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Meckwell v Helgeness

Standing room only for the match between Monaco and Cayne

It was a day of mixed emotions for the competitors at the European Open Team Championships as the qualification stage of the three team championships ended.

The squads who failed to advance must overcome the cold reality that their challenge is over, while those who have survived to the knock out stages can bask in the warm glow of success, having taken the first step on the road to a possible title.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

OPEN/WOMEN/SENIOR TEAMS KO

10.00 - 12.00: O Round of 16	15.30 - 17.30: O QuarterFinals
W QuarterFinals	W SemiFinals
S SemiFinals	S SemiFinals
12.15 - 14.15: O Round of 16	17.45 - 19.45: O QuarterFinals
W QuarterFinals	W SemiFinals
S SemiFinals	S SemiFinals

BOARD A MATCH TEAMS

10.00 - 11.30: Round 1	16.15 - 17.45: Round 4
11.45 - 13.15: Round 2	18.00 - 19.30: Round 5
14.30 - 16.00: Round 3	



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A JOURNEY

by Ana Roth & Fernando Lema



A year ago an Israeli pair, Ehud Friedlander and Inon Liran were the winners of the Open Pairs at the world championships in Sanya and some months later we posted on csbnews.org a video where they talked about ambitions to start playing bridge professionally.

[Click here to watch the video](#)

In February they won the The Top 42 Pairs event at the Slava Cup in Moscow and today we find them playing at the European Open Team Championships in the PDC team, along with another young and excellent Israeli pair Dror Padon and Bar Tarnovski, together with Dano de Falco playing with Patricia Cayne.

About Dano de Falco, Mabel Bocchi in her article: Benito Garozzo: The Myth wrote:

They can rely on the names that have helped to make Italian Bridge history: Benito Garozzo, together with Dano De Falco, Pietro Forquet, Nino Masucci, Carlo Mosca and Silvio Sbarigia.

On Saturday PDC was fifth going into the last match, and faced the Valio team that was lying third. The match ended with a PDC victory by 22 to 7, leaving PDC in third place in the standings, while Valio dropped to 14th.



Patricia Cayne & Dano De Falco

After the lead of the queen of hearts declarer scored +120, winning the second spade and playing the king of spades from his hand.

Dealer North. All Vul

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Erbil	Padon	Zobu	Tarnosuski
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer won the♥Q lead with his♥A and played the♣A and a club, East going in with the king, which collected West's jack.

Declarer ruffed the heart return in dummy and ran the♠10, continuing with the♠5 when it won the trick, for the queen, king and ace. The spade return was taken with dummy's♠9 and when East pitched the five of clubs declarer ruffed a club and cashed the top diamonds, claiming the rest when the♦Q appeared, +450 and 11 IMPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friedlander	Isporski	Liran	Kovachev
All Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT

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Board 17 only generated a small swing, but featured nice play:

♥Q, continuing with a heart to the jack when it held. He lost a club at the end, + 420.

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Erbil</i>	<i>Padon</i>	<i>Zobu</i>	<i>Tarnouski</i>
	1NT	Dble	Rdbl*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
Rdbl	Relay to 2♣, scrambling		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Friedlander</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Liran</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
	1♦	Dble	3♦
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
4♦	Both majors		

South led the ten of diamonds and Isporski won the ♦J with the ♦Q and returned a club, Kovachev winning with the ♣K to return a diamond. Declarer ruffed, and continued with a spade to the ♠K, a spade to the ♠J and the ♠A.

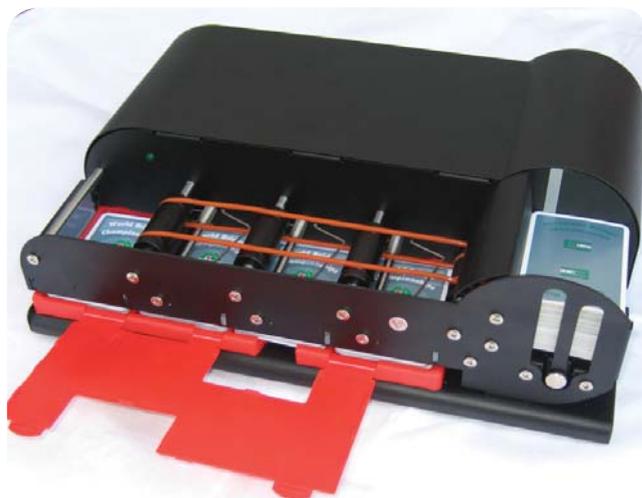
He pitched a diamond on the ♣A and a heart on the ♣J, ruffed a club and ran the

Zobu led the four of diamonds and the ♦A killed the ♦K. North played a small club and when Zobu played the ♣3, after long thought declarer chose to play the ♣K and was rewarded when the queen appeared, saving a trick.

Declarer continued with the ♣10 and East won the trick with his ♣J, and seeing her partner pitch the ♠6, she returned a small spade. West won with the ♠K and returned the ♥10 which held. West continued with the ♥6 to the ♥J which was followed by the ♠A and another ♠. Declarer pitched a diamond and after winning with dummy's queen he ruffed a heart and played a diamond to the queen. East ruffed and could play the jack of spades. If declarer ruffed he would have to lead into the trump tenace, so he discarded, but was still three down when East cashed the ace of clubs, -500 and a gain of 2 IMPs thanks to the fine defence.

DUPLIMATE

The Duplimates used to duplicate the championship boards in Tromsø are sold out but you can pre-order a Duplimate to be used at the World Championships later on this year on the same terms, i.e. EUR 1999. Contact Jannerstens at the bridge stall in the bridge plaza, or drop a line to per@jannersten.com.





ZACHARY AND HIS ACES

by Micke Melander

I remembered that I wrote a story from last year's World Junior Team Championships in Istanbul about the Grossack brothers representing USA. So when I saw that they were playing in the Vu-Graph at this Open Team Championships in round four. It was a must to see what they were up to nowadays. The match was Texan and Yanks vs Hoff.

a small trump to East's jack who then shifted to the queen of clubs, making sure the defense got their two club tricks. But declarer could claim the last five tricks to add eight tricks to his account.

In the Closed Room Arild Hoff was declarer in the far more interesting Two Hearts contract. The defense did their best and decided to lead a diamond, declarer has to cash the ace of hearts, cross to the king of trumps and run the ten of spades to endplay West to make his contract. Would Zachary Grossack be able to find the diamond lead in the Closed Room?

No – having top honours in all the suits West had to give something away for declarer and Zachary rolled the dice and decided to underlead his ace of clubs! This gave declarer his eight trick for free for a push when he got a club trick he shouldn't have.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Open Room:

West	North	East	South
G.Hoff	Dinkin	Hjelmeland	Tuncok
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
All Pass			

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Z.Grossack	Kvamsdal	A.Grossack	A Hoff
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	1♠*	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Geir Hoff in the Open Room led the queen of hearts against One Heart, a contract that could hardly fail to make, especially after declarer got such a favourable opening lead, that is, provided he finessed the jack on the next round.

Tuncok rose with the king from dummy and immediately ran the eight of spades to West's jack. He then gave a second favour to declarer by cashing the ace of spades to continue with a third round of spades to declarer's king.

Tuncok cashed the ace of hearts and exited with



Zachary Grossack, team Yanks & Dinkin

Then came the second board of the match. Again Zachary as West had been dealt two aces...

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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



Sam Dinkin, team Yanks & Dinkin

Both North players declared Four Hearts, a cold contract that looked likely to produce an uninteresting ten tricks. Declarer should lose to the two missing aces and the king of clubs offside. Adam Grossack led the jack of diamonds, on this Zachary followed with the two, not believing that declarer was holding the singleton queen. When that was the fact, one trick disappeared and it looked like the first IMP had been shared in the match. But no, Hjelmeland – Hoff in the Open Room duplicated the defense in the Open Room for a second push.

When the smoke had cleared Texan and Yanks won the match 17 – 9.

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
G.Hoff	Dinkin	Hjelmeland	Tuncok
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♣
All Pass		Pass	4♥

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Z.Grossack	Kvamsdal	A.Grossack	A.Hoff
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Dble	4♥	All Pass	2♥



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NESSUN DORMA

by Mark Horton

Nessun dorma (None shall sleep) is an aria from the final act of Giacomo Puccini's opera Turandot, and is one of the best-known tenor arias in all opera. It is sung by Calaf, il principe ignoto (the unknown prince), who falls in love at first sight with the beautiful but cold Princess Turandot. However, any man who wishes to wed Turandot must first answer her three riddles; if he fails, he will be beheaded.

The aria achieved pop status after Luciano Pavarotti's 1972 recording of it was used as the theme song of BBC television's coverage of the 1990 FIFA World Cup in Italy. The concluding part of the aria is the anthem of the WBF.

Before we get down to some bridge, you might like to consider the three riddles:

- What is born each night and dies at dawn?
- What flickers red and warm like a flame, yet is not fire?
- What is like ice yet burns?

While you are pondering those, it is not uncommon for a bridge player to spend a sleepless night as the mind reexamines the problems of the day's play. Luckily the penalty for an incorrect answer at the table does not lead to a beheading (although on occasion one's partner might take a different view).

