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LAST TANGO IN OPATIJA

Late Night Extra

The action packed final edition of the Daily Bulletin will only be available online, sometime between 22.00 and 02.00.

The Queens of Hospitality:
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A thrilling day is in store for us as we approach the climax of the European Team Championships. In the Open Series **Germany, Monaco, England, Poland & Israel** have distanced themselves from **Denmark & Bulgaria**.

England's lead in the Women's Championship has shrunk to .29 VP but it is **Netherlands** who now occupy second place. These two, together with **Italy** and **France**, will compete for the title and the other medals, while **Poland, Turkey, Romania, Denmark & Sweden** will vie for the other two qualification spots.

The **Open and Women Prize-Giving** and **Closing Ceremony** will be held today at 21.00 on the first floor of the Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta, opposite the Camelia Hotel, v.Cara Emina 6 (near the Opatija Harbour).



Shuttle Buses

Everyone who did not pay for arrival shuttles should come to Branka to the Hospitality to settle it.

All persons leaving on shuttles organized by Croatian Federation should come and check it with Branka Grgurić.



Calling all Members of Staff

Please come to the Registration Desk (on the first floor) this evening at 20.15 for a farewell drink with the President.



BBO SCHEDULE

10.30

Germany v Israel (O)	BBO 1*
England v Italy (O)	BBO 2
Denmark v Monaco (O)	BBO 3
England v Italy (W)	BBO 4
Bulgaria v France (O)	BBO 5

14.30

The five matches will be announced later

17.20

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*BBO 1 = VuGraph

OPEN

○ Final 7 (24) 10.30

1	IRELAND	POLAND
2	NETHERLANDS	ESTONIA
3	CROATIA	TURKEY
4	DENMARK	MONACO
5	GERMANY	ISRAEL
6	ENGLAND	NORWAY
7	SWEDEN	ROMANIA
8	BULGARIA	FRANCE
9	RUSSIA	ITALY

○ Final 8 (25) 14.30

1	RUSSIA	ISRAEL
2	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
3	FRANCE	DENMARK
4	BULGARIA	CROATIA
5	IRELAND	ROMANIA
6	ITALY	ESTONIA
7	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS
8	POLAND	MONACO
9	GERMANY	TURKEY

○ Final 9 (26) 17.20

1	CROATIA	NETHERLANDS
2	TURKEY	IRELAND
3	ESTONIA	POLAND
4	ISRAEL	NORWAY
5	MONACO	ENGLAND
6	DENMARK	GERMANY
7	RUSSIA	BULGARIA
8	ITALY	SWEDEN
9	FRANCE	ROMANIA

Ranking

Open after F6 (23)

TEAM	VP
1 GERMANY	186.79
2 MONACO	182.24
3 ENGLAND	182.01
4 POLAND	173.16
5 ISRAEL	172.26
6 DENMARK	158.50
7 BULGARIA	158.11
8 FRANCE	148.04
9 NORWAY	143.56
10 SWEDEN	140.39
11 ROMANIA	138.77
12 RUSSIA	133.44
13 NETHERLANDS	132.01
14 TURKEY	131.52
15 ITALY	130.57
16 IRELAND	126.38
17 ESTONIA	125.62
18 CROATIA	98.63

DEALING MACHINES

The Duplimates used here are sold out, but you can pre-order the new Duplimate machines to be used at the World Championships for EUR 1.999,- plus EUR 40,- for shipping within the EU.

Please see the Jannersten book stall on the 1st floor for more information.

WOMEN

W 22 10.30

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

W 23 14.30

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

After Round 21

TEAM	VP
1 ENGLAND	278.74
2 NETHERLANDS	278.45
3 ITALY	266.54
4 FRANCE	261.27
5 POLAND	249.46
6 TURKEY	239.54
7 ROMANIA	239.09
8 DENMARK	236.04
9 SWEDEN	231.40
10 RUSSIA	222.58
11 GERMANY	209.79
12 ISRAEL	202.73
13 IRELAND	201.17
14 SPAIN	199.47
15 NORWAY	198.48
16 SCOTLAND	186.58
17 ESTONIA	183.41
18 BULGARIA	180.63
19 AUSTRIA	179.98
20 GREECE	175.47
21 CROATIA	173.01
22 SERBIA	152.90
23 LEBANON	121.92

GRATIS CARDS

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.



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.



The EBL Press Conference

EBL President Yves Aubry introduced the other three at the top table:

David Harris, EBL Treasurer until the end of the championship, Goran Grguric of Croatia, replacing the Croatian President who was playing in the Open, and Patrick Jourdain, IBPA President; to the 26 journalists present.

David Jackson enquired about the EBL election procedure. If a Federation had more than one vote why could it not have more than one delegate present, and why did candidates have to be physically present to be eligible for the Executive vote? Harris explained that the Federation's delegate was given the number of ballot papers to which the Federation was entitled and had to be trusted to vote as the Federation wished. Tactics such as



Mr. Aubry summarised items that came up at the EBL Meeting and then invited questions.

Jan van Cleeff of the Netherlands asked why the Butler rankings had not been published when known. David Harris answered that this was a decision of the Championship Committee not the EBL. The figures were available to the captains, who preferred them to be private until the end of a tournament phase. It was acknowledged that the journalists and some players were keen to know them. Some had been published on the website but none so far in the Bulletin. That was the Editor's decision to make.

Simon Cochemé of England asked who was responsible for the sexist captions in the EBL videos such as 'Beautiful Girls' or 'Lovely Sandra'. He suggested the caption-writer should stick to facts rather than his own opinions. The video cameraman, Simon Fellus, revealed he was the one responsible for the captions.

Marshall Lewis of Croatia enquired about assistance for small Federations in going to Tromsø for the 2015 Transnational Championships. He thought several would decide to send national pairs or teams in preparation for the Teams' event in 2016. Both Aubry and Knut Brinchmann, Chief Executive of the Norwegian Bridge Federation, reported they were aware of this need. Aubry was hoping for some assistance with flight costs, and some hotel prices already agreed were no more expensive than Opatija. Brinchmann explained that, though food and drink was expensive, flights from Oslo to Tromsø were cheap: 120 Euro for a round trip provided you booked early enough. There would be student accommodation available for those on a limited budget, and some sponsorship help was being sought.

not voting for 12 people were up to the delegate to judge. The EBL was to review whether some votes should be public and also whether force majeure could be declared where a candidate had good reason not to be able to be present.

Patrick Jourdain, Daily Telegraph, enquired about drug testing for the players in Opatija, and whether there were any changes to the performance-enhancing list which for bridge had previously been empty. Mr. Aubry replied that everything to do with drug-testing was under the control of the WBF, who could require tests to be carried out at EBL events. They had not made such a requirement for Opatija but were expected to have tests in Sanya. The WBF was seeking to have a Mindsport list of performance-enhancing drugs notified as prohibited for use by players.

Van Cleeff expressed surprise that the EBL Executive had only one member from the two largest Federations, France and the Netherlands, who made up almost half the EBL's reported membership. Were Federations restricted to one candidate? Mr. Aubry replied there was no such restriction in the Constitution.

Mr. Jourdain enquired about the matter raised at the General Meeting about the counting of membership of Federations. Mr. Aubry said this was a problem the EBL Executive had to grasp. When a Federation discovered it had to pay extra for more members some mysteriously declared membership had dropped dramatically. It could not be left entirely to each Federation to choose to declare the membership figures that suited its purposes. However, one could realise this was a very difficult subject.

The Conference closed at 11.50 a.m. and the President invited the journalists to join him for a drink at the bar near Hospitality.



The Croatian Corner



"A sad adio"

U trenutku pisanja posljednjeg članka Hrvatskog kutka naša open reprezentacija hrabro gine u finalu europskog prvenstva s nikakvim šansama za plasman dalje, stoga iz pijeteta prema žrtvama nećemo vaditi bordove iz finala.

