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### SENIOR TEAMS WINNERS

Team Take - Leif Trapp, Gunnar Elmroth,  
Kent Karlsson, Kalle Aldeborg



### WOMEN TEAMS WINNERS

Team Baker - Karen McCallum, Lynn Baker,  
Marion Michielsen, Meike Wortel



### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### OPEN TEAMS KO

10.00 - 12.00: Final  
12.15 - 14.15: Final  
15.30 - 17.30: Final  
17.45 - 19.45: Final

#### O/W/S PAIRS

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

The **PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY** for the European Open Teams Championship will take place today at 20.00 in the dedicated area at the far end of the cafeteria.



## SENIOR TEAMS 2nd

Team Sagg - Per Aronsen, Olve Gavrak, Petter Goldenheim,  
Bjørn Sigurd Tornberg Simonsen



## WOMEN TEAMS 2nd

Team China Orange - Jiaojing Wang (cpt), Wang Nan,  
Shan Xingxing, Chen Yiyi, Zhao Bing, Liu Jing, Wang Wei



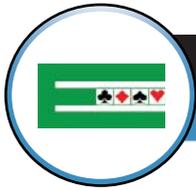
## SENIOR TEAMS 3rd

Teams Sorvoll & Notteroy - Jostein Sorvoll, Erik Bolviken, Sverre Koch, Tormod Clemetsen, Per  
Bryde Sundseth, Arvid Lorentzen, Knut Kjærnsrod, Tor Walle, Sten Bjertnes



## WOMEN TEAMS 3rd

Teams Netherlands & Cameron - Maruša Baša, Carla Arnolds, Vanessa Vos, Anneke Simons, Gail  
Cameron, Alex Van Reenen (cpt), Hans Kelder (coach), Jet Pasman,  
Wietske Van Zwol, Catherine Seale



## OPEN/WOMEN/PAIRS FORMAT

### OPEN PAIRS FORMAT

After the qualification stage (100 boards) the field will be divided into Semifinals A and B.

A total of 100 pairs will qualify to Semifinal A and the rest to Semifinal B, both to be played on Thursday.

The pairs coming from the Final of the Open Teams will drop in to Semifinal A.

There will be a linear carry-over from the Qualification to the Semifinals.

- Semifinal A: the top ranked pair will get 200 matchpoints (roughly two tops), the last ranked pair 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp. The pairs which drop in will get a carry-over equal to the 46th placed pair.

- Semifinal B: the top ranked pair will get 100

mp (roughly one top), the last ranked pair 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

46 Pairs from Semifinal A and 6 from Semifinal B will qualify to the Final to be played on Friday and Saturday.

There will be a linear carry-over from the Semifinals to the Final.

- Semifinal A: the top ranked pair will get 90 mp (roughly two tops), the 46th will get 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

- Semifinal B: the top ranked pair will get the same amount of mp as the 26th ranked pair from Semifinal A. The 6th will get 0 mp 30th, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

### WOMEN PAIRS FORMAT

After today's qualification stage (50 boards on Tuesday) the field will be divided in Semifinals A and B.

A total of 24 Pairs will qualify to Semifinal A and 25 to Semifinal B.

The pairs coming from the Final of the Women Teams (4) will drop in to Semifinal A.

There will be a linear carry-over from the Qualification to the Semifinals.

- Semifinal A: the top ranked pair will get 22 mp, the last ranked pair 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

- Semifinal B: the top ranked pair will get 12 mp, the last ranked pair 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

11 Pairs from Semifinal A and 3 from Semifinal B will qualify to the Final.

There will be a linear carry-over from the Semifinals to the Final.

- Semifinal A: the top ranked pair will get 24 mp, the 12th will get 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

- Semifinal B: the top ranked pair will get the same amount of mp as the 8th of Semifinal A; the second ranked will get the same amount of mp as the 10th ranked of Semifinal A; the third ranked will get 0 mp.

STARTING TIMES OF THE FIVE SESSIONS (SAME AS TODAY)

10.00 11.45 14.30 16.15 18.00

### SENIOR PAIRS FORMAT

After today's qualification stage (50 boards on Tuesday) the field will be divided in Semifinals A and B.

A total of 26 Pairs will qualify to Semifinal A and 16 to Semifinal B.

There will be no pairs coming from the Final of the Seniors Teams.

There will be a linear carry-over from the Qualification to the Semifinals.

- Semifinal A: the top ranked pair will get 24 mp, the last ranked pair 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

- Semifinal B: the top ranked pair will get 7 mp, the last ranked pair 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

12 Pairs from Semifinal A and 2 from Semifinal B will qualify to the Final.

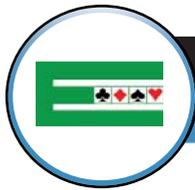
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- Semifinal A: the top ranked pair will get 24 mp, the 12th will get 0 mp, the other pairs will get a proportional amount of mp.

- Semifinal B: the top ranked pair will get the same amount of mp as the 9th of Semifinal A; the second will get 0 mp.

STARTING TIMES OF THE FIVE SESSIONS (SAME AS TODAY)

10.00 11.45 14.30 16.15 18.00



**PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY**

by European Bridge League

The **President of the EBL** will host a **press conference** on Friday 10th at 15.00 p.m. in the Press Room of the Championship's Venue.

Together with **Yves Aubry, Jan Kamras, Patrick Jourdain, Jostein Sørvoll, Inger Hjellemarken** will jointly chair the conference and answer questions from journalists.

A cocktail will be served.



**FRIDAY JULY 10TH, 3.00 P.M. - PRESS CONFERENCE - PRESS ROOM**



**FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016-2017-2018**

by European Bridge League & World Bridge Federation



	EBL & FMB 2016	FEBRUARY 8 - 14	MONACO
	EBL 2016	JUNE 16 - 26	BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
	WBF 2016	SEPTEMBER 2 - 17	WROCLAW, POLAND
	EBL 2017	JUNE 10 - 24	MONTECATINI, ITALY
	WBF 2017	AUGUST 12 - 16	LYON, FRANCE
	EBL 2018	JUNE 4 - 18	OSTEND, BELGIUM
	WBF 2018	SEPT 22 - OCT 6	ORLANDO



# DON'T LET THEM SCREAM

by Mark Horton

Edvard Munch was a Norwegian painter and printmaker whose intensely evocative treatment of psychological themes built upon some of the main tenets of late 19th-century Symbolism and greatly influenced German Expressionism in the early 20th century. One of his famous works is *The Scream*.

It might not immediately be apparent what this has to do with bridge, but I am guessing that a fair percentage of you will have been in the situation where you go to score up a close knockout match. Before you have finished you hear a scream from another part of the building and you already know the outcome without any further addition being required.

Both teams would have that in mind as the final of the Women's Teams got under way.



Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
	Pass	Pass	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Dble	3NT	All Pass

- 2♠ NV: 0-10, 5 card suit, any quality or shape; VUL: 5-10, weak suit ok
- 3♣ Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ No five card major

North led the four of spades and declarer won with the king, cashed the ace of hearts and followed it with the jack of clubs. South took the ace and played a second spade, declarer winning with the ace, playing a club to the king and a heart for the jack, queen and king. North exited with a spade and declarer won and played a diamond. North took the ace and exited with a diamond and declarer was +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
		1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- 1♣ 2+♣ 11-21 HCP (could be weaker, depending on shape/position) Can be any balanced hand without 5M
- 1♦ 4 + ♥

South led the five of diamonds and North took the ace and returned the jack. Declarer won with the king and played a heart to the queen. North took the king and returned the ten and South's ruff and the ace of clubs meant one down and a fast 10 IMP start for China Orange.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
			3♣
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

South 3♣ bid is one that most of the Editors thoroughly approve of - don't be an easy opponent.

I'm not sure 3♠ is the right approach with the East cards - there are too many hands opposite - as here, that will give you a play for game when partner will pass.

South led the ten of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played the ace and queen of spades. North won and returned the queen of diamonds, switching to the five of hearts when it was ducked. Declarer won with the ace, played three rounds of trumps, a diamond to the ace, cashed the ace of clubs and took the heart finesse. When that lost she was +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
			Pass
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The gentler auction gave EW all the room they needed.

North led the king of diamonds and when it held she switched to the queen of clubs. Declarer won performe in dummy and played ace of spades, queen of spades. With the queen of hearts falling she had eleven tricks, +660 and 11 IMPs to Baker.



**Karen McCallum**

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
1♣	1♥	2♣	3♥*
4♣	All Pass		

In this auction EW need to have a firm agreement about the meaning of a double and 3♠ at West's second turn. Perhaps a double should imply more in the way of high cards, but 3♠ looks reasonable here - there is no real danger that partner will raise as they did not make a negative double over 1♥.

Declarer lost a heart and a diamond, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
1♣*	1♥	1♠*	2♥
3♣	3♥	3NT	All Pass

1♠ Transfer to clubs

South led the two of hearts and North won with the king and returned the four. Declarer put up the queen and played the jack of clubs to the ace, claiming +630 when the suit obliged, 10 more IMPs for Baker.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

With the clubs well held and a powerful holding in diamonds facing an opening bid West should surely have doubled 2NT.

She led the seven of spades and East won with the king and switched to the ten of diamonds, West ducking when declarer played the king.

