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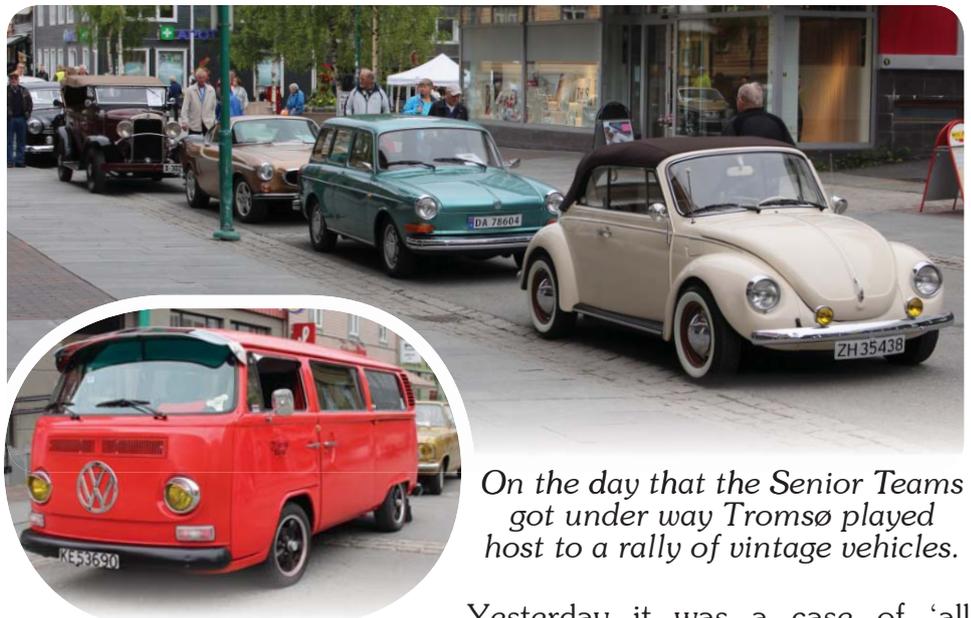
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On the day that the Senior Teams got under way Tromsø played host to a rally of vintage vehicles.

Yesterday it was a case of 'all change' as three new Championships got under way, the Open, Women & Senior Teams.

In the Open series, the teams have five rounds left in which to claim a place in the round of 16, while the Women will complete their Swiss event and the Seniors will conclude their round robin to determine who will advance to tomorrow's knock out rounds.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

OPEN/WOMEN TEAMS

10.00 - 11.30: Round 6
11.45 - 13.15: Round 7
14.30 - 16.00: Round 8
16.15 - 17.45: Round 9
18.00 - 19.30: Round 10

SENIOR TEAMS *

10.00 - 11.05: Round 8
11.20 - 12.25: Round 9
12.40 - 13.45: Round 10
14.45 - 15.50: Round 11
16.05 - 17.10: Round 12
17.25 - 18.30: Round 13

* Check the calendar for the Seniors event on page 2

**Wiktor Markowicz**

Wiktor has just been awarded Poland's highest honour for a foreigner, the Commander's Cross of the Order of the Republic of Poland.

Wiktor is an American businessman, the Museum's first Distinguished Benefactor, co-founder of the North American Council of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews and member of the Museum Council since 2008. Wiktor Markowicz was born in 1944 beyond the Baikal where his parents were interned in Stalinist labor camps. After the war, he returned to Poland with his family. He studied mathematics at the University of Warsaw, continuing his studies at the Technion Institute in Haifa following his departure for Israel in 1964. He created the software for the first Israeli commercial computer ELBIT-100. In 1970, he emigrated to the United States, where he designed the first American state lottery in New Jersey. Co-founder of GTECH Corporation – a company which designs lottery systems for most state lotteries in the United States and across the globe in 40 countries on five continents. He has also owned race horses and

produced films. He currently lives in New York and Florida with his wife Monika, and is an active investor. A bridge champion, he has captured several medals at the world bridge



championships as a member of the Polish Seniors team. He has been honored with the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, awarded to immigrants who have made an outstanding contribution to America.

Quote:

"The memory of the radiant Jewish world that was heinously decimated by the Nazis has to be preserved for future generations. I feel it is my duty to support the Museum as an important step toward this goal. I owe it to my family, to all those who perished and to all the people who care."

SENIOR TEAMS - CALENDAR**10.00 - 11.05**

Table	Team NS	Team EW
81	BLANDA DROPS	HEMS
82	SCOTLAND	NOTTEROY
83	SORVOLL	TO HEROAR
84	LIONS ROAR	WALGER
85	HONKAVUORI	SAGG
86	YOUNG BOYS	GERMAN SENIORS
87	TAKE	MARI

Round 8**14.45 - 15.50**

Table	Team NS	Team EW
81	SCOTLAND	BLANDA DROPS
82	SORVOLL	HEMS
83	LIONS ROAR	NOTTEROY
84	HONKAVUORI	TO HEROAR
85	YOUNG BOYS	WALGER
86	TAKE	SAGG
87	MARI	GERMAN SENIORS

Round 11**11.20 - 12.25**

Table	Team NS	Team EW
81	TAKE	YOUNG BOYS
82	GERMAN SENIORS	HONKAVUORI
83	SAGG	LIONS ROAR
84	WALGER	SORVOLL
85	TO HEROAR	SCOTLAND
86	NOTTEROY	BLANDA DROPS
87	MARI	HEMS

Round 9**16.05 - 17.10**

Table	Team NS	Team EW
81	LIONS ROAR	SORVOLL
82	HONKAVUORI	SCOTLAND
83	YOUNG BOYS	BLANDA DROPS
84	TAKE	HEMS
85	GERMAN SENIORS	NOTTEROY
86	SAGG	TO HEROAR
87	WALGER	MARI

Round 12**12.40 - 13.45**

Table	Team NS	Team EW
81	TO HEROAR	WALGER
82	NOTTEROY	SAGG
83	HEMS	GERMAN SENIORS
84	BLANDA DROPS	TAKE
85	SCOTLAND	YOUNG BOYS
86	SORVOLL	HONKAVUORI
87	LIONS ROAR	MARI

Round 10**17.25 - 18.30**

Table	Team NS	Team EW
81	YOUNG BOYS	HONKAVUORI
82	TAKE	LIONS ROAR
83	GERMAN SENIORS	SORVOLL
84	SAGG	SCOTLAND
85	WALGER	BLANDA DROPS
86	TO HEROAR	HEMS
87	MARI	NOTTEROY

Round 13



MIXED PAIRS FINAL, SESSION FOUR

by Ram Soffer

It is commonly believed that in a matchpoint event declaring the contract is more profitable in the long run than defending. However, at the table I was following the declarers didn't do very well during the first six boards of the session.

On the first deal, declarer wasn't playing the best contract.

Board 1. Dealer North. Vul None.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cilleborg</i>	<i>V Cornell</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>M Cornell</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

N/S possess the majority of high card points, but the hand "belongs" to E/W in a heart contract.

First of all North had to decide which minor suit to open (assuming they play a natural system). There are expert opinions in favour of both options with this distribution. In this case choosing 1♦ would have allowed NS to bid 3♦ (makeable by ruffing out the ♣A), while after the actual choice of 1♣ South couldn't find a way to compete over 2♠.

Then there was the question of West's bidding. Despite having the weakest hand at the table, I believe that she should throw in a non-forcing bid of 2♥, especially at this vulnerability. Buying the hand at a heart contract would have given E/W 80%, assuming the expected nine tricks.

2♠ could have been set two tricks by the following nice defence: heart lead to North's ace, ♠10 led through declarer hand, covered by ♠J and ♠K, ♥K and a heart ruffed by North's ♠7, effecting a promotion for South's ♠6.

The actual play was more mundane: A club lead allowing declarer to ruff a diamond loser. Still, he had to lose 1 diamond, 2 heart and 3 trump tricks for down one and N/S got 31 out of 50 MP.

Board 2. Dealer East. Vul N/S.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cilleborg</i>	<i>V Cornell</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>M Cornell</i>
Pass	Dbl	3♦	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4♠

Preempts in bridge have a strange feature: Often they prevent the opponents from bidding good slams and/or make them land in ridiculous contracts, but in other cases they propel the opponents to excellent contracts which they would not be able to find by themselves.

This hand is a case in point. Let's make the hypothetical assumption that East abstains from bidding. North opens 1NT, and the likely final destination is 2NT. After a diamond lead declarer would be down two even if he did everything right.

On the other hand, after the obvious 3♦ opening, North's double was equally obvious, and South had a choice between a cautious 3♠ and a slight overbid 4♠ (4♣ was not really a choice at matchpoints).

The chosen bid of 4♠ hit the jackpot, though declarer may have not been aware of it during the play.

West led a trump, extracting partner's ♠Q. Every other missing high card was favourably placed, but careful was play was still required.

At trick 2 South led ♣J (a heart finesse would

have been better). West won ♣A but didn't give partner a ruff. Instead, two rounds of diamonds were played. Now declarer finessed ♥Q and cashed ♠KJ.

He still had to get back to his hand to draw the final trump, and the actual layout provided a nice solution: leading a small club from dummy, sacrificing a possible trick in the suit but ensuring the vital entry in order to make the contract. Instead declarer played for 2-2 clubs and laid down the ♣K. When ♣Q didn't drop he couldn't re-enter his hand, and West's ♠9 became the setting trick.

Even after missing this great opportunity, N/S received 46% of the matchpoints, as there were several pairs who did worse with their cards.

The next three deals were laydown games. There would have been nothing to write about at IMP teams (except when the match is extremely close), but at MP pairs the quest for extra overtricks is always interesting.

Board 4. Dealer West. Vul All.

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

West	North	East	South
V Cornell	Pachtmann	M Cornell	Hetz
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A banal auction. However, using Stayman was an alternative. At 10 out of 26 tables N/S arrived at 4♥, North being the declarer five times.

West led ♠5, covered by Queen, King and Ace. It was all-important for declarer to get the maximum number of tricks. Of course, at the start he had no idea whether the cards were favourably placed.

A heart was ducked to West's ♥J and spades were continued to 9-10-J, making North's ♠8 high.

