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TROMSØ'S FABULOUS FINAL FOUR

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Steve Sanborn, Lisa Berkowitz, Kerri Sanborn, David Berkowitz winners of the BAM teams

It was a historic day for bridge when the round of 16 match between Full House and Mortensen finished as a tie after the completion of 28 boards. The outcome was decided by a penalty shoot out play off of one extra deal. You can read all about it on Page 26.

Meanwhile the Mixed Teams Champions will be crowned tonight.

The last four teams standing are: White House, Zimmermann, A J Diamonds, Full House.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

MIXED TEAMS KO:

10.00 - 12.00: Semi Finals

12.15 - 14.15: Semi Finals

15.30 - 17.30: Final

17.45 - 19.45: Final

MIXED PAIRS:

10.00 - 11.30: Round 1

11.45 - 13.15: Round 2

14.30 - 16.00: Round 3

16.15 - 17.45: Round 4

18.00 - 19.30: Round 5

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY: the prize giving ceremony for the European Open Mixed Teams Championship will take place today at 20.00 in the dedicated area at the far end of the cafeteria.



TRICKY PLAYS AND DEFENSES

by **Micke Melander**

Round 7 presented a considerable number of opportunities for our players in the EBL Open Mixed Teams Qualifying Swiss to shine in glory. First out to take a shot at it was Katrine Bertheau for the Casino Floor team when she found a pretty defense against Badger.

Declarer played a diamond to the king and ran the queen of hearts, correctly ducked by Bertheau to complete her accurate defense. Declarer, who probably thought he was safe, could see the curtain fall when he continued with the ten of hearts and Bertheau won the trick to play a fourth round of spades for one down!

That might had been a great IMP swing if their team mates had managed to make a game at the other table. But Charlsen stood no chance of making his Five Clubs when the king of hearts was offside. With spades 4-4, 3NT was the only making game today. Of course technically Four Hearts was also possible to make on any lead, if declarer could have avoided finessing hearts and instead cross-ruffed himself down to endplay East in trumps. But why would declarer choose to play a double-dummy line rather than following a practical line?

Board 1. Dealer North. None.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>K.Bertheau</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Dbl	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Larsson</i>
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣

Bertheau in the Open Room led a spade to West's ace. That player returned a second round to Katrine's jack. In tempo, she now played a third round, forcing declarer to ruff in hand attending to ensure that declarer would lose control over the trump suit, to establish the setting tricks with her fourth trump when the suit misbehaved.



Katrine Bertheau

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>K.Bertheau</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Larsson</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

How Hoftaniska managed to make a take-out double over Two Hearts with that hand remains

a mystery, given that he had the strong notrump hand behind him. But never argue with success – today it was a brilliant double and Bertheau had zero problems passing it out.

Two rounds of clubs were played by the defense. Declarer ruffed the third one in dummy but saw himself over-ruffed by Hoftaniskas ace. When the defense still had four trumps left to cash, the contract was an easy two down. And it would have been four down if Bertheau's clubs had been running...

Board 8. Dealer West. None.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>K.Bertheau</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Larsson</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♦	3♠	Dbl	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Here Osborne had a chance to shine when Charlsen led a spade to South's ace (a heart to remove the entry for dummy's hearts would have left declarer with no chance to make the contract). Larsson returned a second spade and Osborne had to decide how to play what looked like a pretty easy contract.

Declarer went up with the king of spades, played a heart to the ace and then tried to cash the king and queen of hearts pitching his losing spade and club. But when South ruffed with the eight forcing declarer's ten, and declarer still had to ruff his losing spade in dummy with the queen, North's nine of trumps had suddenly become a winner!

That was a pretty unlucky distribution of the cards for declarer - who had to take the immediate finesse in spades to succeed in his mission. In the Open Room a spade was also led, but when Leslie returned the queen of spades, Hoftaniska had no problems getting home with eleven tricks.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>K.Bertheau</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Larsson</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The last one to shine in this match was Charlsen, who got to declare Four Hearts. Note that Osborne didn't double fourth suit, so he really didn't have a clue about what was going on when Hinden led the four of diamonds. Nevertheless Charlsen jumped up with the ace of diamonds, cashed the ace and king of clubs and was delighted to see the queen of clubs drop from East. Declarer then made his only mistake since Osborne got the opportunity to defeat the contract when North advanced the nine of clubs. When East pitched a spade he threw the diamond away from dummy! When Osborne didn't find the shift to a trump, declarer could ruff the diamond return and pull trumps for ten tricks.

In the Open Room, Allerton took the diamond finesse when a diamond was led. It was now impossible to get more than nine tricks. 18-4 to the Casino Floor who after a slow start climbed to the top spots in the standing!



TROMSØ 2015: KICKING PENALTIES

by Ana Roth & Fernando Lema



The 2015 Copa America is the main international football tournament for national teams in South America, and currently taking place in Chile between the dates of 11 June to 4 July 2015.

Argentina advanced to the semifinals when Carlos Tevez scored the winning spot kick as Argentina beat Colombia 5-4 on penalties after a goalless draw in which his side had dominated throughout. As Everton and Douglas Costa missed their penalties, Brazil was sent out of the tournament, following a penalty shootout loss to Paraguay.

In the semi-finals Chile faced Peru, while Argentina play Paraguay today, 30th June.

As in the Copa America, penalties are determining some matches in the European Mixed Teams Championship; and some players are shooting penalties to define boards...

The Breno team, who had finished second on the first day of the qualifying stage, took the lead after the first match of the day and eventually won the Round Robin. In the 9th Round in the Zaleski-Zimmermann match, Zaleski knowing that his team had enough of a lead, decided to score a winning spot kick...no luck this time.

After a transfer to hearts Zaleski invited a slam with a 5NT call with no diamond control...

He kicked the ball expecting a diamond control in his partner's hand, as she had opened 1NT and all his points were outside the diamond suit.

Bad luck, Willard had $\diamond AK$ and the $\diamond A$ lead frustrated Zaleski's kick.

47 of the 87 tables decided to play slam on this deal, and all of them went down.



Gabriella Olivieri

In the same round and match, but on board 28 Phillipe Cronier from the Zimmermann team, decided to kick the ball too...also with negative results.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K J 5 ♥ A K Q 8 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ K 10 2</p>		<p>♠ A Q 9 4 ♥ J 9 7 ♦ J 10 4 ♣ A Q J</p>	
<p>♠ 7 6 2 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ 7 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 3 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A K 9 7 6 ♣ 9 8 3</p>		
<p>West <i>Zaleski</i></p> <p>2♦* 5NT*</p>	<p>North <i>Multon</i></p> <p>Pass Pass</p>	<p>East <i>Olivieri</i></p> <p>1NT 2♥ 6♥</p>	<p>South <i>Willard</i></p> <p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass
4♣ Cue bid			
4♥ Cue bid			

East showed her first control with 4♥ but Cronier with no diamond control, kicked the ball and said 5♥. D'Ovidio was now sure that her partner had a diamond control and bid the slam.

Again a diamond lead frustrated the penalty kick. Again, 43 of the 87 tables played the slam in this board, but this time 20 defenders didn't find the diamond lead and the slam was made.

At the end of the match Fernando approached both players to ask the reasons for their actions. Zaleski told Fernando that he wanted to use his considerable advantage in the standings, and as his partner had a good chance of having a diamond control, he decided to jump and make the defense guess the lead.

Cronier in turn explained that it was possible that his partner with a singleton diamond, could have mentioned her heart control first, his 5♥ (giving the possibility of a 5♠ response), and was a way to give her some space to review the situation, but d'Ovidio



 **Philippe Cronier & Catherine D'Ovidio**

had not interpreted his call in the same way.

Finally Silvie Willard and Andrea Manno, as their team's goalkeepers were able to stop the dangerous penalties.



CAPTION CONTEST

by The Bulletin & the Press Room staffs



Press Room Manger Jan Swaan paid a visit to the Tourist Office (he is the one on the right). Can you come up with a caption for this photograph? Bring your suggestions to the Bulletin Room or email them to markhorton007@hotmail.com



PENFOLD AGAINST BADGER

by Barry Rigal

For mature audiences only (juniors should be accompanied by adults...)

When the TD came across to ensure that the teams were sitting in the right direction and perpetrated an unfortunate lapsus linguae in reference to team Badger, I could see that we might be in for x-rated entertainment. The reader will have to draw their own conclusions... for this report the Seniors will be referred to by their first names, Nevena and Brian, to avoid confusion.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 10 3		
	♥ 9 7 6 5 2		
	♦ 7		
	♣ J 10 8 4 2		
♠ A K 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ J 9 8 5	
♥ A K J		♥ Q 10 4	
♦ A Q 8 5 4 2		♦ J 9 6	
♣ 7		♣ Q 9 6	
	♠ Q 6 4 2		
	♥ 8 3		
	♦ K 10 3		
	♣ A K 5 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Osborne	Nevena	Hinden	Trendafilov
			1♣*
Dble	2♣	Pass	3♣
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass
1♣	2+♣		



Nevena Senior, team Penfold

Nevena Senior's enterprising raise of the two-card club suit allowed Trendafilov to up the ante even further. But his opponents still found their way to a sensible contract. Graham Osborne covered the lead of ♣J and ruffed the next club. With no clue as to the heart break it seemed almost entirely normal to use his heart entry to dummy to take the diamond finesse, assuming that if South had long diamonds the spade queen would be favourite to fall. Unlucky.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brian	Allerton	Penfold	Leslie
			1♣
Dble	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

The optimistic slam reached in this room lost the same tricks and went two down. No double, no trouble, just 2 IMPs away.

Hinden dodged a bullet on the next deal:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

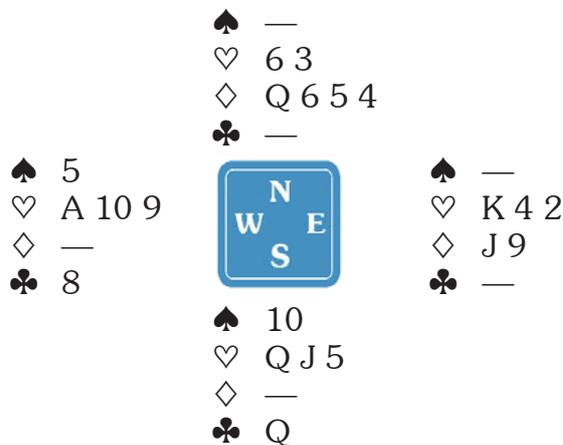
	♠ A J 6 5		
	♥ 9 7		
	♦ 10 8 3		
	♣ K 10 7 5		
♠ K 10 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ Q 7 3	
♥ Q 6 3		♥ K J	
♦ K Q 7 6 4 2		♦ A J 9 5	
♣ 8		♣ Q 9 6 2	
	♠ 9 8 4		
	♥ A 10 8 5 4 2		
	♦ —		
	♣ A J 4 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Osborne	Nevena	Hinden	Trendafilov
1♦	Pass	2♦*	2♥
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♦		Inverted raise	

Cui culpa in the Open Room? Trendafilov got his side off to a winning start with a low club lead. Senior won her king and returned the club ten, covered all round. Trendafilov cashed the club jack, then heart ace, dummy having discarded two spades. When he played a fourth club, declarer sat up straighter, and after a moment's frenzied counting on her fingers, claimed the balance. The combination of the club ten play, the heart ace cash and the fourth club might all come under scrutiny. I think the ♣10 was a mistake, given that North has a spade re-entry, but I'm not sure cashing the ♥A can ever be right unless it is on the theory that every IMP is important at this form of scoring.