Here is a problem from the Senior Teams:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 5 3 2
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ 2
 ♣ J 10 6 3

With that outstanding collection you see this auction:

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♦
Dble	All Pass		

- 3♠ Splinter
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4♥ Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 1 or 4 key cards

While you are considering your opening lead you might like to see the answers to the riddles:

"What is born each night and dies at dawn?"
 "Hope!" Prince Calaf declares. Correct.
 Turadot, unaffected, asks her second riddle:
 "What flickers red and warm like a flame, yet is not fire?"

"Blood." Calaf is right again. This time, the princess becomes unnerved. No suitor has proceeded this far. She asks her third riddle:

"What is like ice yet burns?"
 Silence falls over the crowd. A few moments later, Calaf shouts, "Turandot!"

Time to reveal the full deal:

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

There is a logical solution to this problem. There is no point in leading a diamond, as any tricks partner has in that suit will not run away. Partner did not double 4♣ and it is extremely unlikely that he could hold a void in clubs. North is known to hold only one key card and has cue bid in hearts.

It is possible that North holds the ♥K and the ♠A, but if that is the case then the ace of hearts is unlikely to run away, while the ace of spades might.

At the table West did not double and East, quite logically in my opinion, led the ten of hearts. Now after drawing two rounds of trumps declarer could play four rounds of hearts to dispose of dummy's spade.

It was a flat board, but West thought he should have doubled - 'Lightner for a spade, the first 'suit' bid by dummy'.



A STAR IN THE MAKING

by Barry Rigal

We remarked on Friday that we believed the youngest competitor at Tromsø had finished up very nicely in the EBL Open Pairs final. Maureen Hiron very kindly interviewed her during the last session – when she and her partner Sven-Olai Hoyland won the final stanza overall with a score of over 75%.

Sofie Grisholt Sjodal is from Oslo and has been playing bridge for 5 years. Her parents and grandfather both play bridge. Sophie loves bridge because it is such an interesting game and no two hands are ever the same.

As Maureen commented, this is an adult approach: it sounds obvious and trite, but as a games inventor, I'm well aware that the majority of Sofie's age group just want fast-games with

instant decisions and they find the concept of dummy beyond them - they want to be involved all the time.

Sofie is the youngest in her bridge club - and her 43 year-old father is the second youngest - the average age is around 70. Her partner here is Sven-Olai Hoyland and he is also her coach. Sven-Olai has played for the Norwegian Open team but this is Sofie's first time in an Open European of course. However she has represented Norway Girls when aged 11 - with a 22-year-old partner, at both European and World level. We expect to see her many more times!

Competent defence earned a surprising 83% result in the final stanza (maybe this was because a few pairs reached 3NT by West on a low heart lead, and some stopped in partscore).



Sofie Grisholt Sjodal

Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Sjodal led a fourth highest low heart to Hoyland's queen, and the two came back, South following low to suggest suit preference for clubs. East tried a spade towards the queen; Sjodal took her king, cashed out the hearts leaving partner on play, and a club through the king ensured two down. Nothing brilliant – but the secret of the game is to avoid error, not get yourself in the papers on every deal.



SCANDIC HOLMENKOLLER VS TEAM ORANGE WHITE

by Ram Soffer

Teams Swiss Round 3

The first day of the Open Swiss started with the four-handed Dutch Team Orange White (Bob Drijver-Bart Nab, Danny Molenaar-Tim Verbeek) on a roll. 52:0 in the first match was followed by 27:3 over a good French team. Next up was the Norwegian team Scandic Holmenkollen which had just demolished Norway Juniors White by 43:0.

Right from the start it was one-way traffic:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eileraas</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Baumann</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♣	2♠	All Pass	

Normal auction, normal contract, and not much to write about the play. There were only two dummy entries to lead spades toward hand, so declarer eventually lost two spades tricks in addition to his three obvious losers in the side suits.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rynning</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Dble	3♣	All Pass

At this table 1♣ could show any 12-14 balanced. After initially passing, West balanced with 2NT asking Bob Drijver to pick a minor.

3♣ was certainly a more challenging contract than 2♠, for both declarer and defence.

Bob took the ♠K lead with his ace. He could see four losers from the top, so in addition to the club finesse being right he had to develop diamonds – spade ruffs would not suffice.

He started with ♦4 and South took his ♦K. Rynning continued diamonds hoping for a ruff, and this was the correct line of defence. After ♦A, a third diamond would have forced declarer to ruff high, after which he can no longer manage 9 tricks.

Brekka thought that switching to spades, forcing a ruff in dummy, would prevent declarer from enjoying the diamond suit, but he was wrong. Declarer ran ♣J and ♣10 (of course covering would have been no good) and then abandoned trumps to play high diamonds. The last one was ruffed by North, but it didn't help the defence any more. Declarer's nine tricks consisted of four trumps in hand, two spade ruffs, two diamonds and ♠A. +110 at both tables meant 6:0 to Team Orange White.

There followed a push at 1NT doubled going three down, when both declarers had chances to save one undertrick, and then the Dutch gained another 2 IMPs in a partscore deal.



 **Bob Drijver**, Team Orange White



On Board 24 Team Orange White bid a game in both tables. Initially both games seemed to be going down, but...

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 8 4 2 ♥ J 9 6 4 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 9 6		♠ Q ♥ K Q 10 7 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A K J 7 4	♠ A 7 6 5 3 ♥ A 5 ♦ K 10 8 4 2 ♣ 8
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West	North	East	South
<i>Eileraas</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Baumann</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
3♣	3♠	4♣	4♠
All Pass			

It's usually frustrating to have a great hand with a fit in a minor and hear the opponents bid 4♠. Should East pass, bid on or double? Baumann decided to bid 4♣ and left the final decision to his partner, but Eileraas had an almost worthless hand and was hardly entitled to have any say after his preemptive 3♣ response.

With trumps 3-1, 4♠ should be one down, but the defence didn't play hearts early and Molenaar saw a glimmer of hope if he could run diamonds for five tricks and then somehow get a ruff and discard. After dummy's ♦Q lost to the ace, he finessed the ♦10 for an unnecessary second undertrick. Team Orange White -100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rynning</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	3♠	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

West passed initially, then saw his partner drive to the four-level virtually alone, and he decided that with five-card trump support his hand was not so worthless after all.

Indeed, in addition to those clubs he possessed another vital card – the apparently modest ♥8!

South led the ♠A, and when he failed to find the killing diamond switch, continuing spades instead, Bob Drijver played for the only distribution which would allow him to make his contract, pulled trumps ending in dummy and ran the ♥8. When that card drew South's ace, there were two diamond discards available and +400 meant a gain of 7 IMPs.

Another overtrick made it 16:0, and then the Norwegians had a peculiar misunderstanding in a routine partscore deal which persuaded them to bid 4♥. Molenaar doubled with KQJ of trumps and after the inevitable -500 the score became 28:0.



Danny Molenaar, Team Orange White

Team Orange White missed a chance to blank their opponents when their pair wrong-sided a 3NT contract in Board 28:

contract drifted down two, which was enough to put Scandic on the scoreboard with 3 IMPs.

However, this turned out to be merely a temporary relief:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eileraas</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Baumann</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Eileraas</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Baumann</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The natural auction of 1♦-1♠-2♦-3NT would have given West a challenging lead. For example, if he chooses a spade North wins and sets up diamonds, after which a club switch is necessary to beat the contract by one trick.

Verbeek's play in 3NT on the ♠J lead was pure simplicity. Early in our bridge careers we are taught to play on our longest suit and apply the rule "Eight Ever, Nine Never". The Dutchman did just that, winning ♠K and laying down ♣AK. When the ♣Q dropped, the rest was simple. Team Orange White +660.

On the other hand, the sequence dictated by the Dutch pair's system made North the declarer. East's easy heart lead netted five immediate tricks for the defense, and declarer had to lose the ♦A and ♣K as well. Team Orange White -300.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rynning</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Brekka</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rynning</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble
2♣	2♦	2♥	2NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Brekka, on the other hand, tried to play the hand in a more expertly manner by delaying the club decision as much as possible, hoping to learn more about the distributions.

Drijver's light 1♥ overcall complicated matters, but didn't really help his side. 2♣ was an artificial raise. When South chose the slight underbid of 2NT, it seemed that the Norwegian pair was going to stop in 3♦ and show a nice profit. Yet for some reason Brekka jumped to 4♦ on the way to a poor game.

At trick two he played a small heart to the 10, losing to West's queen. Then he played small heart to the king and led ♦Q from dummy. Drijver won two heart tricks in addition to his ♦A, and Brekka had to win the rest. He did gather some information, however: East started with four cards in both majors. Thus he concluded that West was likely to hold three clubs. When Bob's bare ♣Q won, had two more tricks to cash. Down three.

Luckily, there was no double, as Nab didn't expect much from his partner's non-vulnerable overcall. Drijver's strange lead of ♣7 gave North a free finesse, but he didn't have time to arrange both a heart ruff and a club discard on the ♠K. The

lesson from this hand: Don't forget that bridge is after all a simple game!



With one board to go Team Orange White was leading 42:3, just short of the maximum of 20 VP. The final board had a lot of swing potential, with both sides capable of bidding and making a game.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ A K 9 4 3 ♥ K 4 3 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ 7 6</p>	<p>♠ J 5 2 ♥ A Q 10 9 8 6 2 ♦ 6 ♣ Q 8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center;"> <p>N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 10 7 6 ♥ — ♦ A J 10 9 8 5 ♣ K 5 4 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ A J 10 9 2</p>
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Before looking at the actual auctions, let's imagine what happens if East passes as dealer West will open 1♠, North will overcall some number of hearts, and East will probably bid 4♠.