♥A was played next – a mistake! Dummy's entries should have been used sparingly since the layout of the club suit required the finesse to be

repeated three times. As for hearts, there was time later to check the distribution with ♥A and finesse East's ♥Q if necessary.

After ♥A, club to ♣9, ♥K and ♣10 covered by J and Q, dummy was dead and the ♣8 didn't become North's 11th trick. Pachtmann tried to endplay West in clubs, but unfortunately for him East had the ♦K. He could have gotten out of his difficulties earlier by playing diamonds instead of cashing ♥K, but this could have been disastrous had the ♦K been with West).

It made a huge difference in the score, as +660 was worth 76% while the actual +630 was worth only 18%.

Board 5. Dealer North. Vul N/S.

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

West	North	East	South
Hetz	Eber	Pachtmann	Bloom
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3NT	Pass

West correctly avoided the poor slam when East indicated wasted strength in her partner's short suits. The two pairs that bid the over-optimistic 6♥ were lucky and got a shared top.

However, there was still the question of overtricks after North's passive ♣6 lead, covered by 10-K-A. Naturally declarer went after a diamond discard on a spade, but the third round of spades was ruffed by South's ♥8 and overruffed.

Getting back to dummy with a club ruff looked risky. Thus the next play of ♥A was understandable. It safeguarded 12 tricks with some chances of dropping the ♥K. However, the more greedy line of ♣Q, club ruff, heart finesse, another club ruff and finally a diamond discard would have collected all 13 tricks for 74%. +480 was worth only 34%.

Board 6. Dealer East. Vul E/W.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hetz</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>	<i>Bloom</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♠

Those who see all four hands will play ♠A and another trump at the first opportunity, and then West has to find a club ruff to hold it to 11 tricks.

However, the most common result (12 out of 26 tables) was +420 (38% for N/S). That's because the percentage play with 8 trumps missing KJ is a double finesse rather than starting with the ace.

At our table East led the normal ♦Q. Declarer won ♦A, and then dummy's ♠9 lost to West's ♠J. Hearts were continued, and declarer tried to get back to his hand with ♣Q, ruffed. Despite this setback, he placed East with four trumps and insisted on a trump finesse after ruffing a heart.

Declarer had to be content with 10 tricks – an apparent disaster, but he turned out to have a lot of company.



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DO I FEEL LUCKY? WELL, DO YA, PUNK?

by John Carruthers

Mixed Pairs Final, Session 7, Table 22

San Francisco PD Inspector Harry Callaghan was introduced to the world in the 1971 film "Dirty Harry". In the film's opening moments he utters what would become his catchphrase while holding his .44 Magnum, "the most powerful handgun in the world", on an aspiring bank robber, who was deciding whether to go for his own gun or submit to arrest. Neither Harry nor the felon could quite remember whether Harry had fired five or six shots (it was six) in previous action. The bank robber surrenders, but says to Harry, "I gots to know," and Harry tightens his finger on the trigger, then clicks the hammer on the empty chamber.

Matchpoint players can sometimes feel like the hapless criminal in the film. Session 7 of the Mixed Pairs Final was certainly fortunate for some.

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
John McAllister	Knut Pettersen	Migry ZCampanile	Anne Marie Pettersen
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	2♥

This was all about the bidding. It seems extraordinarily poor luck for East/West to be playing against one of the rare pairs who could (a) stop below game and (b) play in spades instead of diamonds (+140 v. +130). It took conservative actions by both Pettersens to achieve +140 instead of +130, -50 or worse.

Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Peter Fredin	Dano DeFalco	Lise Blaagestad	Patty Cayne
1NT	2♠	1♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass	3♦	3♠

Fredin/Blaagestad did very well to bid to the excellent five-diamond game. Unfortunately for them, they had three inescapable losers. That was terrible luck, even if many other tables had reached game. East played it very well - she ruffed the second spade, drew two rounds of trumps, went to dummy's ace of clubs, ruffed the third spade, then played the king and another club. Whoever won the club would eventually be endplayed into conceding a ruff-sluff or opening up the hearts. Minus 50 was her reward.



Dano De Falco

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cenk Tuncok</i>	<i>Christian Bakke</i>	<i>Karen McCallum</i>	<i>Liv Marit Grude</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1♠*	Pass	Pass	Pass

One club was strong; one diamond was negative; one heart purported to be hearts or a strong balanced hand (Birthright) and was a puppet; one spade was forced. McCallum's one heart was an extraordinary, but well-reasoned, bid. Opposite a negative response, she thought the chances for game were slim and decided that one spade would be a fine spot. We suspect from the auction that had declarer bid one spade over one diamond,

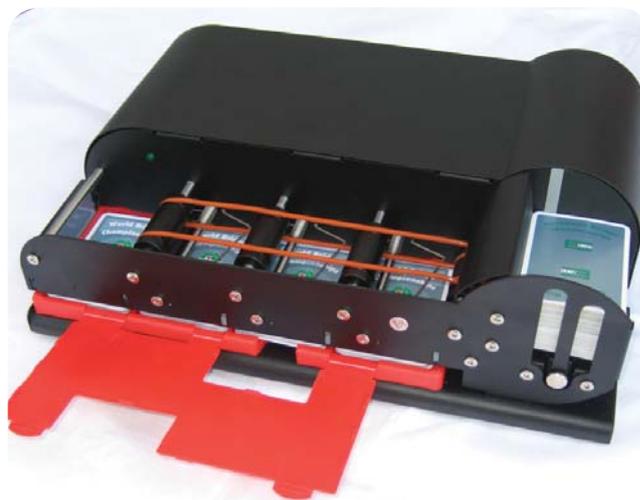
that could have been four cards in length with a longer minor and that over one notrump or two clubs by West, two diamonds by East would have shown that hand. Thus East would have been constrained to bid two spades over West's bid anyway. So, like Goldilocks, she decided that a bid of one heart and a pass of one spade was just right.

Bakke led the jack of heart to the nine, six and king. Tuncok led a diamond to the king, drew trumps and led the queen of hearts, hoping that the defence would play a minor suit for him. No such luck. The defence won with the ace of hearts and continued the suit, Tuncok discarding one diamond from the dummy before ruffing. When he exited with a low diamond, South played the jack, but North won with the ace and cashed a heart. North led the ten of clubs but declarer flew with dummy's king to make two, +110.

It was lucky for East/West that McCallum had the ingenuity to conduct the auction she did, but unlucky that it did not matter when Tuncok made an overtrick. It was unlucky that declarer did not guess to duck the second round of diamonds immediately after drawing trumps, but lucky that it didn't matter. The defence could then have forced out declarer's last trump and discarded the losing ten of clubs on the good queen of diamonds for eight tricks either way.

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Mixed Pairs	Apr 19
Individual	Apr 17
CCBA Open Teams	Apr 16-19
IMP Pairs	Apr 20-21
Swiss Teams	Apr 22-23
Pairs event in every evening	Apr 16-24

Entry Fees

Event	Entry Fee	Event	Entry Fee
1. Open Teams	US\$1000	7. Open Pairs	RMB800
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MIXED PAIRS FINAL SESSION EIGHT

by Jos Jacobs

With 30 boards to play, still quite a sizeable number, Gunn Tove Vist and Jonny Hansen were Norway's best-placed pair in the standings. They were lying third, half a matchpoint ahead of France's Avon-Voldoire and over a top and a half behind the top two pairs, Cronier-Willard from France and Germany's Auken-Welland.

On the first two boards of the set, the Norwegian hopes for a medal basically stayed intact, when the matchpoints were shared with their opponents, an American pair with a former World Mixed Pairs champion on board.

The Americans struck a heavy blow on the first board:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tuncok	Hansen	McCallum	Vist
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Dble	1NT	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

1♥ showed spades and thus, the 1NT rebid could contain even a spade singleton.

When 1NT came round to Tuncok, he found a straightforward double – suggesting a spade-stack and a strong hand, over which Karen McCallum had nowhere to go, even assuming she had wanted to run (highly unlikely). She led the ♠2 to her partner's jack and Tuncok got off play with a club - maybe obvious, but also the best defence. From here, declarer had no chance. He conceded the ♦A to West but that player simply led another

club. Declarer won in hand and cashed his diamond winners ending in dummy; but when he exited with dummy's ♥J, West went up with his king to lead his last club. This way, the defence could come to two hearts, a diamond, a club and the last two tricks in spades, a total of seven tricks, enough for the infamous kiss of death, +200 and a shared top for the Americans.

The Norwegians recovered very well on the second board of the round:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tuncok	Hansen	McCallum	Vist
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South opened a rather off-shape Multi but she timed her action to perfection. North held a strong hand with a strong suit of his own but, after showing it, he realised that opposite some useful spades, the diamonds would come in after ruffing them out, if necessary – an alternative not available when playing at notrumps. Four Spades proved an excellent shot when East led a trump rather than a club, the point being that declarer could now establish his diamonds and draw the outstanding trumps before the club entries to his long diamonds were gone. +450 was worth all the matchpoints, so the two pairs had shared the honours pretty evenly. But in any event 4♠ looks the best spot here, and can always be made at double dummy.

The common contract after South did not preempt nor insist on spades was 3NT of course. Ten pairs made 3NT, 13 went down. In spades one table made ten, one made eleven tricks. But after a club lead against 3NT one reasonable possibility is to win and play ♡J, planning to build a dummy entry to take the diamond finesse. This line should not succeed, but at one table devious declarer Artur Malinowski carefully cashed ♦A at trick two before running ♡J. He hoped the defenders would tell him whether to finesse in diamonds or not. When the ♡J held (!) he could have cashed out for nine tricks, but he was sure that the ♡Q and ♦Q were onside, so repeated the heart finesse. Oops! Down two. That cost him 35 MP (1 instead of 36). Well done Oddrun Godejord (playing with Haavard Moe).

For the next board, I turned my attention to the other French pair in contention for a medal: Jean-Michel Voldoire and Danielle Avon.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ 6 5 2		
	♡ 7		
	◇ K J 9 7 5 4 2		
	♣ 8 5		
♠ A 10 7		♠ K 9 4 3	
♡ A Q 9		♡ J 8 4 3	
◇ 10 8 3		◇ A 6	
♣ A 10 9 4		♣ 6 3 2	
	♠ Q J 8		
	♡ K 10 6 5 2		
	◇ Q		
	♣ K Q J 7		

West	North	East	South
G.Helness	Voldoire	T.Helness	Avon
			1♡
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
Pass	2◇	2♠	Pass
Pass	3◇	Dble	All Pass

When Voldoire showed his long diamonds for a second time, Tor Helness showed no mercy.