No, francuskoj smo open reprezentaciji ostali dužni jedan veliki swing, s obzirom da smo im žensku i seniorsku već odradili, red je da prođemo kroz jedan jednostavan teoretski bord koji ilustrira manjke jednog sistema u odnosu na drugi u zadanoj situaciji.

Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Marinovski</i>		<i>Zoric</i>
2♦	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West je otvorio svoj weak-2 u hercu s 2 karo i našao se u problemima. Partner mu je očekivao pikove pa je licitirao negativno za pika, a pozitivno za herca, no to je dozvolilo Zoriću da prijavi svoju prvu boju s 3 karo. Marinovski, koji nije imao dovoljno za ubaciti se u licitaciju odmah na otvor, na račun trećeg kralja u karonu i pratnera koji se javio u drugoj manši hrabro skače u 4 pik sugerirajući slabu ruku s puno pikova i karo fitom. East sa svojim balansom i dva štihova nije želio čačkati 500 po petom nivou pa je pasirao i ponadao se da će srušiti. Na njegovu žalost, partner donio samo jedan štih pa se kontrakt bez previše muke napravio na tref ataku.

4♠ N, =, NS +620

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Refi</i>		<i>Borevkovic</i>	
2♥	Pass	4♥	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Refi je otvoriši prirodni weak-2 u hercu postavio svoj par u puno bolju poziciju nego što je to Francuzima uspjelo. Borevković je odmah znao da mu partner ima herčeve i bio je u mogućnosti staviti pritisak na protivnike koji se vrlo brzo isplatio. Na 4 herc South nema puno opcija. Kontra djeluje suicidalno s dubl pikom, a nakon normalnih 4NT kojima je pokazao minore, partner mu je završio kao odigravač kontrakta 5 karo. Istih 10 štihova kao i na 4 pik, samo ovaj put je to značilo jedan pad.

5♦ N, -1, EW +100

Ovim bordom objavljujemo Hrvatski kutak iz biltena, nadam se da ste uživali u simpatičnim zaradama hrvatskih timova koje smo podijelili s vama, gubitke ćemo dijeliti neki drugi put, čestitke open reprezentaciji na plasmanu u finale, te ženskoj i seniorskoj ekipi na borbi.

Sve Francuze smo odradili, dakle nismo nikom ništa dužni, pa možemo zapjevati jedan "A sad adio" za kraj.

Vidimo se u Puli!

Tomislav Šćepanović



Open Teams Round 16

By Ram Soffer



Turkey v Denmark



Turkey and Denmark met in the penultimate round of Group B. Both teams were already sure of qualification for the next stage, but there was everything to play for because the scores between the qualifying teams are carried over in full. Besides, a good result in this match could have helped the Danes to go top of their group.

It turned out to be a low-scoring match. The only significant swing (6 IMPs) not due to overtricks in the first ten boards was a 4♥ contract bid by Denmark with 24 combined HCP, going down one due to a 4-1 trump break, while Turkey stopped in 2♥ at the other table.

Nevertheless, some of these pushes were quite interesting:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West Askgaard	North Kandemir	East Konow	South Kolata
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♣
2♦	3♣	All Pass	1♠

West Molva	North D. Bilde	East Köksoy	South M. Bilde
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Dble	1♠
2♦	3♣	All Pass	Pass

East's choice of bid in the first round was different, but both E/W pairs eventually competed to 2♦, and at both tables North bid 3♣ with only three-card support. The play was identical at both tables: trump lead, spade taken by the ♠K and two more rounds of trump, leaving declarer two tricks short of the target. Good bridge all around.

Just for the record, John Holland, as West for England in the Seniors match against Sweden, led his partner's suit, diamonds. Declarer started on the right tack when he won and ducked a heart. Hallberg won to cash a diamond then shift to a spade, letting Holland win and, after a little trance, exit with the ♥Q. Declarer fell for the trap. He won, ruffed a spade in dummy, a diamond in hand, and a second spade in dummy, on which Holland discarded his last heart. All that remained was for Holland to duck the ♣K, locking the lead in dummy to force declarer to lead a heart and promote a trump for the defence!

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West Askgaard	North Kandemir	East Konow	South Kolata
3♣	4♠	5♦	All Pass



Murat Molva, Turkey

West <i>Molva</i>	North <i>D. Bilde</i>	East <i>Köksoy</i>	South <i>M. Bilde</i>
2♥ 5♦	4♠ All Pass	Dble	Pass

The value of a pre-emptive raise to the four-level was apparent when (despite the different approaches by the players in the West seat), both E/W pairs failed to bid the laydown slam. The problem was that West couldn't know that East was so strong, while East wasn't aware of the six-six distribution. Both Easts took the safe route and settled for a game contract, but it was an easy +620 at both tables.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 5 ♥ K J 10 8 6 3 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A K J 8	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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 K Q 9 7 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 8 ♣ 10 7 4 3
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West <i>Askgaard</i>	North <i>Kandemir</i>	East <i>Konow</i>	South <i>Kolata</i>
2♠ All Pass	3♥	1♠ Pass	4♥

West <i>Molva</i>	North <i>D. Bilde</i>	East <i>Köksoy</i>	South <i>M. Bilde</i>
INT Pass	2♥ 4♥	1♠ Pass All Pass	Pass 3♥

Both N/S pairs reached the heart game which was missed at some tables. It was easier after Askgaard's natural 2♠ response and the three-level overcall by Kandemir. At the other table Molva used a forcing INT and South didn't forget to raise his partner's overcall to the three-level.

Once again the play and defense were identical, with both teams performing extremely well. East led the ♠A. Konow knew from the bidding that a second spade wasn't going to cash, and Köksoy could deduce it from his partner's count signal. Both found the excellent switch to the ♦K. Then a diamond was played to the ace, and West continued with a third diamond. North had to guess the location of the ♥Q, and both declarers were up to the task, ruffing with the ♥K and finessing against East.

There were four more pushes in the final six boards, but two other boards produced swings, which lifted Turkey to a 26-4 victory and 15.38 VPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 9 4 ♥ J 10 9 6 4 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ Q 7	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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		♠ Q J 10 5 ♥ 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ J 8 6 5 4 2
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West <i>Askgaard</i>	North <i>Kandemir</i>	East <i>Konow</i>	South <i>Kolata</i>
1♠ Pass Pass	Dble 4NT 5♦	4♠ Pass All Pass	1♦ Dble 5♣

Another case of a four-level pre-emptive raise, but this time the Turkish pair landed in the right contract. The spade lead chosen by Askgaard was not particularly testing. East dropped a helpful ♠Q under the ace, revealing his spade holding to the declarer. West was a clear favourite to hold the ♦K in view of his overcall, so Kolata played ♦A, small diamond to the Q, and the rest was easy; Turkey +400.


West <i>Molva</i>	North <i>D. Bilde</i>	East <i>Köksoy</i>	South <i>M. Bilde</i>
2♦ Pass Pass All Pass	Dble 3♦ 4♦	2♠ Pass Pass	1♦ Dble 3♥ 5♦

Most expert pairs use the Michaels cuebid with 5-5 (or longer) majors, but Molva/Köksoy allow also 5-4. This time East didn't pre-empt. N/S didn't fall into the 3NT trap and reached 5♦. Unfortunately 4♥ was out of the question after West showed both majors.

Molva found the challenging ♣A lead, followed by a heart. At this stage declarer knew that West's distribution was 5-4-3-1 and that there was ruffing danger in both defender's hands. He had to guess who held the ♦K, and this time the bidding didn't supply any significant clue. Morten Bilde decided to enter dummy with the ♠A and run the ♦Q. When this failed he was down two on a defensive crossruff. However, his line was logical and would have won had the ♦J and ♦K been exchanged; Denmark -50.



Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Kandemir	Konow	Kolata

3♥	All Pass		
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West	North	East	South
Molva	D. Bilde	Köksoy	M. Bilde

2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

The significant difference here was the level of West's preempt.

Askgaard's 'one more' approach of bidding 3♥ made sense due to the pure hand and the favourable vulnerability, but it got his side too high, since the N/S hands didn't justify any further action. Optimal defense might have resulted in down three, but the Turkish pair allowed Askgaard to ruff a diamond; Turkey +100.

By the way, quite a few N/S pairs overbid to 3NT, but only one of them made this contract. Declarer can duck the ♥10 lead and then duck a club, preventing the defense from developing five quick tricks, but even then it's not possible to develop nine tricks without defensive help.

Turkey scored +100 at the other table as well, where Molva bid only 2♥. Here South had enough to reopen with a double, and passing 2♥ doubled looked too risky from North's perspective. 2NT by North was makeable, but most pairs don't play this bid as natural. At the table Dennis Bilde chose an inelegant bid of 3♣, and Köksoy was happy with three certain trump tricks. Molva led his singleton spade and got his ruff to put the contract down one.

You can replay all the deals from this match at:


[BBO Turkey v Denmark](#)

Grand Slam on a Finesse?

By Murat Molva

This is the famous hand from Round 13 of the Open series, played between Turkey and the Faroe Islands.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West, the dealer, hesitates for a moment and passes! My partner, Köksoy (North), opens One Spade and I bid a game-forcing Two Clubs. Now West comes in with Five Diamonds.

Wondering why West had passed in the first place, I push the tray to the other side of the screen. Perhaps West had a four-card major side suit? The tray comes back: Köksoy had bid Six Hearts and East bid Seven Diamonds. What am I supposed to do?

Do I want partner to proceed? If I make a forcing pass now, does that show first-round diamond control (which I do not have)? Or do I promise something good in the majors (which I do have)?

I choose to pass and soon the tray comes back with the Seven Hearts bid from Köksoy that I convert to Seven Spades as the final contract. While waiting for the lead, my screenmate flashes the heart ace to me on our side of the screen. Then why did he not double for a lead? He was probably afraid that a double would ask for a club lead and he would get his heart ace anyway, right?

East led a trump and Köksoy soon claimed his contract with six trump tricks and seven club tricks. To his horror, West notices that a club lead would also have beaten the grand. Since Six Spades was bid at the other table Turkey gains 13 IMPs from this exciting board.



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Seniors Final A Round 8

By Brian Senior



England v Sweden



With two rounds to go in the Senior Championship, England had a useful lead over second-placed Sweden and would have felt that a draw against their closest rivals would put them very close to winning the title. A big win would, of course, be even better, but to win was more important to the Swedes.

The English E/W pair overbid to a very thin 3NT on the first board of the match and were down one, while Sweden stopped safely in partscore for 5 IMPs. England got on the scoresheet with an overtrick IMP on Board 2, then on Board 3 the Swedish N/S freely bid to the three level, while their English counterparts stopped a level lower. There were only eight tricks to be had, so England gained 4 IMPs to draw level at 5-5 IMPs. Both E/Ws were two down in a poor game on Board 4, and Sweden gained an overtrick IMP in a spade partial on Board 5 to retake the lead, but the match had not really caught fire yet – very much to England’s benefit. England again drew level on Board 6, where the N/S pairs both declared 5♦ and the Swedish declarer failed to take a winning finesse so missed the overtrick. Finally, on Board 7, the lay-out offered potential for a significant swing:

Both Souths opened 1♠, both Wests overcalled to show hearts and a minor, and both Norths made a pre-emptive raise to 4♠. Two Swedes sat East, that being Gunnar Hallberg’s country of birth, and they both bid 4NT, asking for the minor. Bjorn Wenneberg passed the 5♦ response while Hallberg looked at his three aces and good trump support and raised to the small slam – partner had, after all, forced to the three level by cuebidding 2♠ and was vulnerable.

Both declarers made twelve tricks in double-quick time, just losing to the king of hearts. That meant +620 to Sweden but +1370 and 13 IMPs to England, who led by 19-6.

Two more quiet boards saw Sweden gain one overtrick IMP, then came more good news for England.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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♠ AJ762 ♥ K105 ♦ J9 ♣ QJ3												

West	North	East	South
<i>Sellden</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Wenneberg</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
2♠	4♠	4NT	1♠
5♦	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Bjerregard</i>
2♠	4♠	4NT	1♠
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J63 ♥ 74 ♦ AJ75 ♣ 9652	<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		♠ AKQ97 ♥ Q9 ♦ K8 ♣ 10743	♠ 5 ♥ KJ10863 ♦ Q3 ♣ AKJ8
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W		E										
	S											
			♠ 10842 ♥ A52 ♦ 109642 ♣ Q									

West	North	East	South
<i>Sellden</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Wenneberg</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
Pass	2♥	INT	Pass
3♠	4♣	2♠	3♥
All Pass		Pass	4♥

West	North	East	South
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Bjerregard</i>
Pass	2♥	INT	Pass
		All Pass	

I have some sympathy with Wenneberg, I really do. I can well imagine that I would have been tempted to introduce my strong five-card spade suit when my RHO overcalled 2♥. However, the 2♠ bid worked out very badly, as it gave Colin Simpson a reason to bid, where Sven-Ake Bjerregard felt that he was too weak to do so when he could leave his partner to declare 2♥.

With three top losers in the side suits, making ten tricks in a heart contract depended on picking up hearts without loss and, after East’s INT opening, that was not a problem. Both declarers duly made ten tricks; +170 for Sweden,

+620 for England, and 10 IMPs to England. The lead was up to 29-7, and the English third pair, watching on vugraph, could taste the gold medal.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sellden	Price	Wenneberg	Simpson

1♠	Dble	4♠	Dble
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Holland	Morath	Hallberg	Bjerregard

1♠	Dble	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The different level of pre-emption on the East cards led to different problems for the opposing pairs and different options. Where Wenneberg's raise to 4♠ shut out North's heart suit, his opponents instead getting to the diamond game, Hallberg's more gentle raise to 3♠ left space for Anders Morath to bid 4♥ in response to the responsive double.

Sellden led the ace of clubs against 5♦, then switched to a spade. Simpson won the ace and ran the nine of diamonds to Sellden's king. He ruffed the spade return, led a diamond to the queen then back to the ace, and could unblock the hearts then cross to the queen of clubs to cash the remainder of the suit; +400.

Four Hearts was a little more difficult. Hallberg led the queen of spades. Morath won the ace and ruffed a spade then led a club towards his queen. Holland won the bare ace and returned a trump so Morath won and led a club, hoping to get to hand to take a second spade ruff. Holland won and returned another trump. Morath won and led the ten of clubs, ruffed and over-ruffed. Now he could not afford to take a diamond finesse as he had to get rid of the spade loser, so led a diamond to the ace, took his discard, and led a low diamond. Holland played low but Morath got it right, putting up the queen to make his contract; +420 for 1 IMP to Sweden, 8-29.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sellden	Price	Wenneberg	Simpson
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Holland	Morath	Hallberg	Bjerregard
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Wenneberg's Precision-style 2♣ opening slipped past Simpson, who was not interested in getting involved, vulnerable and facing a passed partner who could have been relied upon to open aggressively on any borderline hand. And, when Goran Sellden competed with 3♣, Simpson passed again. Three Clubs drifted two off for -100.

Hallberg did not have the option of a 2♣ opening and did what most of us would do in those circumstances, opening a level higher. Where Simpson had been unwilling to come in over 2♣, Bjerregard came in over 3♣, with a take-out double, and Morath jumped to 4♠.