It is possible that N/S will sacrifice to 5♥, down one. In case they choose to defend against 4♠, North is likely to lead his singleton diamond (in an unbid suit!), thus handing declarer his game contract on a silver platter.

This is not just theory. Out of 102 tables in which this deal was played, 4♠ was bid and made in 30 tables, while at five more tables E/W made 4♠ doubled, usually with an overtrick!

Contrast this with the actual data from our match:

West	North	East	South
Eileraas	Verbeek	Baumann	Molenaar
4♦	4♥	3♦	Pass
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Nab	Brekka	Drijver	Rynning
3NT	4♥	3♦	Pass
		All Pass	

Both players in the East seat were attracted to an off-shape 3♦ opening. As a result, spades were never mentioned, even though West could have put the bidding back on track with a 3♠ response.

After North's 4♥ it was not clear whether to bid on or defend. Both E/W pairs chose the latter option, and the favourable layout allowed both Norths to score an easy +420 for a push.

Team Orange White's winning streak continued for one more round, but in the fifth round they lost by a single IMP after a poor bidding decision on the final board cost them 12 IMPs. Still, they had a nice lead of 11.77 VPs over 10CC in 2nd place.



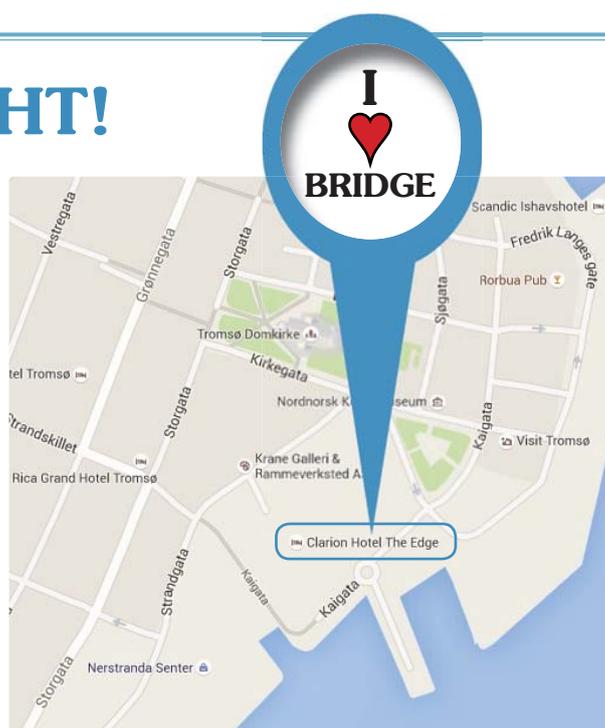
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HUNGARY GAMAX VS HOFF

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams Swiss, Round 3

After the two rounds, Orange White and Scandic Holmenkollen led the field, so they would have the privilege of meeting at tables 1 and 2. In 3rd and 4th place were Hungary Gamax on 35.36 V.P. and Norway's Hoff on 32.84 V.P. so they would have to go to tables 3 and 4 to play their match.

Hoff took a 1-0 lead on the first board and they extended it on the next when their EW pair found out that, together, they had a clear double in store for the opponents:

In the Closed Room, the Hungarians missed out on imposing a severe penalty upon their opponents:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	Kvamsdal	Dombi	A.Hoff
		1♥	Dble
Rdbl	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

One wonders what a double of 2♠ would have meant, as penalty doubles are out of fashion. If East couldn't double for penalty, why couldn't West double for takeout? Answers on the back of a postcard to the bulletin office.

East led a top trump (best) and continued a diamond to West's jack. Two more rounds of trumps followed, establishing East's ♠9 as a winner. Declarer now played dummy's ♦A and ♦Q to West's king. Reluctant to open up any rounded suit, West exited in diamonds to declarer's ♦10, giving declarer a curious discarding problem as he did not know which was his most certain loser. He threw a heart and tried a club to dummy's king and West's ace next. West, on play again, continued a club to East's queen when declarer played low from his hand. With just one more heart and the master trump still to lose, the contract was down three for +150 to Gamax but Hoff chalked up 4 more IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
G.Hoff	Winkler	Hjelmeland	Homonnay
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Dble	Dble
Pass		Dble	All Pass

Geir Hoff quite rightly judged that he was strong enough to defend 1NT doubled even facing a passed hand. When North, with his hopeless hand, ran to 2♦, West had even less trouble in converting the take-out double for business.

The defence started off with three rounds of spades, West ruffing South's queen and continuing ♣A and another. Declarer ran this to dummy's king, noting the fall of the queen. He then played ♦A and ♦2 to West's jack. West cashed his ♦K and got off play with a club to declarer's jack. When Winkler then led a heart to the ten and king, he had escaped for just down two. Hoff +300.



Peter Lakatos, Team Hungary Gamax

Two boards later, the Norwegians registered another partscore swing.

The next board was a push but both declarers missed their chances:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G.Hoff</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Hjelmeland</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	3♠	Dble	4♠
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G.Hoff</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Hjelmeland</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>
3NT	All Pass	1NT	Pass

On a low diamond lead by South, even 4♣ should fail -- if North inserts the nine. Now, North's ♠K will be the entry to cash the ♦Q with the ♥A still there as the entry to the South hand to cash the ♦K. Alternatively, if declarer draws trumps and plays hearts, South still has the ♠A as an entry to his ♦K after leading a second diamond to North's queen.

East's 13-15 NT range made East the declarer and South led a low spade, giving away the position in the suit. Declarer won the ten in hand, led a low spade to the nine, cashed the king and led a heart to his king, which won the trick. With four tricks in the bag, declarer, after cashing the ♠A, might have got off play by leading a heart to North, keeping all the options open, including the possibility of less than accurate defence. However, he elected to duck a diamond to North's ten. When North returned the suit to South's queen and dummy's king, declarer could do no better than play another diamond and eventually get off play with a heart to North's queen. North now simply cashed his ♦J, dummy discarding a club, so when North led a club to dummy's ace, he could score the last two heart tricks in return for one down and +50 to Gamax.

In the more realistic setting at the table, 4♣ might very well have made so 4♠ could be considered a good "save" against 4♣.

4♠ went one off, +50 to Hoff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>Kvamsdal</i>	<i>Dombi</i>	<i>A.Hoff</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♣
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT	3♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>Kvamsdal</i>	<i>Dombi</i>	<i>A.Hoff</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The ambiguous 1♣ led to EW missing their big fit in the other room. They sold out to 3♠, which could not be defeated. Another +140 and 5 more IMPs to Hoff who led 10-1 at this point.

Against the same contract, Arild Hoff led a club and dummy's ten won. Assuming declarer is going to make four spade tricks, he would need only one more trick so the prospects were looking bright.



Declarer led a heart but when North went up with the ace, he unblocked the king. North returned the ♡9 to dummy's ten and at this point, declarer could do little better than cash two diamonds ending in dummy. When the queen appeared in South, he changed his plan and went on to cash the ♠K and play a spade to his ten and South's queen. South had an easy return by playing a club to dummy's stiff ace, and declarer's chances were gone, as he could not both cash his two spades and endplay North in diamonds for a heart return. One off, flat board.

On the next board, the Norwegians had a relatively expensive misunderstanding:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
G.Hoff	Winkler	Hjelmeland	Homonnay
Pass	1◇	Pass	1♣
Pass	2◇	Pass	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Though declarer might have made his contract by the relatively simple expedient of winning the ♡K lead in dummy and drawing trumps as quickly as possible, exploiting the favourable break, he managed to go down two, vulnerable, by winning the ♡A and returning the suit. He was following another basic rule, namely that of setting up your side suit first. South won the ♡J and returned the ◇10 to the king and ace. North cashed the ◇Q and continued the jack, ruffed by declarer with the queen, whilst South shed a club. Next came a trump, but North could win the jack when dummy's ♠10 was called for. He continued the ♣9 to partner's ace, got rid of his second club on a high heart and got a club ruff next. Down two. Gamax +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	Kvamsdal	Dombi	A.Hoff
Pass	1◇	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	All Pass	1NT

North intended 2♣ as NF checkback on which South has to bid 2◇ but apparently, South forgot. One down when West led a diamond and continued the suit, once given the chance to kill dummy.

Another +100 and 7 IMPs to Gamax to close the gap to just 2 IMPs.

Board 27 was flat but then came a big swing:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
G.Hoff	Winkler	Hjelmeland	Homonnay
Pass	1◇	Dble	1♠
Pass	2◇	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Had West found the club lead, or even a heart lead, the contract would either have gone down three or down one. When he led a spade instead, in spite of the opponents' bidding, and continued the suit after winning his ◇A on the third round of the suit (partner having discarded the ♡10 and the ♣6 after following suit with the ♠3 to trick one), declarer had nine tricks. Gamax +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lakatos	Kvamsdal	Dombi	A.Hoff
Pass	1◇	1♡	Dbl
2♡	3◇	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Dombi overcalled 1♥ to end all NS hopes. They reached 3NT nevertheless but when West led the ♥J, East contributed the queen to clarify the situation for his partner. So West went up with the ♦A at trick 2 and led ♥A and another for down one and 12 more IMPs to Gamax.