Declarer lost the obvious five tricks but once again, the kiss of death meant all the difference. One down would have brought the Norwegians about 43% but +200 was worth 93% to them.

Two boards later, Jonny Hansen reached an excellent contract.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wilson	Hansen	V.Prooijen	Vist
	1♣	Pass	1♡
Dble	2♣	All Pass	

1♡ once again showed spades but this time, Hansen could only rebid a quiet 2♣, which became the final contract. East found the best lead of a heart, declarer winning the second round of the suit and continuing a top club. West won her ace and now, rather than trying to cash the ♠A first to strip declarer of his loser in the suit, immediately led the 13th heart. Declarer ruffed with the seven, but East overruffed with the ten and led a spade. Declarer ruffed West's ace and another top trump brought the bad news about the trump suit. With a trump and a diamond still to lose, the contract had gone one down for a score of exactly 50%. Quite rightly, both pairs had shared the honours for reaching the right contract and finding the best defence. (Declarer had no logical reason to find the winning line of ruffing the fourth heart high – did he? The fall of the ♣10 allows declarer to play trumps for one further loser.)



Jonny Hansen

On the next board, the Norwegians hit back with a 93% score when their opponents overbid to a slam with no play and went even two down in it, so again not too much harm was done to their chances.

On board 27, Voldoire and Avon boosted their chances of a medal with a nice defence:



Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ K J 10 5 ♣ A K Q 8		♠ A K 7 4 ♥ 7 6 4 3 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 9 4 3	♠ J 8 2 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ A 8 7 6 4 2 ♣ 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Godejord</i>	<i>Voldoire</i>	<i>Moe</i>	<i>Avon</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North, Voldoire, got off to the best lead of a low spade, which declarer immediately won in dummy. When she advanced the ♦Q next, Avon went up with her ace to return the ♠J, pinning declarer's ten in the process. When the ♠J was allowed to hold, she shifted to the ♥10 on which declarer played the queen, not best on this layout. North won and continued the ♥J which declarer won with her ace. Two top diamonds came next, North discarding his spades, and South discarded her spade on the second top club when declarer turned her attention to that suit. After seeing this, declarer led her last heart to South's nine but Avon simply returned a diamond, which meant declarer had to give up the last trick to North's ♣J. That was one down and 96% to NS.



The last round of the session halted Hansen and Vist's medal aspirations in rather cruel fashion, as they could do little about their result here:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q J 3 ♥ K 9 ♦ 7 ♣ A K J 10 9 7 5		♠ K 8 6 ♥ A J 8 7 6 2 ♦ 10 4 3 2 ♣ ---	♠ 10 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A Q J 9 8 ♣ Q 8 6 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>De Falco</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Cayne</i>	<i>Vist</i>
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
	Pass	2♥	All Pass

A sensible auction saw EW end up in a very sound contract. The popular contract was 4♥, played at 16 out of our 25 tables and made (i.e. let through) just twice. Staying low in 2♥ therefore was sure to bring EW a good score, though the possible overtrick would, of course, be even better for them.

Hansen and Vist defended well, however. South led a diamond to North's ace and North returned the ♠10, ducked to dummy's queen. Two of declarer's losing diamonds now went on the ♣AK but when declarer advanced the ♣J next, North covered, declarer ruffed with the two and South overruffed with the ♥4. ♠A and a spade ruff made it four tricks to the defence, and when North continued his last club, South's ♥Q10 was promoted into a fifth defensive trick. Scoring +110, however, was still worth 70% to EW; preventing the overtrick had just saved another 15%.

On the last board of the session, De Falco and Cayne quickly reached the proper contract.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



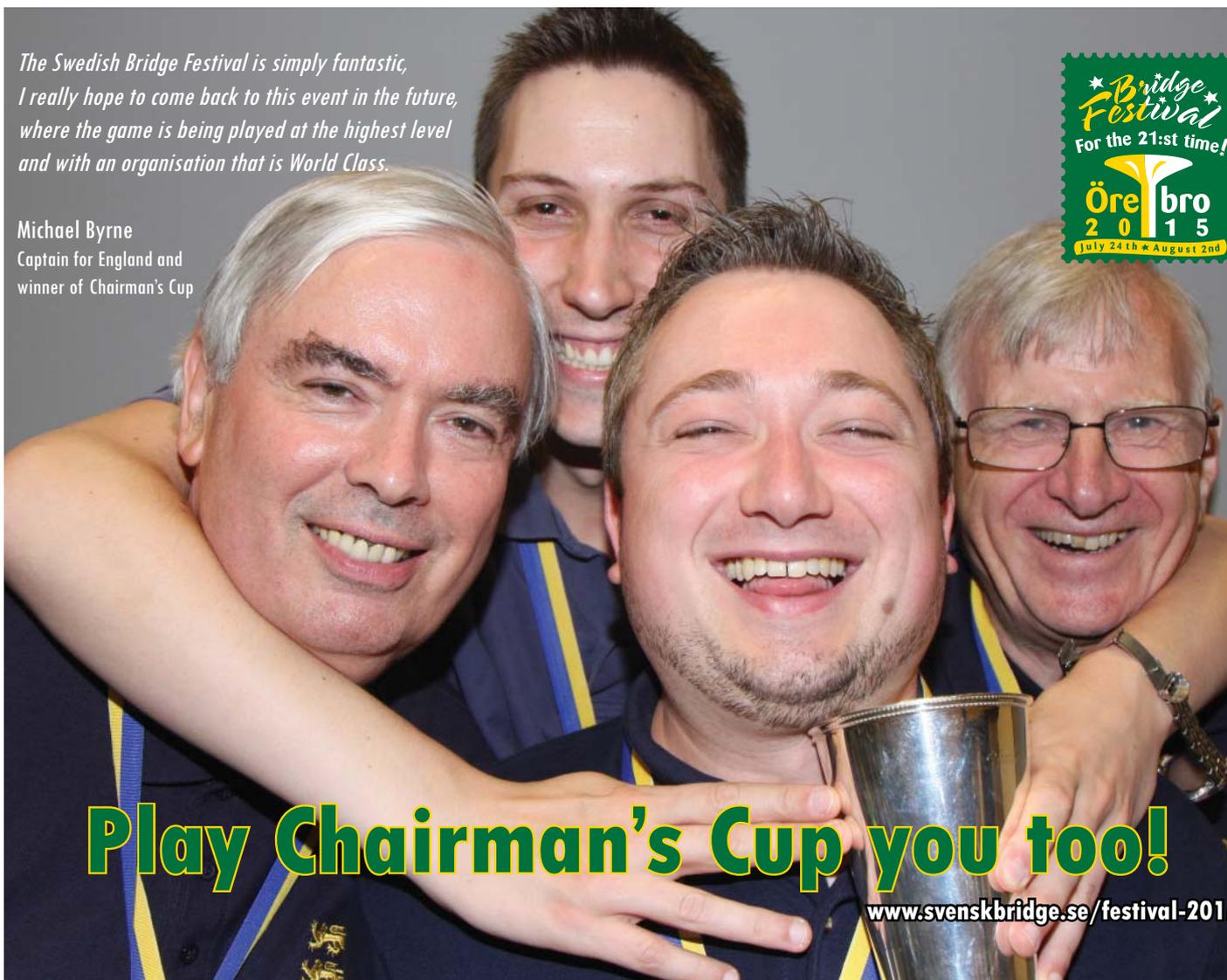
Patricia Cayne

West	North	East	South
<i>De Falco</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Cayne</i>	<i>Vist</i>
2♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

Not much science in the auction, apart from the transfer, but there were exactly 12 top tricks. Making +990 brought EW another good score of 75%, leaving the Norwegians with just 25%. At the end of the session, they had dropped to 8th.

The Swedish Bridge Festival is simply fantastic, I really hope to come back to this event in the future, where the game is being played at the highest level and with an organisation that is World Class.

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MIXED PAIRS FINAL, SESSION NINE

by Ram Soffer

After 8 sessions Auken-Welland were leading with 57.76%, slightly ahead of Cronier-Willard, Butryn-Sakowska and Avon-Voldoire.

The 9th session had its usual share of interesting deals with several possible outcomes.

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

South opened 1NT everywhere (when possible according to system), but North's responses diverged.

Those who responded with a traditional 2♦ transfer provided E/W an opportunity to enter the bidding and reach a makeable game in spades.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Falco</i>	<i>K. Wenning</i>	<i>P. Cayne</i>	<i>U. Wenning</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

At this table both pairs trod very cautiously. Patricia Cayne gave the 1NT opener due respect, intervening only in the pass out seat and selling out to 4♥.

Her partner predictably led her suit, which allowed declarer to dispense with two of dummy's small diamonds. Eventually declarer had to lose two tricks in each minor suit, but -50 was worth 72.88% of the matchpoints for N/S.

It is true that 4♠ is not a favourite because the 1NT opener is more likely to hold the ♣K, but on the other hand the same club finesse may help declarer make 4♥, when 4♠ could be a winning sacrifice despite the vulnerability.

A final remark – at all tables where 4♥ or 5♥ was played, declarer made exactly nine tricks. Apparently nobody found the killing lead of a small club (or ♦A).

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Ringseth</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Lindaas</i>
Pass	4♣	4♠	1NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	4NT
All Pass			5♥

Several Norths appreciated the spade danger, preempting it with a four-level transfer to hearts. This gave East a real problem. Many decided that bidding 4♠ was too risky. At this table East made the winning call, pushing the opponents to the five-level. Perhaps West should have doubled, as +300 was worth 77.04% while +100 was only slightly above average.

Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Here E/W are cold for a spade game, but at several tables they stopped short after this uninspired auction:

West	North	East	South
2♠	1♥	2♦	Pass
	All Pass		

Understandably, East doesn't like his hand after a marginal overcall (playing IMPs this would rather be a non-overcall) of 2♦. On the other hand, if East is supposed to pass 2♠ (non-forcing used to be standard, but any more?) with such a hand, shouldn't West bid a forcing 3♠? He has

Board 7. Dealer South. Vul All.

