥ 9-x, ♥ 9-x-x or ♥ 9-x-x-x.

Here is one I found on the internet. Have a look at the eyes of the king of the suit in question and play for him to be looking at the queen. The ♥K, ♦K and ♣K all look to their right (your left); the ♠K looks to his left. In this example, with hearts as the key suit, you should play West for the missing queen.



But don't just rely on what I say about who looks where; you will have to double check when you play bridge abroad. The dastardly French kings all look the opposite way; no doubt something to do with Napoleon insisting that the French shouldn't do anything the same way as the English – they drive on the right, for example, they use kilometres instead of miles, and they don't have small side-plates on which to put their bread.

Barry Crane was a top American bridge player (and also a TV producer and director of programmes like *Mission Impossible* and *Hawaii Five-0*). He had a rule which said that the queen would be sitting over the jack in a minor suit, and under the jack in a major suit. He would have played West for the queen.

One third of the Belgians I polled said he always played for the queen to be on his left. 'And if it isn't,' he told me, 'I am sitting in the wrong seat.'

So, which of those seven strategies should you adopt to locate the missing ♥Q? My advice is to ignore the Indian saying (there won't be many Indians playing in Opatija) and pick one of the others – and remember its origins. That way, if the finesse fails, you will be able to recover some kudos by saying something like 'I thought I'd try the Norwegian method.' or 'Sorry, Crane's Rule didn't work this time.'

This article first appeared in English Bridge.

Simon would like to know about any sayings and superstitions from your country. Please contact him via the Press Room.

RESULTS

WOMEN

Women R3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	POLAND ROMANIA	36	26	12.80	7.20
22	NORWAY RUSSIA	44	11	17.17	2.83
23	NETHERL. SCOTLAND	41	21	15.00	5.00
24	LEBANON SERBIA	34	31	10.91	9.09
25	ITALY SPAIN	31	36	8.52	11.48
26	ISRAEL SWEDEN	64	19	18.66	1.34
27	IRELAND TURKEY	45	55	7.20	12.80
28	GREECE AUSTRIA	33	28	11.48	8.52
29	GERMANY BULGARIA	31	21	12.80	7.20
30	FRANCE CROATIA	46	32	13.75	6.25
31	ESTONIA DENMARK	23	58	2.55	17.45
32	ENGLAND BYE			12.00	

Women R4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	CROATIA DENMARK	7	42	2.23	17.77
22	BULGARIA ENGLAND	12	48	2.41	17.59
23	AUSTRIA ESTONIA	13	36	4.44	15.56
24	TURKEY FRANCE	3	62	0.07	19.93
25	SWEDEN GERMANY	34	41	7.97	12.03
26	SPAIN GREECE	59	5	19.52	0.48
27	SERBIA IRELAND	19	39	5.00	15.00
28	SCOTLAND ISRAEL	7	49	1.67	18.33
29	RUSSIA ITALY	20	55	2.55	17.45
30	ROMANIA LEBANON	48	18	16.73	3.27
31	POLAND NETHERLANDS	10	63	0.57	19.43
32	NORWAY BYE			12.00	

Women R5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	ITALY LEBANON	75	11	20.00	0.00
22	ISRAEL NETHERLANDS	22	51	3.42	16.58
23	IRELAND NORWAY	32	37	8.52	11.48
24	GREECE POLAND	34	15	14.80	5.20
25	GERMANY ROMANIA	16	38	4.62	15.38
26	FRANCE RUSSIA	40	19	15.19	4.81
27	ESTONIA SCOTLAND	20	27	7.97	12.03
28	ENGLAND SERBIA	54	1	19.43	0.57
29	DENMARK SPAIN	27	36	7.45	12.55
30	CROATIA SWEDEN	12	43	3.12	16.88
31	BULGARIA TURKEY	16	38	4.62	15.38
32	AUSTRIA BYE			12.00	

SENIORS

Seniors R4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	SCOTLAND ENGLAND	33	69	2.41	17.59
2	HUNGARY BELGIUM	39	30	12.55	7.45
3	NORWAY AUSTRIA	38	17	15.19	4.81
4	POLAND ESTONIA	79	22	19.77	0.23
5	FRANCE SWEDEN	43	8	17.45	2.55
6	BULGARIA IRELAND	40	30	12.80	7.20
7	TURKEY ISRAEL	35	37	9.39	10.61
8	GERMANY SLOVENIA	27	20	12.03	7.97
9	SPAIN ITALY	41	21	15.00	5.00
10	CROATIA DENMARK	18	47	3.42	16.58
11	NETHERL. PORTUGAL	13	14	9.69	10.31
12	WALES SERBIA	43	25	14.60	5.40
13	FINLAND ROMANIA	29	32	9.09	10.91