On the last board of the set, Hoff hit back in remarkable fashion:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G.Hoff</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Hjelmeland</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>
1♠	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Dble	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

Hjelmeland as East wisely passed, giving his partner the chance to start exchanging useful information.

This way, EW got as high as 4♠ but as they had not given away much information, it was not easy for North to avoid making the worst possible lead: his singleton diamond. This ran to declarer's seven, two top trumps were drawn and then the diamond procession could begin. North could ruff whenever he liked but declarer would always pitch three losers on the diamonds. Just made, Hoff +420.

In the other room, Dombi effectively shut out his partner rather than the opponents with his pre-empt:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>Kvamsdal</i>	<i>Dombi</i>	<i>A.Hoff</i>
Pass	3♥	3♦	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4♥

Over 3♦, Lakatos might have shown his spades as he had a fine diamond fit but when he passed, the opponents had an unobstructed road to their thin game. To make, it needed two finesses but who can argue with success? Apart from that, Hoff were set to gain heavily on the board even if 4♥ would have failed. Making the contract gave Hoff another useful +420, 13 more IMPs to win the match 23-21 or 10.77 – 9.23 V.P.



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THE ONLY CHANCE

by Mark Horton

When the contract is 3NT, there will be numerous occasions when, as a defender, you have to decide whether to return partner's suit or try a different tack.

This is from Round 7 of the Open Teams:

Board 24. Dealer West. None.

	♠ Q 8 6		
	♥ 9 2		
	♦ A J 3 2		
	♣ 10 9 8 6		
♠ K 7 3		♠ 9 5 2	
♥ A Q 8 4		♥ K 5	
♦ K 8 5		♦ 10 6 4	
♣ Q J 5		♣ A K 7 5 2	
	♠ A J 10 4		
	♥ J 10 7 6 3		
	♦ Q 9 7		
	♣ 3		
West	North	East	South
<i>Olanski</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Vitas</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
1♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the six of spades and while declarer was contemplating his play to trick one South considered his options.

The rule of eleven made it clear that West held only one high spade - but which one?

When the first trick was completed by the two, ace and seven of spades (neatly concealing the three) South was ready with his next card - the queen of diamonds!

Declarer covered and North won and returned the two.

When declarer withheld dummy's ten South won with the nine and played a third diamond enabling North to cash out.

Time for me to confess that I have made a small, but important amendment to the deal which, in reality looked like this:

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

In practice the return of the jack of spades would be the safe way to ensure the defeat of the contract - but unlikely to merit an entry into the Bulletin!

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OPEN TEAMS SWISS ROUND FOUR

by Jos Jacobs

Round 4 on Saturday proved a very quiet round. All the excitement was concentrated in just one board of the set. This was the board in question, no. 4. I think it's appropriate to show the auctions from all four of our BBO matches, as they were vastly different.

the $\diamond K10$ both appeared, he had his overtrick after all. Noralia another +620 for a swing of 17 IMPs. This was the second instance within an hour or so of a team bidding and making a game at both tables on BBO. These 17 IMPs also were Noralia's only entry into the score sheet of the match but it was just enough for them to win the match 17-15 or the already familiar score of 10.77 – 9.23 V.P.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Over now to the leaders, Team Orange White v. Blund.

For all those who might be curious about the colourful names of the three main Dutch teams: there is a clear reasoning behind it. Orange is the national colour as it is the name of the Royal House in power as the Netherlands' monarchs for just over 200 years now. Red, White and Blue (the three teams) simply are the colours of the Netherlands' national flag (and, for historical reasons, of the Luxembourg flag as well – but that's another story).

Noralia v. Lazer

In this match, $4\spadesuit$ was reached, doubled and played in both rooms but with different results.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Howard</i>
$1\clubsuit$	Dble	Pass	$4\spadesuit$
Dble	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hornslieen</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Hoeyem</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
$1\clubsuit$	Dble	Pass	$3\spadesuit$
Pass	$4\spadesuit$	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The defenders led two rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the second and playing a trump to dummy's ace. Next came the $\heartsuit K$, East played the three and West immediately won his ace to continue... another club. Curtains as the other losing diamond now went on the 4th heart. Noralia +990.

For Blund, West led top clubs, declarer ruffing the second. A trump to the ace and the $\heartsuit K$, East the seven and declarer the eight. Two more trumps ending in hand and then the $\heartsuit J$. When West took his ace it was all over, as one diamond would now go on dummy's last heart. Orange White +790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Gumby</i>	<i>A.Rasmussen</i>	<i>Lazer</i>
$1\clubsuit$	Dble	Pass	$4\spadesuit$
Dble	Pass	$5\clubsuit$	All Pass

At the other table, Rasmussen found a more sensible bid when Sveindal, too, doubled $4\spadesuit$.

Given the very favourable diamond position, declarer might even have managed to make six after a heart lead. On a spade lead, no artistry was needed as Sveindal could ruff, draw trumps and play $\diamond A$ and another to ensure his contract. When





 **Bart Nab**, team Orange White

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nab	Lund	B.Drijver	Berset
1♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Less imaginative declarer play in the Closed Room but I wonder if anything would have helped here.

Second top club ruffed, three rounds of trumps and the ♥J, ducked by West. East contributed the three to show an even number. The rest was easy. West won the third heart and sat back to get his diamond tricks in the end. One down, +200 to Orange White and a juicy 14 IMPs.

No swing in the Abax-Hungary Gamax match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Winkler	R.Voll	Homonnay	Kindsbekken
1♣	Dbl	Pass	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
J.Berg	Lakatos	Austberg	Dombi
1♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Both teams reached the proper EW contract via slightly different but equally sound routes for a well-deserved push.

As far as the auctions are concerned, they did even better than that in our 4th match:

Texan and Yanks v. Hoff

Open Room

West	North	East	South
G.Hoff	Dinkin	Hjelmeland	Tuncok
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♥	4♣	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

East's 1♦ was negative. When South took the save at 5♠, West refrained from trying a slam but took the sure plus. On correct defence, 5♠ went two off, +500 to Hoff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z.Grossack	Kvamsdal	A.Grossack	A.Hoff
1♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♣	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Another sensible auction by both sides, leading to the same final contract of 5♠ doubled. The difference (and the swing) came when West won his ♥A on the first round of the suit. Down is down, but it cost Texas and Yanks 300 points or 7 IMPs.



 **Arild Hoff**, team Hoff



TWO GREAT ENDPLAYS

by Micke Melander

One of the clear favourites to reach the semifinals of this year's edition of the Open European Senior Teams is the Swedish squad 'Take'. In round three of their qualification they were up against Walger with players in their team such as the EBL President Yves Aubry, EBL Treasurer Josef Harsanyi and IBPA President Patrick Jourdain!

On the first board of the match between Take vs Walger the following great board was played which produced two different amazing endplays.



Gunnar Elmroth, team Take

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Trapp	Harsanyi	Elmroth	Mattsson
	1♣*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

* Polish Club

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Aldeborg	Jourdain	Karlsson
	1NT	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Elmroth got to declare Four Spades in the Open Room. The treasurer of the EBL didn't find the killing lead of a diamond or the jack of clubs (to be able to defeat the contract it was vital that the defense removed one of declarer's entries to dummy's on the opening lead, so declarer wouldn't be able reduce himself in trumps).

Hasanyi led the three of hearts, declarer jumped up with the ace and continued with the queen of hearts, taking a ruffing finesse and pitching a club when North didn't cover. The jack of hearts followed. Again North didn't cover and declarer's last club was discarded. Now South ruffed in and switched to a diamond, but it was too late. North won the king of diamonds and tried to get a trick with the ace of clubs, whereupon declarer ruffed, played a trump to the queen, ruffed a club and cashed the ace of spades to discover that South discarded and that he had a sure trump loser.

Elmroth then crossed to dummy with a diamond to the ace and had set up the following end-position:

	♠ J 9		
	♥ K		
	♦ —		
	♣ A		
♠ —	N	♠ K 10	
♥ 10 9	W	♥ —	
♦ 8	S	♦ Q 6	
♣ Q	E	♣ —	
	♠ —		
	♥ —		
	♦ J 10		
	♣ J 8		

North was powerless when declarer called for a diamond from dummy; if he ruffed, declarer would play his diamond loser, and if he discarded declarer would win with the queen to play another diamond, throwing South in, and end up collecting two tricks from the spade tenace.

Against Four Hearts in the Closed Room, David Kendrick received the king of clubs led. This was fine for the defense, who still could defeat the contract. North shifted to a trump, which went to declarer's nine, who then cashed the ace of hearts and played the queen, putting North back on lead with the king. Aldeborg in North cashed the ace of clubs and didn't see the threat coming to his king of diamonds when he returned his last club to declarer's queen. Kendrick then cashed the ace of diamonds and ran all his hearts down to reach the following endplay:

Declarer's last heart squeezed North in spades and diamonds. When North kept the king of diamonds declarer could simply overtake the queen of spades with the king to claim his ten tricks for a push. North had to play back a spade earlier on to break up the squeeze for declarer.

Two really great endplays on the same board are very rare to find!