The ace of clubs and a club saw East win with the jack and play a diamond, West winning with the seven and continuing with the ace and nine of diamonds. Declarer won and played a club and West took that with the ten, cashed the jack of diamonds and the king of clubs and exited with a heart. The ace of hearts was declarer's last trick, four down -400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Dble	All Pass		

West did not hesitate to pull the trigger here.

She led the seven of spades and East won with the king and switched to the two of diamonds (the ten looks natural, but the two is better here, as long as partner plays you for the ten) for the king and ace. West switched to the six of hearts and declarer put up dummy's ace pitching a diamond and now does best to play a club.

However, she ruffed a heart, cashed the queen of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. East overruffed, cashed the ace of spades, and gave West a spade ruff. West still had two trump tricks to come.

Three down, -800 and 9 IMPs to Baker.

Board 6. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	Dble*	Pass
Pass	Dble	3NT	Pass
		All Pass	

Dble Support double

West's gratuitous overbid of 2NT turned out badly - on a good day North would have held the king of diamonds.

The play record for this deal is missing, but I am pretty confident that North led the queen of hearts and when South came in with the king of diamonds she played back a heart, North cashing out for three down and +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
1♥*	Dble	1♣*	Pass
1NT	All Pass	1♠*	Pass

North led the king of spades and switched to the nine of clubs. Declarer won with the king, ran the jack of diamonds and when it held continued with a diamond to the ten, North discarding a club. South won and returned the eight of hearts, covered by the ten and jack and when North tried exiting with the jack of spades declarer won and cashed out for +120 and 14 IMPs.

Things were looking bleak for China Orange at this point, but they recovered 10 IMPs on the next two boards.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
Pass	2NT*	3♥	4♣
Pass	4♠*	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

2NT 5+/5+ minors PRE; 4-10, or strong; UF: 9-12 good suits  
 4♠ Cue bid

West led the three of clubs and declarer put up the king (thank you Rabbi) cashed the queen of clubs, came to hand to with a heart and played a diamond to the ten. When that held she cross ruffed, setting up a diamond for +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

Declarer won the lead of the king of hearts in dummy, played a diamond to the queen, cashed the ace of trumps, took a second round and cross ruffed. She should have taken twelve tricks, but it seems one got away, +150 giving Baker 7 IMPs.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
2♦	4♥	5♦	5♥
All Pass			

To be reasonably sure of beating 5♥ West needs to lead a trump, but she started with the ten of diamonds.

Declarer would have been in clover if she had put up dummy's king, but who would underlead an ace against a five level contract?

She ruffed, drew trumps and played a spade, winning with the king when West correctly withheld the ace.

Declarer continued with the nine of clubs and when East put up the king she took the ace and played a spade. East won with the ace and returned a diamond and declarer ruffed, ruffed a spade and played a club. When East put up the queen, South's ten became the eleventh trick, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
Dble	3♦*	Dble	4♥
All Pass			

4♥ was in no danger and when the defenders made a similar mistake in the club suit declarer was +450 for a flat board.



XingXing Shan

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
1♦	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	McCallum	Liu	Baker
1♦	1NT	1♣	Pass
Pass	2♥	Dble	2♦*
3♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	3NT	Pass
		All Pass	

South led the two of spades and declarer won with the queen and ran the diamonds. South let a heart go so declarer was +210.

2♦ Transfer

Clearly East thought her partner had a much stronger hand. Could Baker torpedo the contract? Our considered opinion is that a spade feels right but on paper everything is always crystal clear. When South led a heart, East's optimism was rewarded. She scored three hearts and six clubs for +550.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
1♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Michielsen	Shan	Wortel	Wang
1♠*	1NT	1♣*	Pass
		3♣	All Pass

3♣ Limit raise

With North on lead a club quickly scuppered the contract, -100 and 7 IMPs to China Orange.

1♠ Balanced or ♦ (no 4card M unless FG with longer ♦)

South led the seven of diamonds and North won and played the queen of spades. When South followed with the two she cashed two more tricks in the suit then played the ace of diamonds and a diamonds. Declarer ruffed with the jack of clubs, crossed to dummy by overtaking the queen of hearts and took a club finesse. One down, -50 and 12 IMPs to Baker.

Baker won the set 53-40. China Orange, having mostly been outbid, had done well to restrict their deficit to just 13 IMPs, but would surely have to up their game to be in with a chance of avoiding the scream.



Lynn Baker



# KHYUPPENEN vs TEAM ORANGE RED

by John Carruthers

## Open Teams, Round of 16

The Dutch are in Tromsø in force. Team Orange has three Open teams, RED, WHITE and BLUE, after the colours of the Dutch flag and NETHERLANDS Women leads the way in the Women's Championship. ORANGE WHITE finished first in the Swiss Qualifying in the Open Teams, while TEAM ORANGE RED finished eighth. We decided to track the young TEAM ORANGE RED against KHIUPPENEN which, by the way, includes De Wijs/Muller, one of four top Dutch pairs in other teams.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Matushko	Ritmeijer	Sterkin
1♦	Pass	2♥	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

On a good day, you'd make four spades with trumps 3-2 and bringing in the clubs. However, four hearts warned that this was not to be. Indeed, Magdalena Ticha lost the obvious five tricks for -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	V.d.Bos	Muller	V.Lankveld
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Joris van Lankveld took a different view than Alexei Sterkin had. It was a big risk with such a relatively weak hand, but would pay off if Berend van den Bos could bring five diamonds home. Muller led the ace of clubs. Van den Bos ruffed it and led the king of hearts, expecting West to have the ace. Instead, Muller won the trick and shifted to the four of spades to the jack, ducked. De Wijs shifted to a trump. North won and ruffed another club to dummy, then tried the king of hearts. West ruffed and was overruffed. Declarer could only make eight trump tricks and the ace of spades for two off, -100 and a 9-IMP loss.

Muller had found the only lead to beat five diamonds. On a spade or trump lead, declarer can win in hand and lead an early heart toward dummy, either before or after drawing trumps. That would restrict declarer's losses to a spade and a heart.

Board 2 was a 'routine' 30-point three notrump contract with an overtrick. Board 3 was extremely unlucky for RED...



Joris van Lankveld

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Matushko	Ritmeijer	Sterkin
			1♣
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ticha	Matushko	Ritmeijer	Sterkin
			2♣
Dble	Pass	1♥	2♣
All Pass	Pass	2♥	3♣

With two losing hearts, Sterkin was not inclined to carry on beyond four spades. When the diamonds proved to be vile, he breathed a sigh of relief and scored up +450.

Having bid only two hearts opposite a partner who had shown some values, Ritmeijer might have balanced with a double when three clubs came around to him. Whether that would have got his side to game or not is quite another matter. As it was, Sterkin was well within himself in bidding three clubs; the heart ruff held him to nine tricks for +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	V.d.Bos	Muller	V.Lankveld
			1NT
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	V.d.Bos	Muller	V.Lankveld
			4♣
Pass	Pass	1♥	4♣
4♠	Pass	Dble	Pass
	All Pass		



 Berend Van Den Bos

The young Dutchmen valued their hands more accurately, to their dismay when De Wijs' Lightner Double beat them a trick for -100 and a loss of 11 IMPs.

Both sides made three no trump, then...

With a club loser (or more), a guess for the diamond queen and 5-0 trumps, four spades was in jeopardy. Van den Bos led the ace of clubs and another to tap the dummy. De Wijs got the bad news when he cashed the ace of spades. He played off the ace of hearts and ruffed another one low, ruffed a club with the queen of spades (diamond from North), then played the ace, king and a third diamond. Poor North was in and had nothing but trumps remaining. Declarer won the forced return with his eight and led the thirteenth diamond. North had to ruff that and lead into declarer's king-ten of spades for +420 and 10 more IMPs. Without doing too much wrong, RED had been outscored 30 to 0.

One more IMP went to KHIUPENNEN and 3 IMPs to RED over the next four boards, but then Van den Bos and Van Lankveld missed what should have been an easy vulnerable game for them to bid. That lost them 10 IMPs to trail 40-3 with four boards remaining. This was the last swing of the set:

Whether East was going to make three notrump or not was dependent on South's defence. Assuming North would lead a spade, South would have had to win with his ace and lead a diamond to force out the queen, the entry to dummy's clubs. It was a very iffy proposition for South to go on to four spades and the Dutch made him pay, collecting three spade tricks, one heart trick and two club tricks for +500.

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>V.d.Bos</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>V.Lankveld</i>
1NT	2♠	2NT*	1♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	3♠
			All Pass

\* Lebensohl

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ticha</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Ritmeijer</i>	<i>Sterkin</i>
1NT	2♠	3NT	1♠
Dble	All Pass		4♠

Muller did not put South to the test in three notrump. When he bid five clubs over South's re-raise to three spades, he was one off at trick three: diamond to the ace, diamond ruff, ace of hearts. That +50 to go with their +500 at the other table for +11 IMPs was TEAM ORANGE RED's only ray of sunshine. The last three boards were flat, leaving the score KHIUPENNEN 40 - TEAM ORANGE RED 14.