Colin Simpson, England

Hallberg led the king of clubs, ducked, then intelligently switched to a heart, ducked to the king. He knew his partner had the $\heartsuit A$ but there was no hurry to take it. John Holland quickly put paid to the contract by leading ace and another diamond for Hallberg to ruff, and that was down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to England, stretching the lead to 34-8.

Sweden picked up an extra overtrick in 3NT on the next deal; 9-34. Then came another swing deal:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 9 \heartsuit 7 6 4 3 \diamondsuit 8 5 3 2 \clubsuit A 10 9 6</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	<p>\spadesuit 10 7 2 \heartsuit A 10 \diamondsuit K 10 9 \clubsuit Q J 7 4 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit J 8 6 5 4 \heartsuit K Q J 5 2 \diamondsuit J 7 \clubsuit K</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Sellden	Price	Wenneberg	Simpson
Dble	4 \diamond	1 \clubsuit	2 \diamond
Dble	All Pass	Pass	4 \heartsuit

West	North	East	South
Holland	Morath	Hallberg	Bjerregard
INT	Pass	Pass	1 \spadesuit
		3NT	All Pass

Hallberg passed as East and, after a 1 \spadesuit opening from Bjerregard, Holland soon found himself declaring 3NT. Morath led a heart and Holland ducked then won the next heart and found the intelligent shot of advancing the ten of spades off the dummy, running it when Bjerregard played low. The fall of the jack of diamonds meant that Holland had nine tricks for +400, though declarer took a long while before guessing that suit correctly; an extremely fine result for declarer.

Wenneberg opened the East 10-count and Simpson showed the majors with his 2 \diamond overcall. Price transferred to hearts, and Sellden doubled the final contract and led a trump. Wenneberg won the ace and returned his remaining heart. Simpson won and led a low spade, Sellden rising with a deceptive ace to play the three of clubs to the six, two and king. Simpson ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and ruffed another spade, cashed the ace of clubs for a diamond discard, and came to hand with a club ruff to give up a spade, making the last two tricks with a heart and a spade; down one for -100 but 7 IMPs to England.

Most of those IMPs went back to Sweden on the next board when Price/Simpson bid a silly 3NT, down two, while Morath/Bjerregard defended 3 \heartsuit for down one. Plus 200 and +50 meant 6 IMPs to the Swedes.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit Q 9 4 2 \heartsuit K J 10 9 5 \diamondsuit 10 \clubsuit 9 5 4</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	<p>\spadesuit A 3 \heartsuit Q 8 6 3 2 \diamondsuit A Q 9 6 5 \clubsuit 8</p>	<p>\spadesuit K 10 8 \heartsuit 7 4 \diamondsuit K 8 7 4 \clubsuit A K 10 2</p>
N						
W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
Sellden	Price	Wenneberg	Simpson
Pass	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Dble
INT	Pass	3 \diamond	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Holland	Morath	Hallberg	Bjerregard
Pass	Pass	1 \heartsuit	Dble
Rdbl	1 \spadesuit	2 \diamond	Pass
Pass	2 \spadesuit	3 \diamond	All Pass

Simpson cashed the ace of clubs then switched to the spade eight to king and ace. Wenneberg crossed to the ace of hearts and passed the club queen, discarding his spade loser. Simpson tried the king of spades but, as expected that was ruffed. The play record ends there, with declarer making his contract. The likely line would have been to ruff a heart, cash the jack of clubs and ruff a spade, then lead another heart. South might ruff to force the diamond jack from dummy, but would not be able to prevent ten tricks for +130.

At the other table, Bjerregard led the four of diamonds. Hallberg won cheaply and led his club up and Bjerregard went in with the king and returned the king of diamonds, temporarily sacrificing his trump trick. Hallberg could take only one heart ruff now, and eight tricks in all, after ruffing a club back to hand; -100 and 6 IMPs to Sweden.

It seemed that there had been some problem with the Price/Simpson explanations on Board 30 and the ruling was that 1 IMP was transferred from England to Sweden. This meant that England had won the match by 40-22 IMPs, 15.60-5.40 VPs. Over 19 VPs clear of second-placed Sweden, England were almost there with a match to spare!

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[BBO England v Sweden SF8](#)

Best and Worst

By Christina Lund Madsen

We have asked a number of the participants about the best and worst things about the 2014 European Championships.

What has been the best thing about these championships?

On the question of which is the best thing, everybody agrees it is the wonderful city of Opatija.

David Bakhshi, England: "The location is fabulous."

Dorthe Schaltz and Nadia Bekkouche, Denmark: "It is a cheap and very nice location. The sea and coastline are amazing."

Dino Rasic, Croatia: "The Austrians told me the next five championships should be held in Opatija. The food, the prices, the city of Opatija. Our president came here for the opening ceremony. I think we did a good job."

Polish Women's team: "The temperature in the playing area is good. The banquet for the players on one of the first evenings was great (except for the instructions on how to get there)."

It seems especially the players who are doing well in the event are very positive:

Krzysztof Jassem, Poland: "The city of Opatija. And I love the format of the Open event, the carry-over system is very good."

Roy Welland, Germany: "The scoring and posting of results is so much better than in the US. You can see all results on all boards and BBO from most matches of the final in the Open. The venue is great and the people here are so friendly. You feel they are happy you are here."

Ilaria Saccavini, Italy: "I have no negative comments. It is well organised. The time table and venue are good. I didn't notice if anything is wrong."

Then there are the players flirting with the interviewer:

Ben Green, England: "The journalists obviously."

Philippe Cronier, France: "The articles by Christina Lund Madsen. No, really. I read them every morning at breakfast. The high quality of the food. It is a really important part for us French."

And an Italian who has his eyes elsewhere:

Alfredo Versace, Italy: "The best part of these championships is that yesterday I saw the woman of my dreams."

What has been the worst thing about these championships?

On the negative sides there was one recurring theme:

Krzysztof Jassem, Poland: "I still wonder why there are only 16 boards a match."

Roy Welland, Germany: "I would prefer to have a full round robin instead. It is difficult to divide the teams into two groups. We play 16 boards and have a two-hour break and only play 48 boards a day. We could play 4 x 16 boards some days and have a full round robin instead."

David Bakhshi and Ben Green, England: "We agree with Peter Bertheau." (Who in an article in the bulletin said that the decrease in the number of boards from 20 to 16 makes the event seem more like a holiday than a bridge tournament.)

Also the format of the Senior's event has a rough time:

Philippe Cronier, France: "I was not so happy with the Senior's format. It was decided at the EBL seminar to only have seven days of play. I don't want to say the organisers didn't do their best, they did what they could. The mistake was made before by having only seven days of play. With a Round Robin you have time to overcome a bad start. The senior's event has grown big and beautiful. It is a shame."

Philippe Cronier is supported by Dorthe Schaltz, Denmark, who, despite playing in the Womens event has a firm opinion about the format in the Senior's (perhaps since she will become one herself in two years' time): "Having a Swiss is nonsense." Boom. "And the scoring area is too tiny in case of rain."

Her partner had a slightly different focus:

Nadia Bekkouche, Denmark: "There is not enough toilet paper in the women's restrooms."

Then there was a slip or two...

Polish Women's team: "Worst is the shuttle bus. Two times we have waited for one hour for the bus and had to find a different form of transportation. And the area in front of the screens is too crowded. And we want the banquet on the last day back!"

Speaking of transportation, the Russian women are famous for their long legs and high heels. However, after the first couple of days many of them disappointed their fans by changing their footwear:

Anna Gulevich, Russia (wearing flats): "Walking up and down the hills. But that is also a good thing since you become slim."