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



David Kendrick, team Walger

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NORALIA VS ERICHSEN

by John Carruthers

Open Teams Swiss Qualifying match six

I'm sure that when the young Australians Justin Howard and Kieran Dyke were discussing what to name their team with their youthful Norwegian teammates Jon Sveindal and Arild Rasmussen, the conversation went something like this:

Arild: "What about Osbourne?"

Kieran: "We don't live in Melbourne and you guys don't live in Oslo, so let's try something else."

Justin: "Ozway has a ring to it, yeah?"

Arild: "It does indeed, but we need something that people can actually figure out. That's a bit too tough."

Justin: "Osoz? Ozlo?"

Jon: "Those do not work for me for the same reason that Osbourne doesn't: I live in Bergen. What about Bergene?"

Kieran: "Maybe a bit too esoteric. Noralia?"

All in unison: "Perfect. Even John Carruthers can figure that one out."

These lads were in seventh place after Day 1 and faced Espen Erichsen/Erlend Skjetne and Erik Berg/Steffen Fredrik Simonsen, in eighth, just a fraction of a VP behind them.

Espen: "Shall we call ourselves Norland?"

Erlend: "Too cute. And who knows you live in England anyway? Let's stick to Ehrichsen."

The first board was a four hearts/three notrump choice with no losing decision. Both sides picked hearts for a push. After another push, this time in three notrump, came a defensive problem.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Berg	Dyke	Simonsen	Howard
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
3♣	4♠	All Pass	Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Skjetne	Rasmussen	Erichsen
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

Both Norths reasoned that no auction they could produce would allow South to bid game with a little help in diamonds and a couple of spades, so they bid it themselves. Neither East defended to best advantage on the actual lie of the cards, but fortunately for both, the problem was only for a second undertrick.

Simonsen tried two high hearts and the ace of clubs and another. Dyke ruffed, drew trumps and eventually lost a diamond for -100.

Rasmussen had the right idea, and his defence would have beaten four spades whenever it was possible to do so. He also led out two high hearts, but then continued with a third heart for the ten of spades from Sveindal. That beats the contract any time West has a trick in diamonds or clubs, as he does here. However, Skjetne discarded his club loser on that and went the same one down as at the other table.

Rasmussen deserved a better fate than the push he achieved. Had declarer held ♠AKQ9732 ♥97 ♦AK42 ♣—, his defence would have beaten the contract and we'd be extolling his virtues. Hey, we're doing that anyway. But maybe North would have opened that hand with two clubs. But his opponents' bidding was not Rasmussen's problem.

NORALIA won 6 IMPs when Sveindal was a bit more prudent than Berg in the bidding and avoided a poor three no trump, bid and defeated at the other table. Then it was Dyke/Howard's turn to be prudent...

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Berg	Dyke	Simonsen	Howard
	1NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

On a low spade lead, Dyke made all 13 tricks for +520. No one thought anything of it until the scoreup.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Skjetne	Rasmussen	Erichsen
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

While it's true that South's hand is worth an upgrade to about 16 points (16.45 on the K&R Evaluator), the problem with upgrading this type of hand for quantitative notrump bidding is that the defenders don't downgrade theirs. So if the North hand is worth its K&R 15.90 points that makes a combined total of 32.35 for the North/South hands—it should be okay in four notrump, agreed? However, again according to K&R, East is worth 9.70 points and West, 3.55. That's a total of 45.60. Something had to give. In this case it was North/South, as the defence took four club tricks in double-quick time. Minus 50 and 11 IMPs to NORALIA, now leading 17-0.

On Board 26, both East/West pairs avoided a decent slam that might have made and might have gone one off. On Board 27, both East West pairs bid and made three clubs in a competitive auction. Then...

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Berg	Dyke	Simonsen	Howard
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

4♦ Splinter in support of spades

East has an interesting decision to make at his second turn. Should he assume captaincy and try to find out what partner has with a Fourth-Suit Forcing or an XYZ bid, or should he attempt to describe his own hand? Simonsen opted for the latter and Berg, from his hand, must have thought four spades was in danger. You'd have needed to hold a gun to Berg's head to make him do other than sign off every time he got the chance. Simonsen surrendered just in time.

Dyke led the ace and a second club to declarer's king. Berg played as safely as he could by travelling to the ace of spades, then exiting with the jack of spades to try to maintain fluid transportation between the two hands and keep control if spades were 4-1. He managed the rest easily enough for +450.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Skjetne	Rasmussen	Erichsen
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

2♦ Game forcing

Rasmussen used the XYZ relay to extract as much information from Sveindal as he could. Sveindal admitted to three-card heart support, tried to choose hearts over spades, and admitted that he had no key cards. It appears that they were not on the same wavelength regarding the five notrump response. The crux of the matter was four notrump. There were three possibilities:

- (1) key card for spades
- (2) key card for hearts
- (3) six-card key cards

Initially, Sveindal was fortunate in that whatever four notrump meant, he had zero key cards! Five diamonds, however, put his feet to the fire. He tried to show the queen of hearts, behind Door #2, but Rasmussen opened Door #1 and chose six spades. Perhaps if Sveindal had

bid six hearts over five diamonds, Rasmussen might have let that alone. He might even have made it by taking the combination play of the ace-king of spades followed by a ruffing finesse in diamonds if no queen of spades had appeared. That might also have required some good breaks, or at least no bad breaks.

In six spades, however, Skjetne led the ace of clubs and another. Sveindal took his percentage play in trumps and so was one off. That was 11 IMPs to ERICHSEN, now trailing 17-11. ERICHSEN won one more IMP on the remaining two boards, both deals declared in three notrump at both tables, with only overtricks at stake. That made it NORALIA 17 - ERICHSEN 12.



DEEP FINESSE

by Mark Horton

Brian Senior is always ready to report a good play made against him and he dropped by to supply us with this deal from Round 3 of the Open Teams, where Adam Grossack took advantage of a defensive slip:

Brian led the ace of spades for the nine, two and queen.

As he pointed out, given that you know partner has four spades for her preemptive raise you should perhaps construe the two as suit preference and switch to a diamond, but at the time it seemed reasonable to shift to a trump.

Declarer won in hand, crossed to dummy with a club, and played a heart to the seven.

When that forced the ace declarer was not hard pressed to score three heart tricks, which enabled him to pitch two diamonds from dummy and rack up his game. That was a 10 IMP pick up, when the declarer at the other table contrived to go one down in 4♣ after the same opening lead.



Adam Grossack

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z. Grossack	N. Senior	A. Grossack	B. Senior
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♣	3♠	5♣	All Pass

**HUNGARY GAMAX VS McALLISTER**

by Jos Jacobs

At the halfway point of the Swiss qualifications, the two teams mentioned above were in 5th and 6th position on 68.6 and 67.2 V.P. respectively so one would expect them to meet on Sunday morning at tables 5 and 6. This is exactly what happened. The boards proved to be quite exciting in this match, as the IMP exchange was much higher than in any of the other matches on BBO during this round. Not good for the match but mainly good for the Israeli team (McAllister playing with three team-mates one would associate primarily with Israel) was that the exchanges were mostly one-way traffic.

After two flat warming-up boards, McAllister fired a warning shot on board 23:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Barel	Winkler	Zack	Homonnay
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

Winkler opened 4♠ third in hand, as good a shot as any. When he ran into a useless dummy, he had to concede one down when the ♦Q did not drop. McAllister +100.

In the other room, Migry Zur-Campanile elected a more cautious approach:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dombi	Migry	Lakatos	McAllister
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

After this careful auction, NS had reached a contract in which they hardly could go down. Another +140 and 6 IMPs to McAllister to open their account.

More serious stuff on the next five consecutive boards was to follow:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

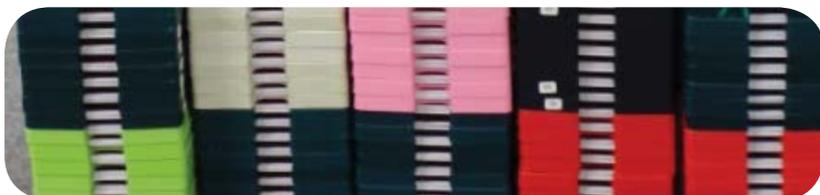
	♠ K 8 6		
	♥ 9 2		
	♦ A J 3 2		
	♣ 10 9 8 6		
♠ Q 7 3		♠ 9 5 2	
♥ A Q 8 4		♥ K 5	
♦ K 8 5		♦ 10 6 4	
♣ Q J 5		♣ A K 7 4 2	
	♠ A J 10 4		
	♥ J 10 7 6 3		
	♦ Q 9 7		
	♣ 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Barel	Winkler	Zack	Homonnay
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After a routine Inverted Minor auction, EW ended up in a normal enough contract.

North's diamond lead to declarer's king gave away the ninth trick. A spade lead to the ace, ♠J and a diamond would have beaten it... (and a shift to ♦Q doesn't bear thinking about) McAllister +400.





In the other room, the Hungarian Inverted Minor auction enabled them to discover the holes in the spade stopper and thus to avoid 3NT, but the damage had already been done as even 4♣ was too high.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dombi</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McAllister</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Dombi's final raise to 5♣ was, maybe, a little exaggerated but one never knows and it probably would not cost that much. He certainly was right as to the latter aspect: going down one or down two was just a 1-IMP difference. Two down, -100, gave the McAllister team another 11 IMPs.