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# ROSENTHAL vs DE BOTTON

by Jos Jacobs

## Open Teams, Round of 16, Segment two

After six boards of the first segment, De Botton had taken a 39-4 lead. Over the next eight boards, Rosenthal had scored 50 unanswered IMPs to take a halftime lead of 54-39. They extended this lead on the very first board of the second segment:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	Bas Drijver	De Botton	Brink
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

Yes, a take-out double of 1♥ would usually show four spades but this need not always be the case. Had West decided to bid 3♥ first, the partnership would in all probability have landed safely in 3NT or 5♦. 4♠ might well have been playable on a 4-3 fit but the actual 4-2 fit really was asking too much from the bridge gods. Down two, Rosenthal +100.

Please note that Brink's raise to 2♥ caused all the trouble for poor West...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Sandqvist	Bilde	Townsend
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At the other table, Bilde, too, doubled 1♥ but

when Townsend did not produce a raise, (perhaps influenced by a four-card major style) Willenken could make a natural bid first and then happily pass 3NT. Rosenthal +400 and 11 IMPs, since there were nine top tricks on a heart lead after conceding to the ♦A.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

On the next board, Drijver duly respected partner's minimum overcall:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	Bas Drijver	De Botton	Brink
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	2♣(♥)	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

On a diamond lead and continuation, Brink easily made nine tricks but no more than that.

On passive defence, and also on a trump lead and continuation, nine tricks are the maximum. Rosenthal +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Sandqvist	Bilde	Townsend
Pass	Pass	1♦	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

When Townsend showed his rounded two-suiter by overcalling 2NT, Sandqvist had an automatic 4♥ bid. This should have resulted in another swing to Rosenthal but when East started off by cashing his two aces and continuing a spade,



declarer was in with a chance. He won dummy's ♠Q and led a heart to his king. Next came three rounds of clubs, declarer finessing dummy's queen successfully, then ruffing the third round in hand. The ♠K came next, East throwing a diamond, and a spade was ruffed in dummy to set up the fifth spade as a winner. Sandqvist then ruffed a club with his ♥Q, ruffed a diamond in dummy and continued a low heart to bring down West's now blank ace. Dummy's ♥J thus scored the game-going trick. De Botton a surprise +420 and 7 IMPs back to them.

On the next board, De Botton went overboard once Malinowski suggested some spade support:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♣	2♦	2♥	2♠
Dble	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	Dble
All Pass			

The heart finesse was wrong anyway so it did not matter that dummy could not be reached both to take the heart finesse and ruff the third round, followed by the successful diamond finesse.

When the hearts broke 3-3 and the trumps 2-2, the contract escaped for only one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♦	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

No youthful optimism or whatever in the Closed Room, but a sound auction to the proper contract instead. Rosenthal an easy +420 but 11 more IMPs to them to lead by 30 now. The writing was beginning to appear on the wall for De Botton.

Well, one should not judge too quickly as this was board 19:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	2♠	3NT	1NT
			All Pass

After a shaded and off-shape 10-12 1NT by Brink (but who cares green v. red), Drijver bid a natural 2♠ but De Botton would have none of it and simply thought it best to bid what she thought she could make. Right she was, as with the clubs good for five tricks and a welcome diamond stopper in dummy as well as an entry to take a finesse or two, she even made an overtrick when South, after cashing three top diamonds, returned a heart to dummy's queen. De Botton +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

In the mixed teams, there was a hand on which responder, opposite a strong 2NT opener, settled for 4♥ on a robust five-card suit and nothing much outside. On that deal, this happened to be the right thing to do, but this deal was different. South had an easy lead, so the contract was doomed



from the start. De Botton another +100 and 12 more IMPs to reduce the deficit to 18.

De Botton handed back these IMPs on the next board:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♣
3♥	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

This contract, reached after a natural sequence, as it turned out eventually, mainly depended on declarer managing the diamond position. So Drijver, after a spade lead, put up dummy's king and underplayed his queen, then led a low diamond to the jack and East's ace. With the ♦Q coming down next, he could only lose one more trick to the ♣K. Just made, Rosenthal +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Double-dummy, 3NT is a make. You duck the ♥Q lead and win the spade continuation with dummy's ace. East is then given his ♣K and returns (best) a heart. You win the 3rd round of hearts (or, alternatively, a spade shift with your king in hand) and play a diamond to the jack. With the ♦Q coming down doubleton, there are no further problems as East has no cards left in any of the majors.

At the table, it was a different story. ♥Q lead, ducked, and a spade to dummy's ace. Dummy continued the ♣QJ which both held. Next, he led the ♦9 which ran to West's queen. West returned a diamond to East's ace and when East returned the ♥10, the contract could no longer be made. Declarer was forced to duck this and would still have to give up a club later. Rosenthal another +100 and 13 IMPs to them to lead by 31 with only eight boards left.

On the next board, De Botton once again hit back, but one could not call this a real body-blow:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♣	Dble
2♦	Pass	3♦	Dble
All Pass			

For obvious reasons, Brink could not lead a trump so he tried the ♥K. Declarer won the ace and immediately led a low club to dummy's useful ten. Once again, Brink had to win this with his jack and again, he could not make the best return of a trump. He therefore cashed his ♠AK and continued the ♥Q which was ruffed by declarer. She next ruffed a club in dummy but then, rather than try the effect of the ♠J, played a heart and ruffed it in hand, thus enabling North to shed his last club.

When declarer tried to ruff her last club next, North could overruff and was due still to come to three more trump tricks for down three. Rosenthal +500.

At the other table, NS reached the more normal 3NT:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Sandqvist	Bilde	Townsend
Pass	Pass	1♦	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2NT showed the two-suiter but when South made a further move, North's diamond stopper was more than good enough to try 3NT.

South led a diamond. Dummy went up with the ace and led a club to his jack. He went on to establish the suit when the ♣10 put in a welcome appearance, East winning his king and continuing the ♠Q. Declarer won the ace, cashed his remaining clubs and the ♠K and led a top heart to East's blank ace. With only diamonds left, East could do little better than cash his ♦K and continue the suit to dummy. As West was squeezed in the majors, an overtrick resulted.

Had East exited with a low diamond rather than cashing the king first, West would have been endplayed in spades to eventually lead a heart into declarer's tenace for the ninth trick.

De Botton thus scored +630 for a 4-IMP gain.



On the next board, Rosenthal, at their turn, **did** hit back strongly:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malinowski	Drijver	De Botton	Brink
Pass	2♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	4♥

1NT was 10-12 after which a natural/transfer auction developed, so the correct final contract was reached easily enough. When both rounded suits broke well, making 11 tricks proved no problem. Rosenthal +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Sandqvist	Bilde	Townsend
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	2NT

When Sandqvist opened 1♥ in 4th position, clubs were never mentioned over the 2♦ response so the British came nowhere near the correct contract. 2NT duly made with an overtrick but scoring +150 only meant a further 6-IMP loss for De Botton.



Tom Townsend

Rosenthal were now 33 IMPs up as the next board arrived:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

As you can see, this contract would have gone five off on a diamond lead from East. But on the actual heart lead, declarer could run for home and actually emerged an overtrick. Rosenthal another +630 to put the match beyond reach for the opponents, presumably.

Even more so if you take into account that EW had a vulnerable game their way:

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
			Pass

1♦                      3♣                      All Pass

3♣ was strong so West's pass is understandable even though it could have proved costly. Not this time, however, with +630 from the other table already on the score sheet. Scoring +110 still cost De Botton 11 IMPs whereas conceding another 620 would have led to a 15-IMP loss.

The final score in this match was 113-69 to Rosenthal.

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			Pass

1♥                      2♣                      2♥                      3♣  
Pass                      3NT                      All Pass

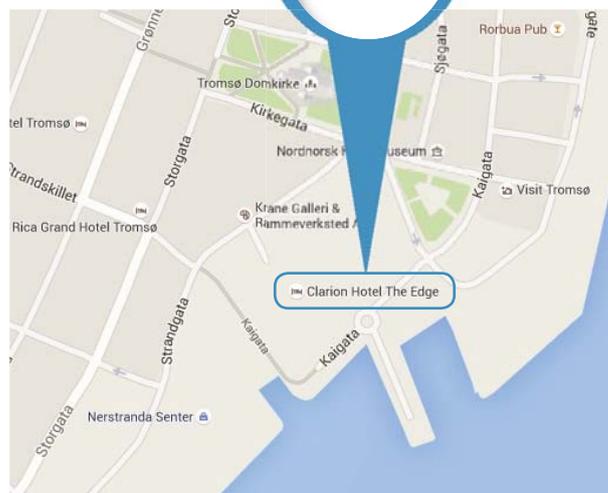
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# MONACO vs NORALIA

by Ram Soffer

## Open Teams Round of 16, Session 2

The team from Monaco, one of the great favourites in the Open Teams, already threatened to make an early exit when they were ranked 35th after seven rounds of the Swiss qualifier, but they finished with three big wins which took them up to 3rd place.

The next hurdle was Noralia, and as reported in yesterday's bulletin, Monaco were trailing 27:42 at half time.

The set of deals for the second session promised very tense bridge with big swings possible almost everywhere. The most remarkable match was Vitas-Vinciguerra. Vitas who crushed their opponent 85:10 in the first session might have thought that the second session was a mere formality, but it was not to be. In the first 10 boards they were outscored 1:75!! All that remained was a slender lead of 86:85, but somehow Vitas hung on to it and won by 90:86.