Senior Teams Final A Round 9

By John Carruthers



Sweden v Austria



With one match to play, England was in first place, 19.61VP ahead of second-place Sweden, so there was unlikely to be any drama regarding the gold medal. However, Austria and Poland were hot on Sweden's heels for the silver, and one of those three would finish out of the medals altogether.

The first board was routine in the Open Room:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Bamberger</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
1♣	11-13 balanced or any 17+ HCP		
2♣	8-12, natural, NF		

Johannes Bamberger led the queen of hearts and, when it held, continued with the jack. Sven-Åke Bjerregaard won that with his ace, ruffed a heart, discarded another on the ace of clubs and lost the other two obvious tricks to score up plus 420. However ...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Wenneberg</i>	<i>Grümm</i>	<i>Selldén</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♣	Strong		
1♥	2 controls		

Heinrich Berger was not as enamoured of making spades trumps as Bjerregaard had been. Göran Selldén led his fourth-highest heart and Hans-Richard Grümm ducked it to Björn Wenneberg's jack. North shifted to the nine of clubs, purportedly second-highest through declarer, giving Grümm a very awkward problem. Should he play the ace or the queen, and what should he discard from the dummy? He decided that he daren't risk the queen lest the defence force him to make two discards if it lost. Hence, he won the ace of clubs, squeezing the dummy in an unusual fashion: a diamond or spade discard seemed to be throwing away a potential ninth trick, so he decided to hope for a favourable spade position and discarded the heart seven.

When the spade finesse lost, North could effectively continue hearts, dooming the contract. Declarer lost three heart tricks and the other three big honours to end up two off for minus 100. That was a messy (from Austria's point of view) 11 IMPs to Sweden.

Declarer can never make 3NT after the heart lead but, on certain lines, the defence has to be careful to ensure the defeat of the contract.

On the following board, Bjerregaard and Anders Morath held the following cards at favourable vulnerability:

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Bamberger</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
		1♦*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		
1♦	4+ diamonds, 11-16 HCP, unbalanced, could contain longer clubs		
2♦	10+ HCP, 4+-card support, no 4M		
2♠	Singleton spade		

Both East and West might have taken a more aggressive stance. Both had a little more than they might have had and the cards, as they always seems to do when both partners have a little extra, behaved very well. At the other table, the Austrians got to game and both declarers made 11 tricks. That was 6 IMPs to Austria, now trailing 11-6.

On Board 3, Bjerregaard/Morath bid a thin-on-high-cards vulnerable Four Hearts that was destined to make. Franz Terraneo found a very good save in Four Spades, losing just 100 points. His teammates resolved that issue by stopping in Three Hearts, where they were allowed to play for plus 170, so Terraneo won just 2 IMPs for his enterprise. That made it 11-8 for Sweden.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	♠ 8 5 4	
	♥ K 7 5	
	♦ 5	
	♣ Q 9 7 6 4 2	

	N	
W		E
	S	

Terraneo and Bamberger had a bidding misunderstanding on an auction that revealed that they were not on firm ground with their fundamentals.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bjerregaard	Bamberger	Morath	Terraneo
Pass	1♣*	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
All Pass			
1♣ Strong			

Terraneo had a great hand for hearts on the auction, and Three Spades would have been more prudent than Four Diamonds. But, of course, he was loath to bid his fourth-round control. He believed that, with two suits, he'd not have bid Three Clubs at his second turn, but Two Spades instead, Three Clubs surely showing a one-suiter. Morath led the king of spades against Four Hearts. Bamberger let it hold and, with the contract beaten in his



Anders Morath, Sweden



Johannes Bamberger, Austria

own hand, East continued with spades just in case partner could ruff, allowing declarer a cheap trick. Bamberger perked up, but his hopes were dashed when Morath proved to have two trump tricks. That was plus 100 to Sweden.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berger	Wenneberg	Grümm	Selldén
Pass	1♣*	1♥*	Pass
2♦	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
1♣ Strong			
1♥ Spades			

Everything would depend on whether Wenneberg could bring home Four Hearts – it is certainly possible to go down in that contract.

Grümm also led the king of spades. Wenneberg won and started on diamonds, leading the ace and ruffing the second in dummy. He came back to the ace of clubs and ruffed another diamond, East discarding his remaining club. The king of hearts was followed by another club ruff. Poor Grümm was down to major-suit cards and whether he over-ruffed or not, he was due to be endplayed soon anyway. The jack of spades was declarer's tenth trick for plus 620 and 12 IMPs.

The score was now Sweden 23 – Austria 8.

Would there ever be a push? Well, yes, but even that was extraordinary. Bamberger/Terraneo made plus 130 in Four Clubs with a trump suit of ♣987642 opposite ♣3; they also needed four spade tricks from ♠AKQ9 opposite ♠105 or, failing that, a diamond finesse. Clubs were 3-3 and the jack of spades did not drop, but the diamond finesse was onside. Phew. In the other room, Wenneberg/Selldén declared Two Hearts, making three, for plus 140, with a trump suit of ♥J10864 opposite ♥A. What a wonderful game is bridge – the surprises are endless. Still 23-8 Sweden.

On Board 6, the Swedes declared INT at both tables. They made it when they weren't vulnerable, but went two off when they were vulnerable, so lost 3 IMPs to make it 23-11.

Board 7 provided an object lesson in ... well, something or other.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Bamberger</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

- 2♣ 11-16 HCP, 5+ clubs
- 2♦ Relay
- 3♠ 5 spades and 6+ clubs

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Wenneberg</i>	<i>Grümm</i>	<i>Selldén</i>
Pass	2♣*	All Pass	Pass
2♣	11-15 HCP, 6+ clubs or 5 clubs & 4X (14-15 if 4♦)		



Björn Wenneberg, Sweden

One might postulate that a system which allows a pass of an opening bid when there is a play for slam (Hanlon/McGann bid and made six clubs on a heart lead in the Open Teams by playing for trumps to split and leading a spade to the ten – the odds play in that suit) is deficient. It occasionally happens in natural systems but is not supposed to happen in Strong Club systems. Austria gained 10 IMPs to close the gap to 23-21.

On the next four boards, Sweden had small plusses in both rooms twice and achieved an extra undertrick against a partscore once, gaining a total of 11 IMPs to lead 34-21. Then, everyone lost their minds ... well, almost everyone ... well, at first the Wests did ...

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Bamberger</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	2♣
2♦	3♣	Pass	3NT
4♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

1♦ 11-16 HCP, 2+ diamonds, longer suit possible

If West was really intent on bidding over Three Notrump, perhaps Four Clubs might have been better to show his second suit (only in theory, perhaps not in practice). On the forcing defence, he managed his six trumps for minus 800 (not vulnerable, remember, so down four). That was a good result compared to what happened at the other table ...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Wenneberg</i>	<i>Grümm</i>	<i>Selldén</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♠	Pass	4♣
4NT	Pass	5♣	Dble
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 11-13(14) balanced HCP (but singleton ♦ possible); or 16+ unbalanced/17+ balanced

Here, West could have called double, INT or 2NT at his second turn. Instead, he bid Two Diamonds, then unilaterally bid 4NT over the Four Spade game that was destined to go down. Berger took the same six tricks as Bjerregaard and lost 7 IMPs for minus 1100. That seemed a small price to pay for that indiscretion. (I guess it is easy for me to say that...) Sweden led 41-21.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjerregaard</i>	<i>Bamberger</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Again, Bamberger and Terraneo were on shaky ground, this time about the meaning of 2NT. Vulnerable, the One Diamond opening seems questionable with no suit, no lead value and no cards. Almost the same could be said for Two Hearts – Double seems a much-superior bid. Morath was charmed to pass Two Hearts doubled, less so to double 2NT, but delighted when the defence was able to take four spade tricks, a heart and three diamonds for plus 800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Wenneberg</i>	<i>Grümm</i>	<i>Selldén</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	2♠	All Pass

This auction seemed tame in comparison. Berger made nine tricks for plus 140, a fair result, but a loss of 12 IMPs. Sweden now led 53-21 in a match that had been close two boards previously.