Hinden received the lead of the ♦K, overtaken for a spade shift. She won the ♠K and cashed two clubs via the finesse, then led the ♣A, ruffed by Nevena with the ♥7 – a potentially critical spot. The defenders cashed two spades, and played a second diamond, ruffed in dummy. In this ending:



Hinden led the spade five from dummy. Nevena ruffed in with the ♥6, forcing the ♥K. Now when declarer led a diamond from hand Trendafilov discarded his club, and was sure of two trump tricks in the three-card ending, thanks to the power of his ♥5. Had Hinden led a heart up, intending to insert the nine, Trendafilov would have had to split his honours. Hinden can win and ruff a club back to hand and score a trump from the ♥10-9.

Closed Room

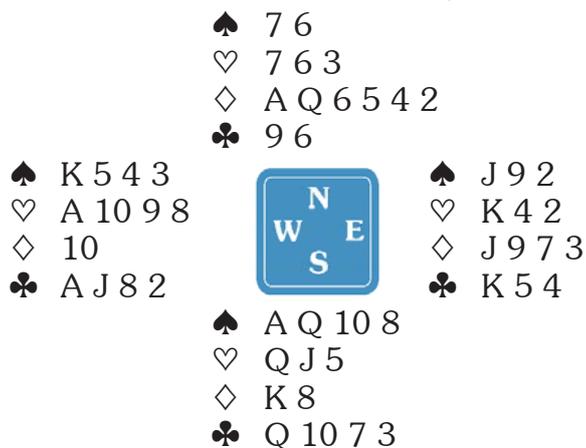
West	North	East	South
Brian	Allerton	Penfold	Leslie
1♦	Pass	2NT*	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

2NT Forcing diamond raise

Leslie led a low heart against 3NT. Penfold won in hand with the king and tried a spade to the king and ace. Allerton won and... returned a heart. South cleared hearts and declarer claimed nine tricks. I'm not sure the defensive plays stand up to analysis here either, but in any event that was a very fine result for Penfold - but no swing. Still 2-0 to Badger.

More opportunities went begging here too.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Osborne	Nevena	Hinden	Trendafilov
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♣
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brian	Allerton	Penfold	Leslie
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠*	Pass	1NT
Dble	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

1♠ Transfer to diamonds

Brian Senior scrambled eight tricks in Three Hearts after a spade lead ducked to his king, when he played back the suit and the defence missed their way thereafter by playing on diamonds. Another push.

Penfold equalized the match at 2-2 when Nevena escaped for one undertrick fewer in a wildly optimistic 3NT with an ill-fitting 8HCP facing 15. The critical deal of the match came up next.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Nevena</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
1♣*	2NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
1♣ 2+♣			
2NT Red suits			

Hinden knew what kind of hand she rated to be facing, but saw she had no tricks on the side after her heart stopper was knocked out. So she doubled 4♥ and after Osborne cashed ♥A and shifted to a top spade (this might have been a good moment for a deceptive ♠J?) Trendafilov could ruff out the spades, cross to his ♥K and lead winning spades, discarding a club and a diamond from dummy. Hinden discarded on the fourth and fifth spades, then won her ♦Q, cashed the ♥Q, and led a club ruffed in dummy. But now declarer couldn't set up diamonds and had to lose one more trick. +100 wasn't great for EW but at least it was a plus score.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brian</i>	<i>Allerton</i>	<i>Penfold</i>	<i>Leslie</i>
1♣	2NT*	3NT	4♥
4NT	All Pass		
2NT Red suits			

The defence in this room against 4NT saw Leslie lead a low heart, to the ace and ten. Declarer played a diamond, and North went in with the ♦A (why?) and played back a heart. That went to the queen and king, and South...played a third heart. You could argue that East is marked with ♥J so

unless partner has ♠A you aren't beating 4NT. But maybe partner has ♣K? Now it is clear why ducking the first diamond might be a good idea – declarer has to get to dummy to play another diamond, and the position becomes much clearer to South. Note that North knows declarer almost can't have ♠K or he would play on spades at trick two.

Bottom line: Penfold had 11 IMPs to lead 11-2.

The next two boards saw more x-rated stuff costing nothing but overtricks (the defenders crashing their ♥AK on one, declarer taking a winning practice finesse on the next) before more expensive carnage.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Nevena</i>	<i>Hinden</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Double	All Pass
1♣ 2+♣			

Nevena Senior got to 4♠x on a club lead from Hinden. With the trumps known not to be breaking, I think declarer should maybe just play on the side suits and settle for -300. She played on hearts, and Hinden took the queen with her ace and played back the suit. When Senior won in dummy and led a trump to the ace, then a trump back, Hinden split her honours. Nevena now cashed the third heart, then ruffed a heart high, Hinden merely discarding a diamond. She ruffed the next club, played her master trump, and led ♦A and another, and all declarer could score was dummy's master trump. Down 500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brian	Allerton	Penfold	Leslie
			1♣*
Pass	1♥*	Pass	3♦*
Dble	Pass*	4♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

- 1♣ 2+
- 1♥ Transfer to Spades
- 3♦ Mini-splinter
- Pass Constructive

Brian Senior led a low diamond against 4♠x. Penfold somewhat unwisely went up with the ♦A and shifted to clubs. The defenders took their two aces fast and three trump tricks slowly for 300. That looked a perfectly healthy position, but it was 5 IMPs to Hinden, down 13-7.

One more opportunity for accurate declarer play or defence; the spectator was not holding his breath...

Board 20 Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open and Closed Rooms

West	North	East	South
Osborne	Nevena	Hinden	Trendafilov
Brian	Allerton	Penfold	Leslie
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



 **Roumen Trendafilov**, team Penfold

Both Easts unerringly (but forgivably) put their fingers on the one card calculated to improve declarer's spirits, the ♦10, covered by the ♦J, ♦Q and ♦K. It feels right to draw two rounds of trumps ending in dummy with ♥J and ♥A, planning to run the ♦7 if trumps break, doesn't it? Nevena Senior instead ran five rounds of trump, tested diamonds and had to guess spades when the diamonds behaved as expected. West had thrown club, spade, club, East a club then a spade. Senior followed Terence Reese's tip of playing the defender who let go a spade painlessly when she was known to have a club to spare (in this case East) to have the ♠A not ♠Q; wrong!

Allerton reached almost exactly the same position with the same information and also misguessed spades. No swing, and the 13-8 score to Penfold left both teams still well placed to qualify so long as they avoided a heavy loss in either of their last two matches.



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ROSENTHAL VS A J DIAMONDS

by Jos Jacobs

Mixed Teams Swiss, Final Round

When the final round of the Swiss came up, Rosenthal and AJ Diamonds were lying 15th and 16th so it was quite likely that a good win would see the winning team through to the round of 16 at the losing team's expense. A close result in this match, however, might well mean that both teams were in danger of being caught up by any of the other teams in contention just behind them.

Right on the first board, the AJ Diamonds Poles made their intentions clear:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jaszczak</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>D. Berkowitz</i>
3♦	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass	Pass	Pass	3♥

A normal weak two by North and a quiet approach by South led to a normal enough final contract. Non vulnerable, and even vulnerable as well, bidding a game on two finesses is very much against the odds and how were NS to know it was their lucky day? Rosenthal +170.

In the other room, Eva Harasimowicz took the bull by the horns by forcing partner to bid his suit, thus inducing Welland to an expensive sacrifice at this vulnerability.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>
5♦	2♦*	3♣	4♦*
All Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble

*2♦ Multi

*4♦ To play partner's major

With all the finesses wrong for EW, the contract had to go down four. Mind you, had it gone down a far less expensive three, this would probably have meant that 4♥ was not on.

Anyway: +800 and 12 IMPs to AJ Diamonds, their first step towards a possible qualification.

Next came:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

In the Open Room, NS had a costly misunderstanding.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jaszczak</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>D. Berkowitz</i>
Dbl	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦	All Pass	1NT

2♦ was alerted by Willenken and no doubt meant as forcing checkback but for once, Berkowitz forgot about this and passed...One down, AJ Diamonds a surprise +100.

The first-seat pre-empt by Auken prevented any chance of a low-level NS misunderstanding:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Janiszewski	Auken	Harasimowicz
		3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Well, sitting the double might have netted another 800 but the more normal score of +660 was already worth another 13 IMPs to AJ Diamonds who led 25-0 after just two boards.

The match looked almost over, or did it? This board came next. As you can see, 5♣ is the best contract with 4♠ a good runner-up, even more so at matchpoints. This type of hand more often than not is difficult to bid and in this match, the truth of this observation was proved at both tables.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 2	<table border="1" style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 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		♠ 10 6 5
		N									
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		S									
♥ A 9 7 4		♥ K Q 10 8 6									
♦ 10 9 4 3		♦ Q 6 5 2									
♣ 10 4	♣ 8										
♠ K Q 4											
♥ 3 2											
♦ A K											
♣ A J 9 7 3 2											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jaszczak	Willenken	Baldysz	D. Berkowitz
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	



Cathy Baldysz, team A J Diamonds

The NS bidding here had the advantage of simplicity but the distinct disadvantage of not exploring in full the possibilities of the hand. Had West found the heart lead, the Poles would have been well placed for a third consecutive double-figure swing but when a diamond came out, South had 12 top tricks for the taking. Rosenthal +490.

In the Closed Room, a wheel came off in the Polish Club auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Welland	Janiszewski	Auken	Harasimowicz
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

2♣ confirmed clubs in a strong hand and 2♦ was a relay. Even after the possibly helpful double of 3♥, NS clearly were not on the same wavelength as to which player had shown a heart control, so they reached a slam that was easily defeated.

This was good for the match, as the swing of 11 IMPs now went to Rosenthal who thus trailed by just 14 instead of 36...

So we would have to wait until the next big swing, if any, came up to find out what the eventual outcome of this match would be.





The swing we were waiting for occurred on board 7:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, the Polish Club dealt with these EW hands quite smoothly:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jaszczak</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>D. Berkowitz</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

2♣ was not necessarily natural but 3♣ confirmed the suit and the rest was plain sailing. The success of the contract basically depended on the diamond finesse, so one would expect a one-

trick set. However, there were outside chances. South correctly led a heart to North's ace but then, rather than cashing the ♥Q first, North shifted to a low diamond immediately. Declarer was not to be fooled, however. She went up with the ace, cashed a top trump, discarded her second heart on a top spade and led dummy's last diamond to her ten which forced South's king. One diamond ruff in dummy then ensured her contract. AJ Diamonds +600.

In the other room, Auken-Welland became the victims of their own agreements, one might say:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Dble	2♠	All Pass

As 2♣ does not show clubs but rather a type of forcing 1NT response, the clubs never came into the picture. EW thus had to be content with +110 for making just 2♠ – a fair enough result had the club game at the other table been defeated but a loss of 10 IMPs in reality.

So the AJ Diamonds lead had gone up to 24 which proved more than enough for them to win the match comfortably, and go through to the round of 16.

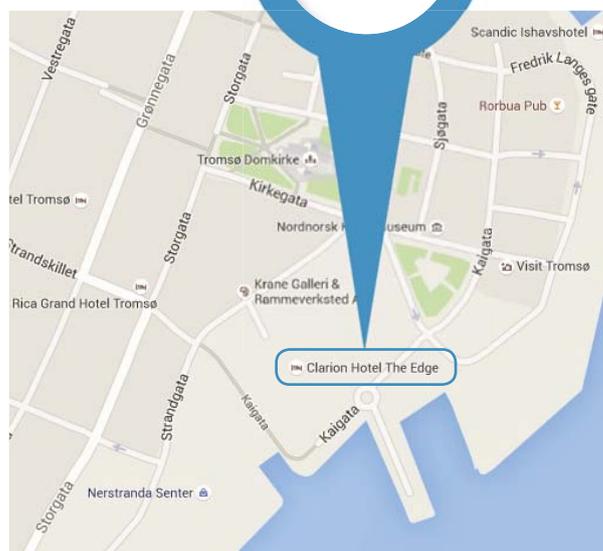
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CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY #2

by Mark Horton

Tommy Sandsmark offers two more stories from the past:

Some years ago, one of the former Presidents of the Norwegian Bridge Federation was playing a team-of-four match against a team from the countryside. It must probably have been a disastrous half-round, for while waiting to compare the results, the President uttered: 'I have never played this badly before!'