The Monaco match was also close right into the final board. First of all Monaco wasted no time in erasing their opponents' lead.

E/W are cold for 3NT and 5♦, but off-shape strong doubles often cause problems. Nunes overcame those problems by cue bidding 2♥. After 3NT he knew partner's type of hand but still hoped for a diamond slam. Eventually he discovered that two keycards were missing and stopped in a safe 5♦. Monaco +400.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		2♥

Here the auction was short but not sweet. Sveindal assumed his partner had four spades – wrong! Yet 4♠ on a 4-2 fit was not entirely hopeless, as declarer had only three sure losers. Beating the contract required N/S to attack hearts persistently, and Helness duly obliged.

The opening lead of ♥7 was won by dummy's ♥Q. Then Helness ducked both ♠K and ♠J (he could have set it one more by taking the ace the second time), won ♦A and played another heart, ruffed by declarer ♠7. Declarer cashed three minor tricks, but the third round of clubs was ruffed. After one more heart, declarer knew the fight for 10 tricks was lost, and the best he could do was to get a ninth trick by ruffing a heart with the ♠Q. Monaco +50 and 10 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

♠ 10 5 2		
♥ J 10 5 3		
♦ 9 3		
♣ J 10 9 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Howard</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3NT	2♦*
4♦	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		



Claudio Nunes

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Howard</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Fantoni opened a weak NT, and South thought he didn't have enough to bid 2♥. It was North who re-opened with 2♠, but his dummy was disappointing and he took only 6 tricks. Monaco +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	2♥
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

Sveindal/Rasmussen continued their bad start by overbidding to 3NT. Helness showed no mercy and doubled, but inaccurate defence let them somewhat off the hook.

Rasmussen won the ♠Q lead with his ace. Then he took the right view in diamonds: ♦K and small to the nine. He tried a spade to nine, which lost to North's 10.

Helness switched to clubs. Helgemo won ♣Q and switched to a small heart. Helness won the ♥Q but seemed to be unaware of the real situation in the suit. His small heart continuation was taken by dummy's ace, and then declarer cashed the rest of his diamond suit.

On the last diamond Helness should have discarded ♥K, leaving his partner's hand high. Instead he discarded a spade and was soon thrown in with the ♥K to give dummy the last trick in spades. Thus declarer escaped for one down, a loss of 7 IMPs instead of 12.

Sveindal/Rasmussen did a little better in the bidding on Board 17, stopping in 3♠ when cold for 11 tricks. Once again they were let off the hook when Fantunes didn't bid the game either.

It was pretty much the same story on board 18 when both Wests failed to find the killing club lead against 3NT – another push.

Then on board 20 both Souths failed to find the winning play in a tricky 3NT. That was the 4th push in succession despite plenty of opportunities for both sides. At this stage Monaco held a small lead of 44:42, but the next few boards were equally full of action.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Howard</i>
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
All Pass			

East opened 2♦ according to their system (5+ diamonds, 10-13 HCP). South had yet another big double, and North converted it to a penalty.

Despite North's great trumps, N/S need some very special defence to set the contract by more than 1 trick. At the table South won only his three obvious top tricks, and North's trumps were good enough for three more. +100 to N/S didn't seem to be an adequate score as it was possible to make a vulnerable game.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Helgemo's bidding was practical. First he described 5-5 in clubs and hearts, then he showed his spade fragment, of course indicating a strong hand. Eventually he became declarer in 3NT.

Sveindal found the good lead of a spade covered by 10-Q-A. Declarer's problem was of course the lack of any entry to dummy. He had to play a suit from his hand in trick 2, and

his unfortunate choice was the ♥K. When East won his ace and continued spades, declarer was helpless because he couldn't give West the lead. From this point Helgemo did well to go only one down. Another +100 and 5 IMPs to Noralia.

Had South started with clubs, there was no way to beat the contract. If East continues spades upon winning the ♣K, he will eventually be endplayed with the ♥A when all his remaining cards are diamonds.

A better defence is to win ♣K, cash ♥A and exit with a spade. In this case Helgemo would have to read the position and endplay West with a spade after cashing his clubs (West would be forced to discard his diamonds) so that West must play hearts into declarer's ♥KQ10.

Two boards later Monaco's hopes were dealt a decisive blow:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Dyke	Fantoni	Howard
1NT	Dble	2♦*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

As the cards lie, E/W can easily make 4♥ with only 18 HCP between them. Nunes opened 1NT according to system (11-14 HCP, no 5 card suit) and over the double Fantoni transferred to hearts (or so he thought). At this point one could expect a result of -170 or -620, but evidently there was a big misunderstanding, as Nunes bid 2♠ and had to play that contract.

North started with two rounds of clubs. Nunes took five quick tricks before the defenders drew his trumps and cashed the rest of the clubs for -300.

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Helness	Rasmussen	Helgemo
1♦	2♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
All Pass			3NT

At this table the E/W bidding subsided at 1♦ with hearts unmentioned. N/S agreed clubs, and Helness asked for a diamond stopper. 4♣ -1 would have been no disgrace for N/S, but Helgemo had the guts to bid 3NT with ♦10xxx.

Sveindal started with three top diamonds and switched to hearts: Minus 400 (which could still be profitable had Fantunes bid 4♥).

That was 12 IMPs for Noralia, and the manner in which those IMPs were lost was quite embarrassing. In the next board Helgemo/Helness gave away 6 more soft IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Dyke	Fantoni	Howard
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♦
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Helness	Rasmussen	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	All Pass

There are many possible contracts, but somehow both tables reached 3♥, which is destined to go down due to impending club ruffs. That was exactly what happened when Nunes was the declarer, but the proceedings at the other room defied belief.

Helgemo led his singleton club. Helness won ♣A, cashed ♦K and... switched to spades! Now Declarer had 11 top tricks.

A deficit of 45:65 with four to go was too much for Monaco, although they managed one big swing which preserved the tension until the very last board.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Dyke	Fantoni	Howard
		2♠*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♣	All Pass

This time the Fantunes system was effective. 2♠ showed 5+ spades with 10-13 HCP and 3♥ was probably a transfer to clubs. 4♠ was a cuebid, but East wisely declined the slam invitation.

The contract was safe against any lead. Howard's choice of ♦K allowed declarer to ruff one diamond and discard two losing hearts on the ♠KQ. The only trick for the defence was ♦Q. Monaco +620.

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Helness	Rasmussen	Helgemo
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	All Pass

The bidding started naturally along 2/1 lines when Rasmussen essayed 3♦. He may have thought this was a cuebid, but his partner promptly raised to 5♦ (I wonder why 4♦ was not enough, considering the game forcing nature of the auction). 5♠ was a rescue operation, but a plus score was not available anymore.

Even on this board Helgemo/Helness didn't defend perfectly. South led ♥K and continued with a small heart. Helness won the ♥A and continued the suit, even though forcing dummy to ruff wasn't necessary in order to promote his ♠J. Instead, a trump switch would have ensured another heart trick for the defence. The actual +100 was good enough for a 12-IMP swing.

When the last three boards didn't produce any fireworks, Monaco's early exit became a fact. Even though Noralia played far from perfect bridge, it was good enough for a 68:58 win.



The match was broadcast live on youtube



# OPEN TEAMS QUARTERFINAL, FIRST SEGMENT

by **Jos Jacobs**

In this report, I will eventually concentrate on the closest of the four quarter-finals, the Noralia-Ventin encounter – remarkably enough the only match of the four with not a single Dutchman at the table. However, I will not forget to show some of the highlights of the other three matches:

Orange White v. Vitas, Khiuppenen v. Rosenthal and Blund v. Levine.

Below, I will refer to Team Orange White simply as White.

Let's start with a look at White v. Vitas:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	3♦	1♣ 4♣	1♦ All Pass

The multi-purpose Polish Club ran into trouble here as Skrzypczak could not show the exact nature of his strong hand. One also wonders whether West had a weak jump shift available over 1♦.

Just the two aces missing, Vitas +150.

In the other room, the Dutch had an undisturbed auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
2♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass	4♦	Pass

North underled his ♥A but when South continued a diamond rather than a heart, declarer had no problem. Of course, South knew that his ♠J would drop but this defence saved declarer many a headache. One overtrick, White +450 and their first 7 IMPs of the match.



*Tim Verbeek entering the playing area*





Over now to Khiuppenen v. Rosenthal:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			1♣
Dble	Rdbl	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	4♥	Pass
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Four Spades is a playable contract, which might make on an anti-percentage guess in trumps. We won't dwell on the way the percentages might be influenced by the auction. Five Clubs proved to be 'cheap' insurance when West led a spade and dummy's queen won the first trick. Declarer lost two tricks in both red suits, +300 to Khiuppenen.

Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
			1♣
Dble	1♠	Dble	2♣
2♠	3♣	4♠	All Pass

For Rosenthal, EW had no trouble in reaching the good game, in spite of Khiuppenen's handful of sand into their machine (was 1♠ a transfer or an act of sabotage?). North led the ♣A and continued a diamond to South's ace. Rosenthal

won the diamond continuation, crossed to the ♥K and next...ran the ♠J. One down, +100 and another 9 IMPs to Khiuppenen.