On the last three boards, Sweden won 4 IMPs (to Austria's 2) to run out easy winners, 57-23.

Thus England won gold and Sweden silver; Poland passed Austria to garner the bronze; the other two qualifiers for the d'Orsi Trophy were Norway and Bulgaria.

You can replay all the deals from this match at:

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Cherchez (or is it trouvez?) la femme

By Barry Rigal

My favorite defensive/declarer play problem presented itself in Round 10 of the Open and Women's qualifying. It was especially pleasant to discover (inter alios) two women had proved themselves far more adept on defence than their male counterparts on whom we were focusing on Vugraph.

Let's say you find yourself as declarer (deal rotated 180 degrees in the problem) in 3NT.

♠ K Q 7 ♥ A K 10 8 4 3 ♦ 5 ♣ K 4 2	♠ A 10 ♥ J ♦ K Q J 9 8 4 3 ♣ 10 8 5
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After an auction where your side has bid only the red suits, you receive the lead of the spade eight (second and fourth) you put up the queen and play on diamonds. West wins and shifts smoothly to the club queen. Should you cover or duck?

Faites vos jeux mesdames et messieurs.

The Irish declarer ducked, and a club was continued. The Austrian declarer covered with the king, and this lost to the ace. Back came a low club and declarer was faced with her second guess. She put in the eight, and this was the full layout:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 6 5 ♥ 9 7 6 5 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A J 6 3	<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	♠ 9 8 4 3 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ Q 9 7	♠ K Q 7 ♥ A K 10 8 4 3 ♦ 5 ♣ K 4 2
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The commentators believed that after the shift to the club queen declarer should cover (this loses by force only when East has eschewed a lead from ♣ Q J 9). When a club comes back declarer should perhaps employ a form of restricted choice – though it may be applicable only against top-class defenders. Playing the eight wins against an original holding of QJ7, but loses to H97 – whether that honour is the jack or queen. So the ten is the winning play both in theory and practice.

Open Teams Round 18

By David Bird



Monaco-Bulgaria



The nine-match final round robin opened with Monaco, the leaders, facing Bulgaria. For some action worthy of the esteemed bulletin readers, we had to wait until the fourth board:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gunev	Fantoni	Nanev	Nunes
INT	2♣*	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	

Fantoni's 2♣ showed the majors but not enough spade length for Nunes to bid 2♠ initially. Fantoni's subsequent double, showing extra shape and power, caused Nunes to re-evaluate. He jumped to 3♠ and was raised to game.



Rosen Gunev, Bulgaria

Three aces had to be lost, so all depended on picking up the trumps for one loser. The opening lead was... did you guess it? ... the ♠8!

South's bidding strongly suggested a trump lead, since he would hold only three trumps and be short in hearts. One possibility, perhaps the most likely, was that West held ♠A-10-8, in which case rising with the ♠K would work well. ♠A-8 could be ruled out, since ace and another trump would then become attractive. Playing the ♠J from dummy would succeed against ♠A-Q-8 and ♠Q-8 and this is the card that Nunes chose. He soon had +620 on his card and a metaphorical round of applause from the commentators and audience alike.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Stefanov	Helness	Mihov
INT	2♣*	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♦*	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	All Pass
2♣	Majors		
4♦	More majors		

This went three down for 300. How South must have wished that he had doubled the contract!

Fantoni showed excellent bidding judgement on this deal:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gunev	Fantoni	Nanev	Nunes
	2♥	Dble	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Fantoni's 2♥ opening showed 5+ hearts and 10-13 points. The opponents then bid to 4♠ over partner's raise to 4♥. It is not normal to take a second bid after a limited opening, but Fantoni held a sixth heart and knew that partner would be fairly short in spades. His 5♥ would have been a good sacrifice, as the cards lie, but the auction was

to turn even further in his favour. Gunev did not like to collect an inadequate non-vulnerable penalty and tried his luck in 6♦. The eventual 6♠ went two off for +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Stefanov	Helness	Mihov
	1♥	Dble	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

There was no such excitement at this table. Ten tricks were made and it was 13 IMPs to Monaco.

There was interesting bidding at both tables on this board:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gunev	Fantoni	Nanev	Nunes
		1♥	INT
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Fantoni's double of 3♥ was for take-out and Nunes felt that his overall strength and the moderate heart stopper were not enough to attempt 3NT. (As you see, a fourth-best lead of the ♥4 would block the suit and allow 3NT to be made.)

Fantoni did not like to pass 4♠ subsequently because his partner's 4♣ response to the earlier double had denied four spades. Nunes explained 4NT as 'choose a minor suit' but this does not seem to match Fantoni's subsequent decision to pull 5♣ to 5♦. The contract went two down doubled and that was +300 to Bulgaria.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Stefanov	Helness	Mihov
		1♥	Pass
2♥	Dble	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Mihov suggested 4♠ on his three-card suit and boldly stood his ground when doubled. Helgemo led the ♦9 to the jack and ace. A club to the king and ace was followed by the ♦K and a third round of diamonds, which Mihov ruffed with the ♠Q. Declarer continued with the ♠A and a spade to the ten. The ♠K brought happy news of a 3-3 break and that was +590 and 13 welcome IMPs to Bulgaria.



Claudio Nunes, Monaco

Board 31 is not worth showing in its entirety, but this was the spade suit with North on lead against West's 4♥ contract (at both tables):

	♠ 9 7 6 5 3	
♠ A Q		♠ J 10 3
	♠ K 8 4	

Fantoni (North) led the ♠7 and declarer called for the ♠J from dummy. Confident from the lead of a high spot-card that his partner could not hold the ♠Q in a five-card suit (it is the partnership's systemic lead from Q765), Nunes played low on this trick and the game was defeated.

At the other table Stefanov led the ♠5, dummy's ♠J again being played. Here South could not rule out that the lead was from the queen. He eventually rose with the ♠K and 4♥ was made when declarer could take a discard on the established ♠10. That was 10 IMPs for Monaco, who won the match by 42 IMPs to 23, 14.50-5.20 in VPs.

You can replay all the deals from this match at:

[BBO Monaco v Bulgaria](#)

Women Round 18

By Brian Senior



Netherlands v England

The Netherlands had led the Women's series for some days but just been overtaken in the previous round and, now lying third, they faced the new leaders, England, in what was a very big match for both teams.

England picked up an overtrick IMP on each of the first two deals in cold game contracts, then came something rather more substantial.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Smith	Wortel	Brock	Michielsen
			Pass
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
v Zwol	Senior	Arnolds	Dhondy
			Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

For England, Nicola Smith opened a potentially short club then showed a weak no trump type with diamonds, and that did not impress Sally Brock, who closed proceedings with 3NT. Marion Michielsen led the unbid suit, the eight of spades going to the two and ace. Brock cashed the clubs then played ace and another heart. As North had, by that time, been squeezed down to a singleton heart queen, the second round was won by Michielsen's nine. She had discarded a spade on the run of the clubs but now led her queen to Brock's king. Brock was able to make twelve tricks now via a double squeeze, as neither defender could

keep both their major-suit guard and four diamonds; +690. Wietske van Zwol opened in her longest suit and system required her to rebid diamonds over the game-forcing 2♣ response. Two Hearts showed five clubs and four hearts so, with nothing in the unbid suit, van Zwol gave preference to clubs. Carla Arnolds set trumps then showed her spade control and, with first-round control of the suit bypassed by her partner and a generally sound opener, van Zwol bid the small slam.