Seniors R5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	ENGLAND POLAND	15	43	3.58	16.42
2	HUNGARY NORWAY	40	19	15.19	4.81
3	SCOTLAND FRANCE	19	43	4.26	15.74
4	BELGIUM BULGARIA	37	58	4.81	15.19
5	SPAIN DENMARK	24	11	13.52	6.48
6	GERMANY ISRAEL	36	33	10.91	9.09
7	TURKEY IRELAND	15	35	5.00	15.00
8	AUSTRIA SLOVENIA	66	9	19.77	0.23
9	SWEDEN WALES	46	4	18.33	1.67
10	ESTONIA PORTUGAL	23	31	7.71	12.29
11	NETHERL. CROATIA	76	19	19.77	0.23
12	ITALY ROMANIA	50	30	15.00	5.00
13	FINLAND SERBIA	32	14	14.60	5.40

Seniors R6

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	HUNGARY POLAND	5	33	3.58	16.42
2	ENGLAND FRANCE	22	7	13.97	6.03
3	BULGARIA NORWAY	26	24	10.61	9.39
4	AUSTRIA SCOTLAND	42	11	16.88	3.12
5	SPAIN SWEDEN	26	63	2.28	17.72
6	BELGIUM IRELAND	34	59	4.08	15.92
7	GERMANY NETHERLANDS	4	29	4.08	15.92
8	ISRAEL DENMARK	43	34	12.55	7.45
9	TURKEY PORTUGAL	40	23	14.39	5.61
10	ITALY ESTONIA	37	11	16.09	3.91
11	FINLAND SLOVENIA	40	14	16.09	3.91
12	WALES ROMANIA	12	30	5.40	14.60
13	CROATIA SERBIA	38	26	13.28	6.72

RESULTS

OPEN

Open A R3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	AUSTRIA FINLAND	59	19	18.09	1.91
2	GREECE SPAIN	60	28	17.03	2.97
3	PORTUGAL CROATIA	26	64	2.15	17.85
4	IRELAND SLOVAKIA	56	13	18.44	1.56
5	ESTONIA SCOTLAND	52	29	15.56	4.44
6	FRANCE MONACO	14	29	6.03	13.97
7	NORWAY GERMANY	31	29	10.61	9.39
8	ICELAND RUSSIA	60	19	18.21	1.79
9	SWEDEN SLOVENIA	58	12	18.77	1.23

Open B R3

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	POLAND ISRAEL	27	43	5.82	14.18
12	BULGARIA ENGLAND	31	28	10.91	9.09
13	NETHERL. TURKEY	16	25	7.45	12.55
14	ITALY DENMARK	28	27	10.31	9.69
15	FAROE ISL. LATVIA	49	48	10.31	9.69
16	SERBIA SWITZERLAND	43	25	14.60	5.40
17	LITHUANIA HUNGARY	20	47	3.74	16.26
18	ROMANIA WALES	64	1	20.00	0.00
19	BELGIUM BOSNIA. H.	37	25	13.28	6.72

Open A R4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	PORTUGAL GREECE	16	74	0.15	19.85
2	IRELAND AUSTRIA	11	31	5.00	15.00
3	ESTONIA FINLAND	30	41	6.96	13.04
4	FRANCE SPAIN	44	27	14.39	5.61
5	NORWAY CROATIA	52	26	16.09	3.91
6	ICELAND SLOVAKIA	69	10	19.93	0.07
7	SWEDEN SCOTLAND	18	25	7.97	12.03
8	RUSSIA MONACO	31	24	12.03	7.97
9	SLOVENIA GERMANY	11	55	1.45	18.55

Open B R4

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	SWITZERL. HUNGARY	42	29	13.52	6.48
12	LATVIA WALES	42	60	5.40	14.60
13	DENMARK BELGIUM	48	21	16.26	3.74
14	TURKEY ROMANIA	40	10	16.73	3.27
15	ENGLAND LITHUANIA	76	7	20.00	0.00
16	ISRAEL SERBIA	78	13	20.00	0.00
17	POLAND FAROE ISL.	37	48	6.96	13.04
18	BULGARIA ITALY	43	22	15.19	4.81
19	BOSNIA. H. NETHERL.	32	41	7.45	12.55