♠ A 6 ♥ A 10 ♦ K J 8 6 4 ♣ A K 9 6		♠ K 9 5 ♥ K 7 5 2 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ Q 10 4	♠ J 3 ♥ Q J 9 8 4 3 ♦ 10 7 5 ♣ J 8
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The final contract turned out to be a reasonable (Remarkably, it was reached in another BBO table, this time by natural means after North opened a Polish 1♣). However, it was wrong-sided with a killing trump lead available for the defence.

West preferred to lead her singleton heart. Declarer promptly ruffed out clubs and made nine tricks, losing two diamonds and a trick in each major. 41.68% of the matchpoints was quite a decent score after being passed in a transfer bid.



In this deal one would expect N/S to bid the heart game and fail after an accurate defense, which is exactly what happened at table 23:

West	North	East	South
<i>Levitina</i>	<i>K.Wenning</i>	<i>Lev</i>	<i>U.Wenning</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♣

South's 2♦ bid may not be to everyone's taste at this vulnerability. North asked with 2NT, and 3♣ described a minimum weak two with hearts. This right-sided the contract, giving declarer some hope.

East chose a passive trump lead. Declarer won ♥10, cashed ♥A and ruffed out East's clubs.

Now she tried diamonds, and after winning the ♦Q Lev made the necessary spade switch. His ♠K was taken by declarer's ace. The ♣9 was high, but fortunately for the defence East still held a small trump and a spade discard didn't materialize. -100 was worth 79.12% of the matchpoints for E/W, as several N/S pairs stopped in a partscore.

At the following table one of the leading pairs had a big misunderstanding, but they managed to land on their feet.

West	North	East	South
<i>Vist</i>	<i>Voltaire</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Avon</i>
2♦	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♠	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Remarkably, South didn't open a multi 2♦, but West did with an even weaker hand. North showed a big NT hand, and South wanted her partner to play 4♥. Unfortunately, he didn't share her opinion that 3♦ was a transfer.

Norwegians Jonny Hansen-Gunn Tove Vist, who finished in a very respectable 8th place, found a better opening lead on Board 9:

Board 9. Dealer North. Vul E/W.

♠ 8 7 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ Q 9 6 2 ♣ A K 9 4		♠ K 9 4 ♥ 6 5 4 2 ♦ K 3 ♣ J 8 6 2	♠ J 6 3 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A J 8 7 ♣ 10 5 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Vist</i>	<i>Butryn</i>	<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Sakowska</i>
All Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠

Hansen's brave lead of the ♦K gave declarer no hope, since he can't prevent a diamond ruff after conceding a trick to the ♠K.

As for the objective value of this lead, I am less enthusiastic. It goes without saying that leading a doubleton king is very risky.

What happened at most tables where East usually led a passive heart? West took his three top tricks, and now a diamond switch is still good enough to set the contract for sure. Even at those tables where West continued a third round of clubs, many declarers misguessed diamonds, playing for East to hold Q9x(x) or K9x(x) in which case the winning play is small to the eight. That's why -50 was the most common result, worth 70.80% for E/W.



At some tables things developed differently when West decided to compete:

West	North	East	South
Cameron	Willard	Stabell	Cronier
	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West had an opening and spade shortness, but his double was still flawed with only three hearts. One cannot blame East for choosing to play in a poor 3♥ contract rather than the cold 3♣.

In fact, though, the favourable breaks gave him some hope even in 3♥.

Cronier led ♠3. Willard took her ♠A and

switched to trumps. Declarer ducked once and then took his ♥A and immediately played ♠K and ruffed a losing spade.

His problem was getting back to hand to draw the third round of trumps. He tried small diamond to the King, but South took his ♦A and switched correctly to a club.

Declarer played ♣AK, dropping the ♣Q, but there was still no way to make the contract. A third club allowed the defenders to make their remaining trumps separately.

Trying to ruff a diamond would have allowed South to cash ♦J after winning his ♥K.

+100 gave Cronier/Willard an important 64.56% on the road to the European title.

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MIXED PAIRS FINAL, FINAL SESSION

by Jos Jacobs

With only the last 10 boards to play, Sylvie Willard and Philippe Cronier from France were still leading the field, well ahead of Auken-Welland from Germany and Avon-Voldoire, also from France.

A little further down we found Poland's Sakowska-Butryn, the Gromovs from Russia, the Wennings from Germany and local favourites Helgemo and Langeland, in exactly that order.

Here are a few boards from the final session, to illustrate why the leading French easily won in the end and why the pairs in second and third went down the table, paving the way for Helgemo-Langeland and the Gromovs to snatch the silver and the bronze medals away from them.

The session started poorly for Cronier and Willard.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

This type of board might be called the Pairs players' nightmare. It seems pretty impossible to go down in the normal 4♠ so the only thing is: how many tricks can you make? Two brave declarers even made 12 tricks by guessing the trumps and finessing the ♦J to pitch a club loser, followed by a correct club guess as well. Nicely done.

Sylvie Willard was not one of those clairvoyants: she played the board as she would probably have done in a team-of-four match, finishing up with the required 10 tricks but a score of only 17%.

Roy Welland led a heart against 4♠. Anne-Marie Pettersen misguessed spades but when she

advanced the club jack to Auken's upside-down count nine, Welland won his ace, cashed his ♠Q and shifted to diamonds. Declarer put in the jack and now was home free with an overtrick for a 65% result.

On the next board, the French collected a complete bottom:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Willard</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♠ was the modern replacement for the 1NT response and 2♣ was a transfer to 2♦. After that, West treated her hand as worth an invitation and East, holding a maximum, converted to 3NT.

As there was no way to defeat this contract, the Norwegians were already sure of at least 90% of the matchpoints. When the defenders both blanked their top diamond honours, Brekka even made two overtricks, thereby picking up all the remaining matchpoints as well.



On the next board, Cronier-Willard recouped the points just lost when East led a speculative ♠Q against 3NT. At another table, Avon made the same lead.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Vist	Cronier	Hansen	Willard
Voldoire	Markussen	Avon	Asla
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

There was not much difference in the play either at both these tables: 11 tricks.

Both Voldoire and Vist were given the lead twice with their top clubs but when they returned a heart on both occasions, the defence never got to their spade trick. Note that with clubs 5-1 if West doesn't cash his second club he never gets it, (the clubs going on the spades) and if he does cash it declarer has eleven tricks if he can unscramble his tricks.

Auken-Welland bid 1♣-2NT-3♣-3NT with North showing a minimum balanced hand. After a club lead declarer had ten tricks, but no more; somewhat unlucky since 3NT by South does protect the club tenace; had East held a small singleton club, right-siding the game might have been beneficial.

Making 11 tricks was worth 75% to NS and thus only 25% to EW. +630 was a 28% result.



On board 15, Cronier-Willard got another 92% when their opponents took a premature sacrifice:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ringseth	Cronier	Lindaas	Willard
			1♥
1♠	2♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Well, 4♠ would had been fine, had 4♥ been a make...and one can argue that the 1♠ overcall got what it deserved. Indeed a harsh critic (not that we know any of them) might say the combination of the 1♠ overcall and 4♠ raise meant 8% was rather more than EW deserved. Down two, of course, for +300 to the French. Roy Welland got very close to making 3NT here, but his opponents found a very accurate defence after giving him a chance on lead. The panel of experts (or bulletin editors, take your choice) were almost unanimous in leading from the diamond suit rather than the spades with the preference being for the low card. Gail Cameron led a low spade against 3NT; Welland won the king and knocked out the club ace. Cameron knew from the signals not to continue spades. She shifted to the ♦J and Leif-Erik Stabell overtook with the ace when Welland ducked in dummy. Back came a spade and that was one down – a swing of 40 MP on the deal. Remember, top on any board is 50 MP.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Stabell</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The opening low heart lead went to the king. Welland pondered for a while, then shifted to clubs rather than diamonds – specifically the five. This went to the four, nine and ace. Declarer drew trumps, North discarding a diamond, then led a diamond to the ten.

When it held, she crossed back to hand with a club, to the two, king and jack. Now she was at the crossroads. Did North have an original 3-2-5-3 pattern or a 3-2-4-4 shape, having false-carded in clubs, and then thrown a diamond (bringing in the suit for declarer) when she could have afforded a heart? Looked at in those terms, it seems clear to play on clubs now – but declarer played a second diamond. North won and...played a heart, letting declarer re-establish the club suit for her tenth trick. Another 35 MP swing – this time the difference between 5 and 40 MP.



Sylvie Willard & Philippe Cronier

On board 17, the popular contract was 4♥. Due to the bad trump break, this contract had no legitimate play, so going down one would still score about 42%. As always, a few pairs made ten tricks in 4♥ for a 96% score but Sylvie Willard beat them all when she made no less than 11 tricks in the very modest contract of 2♥.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

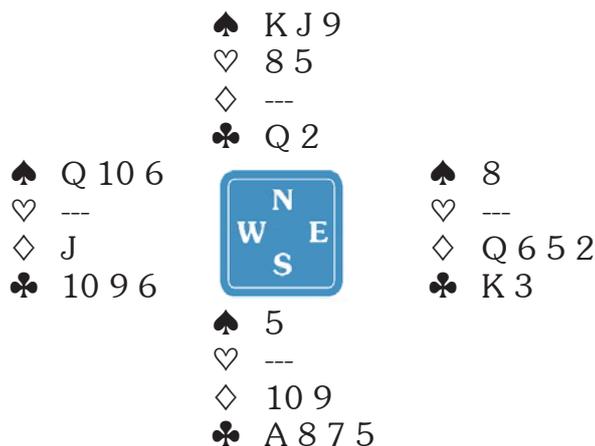
West	North	East	South
<i>U.Wenning</i>	<i>Willard</i>	<i>K.Wenning</i>	<i>Cronier</i>
Pass	2♥	All Pass	1NT

When Willard now switched to the North position, carefully rebid just 2♥, she was left to play there. On the actual layout, by simply making 2♥ she was already certain of a good score; as it happened, it would not even matter how many tricks she made.