Heather Dhondy led the eight of spades to declarer's ace and Arnolds drew three rounds of trumps, Dhondy pitching a diamond, then led a heart off the dummy to the ten, jack and king. Dhondy played back the queen of spades so declarer won, cashed three top diamonds, discarding one spade and one heart, and was left with a second inescapable loser for down one and -100; 13 IMPs to England.

This is one of those annoying deals which you look at and feel that there should be some sort of a squeeze ending to bring home the twelfth trick, but nothing quite works unless the defence screws up. In simple terms, North keeps diamonds and South protects against the one-card menaces in the majors. Leading even one round of spades or diamonds early disrupts any chance for the double-squeeze. Without that, the communications are in place for the pressure.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Smith	Wortel	Brock	Michielsen
			1♠
Dble	1♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
v Zwol	Senior	Arnolds	Dhondy
			1♦
1♠	1♣	Pass	2♠
Dble	2♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass	3♦	Pass	

Both Norths opened with a short club. Michielsen's 1♠ was either balanced or diamonds so Meike Wortel could not safely compete with 2♦ on the North cards. When she passed, Michielsen simply jumped to 3NT, and played there. Smith led the queen of spades and Michielsen won immediately in hope of a blockage. Smith won the ace of diamonds at trick two and cashed out for down one; -50.

Heather Dhondy was able to make a natural response of 1♦ so Nevena Senior could raise to 2♦. Dhondy cuebid and, on discovering that her partner had no help in spades, jumped to the diamond game. With the spade loser going on the third heart, there was a loser in each minor but that was all; +400 and 10 IMPs to England, who led by 28-3.

The Netherlands hit back with a game swing of their own on Board 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 3 2 ♥ A 10 2 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 10 7 5 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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	♠ A 10 9 5 ♥ K 6 4 ♦ A J 7 5 4 ♣ J	♠ K 4 ♥ J 9 8 7 5 3 ♦ K 8 3 ♣ K 2
N						
W E						
S						
♠ Q J 7 6 ♥ Q ♦ Q 10 9 6 ♣ 9 8 6 3						

West	North	East	South
Smith	Wortel	Brock	Michielsen
1♣	Dble	1♦	1♠
2♣	2♠	3♣	All Pass



Nicola Smith, England

West	North	East	South
v Zwol	Senior	Arnolds	Dhondy
Pass	1♦	2♥	Dble
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Smith opened with a potentially short club and the 1♦ response was a transfer. When Michielsen bid 1♠, Smith repeated her clubs and the heart fit was missed, Brock just competing in clubs over the spade raise. Smith could have made a support double, but that would usually be based on a weak no trump type and she wanted to show that she held genuine clubs rather than a possible small doubleton.

Wortel led her singleton trump, which Smith won in hand to lead a diamond to dummy's king. She continued by ruffing a diamond and leading a spade to the king, then played a second spade. Michielsen won that and returned a trump to prevent the ruff and Smith won in dummy and took a diamond ruff. Now she cashed her last two trumps followed by the ace of hearts but, by taking the ruffs in hand, had missed the opportunity to make a second heart for the overtrick; +110.

Van Zwol did not open the West hand but made a fit jump in support of her partner's weak jump overcall. Arnolds converted to 4♥ and Senior doubled on the way out. Dhondy led the ten of diamonds. Senior won the ace and switched to ace and another spade to declarer's king. Arnolds played on hearts and, with only one loser in that suit, had ten straightforward tricks for +590 and 10 much-needed IMPs to the Netherlands.

Much of the match was rather dull. England ran out winners by 36-20 IMPs, converting to 14.18-5.82 VPs. This result left England at the top of the rankings, almost 10 VPs ahead of Italy, who had lost to France. The Netherlands were close behind and France well in touch in fourth. It seemed that the medalists would come from these four teams, but which colour would go to what team was still very much up in the air.

You can replay the deals from this match at:

[BBO Women Netherlands v England](#)



Wietske van Zwol, Netherlands

Open Teams Round 19

By Ron Tacchi



England v Ireland



The second round of the second phase of the Open Teams saw England pitted against Ireland. Both teams were eager to win, England to maintain their position near the top of the table and their hopes of a medal, and Ireland as they needed a succession of big results for them to sneak up into the top six and secure a trip to India. It was a close affair with few excitements, but there were moments.

Carroll tried to muddy the waters with his opening bid, but when Forrester showed his 20+ count it was not too difficult for Robson to carry on to game. The opening lead of a heart sorted out that suit for declarer, who shot back the ♣8 towards dummy, taken by West's jack, who continued with a small spade. Forrester, a keen fan of the editor's library of bridge tomes, recalled The Rabbi's Rule two from the book of the same name: 'Listen to the bidding' and confidently placed the jack on the baize. This was taken by East's ace, and he persevered with another spade, won in dummy. Declarer cashed his seven red-suit winners and finessed in clubs for plus two.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Forrester	Garvey	Robson
		Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



David Bakhshi, England

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Hanlon	Bakhshi	McGann
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 1♣ 11-13 balanced or 17+
- 1♠ 8+ and 4+ spades
- 2♣ artificial game force

After a strong club auction the Irish pair arrived in the same contract, and, without the distraction of the third in hand opening, peacefully made eleven tricks for a push.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Forrester	Garvey	Robson
			Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

West opened a 14-16 no-trump and, when queried if he was maximum, West realised that as he did not have the ♥9

the slam would fail. So he stopped at the four-level. The slam is makeable if the ♠9 and ♠6 are exchanged, though it is not necessarily evident that declarer would find the winning line. Declarer quickly wrapped up eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Hanlon	Bakhshi	McGann
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

The English West showed a weak no-trump and East investigated the possibility of a higher level contract and finished in 5♣ – and, with the same eleven tricks available, that was 2 IMPs to Ireland.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Tommy Garvey, Ireland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Forrester	Garvey	Robson
2♣*	2♠	1♣*	1♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	4♠
		Dble	All Pass

East's 1♣ was a balanced 11-13 or 17+, West's 2♣ showed diamonds. Robson showed faith in his partner and bid game. Garvey, looking at three tricks and a partner who had shown a spark of life made an aggressive double. Unhappily for Ireland this was the wrong moment. After East had cashed the trump ace and switched to a diamond, declarer had little trouble bringing home his contract when the trumps split 2-2 and the heart ace was onside. There is a defence that no one would find: lead the heart ace and continue the suit ad nauseam to promote the spade queen into a trick.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Hanlon	Bakhshi	McGann
Pass	1♠	1♣*	1♥
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2♣*
		All Pass	

Bakhshi's 1♣ was either clubs or a weak no-trump and North/South did not think their combined nineteen count worthy of a game try, so 9 IMPs to England

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Forrester	Garvey	Robson
Pass	2♠*	2NT	2♦*
3NT	All Pass		Pass

- 2♦ Very weak two in a major
- 2♠ Pass or correct

Carroll correctly evaluated his five-card diamond suit to the top two honours as worth more than their Milton Work Count seven points and advanced to game. After a heart lead declarer was not pressed, and made plus two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Hanlon	Bakhshi	McGann
Pass	2♣*	Dble	Pass
2♦	All Pass		Pass
2♣	Precision		

After two passes, North started with a Precision 2♣ and the English pair could not find a way to advance beyond 2♦, so that was 11 IMPs to Ireland, now leading 13-9.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Forrester	Garvey	Robson
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♦	Dble	1♥
2♠	All Pass		Rdbl

When Robson redoubled the 2♦ bid West was forced to bid. 2♠ became the final contract and drifted two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Hanlon	Bakhshi	McGann
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
1♥	2♦	Dble	Pass
			All Pass

When East doubled Two Diamonds and South said nothing West had nowhere to run. Eventually he passed comforted that 2♦ doubled was not game.