Open A R5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	ICELAND NORWAY	18	27	7.45	12.55
2	SWEDEN FRANCE	10	48	2.15	17.85
3	RUSSIA ESTONIA	28	28	10.00	10.00
4	GERMANY IRELAND	20	30	7.20	12.80
5	MONACO PORTUGAL	36	17	14.80	5.20
6	SCOTLAND GREECE	15	17	9.39	10.61
7	SLOVAKIA AUSTRIA	34	30	11.20	8.80
8	CROATIA FINLAND	32	33	9.69	10.31
9	SPAIN SLOVENIA	65	25	18.09	1.91

Open B R5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
11	WALES BELGIUM	37	35	10.61	9.39
12	HUNGARY ROMANIA	22	23	9.69	10.31
13	SWITZERL. LITHUANIA	43	30	13.52	6.48
14	LATVIA SERBIA	20	36	5.82	14.18
15	DENMARK FAROE ISL.	43	30	13.52	6.48
16	TURKEY ITALY	16	37	4.81	15.19
17	ENGLAND NETHERLANDS	21	40	5.20	14.80
18	ISRAEL BULGARIA	28	15	13.52	6.48
19	POLAND BOSNIA H.	54	28	16.09	3.91

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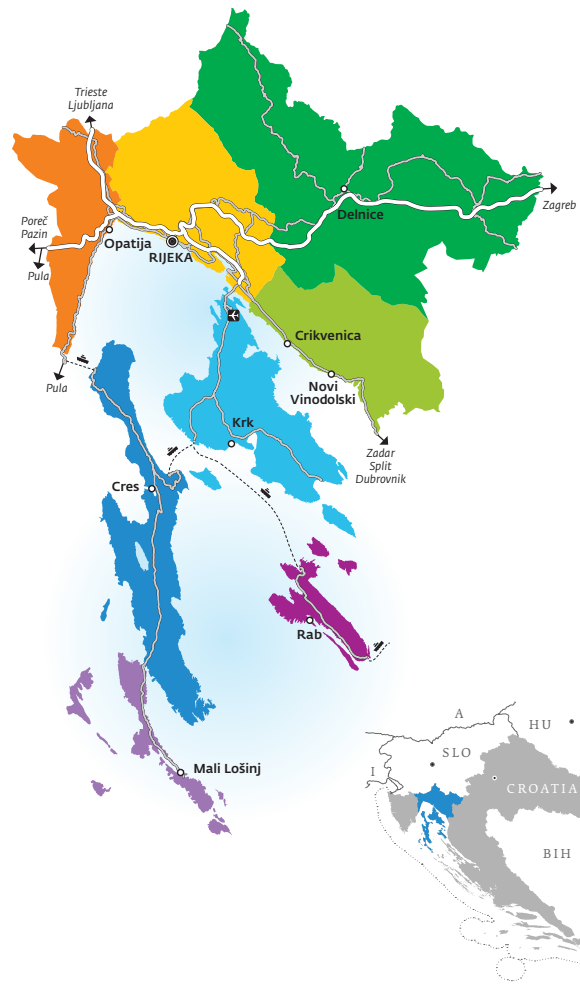
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Diversity is beautiful

Kvarner is a tourist region that encompasses three different areas: the coastal strips of Opatija, Rijeka, Crikvenica and Novi Vinodolski; the islands of Krk, Rab, Cres and Lošinj; and the mountainous hinterland of Gorski kotar.

In the language of the ancient Romans, who are believed to have given this region its name, the word Qua(te)rnarius means "four cardinal points", which implies that Kvarner is a place where these four points meet. Apart from offering the fantastic combination of an excellent geographical position and a mild Mediterranean climate, Kvarner is also an area that for centuries has been a meeting point of various cultures and influences, and which is today a modern, attractive tourist destination.

Discover why!



Today find out more about:

Rijeka area (Riječko područje)



1 The vibrant centre of the Kvarner region with a rich industrial history, the city of Rijeka invites its visitors to discover a wide range of entertainment and cultural events. Rijeka is a port distinguished by its non-conventional spirit, distinctive rock scene and the biggest carnival in the region. The surrounding locations and walking paths in the hinterland invite you to enjoy the great outdoors with a view of the wonderful natural scenery of Rijeka Bay.

Things to see :

2 It is no accident that Rijeka Carnival, known locally as the "fifth season", has been listed among the 500 most important events in Europe. With its slogan "Be what you want to be", Rijeka Carnival guarantees great fun to participants and spectators alike.

Things to do:

- 3 Visit the Trsat area, which has the oldest Marian shrine in Croatia and Trsat Castle.
- ▶ Walk in the town centre and along the Molo Longo pier and Korzo promenade, and make sure you visit Rijeka's famous market place and fish market.
- ▶ Do not miss the chance to have a look at the sky from Croatia's first astronomy centre, which includes an observatory and planetarium.



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