In our main match, Noralia v. Ventin, you would not get the chance to play a spade contract:

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Howard</i>
			1♣
Dble	Rdbl	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	3♥	4♣
All Pass			

Down two, the normal result after a non-spade lead from West: trump lead, diamond finesse, two rounds of hearts and a spade through. Ventin +100.

Closed Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>A.Rasmussen</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
			1♣
Dble	2♣	4♣	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

With his opponents sure to bid a game over East's 4♣ (pick a major), Wrang sacrificed immediately. When West led a spade, he escaped for down two, but +300 to Noralia brought them 5 IMPs.



Frederic Wrang

Board 4 was a cold slam but at some tables, it was missed by some careless bidding:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 3 2 ♥ K Q 10 9 7 5 4 ♦ 6 ♣ 10 4		♠ 7 ♥ A J 8 ♦ AKJ10732 ♣ 7 3
♠ A Q 9 8 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ K Q J 6 5		♠ K 10 6 5 4 ♥ 6 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A 9 8 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Howard</i>
1♦	2♥	3NT	All Pass

The disadvantage of the ambiguous 1♦ opening bid. Heart lead but still +660 to Ventin.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>A.Rasmussen</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
1♣	3♥	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Once Rasmussen could show his diamonds at the four-level, bidding the slam was inevitable. Noralia +1370 and another 12 IMPs.

In the Khiuppenen v. Rosenthal match, Muller was given the same chance to introduce his suit:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	3♥	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Some encouraging cuebids, the redouble confirming first-round control, but not enough keycards (just one) for a possible grand. Khiuppenen +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
1♣	3♥	3NT	All Pass

If you don't show your suit, it is rather difficult to get to slam in it. Rosenthal +660 but 12 IMPs to Khiuppenen who already led 27-0 at this point.

On the next board, a few declarers went down in 4♥ when they played a spade to the king in the end, hoping for a squeeze if the king would score. Vitas did not even get to game but at least, they recorded a plus score on the deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 7 4 ♥ J 5 ♦ J 9 4 3 ♣ K 8 6 4		♠ 9 8 6 ♥ AQ98643 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ —
♠ K J 10 5 2 ♥ — ♦ A Q 5 2 ♣ Q 7 3 2		♠ Q 3 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A J 10 9 5

White v. Vitas:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
	All Pass		

2♦ showed good hearts but West, understandably, was not interested. Just made after a late spade misguess, +110 to Vitas.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In the other room, Bob Drijver opened 4♥, played there and got a cunning ♠3 lead. When he played low, he had made his contract. Needless to say (aprosiopsis again!) that in drawing trumps, the proper play is ♥A, ♥Q to pick up a doubleton 10 or jack, rather than low to cater for a doubleton king only. And this time the play is critical.

On board 7, Khiuppenen increased their lead:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Bas Drijver Muller</i>		<i>Brink</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

With a nine-count and a five-card suit, Simon de Wijs did not want to miss a vulnerable game. Even after a heart lead, the defenders cannot establish five tricks (the ♦K being the fifth) before declarer has nine, because the spade finesse will come to declarer's rescue. On the actual spade lead, Muller had no problem at all: spade to the ten and king, club, spade return to dummy's jack and another club. North won and returned his last spade but when Muller, after cashing the clubs and seeing three heart discards from South, led a low heart to the 10 which held, he could play the ♥K from hand to establish the ♥Q as his ninth trick, thus avoiding the losing diamond finesse. Nicely played, Khiuppenen +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Silverstein</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

2♠ was, among other things, an invitational raise to 2NT which East, holding a minimum 15 count, did not accept. On a heart lead and continuation, declarer made nine tricks but lost 10 IMPs in the process.



Back to our main match: Noralia v. Ventin.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Howard</i>
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Three Hearts had shown spades. When North, not holding a very promising hand, decided nevertheless to lead from his longest and strongest, the contract was quickly one down. Noralia +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>A.Rasmussen</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At the other table, North tried the effect of a spade after a classic Stayman auction.

As it happened, he got the effect declarer desired: two overtricks, +460 and 11 IMPs to Noralia.



Johan Upmark



On the next board, Ventin struck back:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Howard</i>
	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♥	2♠	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

South clearly intended his 3♠ as purely competitive but this message was lost on North.

Not on West, however: Ventin +300 when declarer lost the obvious five tricks.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>A Rasmussen</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
	2♠	Pass	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

Ventin timed his strongish weak two well, as did Wrang with his weakish raise.

Sveindal could not possibly pass, dummy brought some useful honour cards but the trump support was not high enough to give the contract any chance so long as the defenders led diamonds through declarer at the critical moment. One down, Ventin +100 and 9 IMPs back.

For once, over now to the 4th quarterfinal match in progress: Blund v. Levine.

On the board below, the Norwegian NS produced a remarkable auction to a great result:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Verhees jr</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Berset</i>
			1♣
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Double over 1♥ showed four spades and South's 1♠ promised at least three.

When it became clear that the heart stopper was insufficient, the Norsemen tried a Moysian fit with great success when the trumps behaved.

♥A, ♥Q, heart ruff in hand, spade to king and ace, club to the king and spade to West's queen. East could now overruff the next heart but that was all the defence could get. Blund +420.

In the Closed Room, NS settled for the no-play 3NT to lose 10 IMPs on the deal.



Juan Carlos Ventin

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Howard</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

1♥ showed spades. Once South heard about North holding ♦Qxx (the minimum required for a diamond stopper in response to the 4th suit), he jumped straight to what he thought he could make.

He would have succeeded on a more friendly adverse distribution but as it was, on a heart lead he won in dummy and led a spade up to the king and ace. Now he was lacking the entries to ruff two spades and draw trumps as well. The alternative of a successful club finesse would not have worked either. Declarer can succeed by playing for trumps 3-3 but in practice with 11 top winners if you include the spade ruff, the normal play is to win the second heart, ruff a spade, draw trump, then try to ruff out ♣Q and rely on some combination of spade, heart and club pressure in the ending. This works if the player with heart length guards spades, or if you can generate a position at heart-club squeeze. Not today: one off, +100 to Ventin.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>A.Rasmussen</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

At the other table, no experiments but a sound +630, resulting in 12 IMPs to Ventin.

The score in this match now stood at 30-23 to Noralia.



**Fredrik Nyström**

On board 13, White scored a game swing v. Vitas due to the difference in systemic approach.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

If you open 1♥, you will almost automatically end up in game, which proves an excellent contract. White +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
	2♥	All Pass	

If you deduct hcp values for your KJ bare in a side suit, and more generally speaking, if you do not feel an urge to open one of a suit on an 11-count only, you may as well open 2♥, showing both majors and less than an opening bid. You will then hear partner pass and table a disappointing dummy but that's life. Vitas +200 but 9 IMPs more to White who thus led 28-7 at halftime.



# OPEN TEAMS QUARTERFINAL, SECOND SEGMENT

by Jos Jacobs

Just as I did in my report about the first half of the Open Teams Quarterfinals, I will concentrate mainly on the Noralia v. Ventin match, but also show a highlight or two from the other matches.

On the first board of the second segment, there was no swing in my “preferred” match (Noralia v. Ventin), as both NS pairs did not manage to reach game, even though, at one table, West did not even open the bidding.

As I did before, I will refer to the Orange team simply as “White.”

In both the White v. Vitas and Rosenthal v. Khiuppenen matches, however, there was a game swing:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

White v. Vitas:

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Fisher</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Nab</i>
			Pass
1♣	1♠	Dble	Rdbl
2♣	2♠	2NT	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When Bart Nab had just enough to produce a courtesy raise over Schwartz’ 2NT (mainly based on a club fit), Bob Drijver knew enough. His trust in partner was rewarded when dummy held exactly the three honour cards he most urgently needed. White + 620.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♣	2♠	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

In the other room, the Poles were left to their own devices when West did not open the bidding. Apparently, these were not sufficient. Vitas +170 but 10 more IMPs to White to lead by 31 now.

In the Rosenthal v. Khiuppenen match, De Wijs’ weak NT made it extremely difficult for NS to cope with these hands.

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>D.Bilde</i>
			Pass
1NT	2♦	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

2♦ showed any six-card major. Though South’s 2♠ response would show some heart values, it never occurred to North that partner might as well hold the missing spade honours. Rosenthal +170.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
			Pass
1NT	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The Russians showed better judgement against the same 10-12 NT. 2♦ showed a major and 3♦ confirmed the spades. That’s all Kholomeev wanted to know, as he assumed that his partner should have at least a fair hand for his vulnerable overcall. Khiuppenen +620 and 10 IMPs more to them.

After some quiet boards, there was action in three matches on board 20:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Noralia v. Ventin

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>A.Rasmussen</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Sveindal</i>
1NT	4♣	All Pass	

For Noralia, Rasmussen overcalled 4♣ and played there. Down one, of course, when declarer played his trumps from the top. Ventin +100.

In the Closed Room, East's double gave away the show.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
1NT	4♣	Dble	All Pass

When Nyström used his only entry to dummy to lead a trump to his nine, he was home: Ventin +710 and 13 IMPs back to them to take the lead in the match: 36-34.

White v. Vitas:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fisher</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Nab</i>
1NT	4♣	All Pass	

No double so no inclination to finesse the trumps. Vitas +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Molenaar</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>
1NT	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ showed the clubs and 3NT was what Skrzypczak thought he would make. When this came round to East, he believed in it...Down three, Vitas +800 and 14 IMPs back to them to reduce the score to 38-22 in favour of White.