Next:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When North showed a five-card suit in his strong NT, Homonnay was hoping for the best when he launched 4♠ as RKCB. When he got 2 keycards and the trump queen, he closed his eyes and announced 6NT as the final contract. With 11 tricks already there

in the red suits, the chances were that the contract either was completely cold or that the player on lead would not find the right lead.

As it was, Zack even was actually in a position to double the final contract...down three, +500 to McAllister.

(I wonder how many years East would have aged while waiting for his partner to lead against 7♦?)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dombi</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McAllister</i>
	1NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Compared to the auction in the Open Room, the CR auction can only be called "dull."

It scored, however, another +450 for McAllister which converted to another 14 IMPs.

More IMPs came on the next board, on which the Hungarians might consider themselves a bit unlucky:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Open Room, EW came nowhere near a slam when East kept signing off whenever given the chance.

McAllister +660.

In the other room, the Hungarians bid quite well:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dombi</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McAllister</i>
		1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

The slam in clubs was excellent as it would make on almost any not too freakish layout.

In fact, only the actual ♦J lead posed a real problem for declarer as he could not know whether this was a true singleton or possibly a false-card from ♦QJx or whatever.

Declarer took his probably best a priori chance when he won the ace in hand and tried a low heart to the king. Had the ace been with North, he would have been home immediately and if South would win the ace, there still was the chance of discarding the losing diamond on the spades.

South quickly put an end to declarer's hopes by winning his ♥A and giving partner a diamond ruff...McAllister another +100 and 13 more IMPs. The score stood at 44-0 now.

On the next board, the Hungarians hoped to recoup some IMPs but their efforts backfired.



Yaniv Zack, team McAllister

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♣	Dble
All Pass			

Even on a spade lead, 3♣ cannot be beaten as the possible spade loser will disappear on an established diamond -- just in time. Later on, the losing heart can be ruffed. Nine tricks made, and McAllister +470 was thus the outcome of the board.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dombi</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McAllister</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♣	All Pass

A quiet auction in the other room and, not surprisingly, the same number of tricks for only +110 to Gamax and 8 more IMPs to McAllister.



Michael Barel, team McAllister

On the next board, the Hungarians finally did recoup some IMPs:

A bit high but quite playable, this slam, even more so when South led the ♣A.

This did not inspire declarer, however, to bring down the ♠Q doubleton behind the AK, so one down still was the result. Gamax +50.

Board 28. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dombi</i>	<i>Migry</i>	<i>Lakatos</i>	<i>McAllister</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Helped by the double of 5♣, the Hungarians stopped just in time and thus avoided the slam. In fact, 6♥ has some extra chances as compared to 6♠ as the spade losers might go on the top diamonds if the ♦A is right (or led, for that matter). Gamax scored +480 to win 11 IMPs back but the McAllister team still won the match 52-13 or 18.6 – 0.9 V.P. (slow play penalties deducted).

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Homonnay</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

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THE WINDS OF WINTER

by Mark Horton

A Song of Ice and Fire is a series of epic fantasy novels by the American novelist George R. R. Martin. The first volume of the series, A Game of Thrones, was begun in 1991 and first published in 1996. The series has grown from a planned trilogy to seven volumes, the fifth and most recent of which, A Dance with Dragons, took Martin five years to write before its publication in 2011. The sixth novel, The Winds of Winter, is still being written.

The only reason I mention this is that I have been working on a particular book for more than five years, slightly longer than the four year that have elapsed since Martin started writing The Winds of Winter. At the last count he was sitting on 1,800 pages of manuscript (which is a tad more than I have managed). His books have sold around 60 million copies - which is slightly more than one can expect from a bridge book.

I expect by now that the reader is becoming impatient to see some bridge, so let's check out four deals from the Round 7 encounter between 10CC and Lazer.

West started with what some call the 'movie star' lead of the king of spades and the defenders quickly collected the first three tricks. Declarer was not hard pressed to gather in the remainder, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Castner</i>	<i>Gumby</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Lazer</i>
Pass	2NT*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	3♣*
All Pass			4♥*

2♦ Both majors, weak
2NT Relay

West led the jack of diamonds and East dropped the queen as declarer won perforce with dummy's ace.

Declarer took two rounds of trumps with the queen and king and played a club to the ten. When that held it looks obvious to take a third round of trumps and repeat the club finesse. Then declarer can cash the clubs and play a spade - no need to get the suit right - and be sure of ten tricks.

Ignoring this possibility declarer ran the five of spades to West's ten, and back came a diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy pitching a club and played the queen of spades, West winning with the king and playing a third diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy and threw another club and then, seeing no danger, played a spade (he could still have recovered by laying down the ace of clubs). East won that and West got rid of the king of clubs which meant he could ruff East's club exit.

An embarrassing -50 and 10 IMPs to 10CC.

(One of the Editors pointed out that this deal resembled one reported by Terence Reese. When the makeable contract failed Terence, never one to mince words, wrote, 'Of anyone who went down on this deal one would have to say that bridge was not their game'.

Mind you, I doubt they were on the ninth day of a major Championship.

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Shah</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	1♥
All Pass			4♥

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Shah</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣ Stayman

North led the ten of hearts for the queen, king and ace and declarer continued with the ace of diamonds and a diamond, North winning with the queen as South followed with the six and three. Declarer ducked the ten of hearts (South following with the three) won the next heart with dummy's jack (throwing a spade) and cleared the diamonds, North pitching the seven of spades.

South returned the four of clubs and declarer won with dummy's king and cashed the ten of diamonds. South threw the four of spades and North, mistakenly, parted with the three.

Declarer played a club to the ace and refusing to believe the spades were now good for three tricks exited with a club, a relieved North taking the queen of clubs and the master heart for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Castner</i>	<i>Gumby</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Lazer</i>
1NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here North went for the more aggressive spade lead and declarer put in dummy's ten, and ducked when South played the jack. He took the second spade with the ace and played two rounds of diamonds, North winning and clearing the spades.

Declarer played a diamond to South's king (North threw the spade queen) took the club return with the ace and cashed the master diamond. North correctly pitched a club, but South, down to ♥K83 ♣J96 parted with a heart.

Declarer promptly played a heart to the ace and ducked a heart and was home. A very nice +600 and 12 IMPs to 10CC.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Shah</i>
1♠	3♦	4♠	5♦
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

North led the king of diamonds and declarer won perforce with dummy's ace pitching the two of clubs and played the king of spades, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Castner</i>	<i>Gumby</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Lazer</i>
1♠	3♦	4♠	5♦
6♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Same lead, same sequence of plays, same result, no swing.

A cursory glance reveals that 60 odd declarers in the Open went down, while just 8 made 6♠, while in the Women the ratio was 9-2.

A couple of things:

First, suppose declarer were to play a round of clubs before touching trumps? If you believe North's queen then the chances of North's having the spade length increase.

Second, and perhaps more compelling, in my experience the player who jump raises the preemptor always has a shortage.

It might even make a good Bols Bridge Tip.



Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Braithwaite</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Shah</i>
	1NT	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	All Pass

South led the jack of spades and when declarer

played dummy's two North put up the king and returned a club. Declarer won with the queen, played a heart to the ace and a diamond. North took the ace, played another club and had to come to a diamond to hold declarer to his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Castner</i>	<i>Gumby</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Lazer</i>
	1NT	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

South led the jack of spades and when North followed with the three South failed to switch to a club, playing a second spade.

Declarer ruffed, played a heart to the ace and a diamond, putting in the ten when North followed with the five. When that held he ruffed a diamond, drew trumps and played a top diamond, claiming, +600 for another 10 IMPs to 10CC, who won 32-11, consolidating their position at the business end of the table.



ANYONE FOR... CROQUET?

by Barry Rigal

Mark Horton has written about this deal, commenting that anyone who went down in 4♠ might consider looking for a game more suitable for his talents. Tiddlywinks or mumblety-peg anyone?

You might think that; I couldn't possibly comment. But at the table I was watching, an eminent declarer explained to me just how it was possible sensibly to go down here.

Board 3 Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tuncok</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Dinkins</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	Dble
3♦	4♥	All Pass	

Dennis Bilde received the lead of ♦K, (KQ or AK) West playing a suit-preference 10, so Bilde knew West surely had ♠A or ♠K10 and since East had made a simple overcall it seemed that West had six diamonds – but not enough for a mixed raise to 3♣. After quite a lot of thought Bilde drew two rounds of trumps with the queen and ace, then led the heart ten to the jack in his hand, and advanced an underhand ♣10. He expected to sneak this past East and then switch to spades. If he could find the ♠10 he would score two clubs, two spades, a diamond and five trump tricks one way or another.

As it was West won a bonus trick with ♣K but woodenly continued the attack on clubs. Declarer now had the tempo to set up two spade tricks with the aid of a good guess in that suit. Note that had West given the ruff and discard when in with the ♣K, the defenders can lead diamonds at every turn and defeat the game.

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YET ANOTHER LAYDOWN GAME?

by Barry Rigal

Prompted by the Editor

When this deal was played in round seven of the teams qualifier, I expect a majority of the field who played 3NT unsuccessfully scratched their heads and wondered if Deep Finesse could bring home the game. The answer is: yes and no.