Karin Wenning made the unlucky lead of a spade to partner's ace. Ulrich returned a spade but Willard was able to deep finesse the nine now which held, of course. Next, she drew trumps seeing the bad break. She could cross to dummy's ♦A now and take a spade finesse for her 10th trick and when East blanked her ♣K Willard even got an 11th trick when it came down on the play of a low club from hand. Not that it mattered, as I said before: making 2♥ with or without overtricks would always be worth the same 87.4 %.

A serious candidate for the brilliancy prize came here, when Geir Helgemo, in the middle of a meteoric rise up the rankings, declared 4♥ as North on the auction 1♥-1NT-3♥-4♥. He won Kholomeev's ♦K lead and led a spade up. West Rakhmani won (which wasn't fatal) and shifted to a trump, which was. Helgemo tested trumps, found the bad news, and played four

rounds of the suit to reduce to this ending, with East on lead.



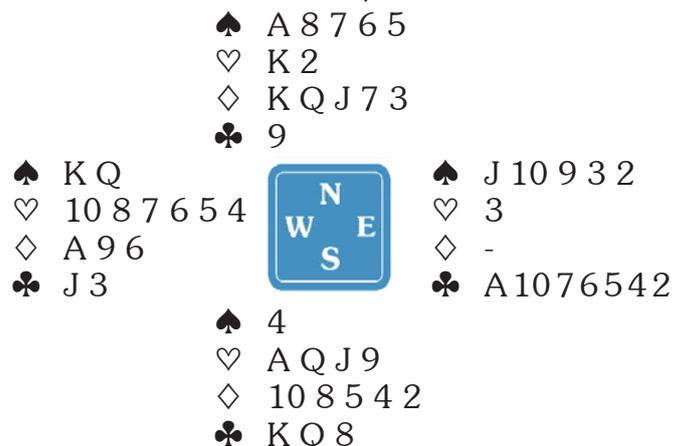
A diamond would cut the defenders' communications and let declarer either set up a club by ducking a trick to West, or lead the ♣Q, covered all round, then take a spade finesse and endplay West to lead another spade. So Kholomeev did his best by leading a spade to the queen and king. Helgemo cashed his penultimate trump pitching a diamond from dummy and gave West three losing options. A spade would be immediately fatal, and a diamond would transpose into the ending we saw already where the ♣Q would force a cover and endplay West to lead spades at the death. So West pitched a club, and Helgemo now could duck a club, taking a trump, two clubs and a spade for the last four tricks. Making the contract was a 96% result.



Roy Welland

On board 18, Auken-Welland fell out of contention for the title:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



As you can see, 5♦ is ice-cold. Willard-Cronier reached 3NT after East opened 3♣ and North balanced with 3♠. Cronier had some anxious moments when West, who had led a club initially, continued a top spade after winning the ♦A but with the spades blocked, even a spade lead could not wreck 3NT. +600 was worth another 62.5 % to the leaders who after this board were well in front. Even the two under-average boards they suffered at the last table could not do them any harm.

Here is what caused Auken-Welland's undoing:

West	North	East	South
<i>Fuglestad</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Welland</i>
		Pass	1♦
2♥	Dble	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	Pass	6NT
Dble	All Pass		

In my opinion, North's bid of 4♦ denies 1st round control of the club suit. Thereafter, a more careful approach would have saved the day for NS but when Welland immediately launched into Blackwood, there was no way back. One down doubled in 6♦ would have been worth 10% but as you can imagine, there were not many MPs in store for a -1400 score. This result arose when declarer immediately won the ♠K lead, as the defenders now had the communication to win the ♦A, unblock the ♠Q and cross to East's ♣A for three more spade tricks. How good is slam here do you think? Yes you are missing two aces, but

won't West (looking at the trump ace and ♠KQ) naturally lead a spade? That was what happened to Brock-Myers. Declarer cashed the hearts to discard the club loser – now it was only the ♦9 that prevented her from cross-ruffing to 12 tricks. Clearly the Curse of Scotland knows no borders.

The penultimate board turned out to be the decider for 4th and 5th place:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Voldoire</i>	<i>Sielicki</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
1♦	Dbl	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

On normal play and defence, declarer will be forced to tackle the clubs some time or another, losing two tricks in the suit for a quite normal one down. This was Avon's fate; -50 was worth 35,4 %.

At another table, Butryn found an original way to lead his opponents astray:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sakowska</i>	<i>Oppenstam</i>	<i>Butryn</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Nilsson, too, led a heart, as the defence had done against Avon, but Butryn's next move was a diamond to North's nine, his ten and South's jack. South continued a diamond to partner's ace and a low spade came back. South, on lead again with the ♠K, tried another low diamond for her partner to ruff, but dummy's ♦7 held the trick and declarer shed a club. A spade followed, North winning the queen and returning a heart, since he could not attack the clubs. Another spade from dummy was won by North's ace and North, still not able to play a club successfully, returned yet another heart. Declarer won this, drew the last trump, crossed to the ♣A and shed his second losing club on the ♦Q for a surprise eight tricks. +110 and 91.6 % of the matchpoints. Nicely done; this way, the Poles had finished 4th, the dreaded position nobody wants to achieve, since it was just out of the medals...

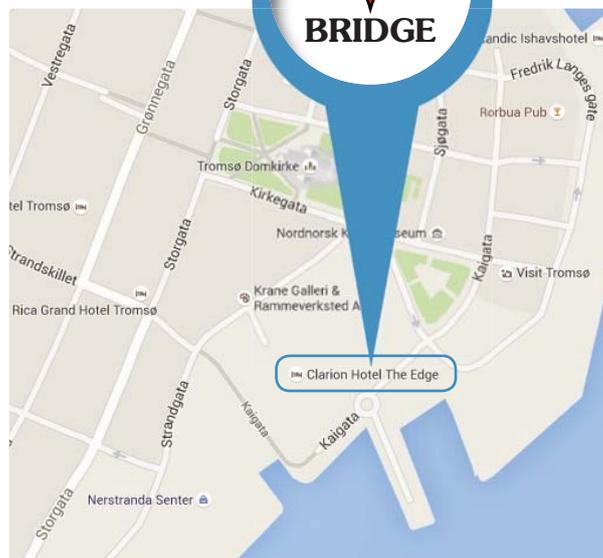
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THE RABBI - THE LEGEND CONTINUES

by Mark Horton

Unless you have been living on Mars you will surely be aware of the Rabbi's Rule, which states that the king of clubs is always singleton and offside.

In recent years the Rabbi Leonard Helman's name has become indelibly linked to the concept.

Walking back to my hotel on Friday night with Patrick Jourdian we crossed paths with Pierre Zimmermann on his way back to the Old Brewery. Naturally he had a hand for us; it comes from the EBL Cup:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul

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

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Penfold	Zochowska	Senior
1♣	1♠	Dble*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

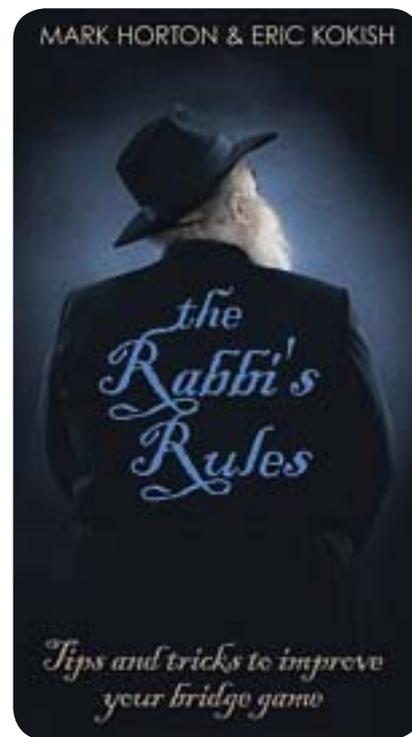
North led the five of diamonds for the jack, queen and king and declarer paused for thought.

Given that South had not raised spades it was unlikely he held four card support, yet North, presumably holding at least six spades had contented herself with a simple overcall, which suggested she had reasonable values.

Could South hold the king of clubs?

That would give him five points and if he had three card spade support he might have raised to 2♠.

His mind made up, declarer continued with the queen of spades and when that held he ruffed a diamond with the five of clubs and played the queen of clubs (just in case) putting up the ace when South followed with the eight. With a silent nod to the Rabbi declarer drew the outstanding trump (retaining dummy's three) and cashed the ace of diamonds pitching a heart. When the ten did not appear he came to hand with a spade and played a heart. Moments later he was entering +920 into the Bridgemate. It was a 98.17% score.



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BIGGEST SWING?

by Micke Melander

After six boards in the first round of the Open Teams Swiss the match score was only 5-0 in Levine vs Marbella. Since those IMPs had come from three different boards it was clearly a tight game with only four boards to go.

However they had played some boards at that point that then completely changed the score around.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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



Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>De Hullu</i>	<i>Levine</i>	<i>Buijs</i>	<i>McGarry</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	2NT

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Pelle</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Haverkate</i>
Pass	3NT	Pass	1♣
All Pass			6NT

With only ten tricks on top, declarer had to use the clubs to generate the extra tricks if the jack of diamonds or spades were not 3-3. The combined odds for success in diamonds or spades are far lower than of setting up a trick from the club suit.

In the Closed Room Ekeblad led a diamond which went to the six, jack and declarer's ace. Pelle crossed with a spade to dummy's ace and played a club to the queen and East's king.

Ekeblad shifted to hearts, which declarer won to cash out the spades to see if the suit was 3-3 or not. Declarer then cashed his diamonds and another heart, ending up finessing East for the jack of clubs for twelve tricks.

McGarry got to declare 6NT as South in the Open Room. Here West led the obvious jack of spades perhaps suggesting to declarer that the suit most probably was not behaving. Whereupon he had to solve clubs to be able to land his contract. McGarry won in hand, with the ace and immediately played a club from hand which went to the nine, queen and East's king.

Buijs immediately returned a club, putting declarer to the test. With really nothing else to play for (except jack-doubleton in clubs with West) declarer could do little but shrug his shoulders and play for the finesse, making the contract when East had the jack. It would have been interesting to see what declarer would have done in the Closed Room if East had returned an immediate low club after he had won with the king. Maybe this argues for an initial play in clubs of low to the ten?

19 declarers actually went down in 6NT, probably playing for the jack of clubs to drop or for a squeeze that didn't work today.