In the Rosenthal v. Khiuppenen match, the latter further increased their already big lead:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>D.Bilde</i>
1NT	4♣	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

When Bilde thought he had a raise, De Wijs had an easy enough double that did not, by implication, give away the actual trump position. Thus: down two, Khiuppenen +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
1NT	3♣	All Pass	

Khiuppenen's strong 3♣ overcall silenced the table. Just made for another +110 and 12 IMPs to Khiuppenen who now led 59-11.

Two boards later, the Rosenthal v. Khiuppenen match was effectively decided but Rosenthal could claim themselves distinctly unlucky on the deal.



Chris Willenken

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Willenken</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>D.Bilde</i>
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

6NT makes if the ♣J comes down in time, about a 75% chance; you can augment that by the chance of a miracle in spades, if you wish. Not this time; down three after a heart lead, Khiuppenen +300.

In the Closed Room, the Russians did not get anywhere near a slam:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Bas Drijver</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
1NT	3♣	All Pass	
		Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Right they were (this time): just made for +620 and 14 IMPs to them rather than 12 IMPs the other way. With the score at 71-15, six boards would probably not be enough for Rosenthal to wipe out their deficit.



Over now to the closing stages of the Noralia v. Ventin match:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Wrang</i>	<i>A.Rasmussen</i>	<i>Ventin</i>	<i>Sveindal</i>
			1♣
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

For Noralia, NS did not explore any possibilities of a slam and rightly so, on this layout.

Ten tricks were the maximum in spades (though 5♣ also makes): Noralia +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	3♥	4♣
4♥	4♠	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

The Swedish part of the Ventin team did explore the possibility of a slam but once they passed 5♣, they had arrived in the down zone. Unlucky but another +100 and 12 IMPs to Noralia who were back in the lead by 10 with just five boards left.



Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	A.Rasmussen	Ventin	Sveindal
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1NT	2♣	Dble	2♠
2NT	All Pass		

2♣ showed majors after the 10-12 NT. On the lead of a spade to the jack and king, Wrang had an easy eight tricks when all the dummy's clubs came in. Ventin +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dyke	Nyström	Howard	Upmark
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	All Pass

When it did not occur to Howard to double, when 2♦ came round to him, the Australians ended up in an unfortunate contract once it turned out that trumps were 5-1. The contract went down two for another +200 and 8 IMPs back to Ventin, who now trailed by just 2 IMPs with 3 boards left...



Arild Rasmussen

On the next board, a defensive mistake cost dearly:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	A.Rasmussen	Ventin	Sveindal
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

East led a heart to queen and ace and declarer immediately led a spade up to dummy's king, West ducking smoothly (the normal play). When declarer next ran dummy's ♣10 to East's king, he cleared the hearts, no doubt hoping his ♦K would be an early enough entry.

To his disgust, declarer took the jack and cleared the clubs. West won the ♣J on the 4th round of the suit and pushed a diamond through but it was too late. Declarer went up with his ace and the 5th club was his seventh trick. Noralia +90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dyke	Nyström	Howard	Upmark
	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Same lead and continuation as in the Open Room but here, East continued a spade after winning his ♣K. The ♥10 held the next trick but the ♦J return sank the contract, as declarer still had to give up another club. Down two, +200 and 7 priceless IMPs to Noralia to lead by nine.



Noralia lost the 7 IMPs just gained on the next board when they in turn misdefended a little:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	A Rasmussen	Ventin	Sveindal
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	2♦	All Pass	

1♦ showed hearts so South's 1♥ was for take-out. Declarer won the heart lead, unblocked the ♠A, crossed to the ♦A and threw two clubs on the top spades before getting off play with a heart. This way, he made an easy nine tricks for +110 to Noralia.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dyke	Nyström	Howard	Upmark
			1♦
Dble	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After the ambiguous 1♦, the rest of the auction was basically natural but the final contract was a bit optimistic. West led the ♠J to dummy's blank ace and declarer next ran dummy's ♣9 to West's jack. The ♥K continuation was allowed to hold but declarer won the ♥Q in dummy and cashed his four diamond tricks, finessing the queen through East successfully.

On the third diamond, West threw a club but on the fourth diamond, both defenders threw spades so declarer could cash his three remaining spades for his contract and a surprise +400, good for 7 IMPs back to Ventin.

So just two IMPs separated the two teams when

the last board arrived:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dyke	Nyström	Howard	Upmark
1♥	1♠	3♥	All Pass

Full marks to Howard's immediate raise to three. The double raise effectively shut out South and at the same time made it much more difficult for North to find the correct defence. When North led a trump, declarer was home, as a losing spade would always go on the diamonds

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wrang	A.Rasmussen	Ventin	Sveindal
1♥	1♠	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♣	3♥	4♣
All Pass			

As play had finished in the Closed Room well before the Open Room, the audience knew that in the CR, the defence had let through 3♥. It needs a spade lead to beat it. A diamond, or even the two top clubs, are not good enough as the diamond would cost a vital tempo and two rounds of clubs would destroy the defenders' communications to cash the second spade trick later on.

So much depended on what would happen after South bid 4♣. If the defence could shift to a diamond after cashing a top heart, not too difficult at the table, the contract would go one down. However, scoring +100 would cost Ventin another IMP so they would then lose by 3.

Their only chance was to double the final contract and then set it by one trick to reach a tie and the 3rd penalty shoot-out here in Tromsø. When EW did not find the double, and understandably so, as they were not playing matchpoints, they scored +100 but lost the match 51-54.



# THE WELSH WIZARD

by Barry Rigal

Patrick Jourdain has achieved fame as President of IBPA, but he can occasionally be persuaded to play the odd hand. His passion for unusual two-card endings knows no bounds, and in yesterday's BAM teams he found his way to another intriguing end-position.

and drove out the  $\diamond Q$ . The defenders cleared clubs, unwisely leaving West with the master, and Jourdain took the two diamond winners, ending in hand. This was the position.

BAM Round 5

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 7 6 4 ♥ A 3 ♦ Q 4 ♣ Q J 10 5</p>		<p>♠ 5 ♥ K 10 6 5 4 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ 9 7 6 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
1♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT

Both Jourdain and his partner Dave Kendrick pushed a little here, but the final contract was not hopeless, until West was dealt a natural club lead. Jourdain ducked the first club, won the second,

<p>♠ K 9 7 6 ♥ A ♦ --- ♣ J</p>		<p>♠ 5 ♥ K 10 6 5 ♦ --- ♣ 9</p>
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West had discarded his small heart on the fourth diamond, not best but not necessarily fatal. Now when Jourdain led the  $\spadesuit J$  West was forced to decide if declarer has  $\heartsuit KJ$  (and no  $\spadesuit 10$ ) or  $\heartsuit QJ$ . Perhaps he should have played low anyway – since declarer can make his game by force via an endplay if he has  $\heartsuit KJ$ . But he covered the  $\spadesuit J$  and Jourdain seized his chance like a famished man confronted by the delicacies of the Caranza buffet. He cashed the spade ace and queen, then exited in hearts. West could take his two winners but then had to lead from his  $\spadesuit 9-7$  into Jourdain's tenace, and the game came home.



*With friends like these who needs enemies?*

Patrick Jourdain and Barry Rigal



# ORANGE WHITE vs KHYUPPENEN

by David Bird

## Open Teams SemiFinal, first session

Only four teams were still alive in the Open Teams. See whether you think the swing on this board was due to good luck or good bidding:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
2♣	2♥	4♣	All Pass

East's 4♣ has a pre-emptive element to it. He was vulnerable, though, and West may have given brief consideration to bidding 5♣. Both the West and East actions seem very reasonable to me but with trumps 1-1 the club game is on. Would they get there in the Closed Room?

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sterkin</i>
1♣	1♥	1♠*	3♥
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

East had an easy raise to 5♣ at his second turn. The defenders' king and queen of trumps failed to take a trick, so a handsome 600 was entered in the E-W plus column. That was 10 IMPs to Team Orange White.



Board 5. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

The first six calls, up to East's pass, were identical at both tables. It is risky to bid 2♥ with only one card in partner's suit, but if that is the verdict of two European Open semi-finalists, I am happy to accept it. At this table 3♥ was mercifully undoubled. Muller and de Wijs may have had rueful thoughts of 'the one that got away' as they wrote +300 in their scorecards.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sterkin</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
Dble	2♥	Pass	3♣
	3♥	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room South preferred to rebid 3♣, which was fair enough, but the auction then took a nasty turn when West doubled 3♣. Accurate defence, refusing to allow declarer a trick with dummy's ♥A, would have taken this contract 800 off. Unwilling to submit his partner to such an indignity, North corrected to 3♥ and went for 800 himself. Team Orange White had 11 IMPs.