The player to his right looked at him for some time, and then he said with some surprise: 'So you have played before, have you?'

Some years ago, the Norwegian Bridge Federation had a very strong-willed Secretary General, who nearly drove everybody crazy by making most of the decisions himself.

One day he had to go to hospital, and received the following letter from the Executive Committee: 'The Executive Committee of the NBF wishes you a speedy recovery by 4 votes to 3!'

Among the names of the mixed teams, we noticed the following: PASS O DOUBLE, who will next compete in the ice dancing competition, and ANITAS DANS, who only dance to music by Gieg (answers on a postcard please - I give you a clue - Peer Gynt). But the prize for best name goes to TAKK, who combined their initials to form the Norwegian for 'Thank You'.

Following on from Sunday's observation about next year's European Team Championships we can reveal that possible destinations after that are Budapest (2016) Montecatini (2017) and Oostende (2018) (spelling by Herman).

With two boards to go in the Mixed teams qualifying event teams Badger and De Botton were locked in a deathly struggle for the last



qualifying spot. De Botton dropped an IMP on board nine and Badger moved from .30 of a VP behind to .03 of a VP in front.

Board ten was all about overtricks in a major-suit game or a no-trump game: not an exciting deal, but team Hinden did not cash out against no-trump and declarer gained an IMP. De Botton went in front by .31 of a VP; cruising to victory?

Not so fast. Team De Botton dropped the same IMP against their opponents – and the score obstinately refused to register on the screen...even though all the players were long out of the playing room and had recorded their scores; the issue was what percentage of a VP THAT IMP would cost! The answer was .30 – so De Botton held on to win by .01 of a VP – after roundings!

We are anxious to quell rumours that the traditional staff dinner at the end of the Championships will be in the open air.

Make sure you checkout the superb videos about every aspect of the Championships at www.eurobridge.org and the EBL's Facebook page.

For a number of years I have been writing that in the event of a tie in a knock out match there should be a one board 'penalty' shoot out. Top marks to the EBL for being the first major body to adopt this method, which was used to good effect in the match between Full House and Mortensen.

We are using a convoluted route to simplify the entry of deals into the Bulletins, which involves our resident Greek, Fotis, sending the deals to Ron, who then resends them (in a revised form) to Herman, who uploads them.

When the deals did not arrive on Monday I pointed out that all Greek banks were closed for the week - and that clearly included databanks.

**ZIMMERMANN VS SOLHEIM**by **Ron Tacchi****Mixed Teams Swiss Round 7**

In Round 6 both Zimmermann and the all-Norwegian team Solheim had good wins to propel them into the top ten. Both teams would be eager to consolidate their position. If you were ten VPs behind that vital sixteenth spot then you would be a further twenty-six places behind. So even one poor score would plummet you into the pack.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 9 7		
	♥ A J 9 7 3		
	♦ A 10 9 6		
	♣ K 10		
♠ A Q 10 4	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W S E</div>	♠ K J 6 5	
♥ 4 2		♥ K 8 6 5	
♦ Q J 7 5 3		♦ 8 4	
♣ 6 4		♣ 9 3 2	
	♠ 8 3 2		
	♥ Q 10		
	♦ K 2		
	♣ A Q J 8 7 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Markussen</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Asla</i>	<i>Willard</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

After Willard's fourth-suit forcing 2♠, Multon showed tolerance for clubs and likewise Willard showed tolerance for hearts. Multon took a punt at the major-suit game and received the lead of the six of spades, which was won by Markussen with his ace and he continued with a small one to Asla's jack. A third round followed forcing Multon to ruff. He then led the ten of clubs to dummy's queen and played the queen of hearts from dummy. Asla fell from grace when she took this trick with her king. Declarer was now home trivially. If East had ducked declarer can no longer make his contract, since if he essays a second heart finesse East can win now and force declarer with a spade. Now East has more trumps than North. If declarer tries any other variant he either loses a diamond or a winning club gets ruffed.

(At double dummy declarer can make 4♥ by cross ruffing and then endplaying East in the trump suit. Editor)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Solheim</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Anfinsen</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

In the Closed Room the first five bids were identical but Anfinsen preferred the minor suit contract. With the heart king offside, declarer could not avoid her three losers. 10 IMPs to Zimmermann. With spades 4-4 3NT is laydown.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ A Q 7		
	♥ J 6		
	♦ A K J 5		
	♣ 9 7 6 5		
♠ K 8 6 4	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W S E</div>	♠ J 5 3	
♥ A 5		♥ K Q 10 9	
♦ 10 8 7 6 3		♦ 9	
♣ Q 3		♣ A K 8 4 2	
	♠ 10 9 2		
	♥ 8 7 4 3 2		
	♦ Q 4 2		
	♣ J 10		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Markussen</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Asla</i>	<i>Willard</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

There was little declarer could do and he finished a sad two off – 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Solheim</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Anfinsen</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Dble*	Pass
2♣*	All Pass		

Dble One short minor – normally 4-3 majors
2♣ Pass or correct

In this room Zochowska had a weapon in her armoury to describe her hand and took the opportunity to use it. The double showed a minor-suit shortage and probably 4-3 in the majors. Zimmermann's 2♣ seems to a pass-or-correct variant and partner was happy to pass. The contract was never in any real danger and a slight misdefence enabled Zimmermann to make an overtrick so the board was flattened.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Markussen	Multon	Asla	Willard
1NT	All Pass		

After an auction we can all understand Multon led a traditional fourth-best of his longest and strongest, viz. the two of hearts. Willard captured this with her ace and continued with the nine to partner's king. A third round of hearts was taken by declarer in his hand with the queen. He now ducked a diamond to Multon's queen who cashed the thirteenth heart drawing a club from dummy, the five of spades from partner and a small spade from declarer. Multon continued with his nine of spades which declarer took in hand with his king. He ducked another diamond to North's king who continued with a small spade to dummy's king, at which point now declarer fell from grace. He cashed his two diamonds and was then forced to lead away from his club holding and so lost a club and a spade for one off. He did not even try exiting with the queen of clubs which would have given some chances if the hand with three clubs had the king.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Solheim	Zochowska	Anfinsen
1NT	All Pass		

Could Zimmermann bring home the contract that had failed in the other room? The lead was the same heart to Anfinsen's ace and Zimmermann dropped his queen. The nine of hearts was returned and Solheim ducked and dummy's jack took the trick. Declarer now immediately took the successful club finesse. He continued with the ace, dropping the king, and another to North's jack, thereby establishing the ten of clubs in dummy. Solheim persevered with a small spade taken by declarer in hand. Zimmermann ducked a diamond and had the rest of the tricks, thanks to the king and queen of diamonds being doubleton. +1 and 6 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Markussen	Multon	Asla	Willard
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble*	2♠	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

North's double showed three hearts. Would you describe West's 1♠ overcall as brave? The upshot was that North/South rose towards the sun on wings attached with wax. There was no play for the contract which failed by one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Solheim	Zochowska	Anfinsen
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	2NT*	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass
2NT	Sound spade raise		

Zimmermann valued his nine-count as a 'light' vulnerable opening. This time it was East/West who



soared skyward, only to plummet back to earth and hand back 6 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

<p>♠ K 7 2 ♥ 9 7 2 ♦ J 7 5 4 ♣ K Q 10</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 8 5 4 3 ♥ K J 10 4 ♦ K Q 9 6 2 ♣ —</p>
<p>♠ Q 10 9 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ 3 ♣ A J 7 6 5 2</p>		
<p>♠ A J 6 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ 9 8 4 3</p>		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Markussen	Multon	Asla	Willard
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

How and why the bidding reached game on a 4-3 fit with a combined twenty count is a mystery to me. Although there are only three top losers there are not enough winners and the contract was one off -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Solheim	Zochowska	Anfinsen
1♣	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	All Pass		
1♦	Heart suit		
1♥	Three or more hearts		
2♣	Six clubs and three hearts		

This was a much more sober auction. Zochowska realised that her hand was not worth much opposite a six-card club suit and put the brakes on and left Zimmermann in 2♣, a contract that was destined to make with the fortunate lie of the trump suit. 5 IMPs back.



Pierre Zimmermann

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 ♥ A 9 8 6 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ A K J 9 4</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A Q J 5 ♥ K 7 3 2 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ Q 6</p>
<p>♠ K 4 ♥ 5 ♦ K J 10 9 6 5 ♣ 10 8 5 3</p>		
<p>♠ 10 9 8 6 3 2 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ A Q ♣ 7 2</p>		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Markussen	Multon	Asla	Willard
	1♥	Dble	Redble
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Asla led a small diamond; Multon played the queen from dummy, which lost to Markussen's king. He now correctly returned his trump, the only card that gave the defence a chance of beating the contract if declarer played well. Multon ducked this to Asla's king and she continued with a small trump won by dummy's jack. Declarer cashed the ace and king of clubs and ruffed a small one in dummy. He now led a small spade off dummy towards the closed hand. West had a chance to shine by rising with his king, but alas he played small and so East was obliged to win the trick now any return allowed declarer to draw trumps and claim the rest. If West had played his king of spades he could have returned his remaining club for East to ruff and beat the contract.

(You can make 4♥ by rising with the ace of diamonds and cashing the top clubs, continuing with the jack when the queen falls. Micke Melander will describe how this came to pass in his report on this round. Editor)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Solheim	Zochowska	Anfinsen
	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Zimmermann was not hard pressed to find the winning return of his trump singleton taken by East's king. East continued the spade attack and now East had more trumps than declarer. The contract was now hopeless. BBO says declarer claimed eight tricks when it appeared it was impossible not to take nine. But the result was 11 IMPs to Zimmermann who won the match 35-7 or 17.51-2.49VPs. Zimmermann moved up to third place whilst Solheim slipped to twenty-fifth.

Zochowska chose the attacking lead of the ace of spades and continuing the suit. Declarer perforce had to ruff and then took the losing diamond finesse.

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PENFOLD VS WHITEHOUSE

by **David Bird**

Mixed Teams, Round of 16 - First Half

There were four double-figure IMP swings in the first half of this match. We will take a look at them and try to decide if they were well deserved or if there was a smattering of luck involved.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>N.Senior</i>	<i>L.Madsen</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
1♦	1♠	4♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	5♣
Pass	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	6♠	Dble	All Pass

Christina Lund Madsen launched her splendid hand with a splinter bid (rather than an immediate RKCB 4NT) and this allowed 4♠ from South. When East bid 4NT on the next round, Roumen Trendafilov continued to describe his hand with 5♣. West's pass over this showed one keycard and the excellent 6♦ was reached. Trendafilov had nothing more to say but Nevena Senior sacrificed in 6♠ on the known double fit. The penalty was just 500.

This was the spectacular bidding in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>B.Senior</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Penfold</i>	<i>Hop</i>
1♦	Pass	4♣	6♣
Dble	Pass	6♦	All Pass

All 13 tricks were made for a swing of 13 IMPs. The outcome largely turned on South's action, first to speak. Do you like Pass, 1♣, 3♣ or even 4♣? (Not to mention 5♣. Editor) It was a good moment for 1♣, which located the double fit for N/S.

There was some fortune involved in the next big swing too:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>N.Senior</i>	<i>L.Madsen</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Dble
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

What action do you like on the East cards facing a 2NT opening? At the other table Sandra Penfold passed and Brian Senior collected +120. Some players would raise to 3NT, gambling that the diamonds would produce some tricks. ('If the diamond suit doesn't come in, 2NT will probably go down,' is the frequently heard justification.) Lund Madsen chose to bid minor-suit Stayman, although she would need plenty of good cards for eleven tricks to be made in a minor.