Russ Ekeblad

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>De Hullu</i>	<i>Levine</i>	<i>Buijs</i>	<i>McGarry</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	4NT

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Pelle</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Haverkate</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>De Hullu</i>	<i>Levine</i>	<i>Buijs</i>	<i>McGarry</i>
1NT	Dble	Pass*	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Pelle</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Haverkate</i>
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	1NT	All Pass

When East led the five of spades in the Open Room declarer ran it to his ace, cashed the two top clubs before crossing to dummy in spades, winning the king and the queen to discard his losing heart. When diamonds broke reasonably there were an easy twelve tricks. Of course West didn't find the killing heart lead. Would you have?

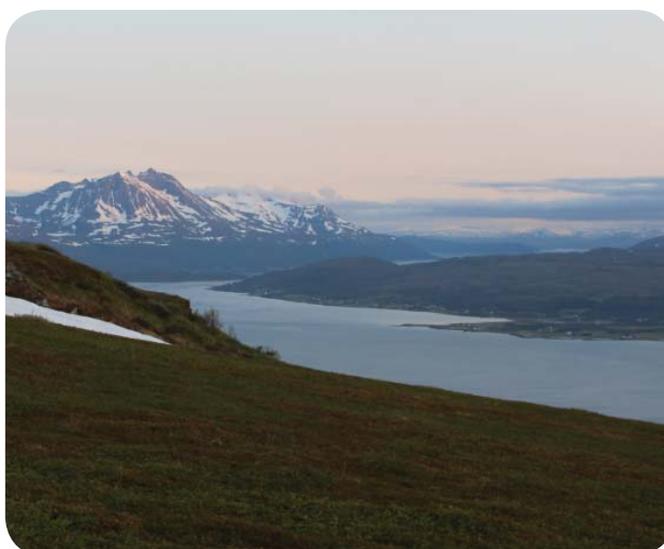
The ten of hearts was led in the Closed Room, allowing declarer to win with the singleton queen in dummy. Pelle then tried the diamonds and got home with eleven tricks when the suit produced the maximum five tricks, and no queen of clubs dropped under the ace and king.

That was 12 IMPs more for Levine, and there was more to come on the next board, after such a dull start to the match.

Levine kicked off with the four of diamonds against the re-doubled 1NT contract in the Open Room. That was a jack-pot for the defense, since a heart or a club would have given the contract away. Declarer was now bound for two down, but got the chance to escape for one off when South ducked the first two rounds of clubs. When declarer tried a third round South simply won, cashed the queens in diamonds and spades before putting partner in with a spade to take the contract two down for 600!

Ekeblad got the natural heart lead in the Closed Room, and had no problem in winning it then forcing the defense to win the ace of clubs before he was able to claim his seven tricks.

Another 12 IMPs to Levine, who suddenly had scored 29-0 after eight boards.



Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>De Hullu</i>	<i>Levine</i>	<i>Buijs</i>	<i>McGarry</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Pelle</i>	<i>Ekeblad</i>	<i>Haverkate</i>
Dble	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	Dble	4♠	Pass

A perfectly reasonable play, when declaring a spade contract, would be to cross to the king of spades. Then on learning that trumps are 5-0 you will try to reduce your trumps to get some cheap trump tricks.

In the Closed Room South led the five of hearts, helping declarer with the frozen suit. This went to the three, ten and declarer's ace. Ekeblad then played well by returning a heart and took finesse against South's jack. This established a second entry to dummy. North won with the king and tried the ace of clubs.

Declarer now ruffed, played a spade to the king (learning about the bad trump split), ruffed a club to enter dummy with the earlier set up queen of hearts to ruff another club and exited with the king of diamonds to South. That player instead of leading another diamond, returned his last club, allow declarer to ruff the nine of spades for one down, since declarer still had the ace and queen of trumps to win.

Escaping for 200 still looked like a bad score if E-W could stop bidding in time at the other table. E-W actually managed to stop in Two Spades. Against this contract South led the three of clubs (fourth best). Declarer should now have been aware that South most probably held something

like x-x-6-4 and must have some hearts since North didn't bid at all so trumps most probably weren't going to break nicely, and therefore he should be thinking carefully before playing anything at first trick.

Actually the board is a little bizarre. When a club is lead declarer has to ruff and lead a **diamond** from hand, putting South on play again either to help declarer with another ruff in clubs, solve the frozen heart suit or help him by playing diamonds. Buijs didn't find that play and instead continued with a spade to the king and a heart to the ace, before cashing the ace of spades. He then tried a heart to dummy's queen and North king. The defense had now won its first trick. North continued with a diamond and when declarer tried the jack from hand, South won with the queen to cash the jack of hearts, before exiting with a club to the ace, which declarer ruffed. Buijs now strangely played a small spade to North's eight, who then could return another diamond through declarer. North still had a trump trick to win, and South took two diamonds, to set the contract two down for a push!

In the match 10CC-Levy Stern both Easts got to be declarers in Four Spades doubled. In the Open Room the contract went three down for +800 while declarer in the Closed Room managed to make the contract for -790, and one of the biggest IMP swings so far (17) in this tournament. Both declarers got the favourable heart being led against them... Necessary you may say, but hardly sufficient!

Levine won another IMP on the last board for a 30-0 victory for the transnational Dutch/American/English team!



 **David Bakhshi**



FATIGUE SYNDROME

by Mark Horton

As the penultimate session of the Mixed Pairs final got under way one of the BBO operators observed that 'many of the players are tired, just throwing cards from left to right'. See what you think.

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 3 2		♠ QJ107654
♥ 6 5 3		♥ 8
♦ A Q J		♦ K
♣ 8 7 4 3		♣ A Q 6 2
	♠ A K 8	
	♥ A K J	
	♦ 9 8 7 3	
	♣ 10 5	

West <i>Jaszak</i>	North <i>Pettersen</i>	East <i>Baldysz</i>	South <i>Pettersen</i>
Pass	2♦*	3♠	Pass
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♦ Transfer

As is so often the case the opening lead played a significant part.

If you draw the inference that partner is not doubling on the strength of spade values, then the attractions of a diamond lead become apparent. That gives the defenders an easy route to +500, but when East opted for a mundane queen of spades declarer could pitch two clubs and escape for -300, 11.48-38.52.



Knut Pettersen

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West <i>Wenning</i>	North <i>Berkowitz</i>	East <i>Wenning</i>	South <i>Willenken</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♥	3♣	All Pass	

It is not often that I am lost for words, but South's reopening bid is hard to credit.

In desperation I asked those staff members not otherwise engaged to comment:

- Barry: Certifiable
- Herman: Brave (typical Belgian understatement)
- Jos: Interfrastic
- Micke: 'I'm not listening, but insane'.

However, that was not the end of the affair. When East doubled West let South off the hook, but North was quick to put the fish back on the line. A thoroughly confused EW allowed this to slip by undisturbed.

West led the queen of spades and declarer won in hand with the king and played the four of diamonds for the ten and queen. East returned the king of hearts and declarer won and played a diamond to the nine and ace. A heart to the jack and queen saw West exit with the two of hearts. Declarer does best to pitch a diamond or spade on this trick (ruffing with the queen of clubs is possible) but ruffing allowed East to overruff with the ten. If East continues with the ace of clubs and a club West wins and plays a heart for East to ruff for three down, but back came

a diamond and declarer won with dummy's king. Now declarer should cash dummy's ace of spades, ruff a spade and ruff a heart, escaping for two down.

No, the sequence of plays that was beginning to resemble a rally from Wimbledon, continued when declarer played dummy's queen of clubs. East won (3 down) played a spade (2 down) and declarer countered with a club (three down). West was forced to win and returned a heart for East to ruff, +150. That gave N/S only 2.12 -47.88

Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Wenning	Berkowitz	Wenning	Willenken
		1♦	1♠
Dble*	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

I think there must have been some confusion over East's bid of 2NT. On this layout declarer could not avoid the loss of two tricks, -50, exactly reversing the matchpoints from the first board of the round, 47.88-2-12.

Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Markussen	De Falco	Asla	Cayne
	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Whatever Two Hearts implied North had a good hand for it.

When East failed to raise spades to game, a poor score was already assured.

North led the jack of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond, North taking the ace and exiting with the two of hearts. The king of diamonds took care of the losing heart and declarer then ran the jack of diamonds, pitching a club. North won and switched to the four of clubs, declarer winning with dummy's king and advancing the queen of spades. South does best to cover, but when she played low declarer continued with a spade to the six, cashed the ace of spades and gave up a spade, +170 which was worth 37.48-12.52.

Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asle	De Falco	Markussen	Cayne
		1NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
4♣	Texas		

South started with three rounds of diamonds and North ruffed and played a club for a fast one down, 37.48-12.52.

It's not unreasonable to take a shot at the heart game, and it was unlucky to find South with such an obvious lead. Still, if West had responded 2♦ and then bid 3♥ over 2♥ then East would surely have passed, almost reversing the direction of the matchpoints, 13.56-36.44.

3NT is unbeatable, but it is no surprise that it was attempted at any table.

**CAYNE VS SARPSBORG**

by John Carruthers

Open Teams Swiss Qualifying Match 1

CAYNE was one of two teams (MONACO being the other) for whom anything less than a medal would be considered a complete failure. Jimmy Cayne had enlisted the aid of Meckwell and Balicki/Zmudzinski to help him and Michael Seamon reach that goal. For the first match of the Swiss qualifying, they played against the Norwegian TEAM SARPSBORG (Jørn Fjæstad/Lars Helgesen, Tom Gjoes/Gunnar Pettersen).

A part score and a routine game had CAYNE leading 1-0 when...

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgesen</i>	<i>Seamon</i>	<i>Gjoes</i>	<i>Cayne</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	1♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	4NT

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Rodwell</i>	<i>Fjæstad</i>	<i>Meckstroth</i>	<i>Pettersen</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	2NT
All Pass			6NT

It was curious that South invited at one table and North at the other and that both North and South accepted their partner's invitation.

Gjoes led the eight of spades against Seamon, Declarer won with dummy's ace and tried a club to the queen. East won that with the king and led another spade to dummy's queen. Seamon led the ten of diamonds, covered by the jack. He was up to eleven tricks and, when spades did not break, finessed the ten of clubs to make his slam, +990.