East cashed the ace of clubs and continued with the ace of spades and a low spade. Declarer won with dummy's king and played a club to the queen and king. He ruffed the spade return, ruffed a club with the seven of diamonds, ruffed a spade (West discarding a heart) and played the queen of hearts for the king and ace. West won the heart exit and played the two of diamonds.

Now was the moment of truth: declarer had to decide how good West's trumps were – would he, for instance, with ♦KQ82 have preferred INT to 1♥? Given that West was marked with a 3-3-4-3 hand it seems likely, but

declarer put in the jack and had to lose two trump tricks. One down, so 5 IMPs to England.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Forrester	Garvey	Robson
2♣*	Dble	2♥*	2♠
3♥	2♠	4♥	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass
2♣	Precision		

Robson decided to take insurance with his bid of 4♣, duly doubled by East and was unfortunate to run into a diamond ruff and fail by two tricks for -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Hanlon	Bakhshi	McGann
1♣	1♦*	Dble	1♠
2♣	2♠	3♣	3♦
3♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

This time East misjudged the situation, and had to lose the obvious three tricks for -100 and 12 IMPs, giving the lead back to Ireland 25-17.

On Boards 13 – 16 England clawed back 4 IMPs via overtricks, and a part-score battle. But they had lost by 21-25 or 8.80-11.20 VPs, a result that was not very satisfactory for either team. England needed wins to guarantee a berth to Chennai and a chance of a medal, while Ireland needed large wins if they were to climb up into the top six.

You can replay the deals from this match at:

[BBO England v Ireland](#)

RESULTS

OPEN

Open F4 (21)

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	ESTONIA TURKEY	38	15	15.56	4.44
2	POLAND CROATIA	47	24	15.56	4.44
3	IRELAND NETHERLANDS	29	32	9.09	10.91
4	ENGLAND GERMANY	53	18	17.45	2.55
5	NORWAY DENMARK	12	40	3.58	16.42
6	ISRAEL MONACO	31	22	12.55	7.45
7	FRANCE ITALY	9	66	0.23	19.77
8	ROMANIA RUSSIA	19	30	6.96	13.04
9	SWEDEN BULGARIA	28	33	8.52	11.48

Open F5 (22)

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	SWEDEN DENMARK	21	21	10.00	10.00
2	ISRAEL FRANCE	19	18	10.31	9.69
3	RUSSIA ENGLAND	30	40	7.20	12.80
4	ITALY IRELAND	43	25	14.60	5.40
5	ESTONIA BULGARIA	6	69	0.00	20.00
6	ROMANIA CROATIA	23	41	5.40	14.60
7	MONACO TURKEY	25	27	9.39	10.61
8	NETHERL. GERMANY	16	59	1.56	18.44
9	NORWAY POLAND	10	53	1.56	18.44

Open F6 (23)

Match		IMPs		VPs	
1	MONACO ITALY	32	32	10.00	10.00
2	BULGARIA GERMANY	17	60	1.56	18.44
3	NORWAY ROMANIA	24	63	2.03	17.97
4	TURKEY SWEDEN	32	27	11.48	8.52
5	FRANCE NETHERLANDS	43	32	13.04	6.96
6	POLAND RUSSIA	37	18	14.80	5.20
7	IRELAND DENMARK	50	41	12.55	7.45
8	ISRAEL ESTONIA	27	30	9.09	10.91
9	CROATIA ENGLAND	3	37	2.69	17.31

WOMEN

Women R19

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	ESTONIA FRANCE	10	29	5.20	14.80
22	ENGLAND GERMANY	27	41	6.25	13.75
23	DENMARK GREECE	36	25	13.04	6.96
24	CROATIA IRELAND	33	22	13.04	6.96
25	BULGARIA ISRAEL	24	33	7.45	12.55
26	AUSTRIA ITALY	25	20	11.48	8.52
27	TURKEY LEBANON	61	4	19.77	0.23
28	SWEDEN NETHERLANDS	15	30	6.03	13.97
29	SPAIN NORWAY	8	36	3.58	16.42
30	SERBIA POLAND	27	53	3.91	16.09
31	SCOTLAND ROMANIA	26	39	6.48	13.52
32	RUSSIA BYE			12.00	

Women R20

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	IRELAND ISRAEL	18	53	2.55	17.45
22	GREECE ITALY	41	25	14.18	5.82
23	GERMANY LEBANON	28	50	4.62	15.38
24	FRANCE NETHERLANDS	15	43	3.58	16.42
25	ESTONIA NORWAY	29	20	12.55	7.45
26	ENGLAND POLAND	21	35	6.25	13.75
27	DENMARK ROMANIA	33	18	13.97	6.03
28	CROATIA RUSSIA	27	40	6.48	13.52
29	BULGARIA SCOTLAND	45	29	14.18	5.82
30	AUSTRIA SERBIA	58	6	19.34	0.66
31	TURKEY SPAIN	2	44	1.67	18.33
32	SWEDEN BYE			12.00	

Women R21

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	AUSTRIA BULGARIA	32	49	5.61	14.39
22	TURKEY CROATIA	29	7	15.38	4.62
23	SWEDEN DENMARK	17	38	4.81	15.19
24	SPAIN ENGLAND	22	41	5.20	14.80
25	SERBIA ESTONIA	39	71	2.97	17.03
26	SCOTLAND FRANCE	18	28	7.20	12.80
27	RUSSIA GERMANY	31	25	11.76	8.24
28	ROMANIA GREECE	43	32	13.04	6.96
29	POLAND IRELAND	71	15	19.69	0.31
30	NORWAY ISRAEL	38	9	16.58	3.42
31	NETHERL. ITALY	26	28	9.39	10.61
32	LEBANON BYE			12.00	



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Provisional Programme for 2014 World Bridge Series, Sanya

- a) The exact format and timing of the day-to-day schedule will be published nearer the time when numbers are known
 b) For all pairs events, players will participate throughout the event
 c) It is anticipated that play will start daily at 10.00 am and end at approximately 19.30 / 20.00 hours

Day 1 Friday 10 October	Registration Desk Open Official Meetings Opening Ceremony followed by a buffet	Day 2 Saturday 11 October	Mixed Teams - Qualification Swiss	Day 3 Sunday 12 October	Mixed Teams - Qualification Swiss
Day 4 Monday 13 October	Mixed Teams - Knock-Out Mixed Pairs	Day 5 Tuesday 14 October	Mixed Teams - Knock - Out Mixed Pairs	Day 6 Wednesday 15 October	Mixed Teams - Knock-Out Mixed Pairs <i>Awards Ceremony - Mixed Teams</i>
Day 7 Thursday 16 October	Mixed Pairs	Day 8 Friday 17 October	Mixed Pairs <i>Awards Ceremony Mixed Pairs Mixed Teams & Pairs Closing Cocktail</i>	Day 9 Saturday 18 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Qualification Swiss
Day 10 Sunday 19 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Qualification Swiss	Day 11 Monday 20 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Qualification Repechage - Knock-Out	Day 12 Tuesday 21 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Knock-Out Open, Women's & Senior Pairs
Day 13 Wednesday 22 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Knock-Out Open, Women's & Senior Pairs	Day 14 Thursday 23 October	Rosenblum, McConnell, Rand Teams - Knock-Out Open, Women's & Senior Pairs <i>Awards Ceremony - Rosenblum, McConnell & Rand Teams</i>	Day 15 Friday 24 October	Open, Women's & Senior Pairs
Day 16 Saturday 25 October	Open, Women's & Senior Pairs <i>Awards Ceremony - Open, Women's & Senior Pairs Closing Ceremony followed by a cocktail</i>				

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