Ton Bakkeren held a treasure-trove of high cards and would be assisted by Dame Fortune in the play. He won the spade lead and led a diamond, North rising with the ace and playing another spade. South now had a spade winner. It may seem that declarer is destined to lose a spade and a trump, for one down. He cashed two top trumps and cross-ruffed in the red suits, poor North having to follow suit all the way. At Trick 13

Nevena Senior had to ruff her partner's carefully established spade winner! That was +600 for E-W and a swing of 10 IMPs.

We will fast-forward to Board 7:

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B.Senior</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Penfold</i>	<i>Hop</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Would you lead a spade or a diamond from the West hand? Some players shy away from major-suit leads on the auction shown ('because North used Stayman, partner'). There's little sense in that. They should think instead that South has denied a 4-card major and is likely to be well-stocked in the minors. So, you should lean towards a major-suit lead when Stayman has drawn a 2♦ response. If I had to guess the result of a computer simulation on that West hand, I would say that spade and diamond leads are equally good. The diamond lead is safer with the top cards touching, but the indicated major-suit bias counters that.

In the Open Room Bakkeren led the ♠10 after which declarer had no chance as the cards lie, ending two down. In the Closed Room Brian Senior led the ♦J, which was safe for the moment. Jacco Hop won with the ♦Q, ran the ♣J to the ♣Q and won the diamond return with the ace. A second round of clubs went to West's ace. A spade switch is needed at this stage. Misreading the lie of the diamonds, Senior returned a third round from his ♦10-8 into South's ♦K-9-6. Hop could then score five diamonds, three clubs, a spade and a heart for +630 and 13 IMPs.

The next board provided the last of the 'Big Four' swings.

Board 8 Dealer West Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakkeren</i>	<i>N.Senior</i>	<i>L.Madsen</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

There are four possible first moves on the North cards: Pass, 1♥, 2♥ and 3♥. Which would you choose? I don't like Pass at all. As I see it, there should be no gap between 2♥ and 1♥ when you have a suit of the required quality. If you think the playing potential with the void spade is too high for a weak-two, you should open 1♥. Nevena Senior opened 2♥, which is fine, but this turned out unluckily; it made it difficult for her partner to show his clubs. The E/W cards fit well and the BBO commentators were a bit surprised when Lund Madsen did not raise to game. Nine tricks were taken for +140, but of course North-South had missed a club game. What would happen at the other table?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B.Senior</i>	<i>Wortel</i>	<i>Penfold</i>	<i>Hop</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	3♣
3♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Scorning the advice of the learned writer of this article, Meike Wortel passed on the North cards. Her action worked a treat! Partner was able to show his excellent clubs and +550 resulted, good for +12 IMPs.

You can make up your own mind which side had the better of the luck. What cannot be denied is that White House won the first half of this match by 44 IMPs to 13. Whether this was enough for an eventual win, you can read elsewhere!



BRENO VS ZIMMERMANN

by Ram Soffer

The deals for the penultimate round of the Swiss qualification were quite testing, with high scores all around, the most remarkable being Robertson's 69:24 thrashing of Www guts.com.

Team Breno, which led the event comfortably after 8 rounds, made a poor start due to some unfortunate bidding decisions:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ A K 3 2		
	♥ 9 6 5 4		
	♦ K Q 10 2		
	♣ Q		
♠ 9 7		♠ Q	
♥ J 10 7 2		♥ A K	
♦ 7 4 3		♦ J 8 5	
♣ J 7 5 2		♣ AK109643	
	♠ J 10 8 6 5 4		
	♥ Q 8 3		
	♦ A 9 6		
	♣ 8		

West	North	East	South
<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♠
5♣	2♠	3♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble
	5♠	All Pass	

D'Ovidio bid her one-suited hand slowly, starting with a takeout double. As a result N/S enjoyed a comfortable informative auction to 4♠. When West sacrificed to 5♣, Andrea Manno expressed his opinion that his cards were not good enough for the five-level. Nevertheless he was overruled by his partner Francesca Piscitelli.

The defenders had to cash their club trick immediately to prevent a discard, and Philippe Cronier's ♥J lead sufficed.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Willard</i>
3♣	1♦	2♣	Dble
All Pass	4♣	5♣	5♠

At the Closed Room the tempo of the auction was much faster. Sylvie Willard could not show

her long spades below the five-level, and her partner's 4♣ bid (under pressure) was much more encouraging than the simple raise to 2♠ at the Open Room. 5♠ failed after a club lead.

A push, but I regard it as a missed opportunity by Breno to gain 9 IMPs by sitting for the double of 5♣ and defending accurately (maybe only 5 IMPs if they do not switch to diamonds in time).

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Manno</i>
2♦*	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

The French pair were using a forcing 2NT continuation after the transfer, which allowed them to cuebid comfortably below the game level and sign off in 4♥ after finding out about the diamond problem. E/W +650.

Contrast this with the unscientific auction in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Willard</i>
2♦*	Pass	1NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

It must be said that Zaleski's approach might have worked out in a different layout, as the

slam would have been made in the absence of a diamond lead.

Unfortunately the \diamond AK were dealt in the leader's hand, so this time the scientific method prevailed. E/W -100 and 13 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Later in the set, this board actually had a companion:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Another possible slam for E/W that may only be defeated by a diamond lead. The bidding at the Open Room was quite amazing. Cronier-D'Ovidio told the world that they were missing a diamond control, yet bid the slam anyway (probably due to a misunderstanding). Manno took notice and led the \diamond 2... E/W -100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Manno</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

At the other table the problem was diagnosed in time. E/W +450.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Let's return to the chronological order of the deals. Breno conceded 10 more IMPs in Board 23 after some over-sophisticated bidding which allowed Manno/Piscitelli to stop in 4♦ when a cold vulnerable 5♦ was bid and made at the

other room. At that stage Zimmermann led 23:0. Breno opened their account in Board 25 thanks to a dubious action by Franck Multon.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Piscitelli</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Manno</i>
	3♦	Pass	4♠
Dbl	Pass	5♥	All Pass

A preemptive barrage didn't allow E/W to assess their cards properly, and they landed in 5♥ when cold for 12 tricks. Zimmermann +680.

It seems that the only way for E/W to reach 6♥ voluntarily is for East to overcall 3♥ – that's exactly what Marion Michielsen did for the Rosenthal team! Many experts will abhor the idea of overcalling with 5 HCP, but it's the result (in this case E/W +1430) that counts.

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaleski</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Olivieri</i>	<i>Willard</i>
	3♦	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Up to 5♥ the auction was identical to the Open Room. Then Multon decided on an apparently cheap sacrifice which turned out to be a very dangerous adventure.

The 5♠ bid appears tempting, but the experts advise us not to take another bid after preempting, because our partner knows much more about our hand than we know about his. In this case South was weaker than expected, and N/S should have been happy to see their opponents stop at the five-level.

Olivieri's Pass of 5♠ showed a good hand, after which 6♥ was duly bid. Multon took full responsibility of the hand by bidding on to 6♠, but this was no longer a cheap sacrifice.

Luckily for Zimmerman, their opponents missed a chance for down five. Zaleski led the ♣A and failed to make the rather obvious trump switch. Willard got rid of her second heart loser, escaping for -800.

In Board 26 Oliveri-Zaleski who held 23 HCPs allowed their opponents to play 2♥ in a 9-card fit for -100. Apparently a poor decision by Total Tricks standards, but at the other table D'Ovidio-Cronier reached the hopeless 3NT rather than the laydown 4♠, and it was 7 more IMPs for Breno.

The interesting fact about Board 27 is that N/S were cold for 4♥, yet hearts were never mentioned at both tables!

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ K J 5 2		
	♥ K 7 6 3		
	♦ A K 5 3		
	♣ Q		
♠ Q 10 4	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W E S</div>	♠ A 9 8 6 3	
♥ 9 8 4		♥ A	
♦ 8 7		♦ J 4	
♣ 9 8 7 4 3		♣ A K 6 5 2	
	♠ 7		
	♥ Q J 10 5 2		
	♦ Q 10 9 6 2		
	♣ J 10		

West	North	East	South
Cronier	Piscitelli	D'Ovidio	Manno
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♦
4♠	All Pass		Pass

West	North	East	South
Zaleski	Multon	Olivieri	Willard
Pass	1♦	3♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass		3♦

It seems that a weak two-suited bid of 2♥ was not part of the system of both N/S pairs.

4♠ was down one while 4♣, reached after Olivieri's two-suited 3♣ overcall, actually made for another 5 IMP to Breno. Following the above-mentioned slam swing in Board 28, they even took the lead - 26:24.

In the last board Zimmermann made +140 in both tables to swing the match their way, but a narrow defeat by 5 IMPs didn't trouble Breno. The Italians still had a cushion of almost 10 VPs going into the final round of the Swiss.

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WELL SPOTTED

by Mark Horton

Part of the fascination of bridge is the infinite number of possibilities that are contained on even the simplest looking deal.

This was Board 24 from the round of 16:

Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 9 ♥ A 6 ♦ K 10 8 5 4 3 ♣ 6 4</p>		<p>♠ K 8 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ — ♣ A 5 2</p>	<p>♠ — ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ A J 9 7 2 ♣ Q J 9 8</p> <p>♠ Q J 7 ♥ J 9 4 2 ♦ Q 6 ♣ K 10 7 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Cope	Zochowska	Robertson
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

There was some criticism of West's failure to bid 2♠ rather than 2♦, but one brought up in the

French school of bidding would ever contemplate raising with only three card support.

However, it seems fairly clear for West to bid 3♠ on the next round which would see East go on to game.

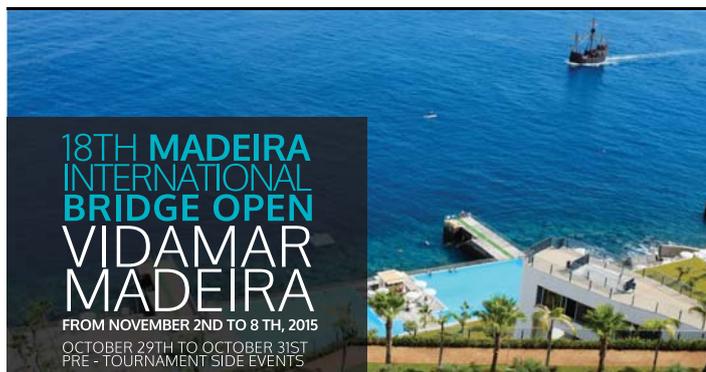
Keep in mind that if West does raise to 2♠ then North might double. If East then bids 4♠ South might double.

I can't be sure if that was the auction in the other room, but the final contract was 4♠ doubled.

There is no way to defeat that contract - the best shot is to lead a top trump, but declarer wins in dummy and cannot be prevented from securing one ruff in dummy to go with seven trumps and two aces.

However, if you exchange the seven and eight of spades then South can lead the queen of spades. If declarer wins in dummy and then plays the ace of hearts and a heart North ducks and South wins with the jack and plays the jack of spades. Declarer wins and can still ruff a heart in dummy, but then South's eight of spades will come into its own.

Even if North wins the second hearts and plays a club declarer should not come to more than nine tricks, as South will get in with a club at some point to play the jack of spades.



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PHANTOMS AND MAGIC

by **Micke Melander**

In Round of 16, the first KO-round of the European Mixed Team Championships Gunsmoke was up against www.guts.com. in one of the matches. The first half gave us two large swings, one in each direction - and it was all about sacrifices.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>F. Helness</i>	<i>Ringseth</i>	<i>Hellemann</i>	<i>Lindaas</i>
Pass	5♣	5♥	4♣
			All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>T. Helness</i>	<i>Blaagestad</i>	<i>G. Helness</i>
Pass	5♣	5♥	4♣
6♥	7♣	Dble	All Pass

When F. Helness in the Open Room didn't bid to slam, N-S saw no reason to sacrifice against their opponent's game. Things went differently in the Closed Room, when Fredin as West bid the slam. Tor Helness believed the opponents and took the insurance by sacrificing in Seven Clubs.