Rodwell had an easier spade lead from West. The jack went to declarer's ace and Pettersen also led a club to the queen and king. Meckstroth put declarer to the test immediately, returning the three of clubs. With only ten top tricks, declarer finessed the ten of clubs. When he cashed the major-suit winners, Meckstroth was forced to release a diamond. With all the outstanding diamonds falling under the ace-king-queen, the nine of diamonds was declarer's twelfth trick, +990 for a push.

At this table, as soon as the spades were known to be held on his left and at least one more club (the jack) on his right, declarer would have done better to cash the high spades and hearts and the ace of clubs. That would have reduced everyone to four cards, declarer holding the spade and club threats and two diamonds and dummy all four diamonds. Neither defender would have been able to guard the diamonds. As it was, had Rodwell had one more diamond and one fewer heart, declarer would have gone down in six notrump.

CAYNE had won six more IMPs in part score battles to lead 7-0 when another potential slam put in an appearance.

**Jeff Meckstroth**, team Cayne

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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



Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Helgesen	Seamon	Gjoes	Cayne
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

Cayne followed the sensible course of beginning to show his suits immediately with his two-suiter. Seamon was not tempted to venture beyond three notrump. Cayne might have raised to four notrump with his extra values, but Seamon would have had nothing to say over that.

Gjoes led the six of hearts. Seamon won with dummy's queen and simply played the ace, king and another club to set up the suit. Helgesen won with his queen and returned a heart. Gjoes took ten and his ace and declarer had the rest for +630.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fjæstad	Meckstroth	Pettersen
Pass	2♦	2♥	3♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	2♣

Meckstroth was less inclined to lead his suit on the auction at his table. He led a club. Knowing this was very unlikely to be from the queen, Fjæstad rose with the ace and played the king and another. Rodwell knew what to do, -100 for SARPSBORG and 12 IMPs for CAYNE, now leading 19-0.

Some pairs made six clubs when East did not enter the auction and West did not lead a heart. Those declarers won the lead, led two high trumps, then played on spades for a pitch of the queen of hearts. That sort of thing does not happen to Meckwell, as we saw.

SARPSBORG finally got on the board with three deals to go, winning a lone IMP in yet another part score skirmish. They had a golden opportunity for a huge gain on the next board.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Helgesen	Seamon	Gjoes	Cayne
Pass	Pass	1♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Cayne succeeded in keeping his opponents out of game with his dubious jump overcall. He led the ten of diamonds. Gjoes won with his jack, led a spade to the king and ruffed a club. With no hope of making three spades, declarer led the ace and another heart to the queen and king. Seamon returned his remaining diamond and Cayne took two diamond and a heart. When South led a diamond, North ruffed in with the ten to keep a club exit. Declarer still had two spades to lose for -200.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Fjæstad	Meckstroth	Pettersen
Dble	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Pettersen made the more normal two-diamond overcall to allow Rodwell to make an aggressive negative double, normal in their style. Fjæstad seized his chance.

On a good day, South would lead a club and the defence would come to two spade tricks, two heart tricks and three diamond tricks for +1100 and 14 IMPs. However on the actual defence of the ace and another diamond, Meckstroth 'escaped' for down two, -500, and a loss of 'only' 7 IMPs. That made it 19 to 8.

On Board 10, both East/West pairs overreached, Meckwell to three spades and Helgesen/Pettersen to four hearts. Rodwell was two off when he might have saved a trick and Helgesen was three off when he might have saved two tricks. That resulted in 3 IMPs to CAYNE and a final score of 22-8.



MONACO VS SPEKKHOGGER

by David Bird

Open Teams Swiss Qualifying Match 1

You will hardly need me to tell you, but 'spekkhogger' is Norwegian for 'killer whale'. Would any giants be slain in this match? We will see.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ellingse</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Reinholdts</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
1NT	Pass	1♦	Pass
	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Board 3. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ellingse</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Reinholdts</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
Pass	1NT *	Pass	1♣ *
Pass	2♦ *	Pass	2♣ *
Pass	3♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	3♠

1♣	2+♣, 14+ (good 12/13)	4+♣ or 15+ balanced
1NT	10+ balanced	
2♣	15+ balanced	
2♦	Relay	

East raised to 2NT, perhaps a stretch with the singleton club likely to be opposite West's length in the suit. Fantoni started with the ♥A (♥Q from partner) and cashed the ♥K, not liking the appearance of the ♥9. He then switched to the ♣5. This was a standard count card from a suit without an honour, or a reverse count card from a suit with an honour. Good luck to declarer when he needed to read the lie of the suit!

Declarer won South's ♣J with the ♣A and cashed four rounds of diamonds, North discarding a heart and South throwing two spades. Rather than take a view of the spade suit, declarer set up an eighth trick by playing a third round of hearts. Nunes won with the ♥K and blithely returned the ♣8. When declarer withheld his ♣10 (perhaps not recalling the 'helpful' ♣5 lead...), Nunes cashed the ♣K and ♣Q to put the contract one down. At the other table E-W made 2♦+1, gaining 4 IMPs.

East led the ♠8, won by dummy's ♠A, and West's ♠3 more or less told declarer that spades were not 3-3. Fantoni had thought for a full two minutes before playing to Trick 1, suggesting how tricky he judged the play to be. He continued with a club to the queen and king. If East had promptly fired a club back, Fantoni would surely have finessed the 10 rather than rely on a good lie of both spades and diamonds. East decided to return a spade. Fantoni took two more winners in the suit, East throwing a heart, and finessed the ♣10 successfully. When the remaining two heart honors were played, East had to reduce to three diamonds (whether or not he held the ♦J) and four tricks in that suit brought the total to twelve.

At the other table South played in 6NT and made an early play of the ♣Q from dummy (not such a good line as Fantoni's). This was covered by the king and ace. A subsequent lead towards the ♣10 produced a twelfth trick when the diamond suit lay well. Flat board.



 **Fulvio Fantoni**, team Monaco

this, runs the ♥10 and continues with the ♦K (ducked), another diamond will endplay North to give the last two tricks to the dummy's ♥Q and ♦10. In fact Zimmermann ducked to the ♣J and South (again) needed to cash the ♠Q to beat the contract. He did not and +180 was recorded.

Now I remember why I so rarely write up part-scores! I am certainly regretting my decision to cross swords with this one, so please accept my apologies. Fantoni opened 1NT in the Open Room and scored +150 for an 8-IMP swing.

Let's return to the relative sanity of a potential slam hand.

Board 4. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Board 7. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Multon	Jakobsen	Zimmermann	Danielsen
	1♣	1NT	Dble

All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ellingse	Fantoni	Reinholdts	Nunes
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Only a very inexperienced bridge writer would fall into the trap of suggesting that Zimmermann had miscounted his points. He must have been relieved to find that dummy was not entirely destitute. When South led the ♠K to the ♠A, Zimmermann returned a spade to the 10 and took a losing finesse of the ♦J. Deep Finesse insists that South's only card to beat the contract at this stage is the ♠Q, despite the fact that this would set up declarer's ♠J. (Does it know what it's talking about?)

South switched to the ♥6, covered by the king and Deep Finesse now says that North must hold up the ♥A. Presumably this is to kill the entry to dummy's last diamond. Anyway, North won with the ♥A and switched to the ♣K, followed by the ♣10. If declarer wins

Nunes' 1♦ promised 14+ and was forcing. Fantoni's 1♥ showed 0-9 and 1NT showed any shape with 18+. North's 2♣ indicated 6-9 and was game-forcing. Are you impressed that I know all this? Well, I have to admit that Bill Jacobs (author of the definitive book on the Fantunes system) just happened to be a co-commentator on BBO at the time.

North's failure to redouble 4♥ showed that he held 2nd-round heart control rather than 1st-round. Bill reckons that 4NT was Turbo, showing an even number of key cards (4) and leaving the slam decision to North. Without the ♣Q, Fantoni signed off in 5♣. North was declarer after his

artificial 2♣ bid and a diamond lead allowed him to ditch the ♥Q and claim +620.

With the diamonds breaking 3-3, there was potential for 6NT. Would they find this contract at the other table?

This was the worst of the three possible slams. The ♥A was led, preventing a simple make by discarding the heart loser on the spades. Declarer won the spade switch with the ace and played five rounds of trumps, followed by the ♣A. He then crossed to a top spade and played the ♥K, squeezing West in the black suits. After a club discard from West, the outstanding clubs were known to be 1-1, so there was no guess in the suit. That was 13 IMPs to Spekkhogger, who did indeed live up their team name. They won the match 22-12 (13.43 - 6.57 VPs).

West	North	East	South
Multon	Jakobsen	Zimmermann	Danielsen
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	4♠



A MISSED OPPORTUNITY?

by Barry Rigal

Mixed Pairs Final

The first board of the penultimate session seemed to me to offer a declarer play possibility that was very rarely taken. See what you think. The Bogens were playing against Cronier-Willard.

Board 1 Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Anne-Irene	Willard	Haakon	Cronier
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT	All Pass	1♠	Pass

Sylvie Willard led the ♦10 – wouldn't we all? Declarer won and led a heart to the king and ace. Quite logically Cronier shifted to ♠K and another spade. Willard took her ace and cleared the spades, after which West was in hand, with seven apparent top winners if she took the diamond finesse. The hearts seem to offer the only realistic

chance of getting any more, so declarer quite reasonably led the suit out from the top. When they broke 4-2 she emerged with +90, for a fraction above average.

It occurred to me afterwards that if hearts do not break, you can slightly improve your chances here. After winning the third spade, finesse in diamonds, then lead a heart to the nine. The only relevant holding if the suit breaks 4-2 is the doubleton ♥8 offside; lo and behold....cometh the hour, cometh the doubleton.