Compare the two auctions and you may start to wonder if West should have doubled 2NT at the other table. Well, I wouldn't have done, but a spade lead and a diamond switch would have taken that contract for 800 too.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sterkin</i>
1♠	2♥	1♦	Pass
Pass	4♥	Dble*	3♥
		All Pass	

Dble Support

As I see it, South's 3♥ is the bridge equivalent of overtaking just before a blind bend on a busy road. After the -800 in 3♥ on the previous board, North may have expected an unusually sound 3♥ from a partner attempting to steady the ship. He raised to 4♥ and this contract, too, went three down. Undoubled, it cost only 150. At the other table South did not bid 3♥ and West went one down in 2♠ on a 4-3 fit. That was another 6 IMPs to Team Orange White collected another 11 IMPs.



**Bart Nab**

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room			
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
Dble	4NT*	Dble	5♣
	All Pass		

North's 4NT showed both minor suits and Molenaar ended in 5♣ doubled. Would you expect this contract to be made after a ♥J lead?

Molenaar won with the ♥A and ran the ♣8 to the ♣K. East cashed a heart trick and continued with the ♠K, ruffed in the dummy. Declarer drew the last trump with the ace and crossed to his hand with the ♣9. He finessed the ♦Q successfully, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond. Alas, the ♦K did not appear and he was one down.

It seems that declarer gives himself a for better chance by finessing the ♦Q at Trick 2. If he continues with the ♣A, leaving him three trumps in his hand to ruff diamonds against a bad break in the suit, he would make 12 tricks when the ♣K fell. (Ducking trick one also has a lot to recommend it, if planning to play on diamonds before trumps. Editor)

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sterkin</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
	3♣	All Pass	

N-S were less ambitious in the Closed Room. Matushko and Sterkin must have been relieved to score 6 IMPs for their +150.

Good bidding went unrewarded on my final deal.

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

Well done if you would have found the ♣K lead from the South hand. Molenaar led a spade, dummy's ♠Q winning, and that was +430 to E-W.

West	North	East	South
<i>Nab</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sterkin</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦ *	Pass
2♠ *	Pass	2NT *	Pass
3♣ *	Dble	5♦	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Molenaar</i>
1♦	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Nab and Drijver sent a minor firework display of system bids into the sky. Matushko took his opportunity to double the artificial 3♣ bid and Drijver then leapt to the par contract of 5♦. As the cards lie, only a lead of the ♥9 would allow the ambitious venture of 6♦ to succeed.

After the first set, Team Orange White led Khyuppenen by 42 IMPs to 19.



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# NORALIA vs BLUND

by John Carruthers

## Open Teams Semifinals, Session 1

Some tall timber had fallen in flames in the Open Teams Championship: MONACO, CAYNE, MAZURKIEWICZ, MAHAFFEY, GORDON, VENTIN...all gone. The four teams that had survived so far had all played well. In this set we have NORALIA (Jon Sveindal/Arild Rasmussen, Justin Howard/Kieran Dyke) against BLUND (Ole Berset/Olav Arve Høyem, Aksel Hornslien/Børre Lund/ Jørgen Molberg).

The heart suit and minor-suit games played a big part in the first 14 boards of the semifinal. Spades? Who needs spades?

Board 1 was another of those knotty three-notrump vs. four-of-a-major decisions that have dotted the Championships. Both Easts opted for Stayman and a raise to game over the two-heart response with: ♠J6 ♥8654 ♦KQ9 ♣KQ96. Partner held: ♠AKQ ♥AQ103 ♦7643 ♣J2. Hearts were 3-2 with the doubleton jack in front of the ace-queen-ten-three, so no misguess was possible on normal play.

On Board 2, the East players had a one-notrump-or-raise decision when partner opened with one heart in third seat and RHO passed. They held: ♠Q74 ♥K108 ♦Q62 ♣Q764. Rasmussen for NORALIA raised to two hearts and Høyem for BLUND bid one notrump. Two hearts was cold and one notrump was an easy two down when partner held four low spades and a singleton diamond; 5 IMPs to NORALIA.

Another four-of-a-major versus three-notrump decision arose on Board 3. NORALIA bid to three notrump, BLUND to four spades. Three no trump was cold, whereas four spades needed a bit of luck. BLUND received its bit of luck for a push.

That bit of luck was returned to NORALIA with interest on the next deal, when Rasmussen declared three notrump with a heart holding of queen-third opposite a singleton, and the suit was led. That was the bad news. The good news was that his RHO had overcalled one heart and held both the ace and king of the suit. Oh, declarer also needed clubs to be

1-1 with ace-ten sixth opposite jack-fifth. Plus 630 against -150 gave 10 IMPs to NORALIA.

NORALIA won another 5 IMPs for two hearts doubled, +500, versus three clubs undoubled, -300. A push in two spades down one followed, and then, a dicey one-notrump contract...

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Berset</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

With no attractive lead in any suit, Sveindal guessed to start with the nine of spades. Berset covered with the jack and Rasmussen ducked with the two, encouraging. When declarer tried the king of hearts from dummy, Sveindal won with his ace and continued spades to declarer's king. A heart to the nine held, as did a club to the king. The jack of hearts knocked out the queen, a club to the queen knocked out the ace and a spade back knocked out that ace. When a diamond to the jack lost to the queen, declarer was held to seven tricks for +90.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hornslien</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Høyem</i>	<i>Howard</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♥*	Pass	1♠*
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

1♥ Spades  
1♠ 11-13 balanced with 2/3 spades

Høyem is a more of a believer in fourth-best against one notrump than is Sveindal, so he duly led a club. Dyke won with dummy's jack and led a diamond to the jack, losing to the queen. East led another low club and declarer won with dummy's king to lead the ten of diamonds to the ace. West had a club left and led it to East's ace. East took the thirteenth club and everyone else threw spades on that so East exited with a passive spade to dummy's king. Declarer led a heart to dummy's nine, holding the trick, but now had no entry to set up and enjoy a second heart trick. He led a spade to the ace, hoping the queen would fall, but when it did not, he had only the king of diamonds left for a sixth trick. When they failed to break, there was no seventh in sight. That was -100 and BLUND's first IMPs, 5 of them. It was 20-5 NORALIA halfway through the set.

On Board 8, North/South had an easy defence to beat one notrump and both did. Next...

seized his second chance. Both declarers made 12 tricks by finessing the queen of diamond and not finessing the queen of clubs. That sent 6 IMPs BLUND's way, now trailing 20-11.



Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ —				
	♥ 10 6				
	♦ A Q 10 4 2				
	♣ A Q 10 7 6 4				
♠ J 6 5 4 3 ♥ J 9 ♦ K J 8 6 ♣ J 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A K 10 7 ♥ K Q 8 7 5 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K
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W E					
S					
	♠ Q 9 8 2				
	♥ A 3 2				
	♦ 7 3				
	♣ 9 8 5 2				

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Berset</i>
	1♦	1♥	Dble
Pass	2♣	2♥	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Hornslien</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Høyem</i>	<i>Howard</i>
—	1♦	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

That North hand sure looks like a three-club bid over the negative double to me. Both Norths disagreed with that assessment today, but I would not be surprised if, upon reflection, they change their minds. Berset scraped up a raise and Lund

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Lund</i>	<i>Rasmussen</i>	<i>Berset</i>
3♦	All Pass	Pass	Pass

In an attempt to shut out the heretofore unmentioned spades, Sveindal made a questionable three-diamond preempt in third seat. That did not have to work out as badly as it did, but the lapse in discipline cost him dearly this time. He had five losers in three diamonds and so was one off for -100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Hornslien</i>	<i>Dyke</i>	<i>Høyem</i>	<i>Howard</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♣
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

By contrast, Hornslien made the more-normal one-diamond bid and then leapt to three diamonds at his second turn. His reward was +620 in four hearts. That contract is no bargain, needing both red suits 3-2 and the ace of spades onside or ruffing down (otherwise: two club tricks ending in North, spade through, then a ruff-sluff).

After having been down 20-0 early, BLUND now led 23-20.

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

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



Both East/West pairs perpetrated the following auction:

West	North	East	South
			1♥
Dble	4♥	Dble	All Pass

Do you agree with both doubles? If you do, then

West must pull. Does that seem right? On the actual deal, five hearts was cold and five diamonds doubled would have been down two. It was a push at -690.

On Board 12, Berset/Hornslieen outbid Sveindal/Rasmussen to another excellent five-of-a-minor game, this time five diamonds, to win 6 IMPs. On 13, Both East/West pairs declared a notrump partscore. Høyem made one and Sveindal made two - but Sveindal had been doubled! Plus 380 against 90 sent 7 IMPs to NORALIA.

On the last deal, the West players held: ♠983 ♥ KJ8 ♦QJ9 863 ♣5. Both their partners opened a strong notrump. Berset tried Stayman and passed out the two-diamond response for +90. Sveindal transferred to diamonds with two spades and went one off with five top losers for -50 and a 4-IMP loss.

The score at the end of the first 14-board segment was BLUND 33 - NORALIA 27.

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# THE IMPs THAT DISAPPEAR

by Micke Melander

Take vs Sagg was an all Scandinavian battle between Sweden and Norway at the 2015 edition of the European Open Senior Teams in Tromsø. Even though many IMPs were shared, many disappeared here and there, so the IMP scores could have been a lot higher.

Karlsson won with the ace of spades and sniffed at the right line of play when he next cashed the ace of hearts. Without the diamond overcall he probably would have just led a diamond towards dummy and then when in dummy next he would lead a trump towards his hand. Since he probably was afraid that the defence had a diamond ruff coming he instead played the king and queen of spades ruffing the last one in dummy to play a trump to his hand which went to the jack, queen and North's king.