Board 7 Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

♠ J 8 4	♠ 2
♥ K 8 3	♥ 4
♦ K 6 3	♦ 10
♣ J 9 6 4	♣ —

The wagers having been made, I'll give you my one stipulation: I'm declaring 5♦ (as West though it is also cold from East) not 3NT. The defenders do as well to lead spades as anything. I win South's eight in hand and duck a diamond, take the next spade in dummy, finesse in hearts (covered all round) then cash ♦A and crossruff in hearts and clubs to reach this ending.

♠ 6	♠ Q 9
♥ —	♥ 10
♦ 8	♦ —
♣ 8	♣ —

♠ J	♠ 2
♥ —	♥ 4
♦ K	♦ 10
♣ J	♣ —

According to Deep Finesse, if South is on lead he has to keep his hands off a low heart, while North can lead any card in their hand and beat 3NT. But I can outplay DF any day of the week; I'll wager I can bring home +600 with one hand tied behind my back. You doubt me? Put your money where your mouth is.

Curiously for an elopement, it doesn't matter which hand you are in (the funny thing about this position is you can basically play the suits in pretty much any order you like – the defence are helpless). If the lead is in East you ruff a heart and South can either pitch a spade when you ruff a club, or pitch a club when you lead the fourth club and discard a spade.

Or if the lead is in hand you ruff a club and lead the heart to score the ♦8 en passant. I told you it was an easy hand!

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MASTERPOINT RACE

	Mixed Teams	Open BAM 1	Mixed Pairs	EBL CUP	TOTAL
CRONIER Philippe	19		75		94
WILLARD Sylvie	19		75		94
HELGEMO Geir			65		65
LANGELAND Aase			65		65
BAKKEREN Ton	60				60
HOP Jacco	60				60
MADSEN Christina Lund	60				60
WORTEL Meike	60				60
GROMOV Andrey	2		55		57
GROMOVA Victoria	2		55		57
BUTRYN Piotr			50		50
SAKOWSKA Natalia			50		50
BALDYSZ Cathy	40		9		49
JASZCZAK Andrzej	40		9		49
AVON Danielle			45		45
VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel			45		45
SARNIAK Anna	40		2		42
AUKEN Sabine			40		40
HARASIMOWICZ Ewa	40				40
JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	40				40
WELLAND Roy			40		40
WOJCIESZEK Jakub	40				40
BREKKA Geir			35		35
FUGLESTAD Ann Karin			35		35
HANSEN Jonny			30		30
RIMSTEDT Cecilia	19		11		30
UPMARK Johan	19		11		30
VIST Gunn Tove			30		30
KIZILOK Omer		2	25		27
KUTUK Basak		2	25		27
HAYMAN PIAFSKY Jessica			22		22
KALITA Jacek			22		22
McCALLUM Karen	19		2		21
MULTON Franck	19		2		21
TUNCOK Cenk	19		2		21
MOLLE Linda				20	20
TER LAARE Marco				20	20
D'OVIDIO Catherine	19				19
HESKJE Torild			19		19
OVESEN Jo-Arne			19		19
WERNLE Alexander	19				19
ZIMMERMANN Pierre	19				19
ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	19				19
BERKOWITZ Dana			16		16
WILLENKEN Chris			16		16
CLAIR Paolo				15	15
PAGNINI-ARSLAN Carla				15	15
KOWALSKI Apolinary	2			12	14
MISZEWSKA Ewa	2			12	14
SANBORN Kerri		10		3	13
SANBORN Steve		10		3	13
SCHIPPERS-B. Elly			13		13
STIENEN Rene			13		13
OZGUNES Ayse		2		10	12
UZUM Dogan		2		10	12
BERKOWITZ David		10			10
BERKOWITZ Lisa		10			10
BLAAGESTAD Lise	8		2		10
BOGEN Anne Irene	8		2		10



	Mixed Teams	Open BAM 1	Mixed Pairs	EBL CUP	TOTAL
BOGEN Frank	8		2		10
FREDIN Peter	8		2		10
GULEVICH Anna	2			8	10
LINDAAS Pernille	8		2		10
MANNO Andrea	8		2		10
OLIVIERI Gabriella	8		2		10
PISCITELLI Francesca	8		2		10
RINGSETH Jorn Arild	8		2		10
ZALESKI Romain	8		2		10
BERTHEAU Kathrine	8				8
BOGEN Haakon	8				8
CHARLSEN Thomas	8				8
GOLIN Cristina	8				8
HARDING Gerd Marit	8				8
HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	8				8
LANZAROTTI Massimo	8				8
LARSSON Jessica	8				8
MATUSHKO Georgi				8	8
STANGHELLE Helge	8				8
BERGHEIM Geir Egil		7			7
BONES Turid		7			7
BREKKE Vegard		7			7
FABER Hege Charlotte		7			7
HELMERSEN Kjell Ove		7			7
KJAER Ellen		7			7
NICOLAYSEN Finn Robert		7			7
NILSSON Hakan			7		7
NORENG Hans		7			7
OPPENSTAM Agneta			7		7
RONNING Ola		7			7
SNEVE Sissel		7			7
GAVIARD Daniele				5	5
MARRO Christophe				5	5
WENNING Karin			5		5
WENNING Ulrich			5		5
BROCK Sally	2		2		4
DE BOTTON Janet	2		2		4
GRAIZER Nurit		4			4
HELNESS Gunn	2		2		4
HELNESS Tor	2		2		4
HORVITZ Shimshon		4			4
MALINOWSKI Artur	2		2		4
MARK Micha		4			4
MARK Sonia		4			4
MERMELSTEIN Gabi		4			4
MORAWSKI Dariusz	2		2		4
MYERS Barry	2		2		4
NAVEH Nurit		4			4
BAKKE Christian			3		3
GRUDE Liv Marit			3		3
ASLA Ronnaug			2		2
BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa	2				2
BILDE Dennis			2		2
BLOOM Valerie			2		2
BOHNSACK Henning			2		2
BOHNSACK Susanne			2		2
BREDE Lukasz	2				2
CAMERON Gail			2		2
CAYNE Patricia			2		2
CILLEBORG Dorte			2		2
COPE Simon	2				2
CORNELL Michael			2		2
CORNELL Vivien			2		2
DE FALCO Dano			2		2
DOMICHI Noriko			2		2



	Mixed Teams	Open BAM 1	Mixed Pairs	EBL CUP	TOTAL
DUBININ Alexander	2				2
EBER Neville			2		2
ELLINGSEN Kristian	2				2
GODEJORD Oddrun			2		2
GOLD David			2		2
GROSS Susanna			2		2
GUI Shengyue			2		2
GUPTA Subhash			2		2
HEGGE Kristoffer	2				2
HELLEMANN Anne-Lill	2				2
HELNESS Fredrik	2				2
HETZ Clara			2		2
ISPORSKI Vladislav Nikolov	2				2
KEDZIERSKA Urszula			2		2
KHANDELWAL Himani			2		2
KHANDELWAL Rajeev			2		2
KHOLOMEEV Vadim			2		2
KOVACHEV Valentin	2				2
LEV Sam			2		2
LEVITINA Irina			2		2
LYBAEK Astrid Steen	2				2
MALAKOVA Desislava	2				2
MARKUSSEN Svein			2		2
MARQUARDT Diana	2				2
MCALLISTER John			2		2
MICHELSEN Marion			2		2
MOE Haavard			2		2
MORTENSEN Maria Dam	2				2
NIKOLOVA MARTA	2				2
PACHTMAN Ron			2		2
PASKE Thomas			2		2
PENFOLD Sandra	2				2
PETTERSEN Ann Marie			2		2
PETTERSEN Knut			2		2
PONOMAREVA Tatiana	2				2
PUNCH Sam			2		2
RAKHMANI Diana			2		2
REES Tim			2		2
ROBERTSON Marion	2				2
ROSENTHAL Andrew			2		2
SALONEN Irmeli	2				2
SEALE Catherine			2		2
SENIOR Brian	2				2
SENIOR Nevena	2				2
SHI Bin			2		2
SIELICKI Tomasz			2		2
SKORCHEV Stefan	2				2
STABELL Leif-Erik			2		2
TIAN Wei			2		2
TRENDAFILOV Roumen	2				2
VAINIKONIS Vytautas	2				2
VAN PROOIJEN Ricco			2		2
WANG Liping			2		2
WARD-PLATT Kiki			2		2
WILSON Alison			2		2
ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry			2		2
ANFINSEN Ivar M.				1	1
HUANG Yan		1			1
LI Xiaoyi		1			1
LU Dong		1			1
SOLHEIM Eli				1	1
SUN Shaolin		1			1
WANG Yanhong		1			1
WU Shaohong		1			1



OPEN TEAMS ORIGINAL 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 ORIGINAL 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