Helleman had no problem getting twelve tricks for 680 in the Open Room after the defense had cashed the ace of clubs. The question was, how expensive would Seven Clubs be?

Fredin started with the king of diamonds, which held the trick, and shifted to a heart to Blaagestad's ace. East then tried to cash the ace of diamonds

but declarer ruffed, drew the trump and played a spade towards dummy. Fredin could now have played the queen, to ensure that they got 800 from their opponents sacrifice but decided to gamble to see if it could be even 1100 by playing low from his queen-jack-seven. When Gun Helness called for the king of spades, the 1100 became a reality. 9 IMPs to www.guts.com.

A couple of boards later it was time to sacrifice again...

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>F. Helness</i>	<i>Ringseth</i>	<i>Hellemann</i>	<i>Lindaas</i>
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♣
3♠	4♣	4♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	Dble	6♣
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>T. Helness</i>	<i>Blaagestad</i>	<i>G. Helness</i>
Pass	1♥	2♥	3♣
4♠	5♣	All Pass	

Both West players found the diamond lead through dummy. In the Open Room the defense cashed their two diamonds to defeat the slam and declarer could claim the rest. Gun Helness had to work harder in Closed Room, when East just covered dummy's jack with the queen and shifted to a trump removing declarers possibility of cross-ruffing the eleven tricks she needed.

The board however didn't present any serious problem for Helness, when she decided to set up dummy's hearts for the last extra trick she needed to make her contract. Since East-West could make Four Spades here, a sacrifice would have been justified to save some IMPs, as it was 10 IMPs to Gunsmoke.

The first half ended 21-18 to Gunsmoke after some small turnovers here and there. A sacrifice against Five Clubs on board eight would have made the match even tighter than it now was.

The second half kicked off with 7 IMPs to guts.com when they managed to buy the contract at Two Spades in the Open Room and Two Hearts in the Closed Room, both making. Then we were back on track; time for some sacrificing again...

Board 16. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

	♠ 9		
	♥ K 9 5 3		
	♦ A Q 6		
	♣ A 10 9 8 5		
♠ 8 6 5 4 2	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W S E S</div>	♠ K Q J 7 3	
♥ A 7		♥ Q J 4	
♦ 10 9 5 2		♦ J 4	
♣ K 6		♣ Q 4 2	
	♠ A 10		
	♥ 10 8 6 2		
	♦ K 8 7 3		
	♣ J 7 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ringseth	F. Helness	Lindaas	Hellemann
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
T. Helness	Fredin	G. Helness	Blaagestad
Pass	1♣	1♠	Dble
2♣	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Ringseth choose to pre-empt partner's overcall assuming it would be sound at this vulnerability and Hellemann made sure to take the maximum out of it by a double. With five rather quick losers it was 500 to Gunsmoke.

Fredin in the Closed Room got to declare Four Hearts. East led the king of spades, declarer rose with the ace from dummy and played a heart to his king, which held the trick. Another trump followed and West got in with the ace of trumps. Another spade followed, ruffed by declarer. Fredin then cashed the queen of diamonds, in the small hope of getting some information from the defenders. When that wasn't the case and both followed low he had to decide how to play clubs. He knew that he needed the honors divided or West with both of them. But what was most likely if they were 3-2: was it East or West who would have three? Fredin played a small club towards dummy guessing that the hand who had overcalled with One Spade had two clubs. That was not the case and when Gun Helness after a very long thought played low from her queen-third it was game over, down one.

Four Spades in the Open Room had suddenly become a phantom sacrifice... 11 IMPs to Gunsmoke.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A		
	♥ Q 10		
	♦ K 10 9 8 7 6 5 2		
	♣ A 5		
♠ J 10 8 2	<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W S E S</div>	♠ Q 6 4 3	
♥ J 3		♥ A 9 6	
♦ —		♦ A Q J 3	
♣ K Q J 10 7 6 2		♣ 9 3	
	♠ K 9 7 5		
	♥ K 8 7 5 4 2		
	♦ 4		
	♣ 8 4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ringseth	F. Helness	Lindaas	Hellemann
4♠	1♦	Dble	1♥
	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
T. Helness	Fredin	G. Helness	Blaagestad
2♣	1♦	Dble	1♥
4♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Neither of the North players was able to stop bidding their diamonds until they had reached the five-level, East happily doubled at both tables

with ace-queen-jack-fourth behind... The main difference was that Tor Helness managed to steer his partner right on the opening lead by bidding clubs first. The club lead got the contract down three, for another 5 IMPs, when a spade lead in the Open Room only meant down two. Declarer was able to throw the losing club on the king of spades and the king of hearts was the needed entry.

A couple of boards later came one of those boards that will go to the bridge history archives in the chapter of "Magic Fredin Doubles".

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ringseth</i>	<i>F. Helness</i>	<i>Lindaas</i>	<i>Hellemann</i>
1♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Helness</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>G. Helness</i>	<i>Blaagestad</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble!	All Pass	

In the Open Room South led a low spade, declarer ducked twice, won third round and pitched a diamond from hand. East then established the hearts and when North had the ace of hearts and clubs were 3-3, nine tricks were in the bag.

Far more interesting things happened in the Closed Room. Fredin's double really rocked the boat. He even managed to block the spade suit by leading the seven of spades. Helness went into the tank when he saw the seven of spades going to the

ten and king before playing any further. Suddenly he went up with the ace to play a heart towards dummy! Fredin rose with the ace, cashed queen-nine of spades and returned a low heart. Helness won the trick in dummy, played a club to the king and another club to the ten in dummy! When South scored the jack and could cash two more spades a cold contract suddenly was down two for 500, and 15 IMPs to www.guts.com.

On the next board Gunsmoke took back 6 IMPs when their opponents didn't have the "guts" to bid game and stopped in a part score. Then Tor Helness got into problems again, what to bid?

♠1062 ♥AJ32 ♦AK109 ♣84

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>T. Helness</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>G. Helness</i>	<i>Blaagestad</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♥	Pass
?			

Helness eventually passed the board out, which might have been correct. But when two opening hands meet you can be quite sure that thr opponents are in game somewhere. West was probably somehow affected by the previous experience in 3NT which was doubled and went for 500 when it actually was cold, since he didn't do the right thing again. Partner made Three Hearts on a safety play, but when the opponents had bid Five Clubs and made it at the other table that was another 10 IMPs in the Norwegian Sea.

If first half was a "low-scoring" 21-18, the second half was the opposite with 51-33 in favor of www.guts.com. They had turned the match round, making it to the quarterfinals.



Peter Fredin, team www.Guts.com



GOALAAAAAAA!

by Mark Horton

Everyone (well, everyone English) knows that football is a game of 90 minutes after which Germany wins on penalties (and this applies equally to the German Women's football team).

To the best of my knowledge no German players were involved in the Round of 16 match between Full House and Mortensen, but it proved to an historic encounter.

At the end of full time the scores were tied and extra boards were required. However, in a time saving device the organisers had decided that such ties would be resolved by adopting the Editor's idea of playing one deal at a time.

This was number 1:

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lybaek</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>Ellingse</i>	<i>Tuncok</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Dble	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Against this uninformative auction (in the sense that I have no time to find out what it meant) East led the six of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the queen. East won and the defenders took their tricks, leaving declarer with the nine she needed, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Rimstead</i>	<i>Mortensen</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5♣*
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- 4♥ Cue bid
- 5♣ Cue bid

When East led the six of clubs declarer won and took a heart finesse. When that lost the defenders could cash a club, and although it appears that East did not manage to score a trick with the king of spades one down was enough for a win and a place in the quarter finals.

Is this the right moment to observe that the longest ever penalty shoot out took place in 2005 when the Namibian Cup had to be settled by a record-breaking 48 spot-kicks.

In that game, KK Palace held their nerve to defeat the Civics 17-16 following a 2-2 draw in normal time.



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**ZIMMERMANN VS ROBERTSON / VYTAS VS AJ DIAMONDS**

by Jos Jacobs

Mixed Teams, Round of 16, First Segment

In this combined report, I will pay attention to the highlights of both Round of 16-matches mentioned above. More often than not, interesting boards prove interesting in more than one match though these two matches did not always stick to this rule.

Vytas and Robertson had taken a small lead on the first board, but then, after a routine game on board 2, the stakes got higher on board 3:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Zimmermann v. Robertson:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>	<i>Malakova</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	3♣
Pass	5♣	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	7♣
Dble	All Pass		

For Robertson, the Bulgarian EW had no trouble in reaching a slam once West could open the bidding after South's initial pass, so the French had to take the sacrifice which cost them 800. This looked very much like a par result.

In the Closed Room, the British beat par by quite a lot.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
Pass	5♣	Dble	3♣
			All Pass

South opened 3♣ and North raised to five, giving Sylvie Willard a nasty problem at her first turn. When West went for what looked like a sure plus score, his side had lost another 11 IMPs to trail by 15 when 5♣ was only down two for -300.

Vytas v. AJ Diamonds:

In the other match, South for Vytas passed as dealer in the open room and the following auction developed:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wojcieszek</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♣
Pass	5♣	Dble	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

All quite normal but as the slam looked to have been bid under some pressure, the Poles were allowed to play it for an overtrick and +1390. They too had beaten par by a lot, albeit the other way round.

In the Closed Room, South found an opening bid:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Jaszczak</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♣
5♦	6♣	6♦	5♣
Dble	All Pass		7♣

Suddenly, after South's opening bid, both bidding the slam and taking the sacrifice had become far more attractive; I'm not sure what that proves. Vytas +800 but 11 IMPs to the Polish Diamonds.

Two boards later, Zimmermann registered an interesting swing:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>	<i>Malakova</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Catherine D'Ovidio bid a courageous and inspired 4♠ at her second turn, vulnerable against not. Though this contract should have gone down two for -500, she managed to save a trick when the defence started off with two rounds of hearts rather than finding the club shift.

She ruffed the second heart and played off ♠A and ♠Q. West won his king but with the clubs blocked, declarer could not lose more than one club and the ♠J from this point. Had she played a low spade instead of the queen, East could still have got her club ruff for the same one down. But would she? Robertson +200.

In the Closed Room, Robertson did not show the same inspiration:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

One overtrick, Zimmermann +450 and 6 IMPs.

In the other match, both teams played in 4♥ for no swing.

Two boards later, three of our four featured NS pairs went overboard.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Zimmermann-Robertson match, they played in 3NT at both tables, down two.

The Russians also found themselves overboard:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wojcieszek</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Even 2NT was far too high when declarer won the third round of spades and led a heart up to dummy's queen, smoothly ducked by Anna Sarniak! This led to declarer misguessing the hearts later on and thus going two down even in 2NT. AJ Diamonds +200.

In the Closed Room, the Poles quickly reached a decent contract:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Jaszczak</i>
			1NT
			All Pass

When West led the ♦J which was ducked by declarer, West continued the suit. Nicely done by Jaszczak, who actually ended up with an overtrick for a gain of 8 IMPs from almost nowhere.

On the next board, both sides had a cold game available but only one out of our eight featured pairs reached the promised land.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skorchev	P Cronier	Malakova	D'Ovidio
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
3♥(Fit)	4♥	4♠	5♣
All Pass			

Spade raises and fitbids all round but 5♣ cannot not possibly be defeated as declarer can always set up two hearts, even on a trump lead. Zimmermann a fine +400.