MASTERPOINT RACE

CRONIER	Philippe	75	KHOLOMEEV	Vadim	2
WILLARD	Sylvie	75	MCALLISTER	John	2
HELGEMO	Geir	65	BROCK	Sally	2
LANGELAND	Aase	65	GOLD	David	2
GROMOV	Andrey	55	SARNIAK	Anna	2
GROMOVA	Victoria	55	CAYNE	Patricia	2
BUTRYN	Piotr	50	BLAAGESTAD	Lise	2
SAKOWSKA	Natalia	50	CAMERON	Gail	2
AVON	Danielle	45	GODEJORD	Oddrun	2
VOLDOIRE	Jean-Michel	45	LEV	Sam	2
AUKEN	Sabine	40	MANNO	Andrea	2
WELLAND	Roy	40	DOMICHI	Noriko	2
BREKKA	Geir	35	BILDE	Dennis	2
FUGLESTAD	Ann Karin	35	LINDAAS	Pemille	2
HANSEN	Jonny	30	BOHNSACK	Henning	2
VIST	Gunn Tove	30	MULTON	Franck	2
KIZILOK	Omer	25	PETTERSEN	Ann Marie	2
KUTUK	Basak	25	SHI	Bin	2
HAYMAN PIAFSKY	Jessica	22	BOGEN	Anne Irene	2
KALITA	Jacek	22	KEDZIERSKA	Urszula	2
TER LAARE	Marco	20	ASLA	Ronnaug	2
MOLLE	Linda	20	OLIVIERI	Gabriella	2
HESKJE	Torild	19	HETZ	Clara	2
OVESEN	Jo-Arne	19	CORNELL	Michael	2
BERKOWITZ	Dana	16	HELNESS	Tor	2
WILLENKEN	Chris	16	ROSENTHAL	Andrew	2
CLAIR	Paolo	15	REES	Tim	2
PAGNINI-ARSLAN	Carla	15	KHANDELWAL	Rajeev	2
SCHIPPERS-B.	Elly	13	WANG	Liping	2
STIENEN	Rene	13	EBER	Neville	2
KOWALSKI	Apolinary	12	SEALE	Catherine	2
MISZEWSKA	Ewa	12	TUNCOK	Cenk	2
RIMSTEDT	Cecilia	11	MALINOWSKI	Artur	2
UPMARK	Johan	11	WILSON	Alison	2
UZUM	Dogan	10	RAKHMANI	Diana	2
OZGUNES	Ayse	10	ZUR-CAMPANILE	Migry	2
BALDYSZ	Cathy	9	MYERS	Barry	2
JASZCZAK	Andrzej	9	GROSS	Susanna	2
MATUSHKO	Georgi	8	SIELICKI	Tomasz	2
GULEVICH	Anna	8	DE FALCO	Dano	2
NILSSON	Hakan	7	FREDIN	Peter	2
OPPENSTAM	Agneta	7	STABELL	Leif-Erik	2
WENNING	Karin	5	MOE	Haavard	2
WENNING	Ulrich	5	LEVITINA	Irina	2
GAVIARD	Daniele	5	PISCITELLI	Francesca	2
MARRO	Christophe	5	GUPTA	Subhash	2
BAKKE	Christian	3	CILLEBORG	Dorte	2
GRUDE	Liv Marit	3	RINGSETH	Jorn Arild	2
SANBORN	Kerri	3	BOHNSACK	Susanne	2
SANBORN	Steve	3	WARD-PLATT	Kiki	2
HELNESS	Gunn	2	PETTERSEN	Knut	2
MICHELSEN	Marion	2	TIAN	Wei	2
PUNCH	Sam	2	BOGEN	Frank	2
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RESULTS AFTER ROUND 5

1	TEAM ORANGE W	83.04	52	FOSSEN EIENDO	49.79
2	10CC	71.37	53	ATLAS	49.39
3	PDC	70.99	54	HOFFMAN	49.14
4	LAZER	69.28	55	ALTA	49.03
5	HUNGARY GAMAX	68.59	56	TEAM SARPSBOR	48.94
6	MCALLISTER	67.19	57	SALTEN RUNDT	48.51
7	NORALIA	66.68	58	SOUTH AFRICA	48.37
8	ERICHSEN	66.39	59	IRG	48.33
9	LEVINE	66.15	60	LITT AV ET LA	48.26
10	GILLIS	64.61	61	DE BOTTON	48.04
11	SKIMMELAND	63.66	62	ROGNAN BK	47.95
12	ROSENTHAL	63.19	63	JUNIORS DISIP	47.91
13	VITAS	62.43	64	GERMANY OPEN	47.80
14	VALIO	62.17	65	HAUGE	47.37
15	SCANDIC HOLME	62.14	66	BEIJING TRINE	46.69
16	VENTIN	61.76	67	BEYER	46.59
17	BLUND	61.53	68	PENFOLD	46.47
18	VINCIGUERRA	61.36	69	SPEKKHOGGER	45.71
19	TEAM FFFF	61.23	70	NORWAY JUNIOR	45.45
20	KHYUPPENEN	61.12	71	LEVY STERN	44.63
21	HOFF	60.86	72	STEINKJER OPE	44.07
22	MONACO	60.72	73	STABELL	43.89
23	MAJORISTAMBUL	60.02	74	SAYPJOHANSEN	42.71
24	K01	59.71	75	DE MICHELIS	42.59
25	HOEYLAND	58.62	76	GORDON	42.58
26	BINKIE	58.51	77	A J DIAMONDS	42.49
27	CAYNE	58.45	78	ZURZITZ	42.46
28	TEXAN AND YAN	58.13	79	ROMANIA	42.41
29	TEAM ORANGE R	57.49	80	AMABOKKE	41.88
30	BLACK	57.49	81	STAR	41.75
31	BAREKET	56.56	82	LASJ	40.92
32	SAYILKAN	56.40	83	RASEDYRA	40.23
33	ANNA	56.29	84	TEAM ORANGE B	39.18
34	LABAERE	55.83	85	UELAND	38.91
35	BK 33 TROMSO	55.82	86	MALUIH	38.68
36	NOR NZ	55.27	87	MAZURKIEWICZ	38.19
37	BAANNBRIDGE	55.14	88	PANDORA	38.03
38	MATCHPOINTNYC	55.07	89	ABERDEEN ANGU	36.67
39	BRENO	54.87	90	SINSEN BK	36.31
40	NOE BAK	54.68	91	OTVOSI	35.60
41	ABAX	53.96	92	ARNEDANSKES V	35.41
42	IRELAND	52.85	93	CUPIDO	31.73
43	LUCKY LOSERS	52.82	94	BUMU	31.67
44	NORWAY JUNIOR	52.64	95	DINGITT	31.34
45	ACDC	52.09	96	BRIDGE24PL B	30.87
46	STOKKEN	51.80	97	MARBELLA	28.72
47	REOPEN	51.24	98	BRAENDVANG	28.56
48	SIN DEUT	51.14	99	SALTEN	23.47
49	MAHAFFEY	50.75	100	FEARLESS	23.14
50	MAGNUSSON	50.69	101	LEVIRO	20.08
51	HOUSE OF CARD	50.10	102	HARRIS	18.20

**WOMEN TEAMS****RESULTS AFTER ROUND 5**

1	NETHERLANDS W	73.82	11	BROGELAND	49.21
2	CHINA RED	65.97	12	GUNSMOKE	48.32
3	BAKER	64.19	13	DESAPALI	48.10
4	HESKJE	60.27	14	SOMNA IL	44.13
5	CHINA ORANGE	60.10	15	MNA GAELACH	39.68
6	WWW GUTS COM	58.77	16	LADIES IN RED	39.39
7	GERMAN LADIES	56.66	17	LESLIE LADIES	39.30
8	CONSTANCE	56.00	18	FOXY LADIES	38.63
9	POLAND	53.92	19	BLONDIE NEMI	31.19
10	CAMERON	49.24	20	JUST DO IT	23.11

**SENIOR TEAMS****RESULTS AFTER ROUND 7**

1	TAKE	96.63	8	HEMS	72.27
2	SAGG	86.78	9	SCOTLAND	71.26
3	YOUNG BOYS	84.97	10	WALGER	66.69
4	TO HEROAR	83.42	11	SORVOLL	63.20
5	MARI	76.16	12	BLANDA DROPS	49.36
6	GERMAN SENIOR	74.38	13	HONKAVUORI	43.18
7	NOTTEROY	73.82	14	LIONS ROAR	37.88



**OPEN TEAMS SEEDING**

1	MONACO	38	BINKIE
2	MATCHPOINTNYC	39	SCANDIC HOLMENKOLLEN
3	ROSENTHAL	40	ROMANIA
4	CAYNE	41	GILLIS
5	KHYUPPENEN	42	MAJORISTAMBUL
6	GERMANY OPEN	43	TEXAN AND YANKS
7	GORDON	44	BRIDGE24PL B
8	MAZURKIEWICZ	45	VALIO
9	VENTIN	46	NORWAY JUNIORS BLUE
10	PENFOLD	47	NORALIA
11	LEVINE	48	HUNGARY GAMAX
12	MAHAFFEY	49	LEVY STERN
13	HAUGE	50	SAYILKAN
14	BLACK	51	MAGNUSSON
15	SOUTH AFRICA	52	ERICHSEN
16	IRELAND	53	SIN DEUT
17	VITAS	54	STABELL
18	DE BOTTON	55	IRG
19	A J DIAMONDS	56	LAZER
20	VINCIGUERRA	57	ATLAS
21	K01	58	NORWAY JUNIORS WHITE
22	BRENO	59	SAYPJOHANSEN
23	MCALLISTER	60	AMABOKKE
24	DE MICHELIS	61	STAR
25	PDC	62	HOEYLAND
26	BAREKET	63	NOR NZ
27	REOPEN	64	RASEDYRA
28	10CC	65	BEYER
29	BEIJING TRINERGY	66	BUMU
30	TEAM ORANGE BLUE	67	ABERDEEN ANGUS
31	TEAM ORANGE RED	68	HOFFMAN
32	ANNA	69	FOSSEN EIENDOM
33	ABAX	70	NOE BAK
34	BLUND	71	PANDORA
35	OTVOSI	72	JUNIORS DISIPLER
36	TEAM ORANGE WHITE	73	HARRIS
37	LABAERE		

WOMEN TEAMS SEEDING

1	NETHERLANDS WOMEN	11	LESLIE LADIES
2	BAKER	12	GUNSMOKE
3	CHINA RED	13	MNA GAELACH
4	POLAND	14	CAMERON
5	DESAPALI	15	FOXY LADIES
6	HESKJE	16	BLONDIE NEMI DOLLY
7	CONSTANCE	17	SOMNA IL
8	BROGELAND	18	JUST DO IT
9	GERMAN LADIES	19	LADIES IN RED
10	CHINA ORANGE	20	WWW GUTS COM