OPEN TEAMS

RESULTS AFTER ROUND 10

1	TEAM ORANGE W	158.26	52	ANNA	101.12
2	HUNGARY GAMAX	132.88	53	LITT AV ET LA	100.00
3	MONACO	132.63	54	BINKIE	99.69
4	ROSENTHAL	131.57	55	BEYER	99.06
5	10CC	130.06	56	DE MICHELIS	97.90
6	VINCIGUERRA	125.80	57	DINGITT	97.74
7	LEVINE	121.56	58	IRELAND	96.43
8	TEAM ORANGE R	119.78	59	SCANDIC HOLME	96.17
9	LAZER	119.20	60	ALTA	96.04
10	VITAS	119.06	61	FOSSEN EIENDO	95.49
11	DE BOTTON	118.56	62	TEAM ORANGE B	95.12
12	MCALLISTER	118.48	63	PENFOLD	95.10
13	KHYUPPENEN	118.35	64	RASEDYRA	95.02
14	VENTIN	118.09	65	TEAM SARPSBOR	94.77
15	NORALIA	117.12	66	GORDON	94.76
16	BLUND	117.05	67	SPEKKHOGGER	93.86
17	LABAERE	116.30	68	STOKKEN	93.44
18	LEVY STERN	115.66	69	TEXAN AND YAN	93.27
19	HOEYLAND	115.09	70	ARNEDANSKES V	92.79
20	K01	114.92	71	NORWAY JUNIOR	92.47
21	BAANNBRIDGE	114.89	72	ZURZITZ	92.31
22	MAZURKIEWICZ	114.60	73	NOE BAK	91.87
23	SOUTH AFRICA	114.51	74	PANDORA	89.69
24	BLACK	114.26	75	ROMANIA	89.56
25	ERICHSEN	113.54	76	BEIJING TRINE	89.41
26	PDC	113.52	77	IRG	88.75
27	MAJORISTAMBUL	113.17	78	JUNIORS DISIP	88.13
28	A J DIAMONDS	113.09	79	SINSEN BK	86.04
29	ACDC	113.07	80	HOFFMAN	85.47
30	BRENO	112.44	81	ROGNAN BK	85.37
31	ATLAS	112.40	82	SIN DEUT	84.82
32	ABAX	111.90	83	SALTEN RUNDT	84.36
33	GERMANY OPEN	108.78	84	TEAM FFFF	84.01
34	BAREKET	108.74	85	LASJ	82.93
35	VALIO	108.68	86	HOUSE OF CARD	82.38
36	NORWAY JUNIOR	107.70	87	ABERDEEN ANGU	82.16
37	BUMU	107.32	88	CUPIDO	80.96
38	NOR NZ	105.21	89	LUCKY LOSERS	80.92
39	MAGNUSSON	104.96	90	SALTEN	79.73
40	HOFF	104.86	91	BRAENDVANG	79.03
41	MATCHPOINTNYC	104.84	92	BRIDGE24PL B	77.77
42	GILLIS	104.50	93	STAR	75.08
43	BK 33 TROMSO	104.47	94	REOPEN	72.89
44	SKIMMELAND	104.37	95	HARRIS	72.20
45	HAUGE	103.88	96	OTVOSI	71.84
46	MAHAFFEY	103.70	97	MALUIH	69.87
47	SAYILKAN	103.01	98	UELAND	68.37
48	STABELL	102.76	99	STEINKJER OPE	67.09
49	AMABOKKE	102.03	100	MARBELLA	63.13
50	CAYNE	101.91	101	FEARLESS	58.14
51	SAYPJOHANSEN	101.27	102	LEVIRO	55.81



WOMEN TEAMS

RESULTS AFTER ROUND 10

1	POLAND	128.99	11	CHINA RED	103.23
2	WWW GUTS COM	128.26	12	FOXY LADIES	101.39
3	NETHERLANDS W	125.87	13	BROGELAND	100.59
4	HESKJE	118.49	14	CONSTANCE	100.24
5	GUNSMOKE	115.09	15	GERMAN LADIES	99.19
6	CAMERON	110.03	16	SOMNA IL	95.44
7	CHINA ORANGE	109.97	17	MNA GAELACH	85.95
8	BAKER	109.50	18	BLONDIE NEMI	58.43
9	DESAPALI	107.19	19	LADIES IN RED	57.24
10	LESLIE LADIES	105.43	20	JUST DO IT	39.48



SENIOR TEAMS

RESULTS AFTER ROUND 13

1	TAKE	178.02	8	TO HEROAR	125.15
2	SAGG	154.77	9	WALGER	124.49
3	NOTTEROY	149.38	10	SCOTLAND	123.71
4	SORVOLL	140.63	11	HEMS	123.25
5	GERMAN SENIOR	135.75	12	BLANDA DROPS	105.76
6	MARI	134.42	13	HONKAVUORI	104.46
7	YOUNG BOYS	125.62	14	LIONS ROAR	94.59

EUSA University Bridge Championships in Poland October 2015

From September 30th till October 7th 2015, the 3rd EUSA (European University Sports Association, www.eusa.eu) University Bridge Championships will take place in Poland, Warsaw. This is a competition between universities in which at least 2 students must be from the university they represent. The entry must be made by their National University Sports Federations.

Entries can still be made but should be done quickly.

All information on this event can be found at www.unibrIDGE.eu or facebook "Uni bridge". In case of any question, please contact geert.magerman@telenet.be



OPEN TEAMS KNOCKOUT

ORANGE WHITE
LAZER

VINCIGUERRA
VITAS

KHIUPPENEN
ORANGE RED

DE BOTTON
ROSENTHAL

MONACO
NORALIA

10 CC
VENTIN

LEVINE
McALLISTER

BLUND
HUNGARY G.

ORANGE WHITE: B. Drijver, D. Molenaar, B. Nab, T. Verbeek, A. Maas (cpt), T. Bakkeren (coach)

LAZER: I. Robinson, W. Lazer, P. Gumby, A. Braithwaite

VINCIGUERRA: H. Vinciguerra, M. Bompis, C. Lorenzini, J.C. Quantin

VITAS: V. Vainikonis, W. Olanski, L. Flsher, R. Schwartz, J. Skrzypczak, B. Gierulski

KHIUPPENEN: A. Sterkin, B. Muller, G. Matushko, V. Kholomeev, Y. Khiuppenen, S. De Wijs

ORANGE RED: J. Van Lankveld, B. Van Den Bos, M. Ticha, R. Ritmeijer, A. Maas (cpt), T. Bakkeren (coach)

DE BOTTON: J. De Botton, A. Malinkwski, T. E. Hoftaniska, T. Charlsen, N. Sandqvist, T. Townsend

ROSENTHAL: A. Rosenthal, A. Silverstein, C. Willenken, D. Bilde, S. Brink, B. Drijver

MONACO: P. Zimmermann, F. Fantoni, F. Multon, C. Nunes, T. Helness, G. Helgemo

NORALIA: A. Rasmussen, J. Sveindal, K. Dyke, J. Howard

10CC: S. Cope, R. Bowley, S. Shah, T. Paske

VENTIN: J. C. Ventin, F. Wrang, F. Nystrom, J. Upmark

LEVINE: M. Levine, D. McGarry, D. Bakhshi, R. Ekeblad, R. V. Prooijen, L. Verhees Jr

McALLISTER: J. McAllister, M. Zur-Campanile, M. Barel, Y. Zack

BLUND: B. Lund, O. Berset, A. Hornslien, O. A. Hoeyem, J. Molberg

HUNGARY G.: G. Homonnay, G. Winkler, G. Dombi, P. Lakatos, Geza Homonnay

ROUND OF 16

QUARTER FINALS

SEMI FINALS

FINAL



WOMEN TEAMS KNOCKOUT

POLAND
CAMERON



HESKJE
BAKER



NETHERLANDS
GUNSMOKE



CHINA ORANGE
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POLAND: C. Baldysz, G. Brewiak, K. Duftrat, D. Kazmucha, A. Sarniak, J. Zmuda, M. Cichocki

CAMERON: G. Cameron, V. Vos, C. Seale, M. Basa

HESKJE: K. Bertheau, T. Heskje, S. Thoresen, J. Larsson

BAKER: M. Michielsen, M. Wortel, K. McCallum, L. Baker

NETHERLANDS W.: W. Van Zwol, A. Simons, J. Pasman, C. Arnolds, A. V. Reenen, H. Kelder

GUNSMOKE: A.-M. Mirkovic, L. Glaerum, G. Helness, I. Wennevold

CHINA ORANGE: Shan Xingxing, Chen Yiyi, Wang Wei, Liu Jing, Zhao Bing, Wang Nan, Wang Jian-Jian

WWW.GUTS.COM: M. R. Anjer, L. Blaagestad, P. Lindaas, R. Sivertsvik



QUARTER FINALS

SEMI FINALS

FINAL

SENIOR TEAMS KNOCKOUT

TAKE: L. Trapp, K. Aldeborg, K. Karlsson, G. Elmroth

SORVOLL: J. Sorvoll, E. Bolviken, S. Koch, T. Clemetsen

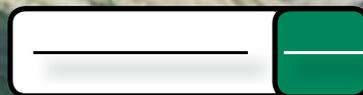
NOTEROY: K. Bertheau, T. Heskje, S. Thoresen, J. Larsson

SAGG: P. B. Sundseth, A. Lorentzen, K. Kjernsrod, T. Walle, S. Bjertnes

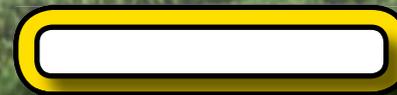
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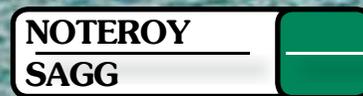
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