Please note North's decision not to launch a weak two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Cope	Willard	Robertson
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

At the other table, North did open a weak two and from there, South was afraid to show her clubs, no doubt fearing a misfit with her singleton heart. So the British sold out to 3♠. The French had missed game (with all the diamonds being well placed) but their two overtricks and +200 still added up to a 12-IMP gain on the board for them to take the lead in the match for the first time: 24-15.

The next board was amusing, since South had an 8-5 chance to find the right lead:

Board: 9. Dlr: North/EW

♠ K Q 7		♠ 10 8 6
♥ A K J 9 7		♥ 4 3
♦ 8 6 2		♦ --
♣ Q 7		♣ AKJ108542
♠ 9 4 3 2		♠ A J 5
♥ Q 10 8 6		♥ 5 2
♦ A K Q J 10		♦ 9 7 5 4 3
♣ --		♣ 9 6 3

In the Zimmermann-Robertson match, both Norths opened 1NT and both Easts overcalled 3♣ which became the final contract. When both Souths led a diamond, there was no swing as 11 tricks were suddenly assured.

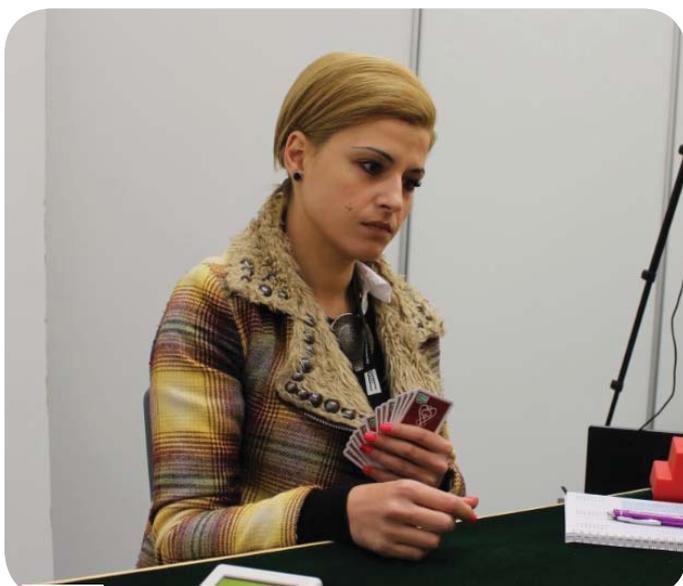
In the Vytas-AJ Diamonds match, they had other ideas:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wojcieszek	Gromov	Sarniak	Gromova
	1♥	4♣	All Pass

One might say the level of overcalling clubs was irrelevant as the success of any club contract would depend on the lead only. The difference was that Gromov had not opened 1NT as they did in our other match but had preferred to show his good five-card major first. So Gromova duly led her partner's suit for an easy two down. Vytas +200.

Yet another variation we saw in the Closed Room here.



Desislava Malakova, team Robertson

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Jaszczak</i>
Pass	1♥	3♣	Pass
All Pass	Dble	Pass	3♦

Once again, a “more normal” 1♥ opening bid but here, East only bid 3♣. When this came round to North, she doubled and South made the obvious bid of 3♦. West did not openly express her opinion on this action but instead collected a quiet +150 for three down, not counting the 150 honours. The swing thus was 350 or 8 IMPs to Vytas.

The next board was an example of a natural system v. Strong Club in the Zimmermann-Robertson match:

Board: 10. Dlr: East/All

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

For Robertson, the Bulgarian Strong Club EW reached relatively astronomical heights:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>P Cronier</i>	<i>Malakova</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

In fact, this contract might well have had play against a few friendly distributions, but they were not available here this time. Down two, when declarer ran out of trumps eventually, having been forced in clubs on too many occasions.



Franck Multon, team Zimmermann

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Multon</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
1♠	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Standard français clearly proved its value here, as Willard saw no reason to bid on her unpromising hand. One overtrick when the defence did not find the club force, and 7 IMPs to Zimmermann.

In the other match, we saw quite different judgements:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wojcieszek</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

This was Polish Club so East could not pass 1♠. The final contract was decent enough apart from the trifling fact that it had no play with the spades 4-1. One down on a diamond lead, Vytas + 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ponomareva</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Jaszczak</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	All Pass		

The Russians could pass 1♠ and when they duly did, a plus score had been reached. One overtrick and 5 IMPs more to Vytas.

The scores at halftime:
 Vytas-AJ Diamonds 29-20
 Zimmermann-Robertson 33-15

With both these matches still wide open with 14 boards to play, my decision as to which matches to watch in the second half was made easy. So here we go with the decisive segment in both of them.

In both our matches, the halftime leaders had slightly extended their lead on the first three boards but they both suffered a severe setback on the next:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malakova</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Willard</i>
		1♣	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led a heart and continued the suit after winning his ♣A. This way, declarer had 11 tricks when the spades were 3-3. Robertson +460, a routine result and a flat board, one would think.

At the other table, Blackwood was of no use any more once clubs were set as trumps.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Though the club contract had been right-sided (North not being able to lead a diamond, which would have defeated even 5♣), North-South looked with pleasure at their two aces. When her ♦A opening lead survived, declarer had to accept one down. Robertson +50 and a welcome if surprising 11-IMP gain, to reduce their deficit to 15.

In the other match, both EW pairs were left in peace and both duly reached 5♣, the second best contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jaszczak</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

The Poles had managed to put the declaration in the East hand so there was no defence. AJ Diamonds +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Harasim.</i>
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

The Vytas pair also reached 5♣ but due to their system, West had become the declarer. What was worse for them: South had been given the chance to make a lead-directing double of East's 4♦ cuebid so North had little trouble in finding the killing lead. Down two when South got a diamond ruff as well after North won his ♣A on the first round. AJ Diamonds another +100 and 11 IMPs to them. That reduced their deficit to a mere 2 IMPs.



Robertson - Zimmermann live on youtube



Robertson had closed their deficit to 9 IMPs when board 24 arrived.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malakova</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Willard</i>
1♦!	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

This looks a sensible auction overall but sometimes, a contract cannot be defeated just because you have 22 HCP. This proved the case here, Robertson +590.

In the other room, they all stayed pretty quiet:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

The same ten tricks, of course, but 9 IMPs to Robertson to level their match with just four more boards to play.

In the other match, we saw basically the same two auctions in both the open and the closed room:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jaszczak</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Baldysz</i>	<i>Gromova</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

AJ Diamonds +590.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Gulevich</i>	<i>Harasim.</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Vytas +170 so 9 IMPs to AJ Diamonds who thus had suddenly leapt into the lead.

The next board was yet another example of how difficult it can be to reach 5♣ when this is the proper contract:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malakova</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Willard</i>
	Pass	2♣	2♠
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Two Clubs showed the suit at once, of course, but 2NT may well have suggested a different shape to Malakova. As declarer needed both red finesses to work to have any chance at all to get to nine tricks, he was very quickly three down when the diamond finesse failed. Zimmermann +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Robertson</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♣	4♠
5♣	All Pass		

The ZZ partnership as EW had a very neat sequence (A for effort?) to land in the proper contract. They were duly rewarded with +600 and 14 IMPs to take the lead once again this time with only three boards to play.

In the other match, the Poles were well on their way but the fierce intervention made it hard for them to judge precisely what was going on.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jaszczak	Gromov	Baldysz	Gromova
	Pass	1♣	2♦
Dble	3♥	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♣	All Pass

2♦ was Multi and 3♥ showed both major suit fits. Holding only a small doubleton in clubs, can West be blamed for not raising? I doubt it...

Anyway, 11 tricks were there when the trumps broke in not too unfriendly fashion, so AJ Diamonds scored +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Vainikonis	Janiszewski	Gulevich	Harasim.
	Pass	1♣	2♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Wonderful judgement by Gulevich here: first passing 3♠ on what was not really a very strong hand in HCP, then going all out when West could speak once more. A well-deserved +600 and 10 IMPs back to Vytas who were trailing by 10 now with three to play.



Simon Cope & Marion Robertson

On the next board, a speculative (and unfortunate) lead by Gromova put paid to the Vytas chances:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jaszczak	Gromov	Baldysz	Gromova
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Admittedly, clubs looked very much like the unbid suit. But on the actual layout, a diamond lead would have hit the jackpot. On the actual ♣ Q lead, declarer won the king and went after the hearts. When they turned out to be 3-3, she had an easy enough overtrick. AJ Diamonds +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Vainikonis	Janiszewski	Gulevich	Harasim,
		1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With West the declarer, North led a diamond into the tenace but declarer, not being clairvoyant, tried to establish dummy's spades rather than his own hearts, since he now had only one side entry left to enjoy any heart winners. This line was bound to fail today, as South was looking at all the spades. So the contract ended with only seven tricks for declarer, another +200 to AJ Diamonds, who now led by 23 with just two boards left. This match was over, the final score being 76-55 to the Poles.

Zimmermann still led by 14 when the last board in that match came up.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

When NS bid their game in convincing style, West thought that sacrificing would be the best thing to do. When the clubs turned out to be 2-2 with NS (and the hearts 3-2, for that matter), her decision proved costly. Zimmermann +500 as there were five losers in 5♣.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Cope	Zochowska	Robertson
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble
Pass	3♠	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malakova	Multon	Skorchev	Willard
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
Pass	3♠	4♣	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

When Zochowska doubled 3♠ rather than bid 4♣, Zimmermann had no reason whatsoever to disturb 4♠. This might have been costly for the reasons suggested above but as it happened, it was the right decision. Four Spades duly went one off for another +100 and 12 IMPs to Zimmermann who thus had brought home the bacon by 68-42 to move into the quarterfinals as well.

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Maxim FEOFANOV
Elena KHONICHEVA
Viacheslav GUSEV
Alexandra NIKITINA

CAYNE

Jimmy CAYNE
Patricia CAYNE
Dano DE FALCO
Jacqui MITCHELL

CHINA GEELY AUTO

Bangxiang ZHANG
Shengyue GUI
Liping WANG
Wen Fei WANG
Jianming DAI
Qi SHEN (1)

DARLING

Marina DARLING
Justin HOWARD
Liv BUGGE
Reidar JOHNSEN

GAMMA GRAFISK

Turid BONES
Vegard BREKKE
Ellen KJAER
Geir Egil BERGHEIM

GOLD

David GOLD
Catherine CURTIS
Paul FEGARTY
Susanna GROSS

GRAIZER

N. GRAIZER-HORWITZ
Micha MARK
Sonia MARK
Gabi MERMELSTEIN
Nurit NAVEH

HIMANI

Himani KHANDELWAL
Rajeev KHANDELWAL
Barbara GOTARD
Tomasz GOTARD

HOFFEMAN

David HOFFMAN
Sue PICUS
Andrew BRAITHWAITE
SUSAN BRAITHWAITE

INOVENTIO KOLBOTTEN

Baard LIAN
Gunn ROBERTSEN
Einar KNUTSEN
Gerd Irene KNUTSEN
Baard LIAN captain

KIBE

Ayse OZGUNES
Basak KUTUK
Dogan UZUM
Omer KIZILOK
Ayse OZGUNES cpt

KURTS ANGELS

Kurt-Ove THOMASSEN
Simon HINGE
Ranja SIVERTSVIK
Stine HOLMOY
Ann-Mari MIRKOVIC
Jon-Egil FURUNES

LEGEANKA

Gerd Inger AUSTLI
Lennart JANSSON
Anton THORSTENSEN
Kari BAKKE

LES MISERABLES

Haavard MOE
Oddrun GODEJORD
Knut PETTERSEN
Ann Marie PETTERSEN

MAHAFFEY

Jim MAHAFFEY
Judi RADIN
Irina LEVITINA
Sam LEV
Tonje A. BROGELAND
Boye BROGELAND
Jim MAHAFFEY cpt

MALUISH

Annette E. MALUISH
Andrew John MILL
Anisia SHAMI
Owen CAMP

MARIE

Marie EGGELING
Rosaline BARENDREGT
Yngve LAMO
Thomas GOTARD
Tomasz GOTARD

MELBOURNE 1

William FRISBY
Eva CAPLAN
Cathy MILL
Grant KILVINGTON
Rachel FRENKEL
Henry SAWICKI

MELWOOD

Tor Eivind GRUDE
David UELAND
Tommy SOOILAND
Ragnar DAVIDSEN

MIKLAGARD

Erdem OZTURK
Ferda CAKICI
Linnea EDLUND
Robert LARSSON

MINA

Victor ARONOV
Ahu ZOBU
Enver KOKSOY
Umran SEMERCI
Victor ARONOV cpt

MIXED

Ronnie BARR
Eldad GINOSSAR
Ron PACHTMAN
Clara HETZ
Nathan HETZ
Tone T. SVENDSEN

MOSTINGAN

Hege Charlotte FABER
Kjell Ove HELMERSEN
Finn . NICOLAYSEN
Sissel SNEVE
Ola RONNING

NI LLIV

Tor Einar ERLANDSEN
Trude SELFORS
Kay STRAND
Anette VAAGLAND

NONSTOP

Anne Lise FJAEELBERG
Reidar LERBREKK
Kirsten DUBLAND
Vegard HERMANSEN

OPTIMISTS

Lisbeth Aulid EIDE
Terje LOBBEN
Erling BREKKA
Inger Skogly
ROLFSTAD

PANDORA

Agnes WESSELING
Niels VAN DER GAAST
Paula McLEISH
David Whalley McLEISH

PASSO DOUBLE

Ragnhild SOLUM
Oystein GARVIK
Gerd LARSEN
Hagbart NILSEN
Else UNDEM
Rolf UNDEM

PUNCH

Sam PUNCH
Tim REES
James THROWER
Sarah TESHOME

ROSENTHAL

Andrew ROSENTHAL
Marion MICHIELSEN
Roy WELLAND
Sabine AUKEN
Chris WILLENKEN
Dana BERKOWITZ
Andrew ROSENTHAL cpt

ROSSARD

Martine ROSSARD
Jerzy ROMANOWSKI
Wojciech GAWEL
Grazyna BREWIAK
Danielle AVON
Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE

**SANBORN**

Kerri SANBORN
Steve SANBORN
David BERKOWITZ
Lisa BERKOWITZ

SILVERFOX

Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL
Faith MAYER
Michael CORNELL
Vivien CORNELL
Geir-Olav TISLEVOLL cpt

SJODAL

Stig DYBDAHL
Elisabeth G. SJODAL
Rolf SJODAL
Sofie Grasholt SJODAL

SOLHEIM

Eli SOLHEIM
Ivar M. ANFINSEN
Svein MARKUSSEN
Ronnaug ASLA
Jan FJAELBERG
Bente M. BIRKELAND

TAKK

Teruko NISHIMURA
Ayako MIYAKUNI
Kenji MIYAKUNI
Kazuo FURUTA

TEAM ATLANTIC

Anton Reynir GUN-
NARSSON
Erik RYNNING
Eva HAGEN
Vigdis THOREN

THE PATRIOTS

Magnus WEIMAN
Maureen WEIMAN
Matthew FIENBERG
Jill HUNTER
Magnus WEIMAN cpt

TOGRAM

Magne EIDE
Rolf HANSEN
Margot ALFHEIM
Krista THARALDSEN

TOMFOOLERY

Catherine SEALE
Thomas PASKE
Tommy H SANDSMARK
Nils-Otto ELIASSEN

TRONDERMIX

Arne Georg AUNOEN
Helen JOHANSEN
Eivind KANDAHL
Britt Helene SOLVANG

TUPPEN

Kristine KVERNSTROM
Siri BRAATANE
Svein Arild N. OLSEN
Bo Andreas BERG

VI E KLAR

Margrethe LINDQUIST
Ingunn SKRE
Ludvig KRISTOFFERSEN
Egil Inge REITAN

VIDIGAL

Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE

John MCALLISTER
Ana Carolina VIDIGAL
Louk VERHEES Jr

WARD PLATT

Kiki WARD-PLATT
Bernard CABANES
Benedicte CRONIER
Thomas BESSIS

WITO

Willy Roger OTTEMO
Tore HANSEN
Marianne ERIKSEN
Solbritt LINDAHL

YABBIES

Richard J BRIGHTLING
Leone MOFFAT
Pam CRICHTON
Ross CRICHTON

ZEN

Thierry DE MENDEZ
Sybil BRAGADIR
Laurence DUC
Stephan MAGNUSSON

**BAM OPEN TEAMS****RESULTS**

1	SANBORN	64.00	28	MELWOOD	50.80
2	GAMMA GRAFISK	62.40	28	CAYNE	50.80
	MOSTINGAN	62.40	30	WARD PLATT	50.00
4	GRAIZER	61.00		PASSO DOUBLE	50.00
5	KIBE	60.40		TRONDERMIX	50.00
6	BEIJING TRINERGY	60.00		TUPPEN	50.00
7	ROSENTHAL	59.20	34	MALUSH	49.40
8	ALZADA	58.40		WITO	49.40
9	BADGER	56.40	36	BERGEN AK	49.20
	TAKK	56.40	37	ANITAS SANS	47.40
	SJODAL	56.40		OPTIMISTS	47.40
12	SOLHEIM	55.60	39	ZEN	47.00
13	MAHAFFEY	55.40	40	NONSTOP	45.40
14	SILVERFOX	54.40	41	MINA	44.40
	YABBIES	54.40	42	MELBOURNE 1	44.00
16	CHINA GEELY AUTO	54.00	43	MIXED	43.80
17	PUNCH	53.60	44	TOGRAM	42.40
18	ROSSARD	53.40	45	LES MISERABLES	42.00
	BOHNSACK	53.40		NI LLIV	42.00
	BRIDGE OF KING F1	53.40	47	THE PATRIOTS	40.40
21	MARIE	53.20	48	HOFFEMAN	40.00
22	MIKLAGARD	53.00	49	TEAM ATLANTIC	39.00
23	DARLING	52.20	50	LEGEANKA	38.20
24	KURTS ANGELS	52.00	51	INOVENTIO K.	37.20
	TOMFOOLERY	52.00	52	PANDORA	31.00
26	GOLD	51.60	53	VI E KLAR	28.00
27	VIDIGAL	51.40	54	BYE	0.00

Results are subject to confirmation



MIXED TEAMS

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1	LANZAROTTI Massimo	GOLIN Cristina	1,72	103	60
2	FJAELBERG Jan	BIRKELAND B. M.	1,53	92	60
3	WANG Liping	GUI Shengyue	1,37	96	70
4	GROMOVA Victoria	GROMOV Andrey	1,26	101	80
5	COPE Simon	ROBERTSON Marion	1,25	125	100
6	BESSIS Thomas	CRONIER Benedicte	1,10	108	98
7	RINGSETH Jorn Arild	LINDAAS Pernille	1,09	109	100
8	SAELENMINDE Erik	MALINOWSKI Anna	1,08	65	60
9	JAKOBSEN Arild	DANIELSEN Ann-Elin	1,08	108	100
10	BOGEN Anne Irene	BOGEN Frank	1,02	61	60
11	CRONIER Philippe	D'OIDIO Catherine	0,98	78	80
12	HELNESS Tor	HELNESS Gunn	0,96	96	100
13	CHARLSEN Thomas	LARSSON Jessica	0,95	95	100
14	TISLEVOLL Geir-Olav	MAYER Faith	0,93	93	100
15	BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa	BREDE Lukasz	0,92	92	100
16	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	0,91	64	70
17	SANBORN Kerri	SANBORN Steve	0,84	84	100
18	UPMARK Johan	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	0,84	84	100
19	FURUNES Jon-Egil	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	0,81	57	70
20	MORTENSEN Maria Dam	HEGGE Kristoffer	0,78	78	100
21	MIYAKUNI Ayako	MIYAKUNI Kenji	0,77	77	100
22	THORSTENSEN Anton	BAKKE Kari	0,77	77	100
23	SVENDSEN Odin	WENNEVOLD Ida	0,76	76	100
24	KOVACHEV Valentin	MARQUARDT Diana	0,72	72	100
25	HETZ Clara	PACHTMAN Ron	0,71	50	70
26	GLAERUM Lisbeth	UELAND David	0,68	61	90
27	GAVIARD Daniele	MARRO Christophe	0,66	53	80
28	COOPER Kitty	KOLESNIK Alex	0,64	64	100
29	HOMME Marianne	HOMME Egil	0,64	64	100
30	JASZCZAK Andrzej	BALDYSZ Cathy	0,63	57	90
31	KAZMUCHA Danuta	SEREK Cezary	0,63	38	60
32	GOLD David	GROSS Susanna	0,63	63	100
33	CAPLAN Eva	FRISBY William	0,63	50	80
34	NIKITINA Alexandra	GUSEV Viacheslav	0,62	62	100
35	ZOBU Ahu	ARONOV Victor	0,61	55	90
36	ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	0,59	35	59
37	BROCK Sally	MYERS Barry	0,57	40	70
38	PISCITELLI Francesca	MANNO Andrea	0,55	33	60
39	VAN DER GAAST Niels	WESSELING Agnes	0,55	55	100
40	McCALLUM Karen	TUNCOK Cenk	0,55	55	100
41	HINDEN Frances	OSBORNE Graham	0,51	51	100
42	ISPORSKI Vladislav Nikolov	NIKOLOVA MARTA	0,45	45	100
43	BRAGADIR Sybil	DE MENDEZ Thierry	0,44	44	100
44	STANGHELLE Helge	HARDING Gerd Marit	0,43	43	100
45	TRENDAFILOV Roumen	SENIOR Nevena	0,40	40	100
46	SVINDAHL Frank	VIST Gunn Tove	0,38	37	98
47	MICHIELSEN Marion	ROSENTHAL Andrew	0,37	22	60
48	WANG Yanhong	LI Xiaoyi	0,36	29	80
49	SHAMI Anisia	CAMP Owen	0,36	36	100
50	HAALAND Aud	HELMERSEN Kjell Ove	0,35	35	99



51	EDLUND Linnea	LARSSON Robert	0,35	35	100
52	HELGEMO Geir	LANGELAND Aase	0,35	35	100
53	REES Tim	PUNCH Sam	0,35	35	100
54	SENIOR Brian	PENFOLD Sandra	0,34	34	100
55	SMYKALLA Gisela	SCHNEIDER Michael	0,34	34	100
56	FAGERDAL Roger	ANDERSEN Wibeke	0,34	34	100
57	BROGELAND Boye	BROGELAND T. A.	0,34	27	80
58	REMEN Solvi	BAKKE Tor	0,33	33	100
59	BARENDREGT Rosaline	LAMO Yngve	0,33	23	70
60	WELANDER Unni	LISLAND Trygve	0,32	32	99
61	HOP Jacco	WORTEL Meike	0,32	32	100
62	BREIVIK Kristine	HOYLAND Sven Olai	0,29	29	100
63	SUN Shaolin	WU Shaohong	0,28	17	60
64	BAKKEREN Ton	MADSEN Christina Lund	0,28	28	100
65	KHONICHEVA Elena	FEOFANOV Maxim	0,26	26	100
66	HELLEMANN Anne-Lill	HELNESS Fredrik	0,24	24	100
67	KOKSOY Enver	SEMERCİ Umran	0,24	19	80
68	BERGHEIM Geir Egil	KJAER Ellen	0,23	23	100
69	SOLUM Skjalg Nyheim	SOLUM Brit-Helen N.	0,22	22	100
70	VERHEES Jr Louk	VIDIGAL Ana Carolina	0,20	20	100
71	LESLIE Paula	ALLERTON Jeffrey	0,20	20	100
72	STABELL Leif-Erik	CAMERON Gail	0,19	19	100
73	GUNNARSSON Anton Reynir	HAGEN Eva	0,18	18	100
74	SKORCHEV Stefan	MALAKOVA Desislava	0,17	17	100
75	THORESEN Siv	HOILAND Tom	0,17	17	100
76	WANG Wen Fei	ZHANG Bangxiang	0,16	11	70
77	LEV Sam	LEVITINA Irina	0,16	14	90
78	BRENNE Einar Asbjorn	MOEN Vigdis	0,15	15	100
79	HOWARD Justin	DARLING Marina	0,15	13	89
80	SARNIAK Anna	WOJCIESZEK Jakub	0,14	11	80
81	HAUGEN Annika	BJERKSET Stein	0,12	12	100
82	OLIVIERI Gabriella	ZALESKI Romain	0,11	9	80
83	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	BERTHEAU Kathrine	0,09	9	100
84	GINOSSAR Eldad	BARR Ronnie	0,09	6	70
85	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	MCALLISTER John	0,07	7	100
86	BRAATANE Siri	BERG Bo Andreas	0,07	7	100
87	HOCHKEK Danuta	CICHOCKI Mirosław	0,05	5	100
88	FURUTA Kazuo	NISHIMURA Teruko	0,05	5	100
89	BUGGE Liv	JOHNSEN Reidar	0,04	4	89
90	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	0,04	4	90
91	BRAITHWAITE Andrew	BRAITHWAITE SUSAN	0,03	3	90
92	BREWIAK Grazyna	GAWEL Wojciech	0,03	2	80
93	KOWALSKI Apolinary	MISZEWSKA Ewa	0,01	1	80
94	ELIASSEN Erik	BJORLO Hilde	0,01	1	99
95	TESHOME Sarah	THROWER James	0,01	1	100
96	OVESEN Jo-Arne	HESKJE Torild	0,01	1	100
97	SNEVE Sissel	RONNING Ola	0,00	0	100
98	MIRKOVIC Ann-Mari	HINGE Simon	0,00	0	60
99	SKJETNE Erlend	STOEN Tove	-0,01	-1	70
100	BREKKE Vegard	BONES Turid	-0,03	-3	100
101	BREKKA Erling	ROLFSTAD Inger Skogly	-0,05	-5	100
102	LINDAHL Solbritt	HANSSEN Tore	-0,05	-5	100
103	DYBDAHL Stig	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	-0,06	-6	100
104	GRUDE Tor Eivind	GRUDE Marian	-0,07	-5	70
105	ENGBRETSEN Geir	OWER Anita	-0,08	-8	99
106	EIDE Magne	ALFHEIM Margot	-0,09	-9	100



107	MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	-0,12	-12	100
108	CRICHTON Ross	CRICHTON Pam	-0,12	-12	100
109	OZTURK Erdem	CAKICI Ferda	-0,12	-12	100
110	FREDIN Peter	BLAAGESTAD Lise	-0,13	-13	100
111	HUANG Yan	LU Dong	-0,13	-8	60
112	LYBAEK Astrid Steen	ELLINGSEN Kristian	-0,15	-15	100
113	SOLVANG Britt Helene	KANDAHL Eivind	-0,15	-15	100
114	ROSSARD Martine	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	-0,15	-9	60
115	OPSAL Kari-Anne	GOSVIG Henrik	-0,16	-16	100
116	NORENG Hans	NILSEN Solfrid	-0,16	-16	100
117	GRAIZER Nurit	HORVITZ Shimshon	-0,17	-10	60
118	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	DUBININ Alexander	-0,20	-18	90
119	UZUM Dogan	OZGUNES Ayse	-0,20	-20	100
120	NEDREBO Sjur	LINDSTROEM Mona	-0,20	-20	99
121	ASLA Ronnaug	MARKUSSEN Svein	-0,23	-16	70
122	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	BREKKA Geir	-0,23	-23	100
123	SJODAL Elisabeth Grasholt	SJODAL Rolf	-0,23	-23	100
124	NAVEH Nurit	MERMELSTEIN Gabi	-0,25	-15	60
125	SALONEN Irmeli	MORAWSKI Dariusz	-0,27	-27	99
126	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	AVON Danielle	-0,28	-17	60
127	BERKOWITZ Lisa	BERKOWITZ David	-0,30	-30	100
128	CURTIS Catherine	FEGARTY Paul	-0,30	-30	100
129	RYNNING Erik	THOREN Vigdis	-0,31	-31	100
130	HALFON Nesim Mihail	HALFON Tola	-0,31	-31	100
131	THARALDSEN Krista	HANSEN Rolf	-0,32	-32	100
132	DE FALCO Dano	CAYNE Patricia	-0,33	-33	100
133	BANKOGLU Ergun	BANKOGLU Lelia	-0,33	-33	100
134	ERIKSEN Marianne	OTTEMO Willy Roger	-0,34	-34	100
135	KIZILOK Omer	KUTUK Basak	-0,35	-35	100
136	MILL Cathy	KILVINGTON Grant	-0,38	-23	60
137	HANSEN Jonny	FOSSUM Ann Birgitte	-0,39	-38	98
138	JENSSEN Ingebrigt	RUBACH Berit	-0,39	-39	100
139	BRENNER Anne	CAPRERA David	-0,40	-40	100
140	VOLL Charlotte	SOOILAND Tommy	-0,41	-37	90
141	THOMASSEN Kurt-Ove	HOLMOY Stine	-0,43	-30	70
142	BOHNSACK Susanne	BOHNSACK Henning	-0,44	-44	100
143	STABELL Tolle	VOS Vanessa	-0,46	-46	100
144	DAI Jianming	SHEN (1) Qi	-0,47	-28	60
145	PASKE Thomas	SEALE Catherine	-0,47	-28	60
146	JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	KLINGEN Marte Haugen	-0,51	-46	90
147	PETTERSEN Ann Marie	PETTERSEN Knut	-0,52	-47	90
148	MITCHELL Jacqui	CAYNE Jimmy	-0,53	-53	100
149	LIAN Baard	ROBERTSEN Gunn	-0,56	-45	80
150	KHANDELWAL Rajeev	KHANDELWAL Himani	-0,57	-51	90
151	ANFENSEN Ivar M.	SOLHEIM Eli	-0,57	-40	70
152	SIVERTSEN Are	GROVE Lisbeth	-0,59	-59	100
153	KVERNSTROM Kristine	HUGLEN Harald	-0,60	-60	100
154	PICUS Sue	HOFFMAN David	-0,60	-60	100
155	WILLENKEN Chris	BERKOWITZ Dana	-0,60	-36	60
156	EIDE Lisbeth Aulid	LOBBEN Terje	-0,61	-61	100
157	NICOLAYSEN Finn Robert	FABER Hege Charlotte	-0,69	-68	99
158	DUBLAND Kirsten	HERMANSEN Vegard	-0,69	-62	90
159	BRIGHTLING Richard J	MOFFAT Leone	-0,70	-70	100
160	CORNELL Michael	CORNELL Vivien	-0,71	-71	100
161	UNDEM Else	UNDEM Rolf	-0,72	-65	90
162	SELFORS Trude	ERLANDSEN Tor Einar	-0,73	-58	80



163	PEREZ Nicole	PEREZ Henri	-0,73	-58	80
164	OVSTEDAL Finn Gunnar	LARSEN Hilde Anita	-0,73	-44	60
165	JOHANSEN Helen	AUNOEN Arne Georg	-0,75	-75	100
166	HERLAND John Helge	NYHEIM Randi	-0,76	-76	100
167	FENESS Jorunn	KOPSTAD Kjell Otto	-0,77	-77	100
168	STRAND Kay	VAAGLAND Anette	-0,79	-70	89
169	FRENKEL Rachel	SAWICKI Henry	-0,82	-49	60
170	HETZ Nathan	SVENDSEN Tone Torkelsen	-0,92	-55	60
171	REITAN Egil Inge	SKRE Ingunn	-0,92	-83	90
172	KRISTIANSEN Tommy	ELSTAD Stine	-0,93	-93	100
173	SOLUM Ragnhild	GARVIK Oystein	-0,93	-84	90
174	CABANES Bernard	WARD-PLATT Kiki	-0,94	-92	98
175	HUNTER Jill	FIENBERG Matthew	-0,94	-85	90
176	MOE Haavard	GODEJORD Oddrun	-0,97	-87	90
177	EGGELING Marie	GOTARD Thomas	-1,04	-73	70
178	WEIMAN Magnus	WEIMAN Maureen	-1,06	-95	90
179	MARK Micha	MARK Sonia	-1,07	-64	60
180	MALUSH Annette Elizabeth	MILL Andrew John	-1,14	-114	100
181	LINDQUIST Margrethe	KRISTOFFERSEN Ludvig	-1,18	-106	90
182	HARDING Marianne	GILLIS Simon	-1,26	-126	100
183	AUSTLI Gerd Inger	JANSSON Lennart	-1,30	-130	100
184	McLEISH Paula	McLEISH David Whalley	-1,42	-142	100
185	KNUTSEN Einar	KNUTSEN Gerd Irene	-1,46	-117	80
186	FJAELBERG Anne Lise	LERBREKK Reidar	-1,88	-169	90



MIXED PAIRS FORMAT

After the Qualification stage (50 boards on Tuesday) a total of 80 pairs will qualify to Semifinal A (50 boards on Wednesday), including the drop in pairs from semifinals and final of the Mixed Teams.

The remaining pairs will play Semi Final B (50 boards on Wednesday).

There will be a linear carry-over from Qualification to Semifinal A: the top ranked pair will get 120 mp (approximately 1,5 tops), the last ranked will get 0 mp. The exact value of each step will be known only when the exact numbers will be known, and immediately published.

The drop in pairs will get a carry-over of 60 mp.

There will be a linear carry-over from Qualification to Semifinal B: the top ranked pair will get 0,5 top, the last ranked will get 0 mp. Each step depending on the value of the top (unknown at the moment).

A total of 52 Pairs will qualify to the Final: 46 from Semifinal A and 6 from Semifinal B

There will be a linear carry-over from Semifinal A and from Semifinal B to the Final:

- the top ranked team of Semifinal A will get 90 mp (almost two tops)
- the 46th ranked of Semifinal A will get 0 mp
- the pairs ranked from 6th to 1st of Semifinal B will get 0, 8, 16, 24, 32 and 40 mp respectively

The Final will be played over two days, on Thursday and Friday. The movement will be a Barometer Howell (Endless Howell) with all pairs meeting each other, and same boards played simultaneously on every table. 52 boards on Thursday in five sessions of 10, 10, 10, 10, and 12 respectively, and 50 on Friday.

The pairs not qualified to the Final can play the EBL Cup (five sessions of 10 boards each on Thursday and Friday) free of charge, provided they register before 21.00 h., on Wednesday.

TIME SCHEDULE

(The starting time of all sessions is the same in each of the three stages of the Mixed Pairs and in the EBL Cup)

10.00	11.45	14.30	16.15	18.00
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MIXED TEAMS KNOCKOUT

BRENO 70
MORAWSKI 37

BRENO 38
WHITE HOUSE 56

WHITE HOUSE 82
PENFOLD 78

WHITE HOUSE
ZIMMERMANN

ZIMMERMANN 68
ROBERTSON 42

ZIMMERMANN 73
CASINO FLOOR 55

VALIO 41
CASINO FLOOR 70

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LILLEBALUBA 87
DE BOTTON 47

LILLEBALUBA 45
AJ DIAMONDS 77

AJ DIAMONDS 76
VYTAS 55

AJ DIAMONDS
FULL HOUSE

GUNSMOKE 54
WWW.GUTS.COM 69

WWW.GUTS.COM 55
FULL HOUSE 89

MORTENSEN 34
FULL HOUSE 45

ROUND OF 16

QUARTER FINALS

SEMI FINALS

FINAL