North made no mistake and simply led back a club to South's ace, who next put the ten of spades on the table to promote a trump trick for North's nine of trumps. Since the defence still had the ace of diamonds to win, declarer was down one.

In the Open Room Goldenheim also become declarer in Four Hearts without any overcall from NS. Trapp led the eight of clubs, declarer called for the king from dummy which South captured with the ace to play back a spade. Declarer rose with the ace of spades and thereafter cashed the king and queen, discarding a diamond from dummy on the third round.

A diamond towards dummy followed, North went up with the ace of diamonds and led back a club which went to declarer's jack. If declarer had cashed the ace of hearts and played a diamond to the king then a heart towards his hand he would have made his contract. But since declarer had other strings to his bow, he played a diamond to the king, and took a heart finesse of the ten which lost to the king and now was on his way to defeat. North returned a killing diamond, and South was able to overruff declarer's eight of hearts with the jack, that brought declarer down. However it wasn't over yet, as in the Closed Room, NS also got their coup en passant when South returned the ten of spades to bring the contract two down in the end. 2 IMPs to Take.

More IMPs at stake at board five.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goldenheim</i>	<i>Trapp</i>	<i>Aronsen</i>	<i>Elmroth</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Tornberg</i>	<i>Aldeborg</i>	<i>Gravrak</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♦	1NT*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- 1♣ 16+
- 1NT 8+ with diamond stopper
- 2NT Forcing

Tornberg's One Diamond overcall in the Closed Room made life difficult for Karlsson as declarer. A spade was led against the cold contract; would declarer be able to find the right line of play?

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goldenheim	Trapp	Aronsen	Elmroth
	Pass	1♠	3♣*

All Pass

3♣ Constructive preempt

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karlsson	Tornberg	Aldeborg	Gravrak
	Pass	1♦*	2♣

Dble All Pass

1♦ 11-15 with five-cards Major or 5+♦ and unbalanced

Dble Business proposal...

Elmroth got the seven of spades led against Three Clubs, which went to the two, king and declarer's queen. East didn't believe that declarer had the queen singleton and continued with the ace of spades, and right he was when declarer followed suit and West discarded the eight of hearts. East then played the nine of spades (Lavintahl) which West ruffed to follow his partners signals by returning the nine of hearts. A diamond would have been better, since that would have meant that they would have been able to bring the contract three down if they had defended correctly thereafter. Declarer would not have had an entry to cash the ace of hearts in dummy. Declarer went up with the ace from dummy and discarded a diamond from hand before calling for the jack of spades which he discarded another diamond on as West again ruffed. When trumps were now 2-2 declarer could ruff the heart return, cash the ace of clubs and play a club to lose just a trump and the ace of diamonds for two down.

More IMPs were at stake when South got doubled in Two Clubs at the other table but when the defense was copied it was one down for a push.

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Goldenheim	Trapp	Aronsen	Elmroth
	2♣*	2♥	3♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

2♣ Natural without 4+M

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karlsson	Tornberg	Aldeborg	Gravrak
	1♦	Dble	1♠
Dble	3♣	3♥	All Pass

It was easy for NS in the Open Room when Trapp as North showed 5-6 in the minors, South simply placed the contract in Five Clubs. East led the ace of spades which declarer ruffed (yes, pitching a heart to cut communications is certainly plausible), Trapp crossed to dummy with a heart to the ace and finessed in diamonds with the queen. When the queen held he simply cashed the ace of clubs and could claim twelve tricks when the king of clubs fell. (yes again, ace of clubs before a heart to the ace is also a move to consider - but why argue with success?)

Gravrak led the seven of diamonds in the Closed Room when they sold out cheaply to Three Hearts. North won with the queen of diamonds and cashed the ace to return the ten of diamonds. Aldeborg ruffed high with the king of hearts and South decided not to overruff and instead discarded a

club, a heart to dummy's jack followed, and when that held declarer called for the king of diamonds and pitched his king of clubs.

The defense was still on track for two down if South had given North the ruff in spades that was available, but when a club was returned declarer could ruff and play trumps. Declarer had to lose a spade to South for one down.

Since the scoring in the match was 11-8 to Take at this point, this 8 IMP swing was a huge turnover for Take.



Leif Trapp

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goldenheim</i>	<i>Trapp</i>	<i>Aronsen</i>	<i>Elmroth</i>
1♦	Pass	1NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Tornberg</i>	<i>Aldeborg</i>	<i>Gravrak</i>
1♦*	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	

- 1♦ 11-15 with any 5C Major or 5+♦ and unbalanced
- 1NT 10-11 hcp and forcing to 2NT
- 2NT 5+♦ and 4+M



The Swedish highly artificial system in the Closed Room helped them to get out of the danger coming to stop in 1NT, as was the case in the Open Room, when West didn't want to treat his hand as a reverse by bidding Two Hearts. And don't we all agree it's really a borderline decision whether to bid or not? When partner can't bid spades the hand loses some value. However Five Diamonds was cold, even Four Hearts if you want to try to play there. Three Notrump was also very successful when East got to be declarer and South led his longest and strongest suit, spades! Another 8 IMPs to Take, and the first segment ended 41-15 in their favour.

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## OPEN PAIRS

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 5

	PAIR	MP	%
1	KWIECIEN M. - JANISZEWSKI P.	6,656.52	64.01
2	HANTVEIT T. - HOYLAND S.	6,412.56	61.66
3	OZDIL M. - OZBALCI E.	6,236.71	59.97
4	QUANTIN J. - LORENZINI C.	6,221.17	59.82
5	KOLATA S. - KANDEMIR I.	6,188.92	59.51
6	NANEV I. - GUNEV R.	6,168.02	59.31
7	GIARD O. - BENOIT A.	6,144.56	59.08
8	SMITH V. - EVJEN S.	6,130.00	58.94
9	ROMANSKI J. - GRZELAK R.	6,099.78	58.65
10	SIMONSEN S. - BERG E.	6,092.43	58.58
11	SMIRNOV A. - PIEKAREK J.	6,088.35	58.54
12	SKJETNE E. - LUNNA K.	6,041.34	58.09
13	KOPSTAD O. - GRUDE T.	6,021.14	57.90
14	GAWRYS P. - KLUKOWSKI M.	6,001.17	57.70
15	VOLL R. - KINDSBЕКKEN A.	5,995.60	57.65
16	HAGA O. - BAARSEN T.	5,934.52	57.06
17	TOWNSEND T. - SANDQVIST -	5,932.48	57.04
18	CORNELL M. - BACH A.	5,921.38	56.94
19	HELGEMO G. - HOFTANISKA T.	5,906.80	56.80
20	LINDQVIST E. - BROGELAND B.	5,901.10	56.74
21	OVESEN V. - HATTEN O.	5,881.43	56.55
22	LYNGEN I. - LARSEN H.	5,847.83	56.23
23	VAN LANKVELD J. - BOS B.	5,833.71	56.09
24	KING P. - McINTOSH A.	5,827.88	56.04
25	RAJADHYAKSHA P. - GORDON M.	5,780.35	55.58
26	MORATH A. - EFRAIMSSON B.	5,780.32	55.58
27	FJAELBERG J. - OLSEN J.	5,740.76	55.20
28	EBER N. - BOSENBERG C.	5,724.72	55.05
29	BAREKET I. - LENGY A.	5,722.87	55.03
30	OTVOSI E. - CHRISTIANSEN K.	5,710.57	54.91
31	YILMAZ M. - GUR O.	5,704.25	54.85
32	SVINDAHL F. - HANSEN J.	5,693.24	54.74
33	HELMICH A. - HOP G.	5,692.27	54.73
34	BESSIS T. - VOLCKER F.	5,663.48	54.46
35	GROSSACK A. - GROSSACK Z.	5,647.03	54.30
36	JASSEM K. - MAZURKIEWICZ M.	5,640.51	54.24
37	SKIMMELAND T. - LARSEN G.	5,635.13	54.18
38	VAINIKONIS V. - OLANSKI W.	5,632.18	54.16
39	RITMEIJER R. - TICHA M.	5,620.24	54.04
40	KREUNING H. - OUDA S.	5,613.24	53.97
41	LEVIN R. - BLANCHARD S.	5,608.23	53.93
42	HOILAND T. - OVESEN J.	5,600.85	53.85
43	SANBORN K. - SANBORN S.	5,594.54	53.79
44	SEN T. - KAYA E.	5,587.68	53.73
45	HERLAND J. - FROEYLAND S.	5,566.62	53.53
46	REINHOLDTSEN J. - LUOSTARINEN J.	5,563.00	53.49
47	ERBIL E. - ZOBU A.	5,555.26	53.42
48	DAVIDSEN R. - SAUR J.	5,548.79	53.35
49	JOERSTAD K. - JOERSTAD R.	5,546.53	53.33
50	FODSTAD A. - AAREBROT A.	5,319.01	53.28
51	KOLESNIK A. - ROEDER R.	5,519.09	53.07
52	YADLIN D. - YADLIN I.	5,519.00	53.07
53	KOLUDA P. - DARKIEWICZ-MONIUSZKO G.	5,517.56	53.05



	PAIR	MP	%
54	GINOSSAR E. - RESHEF O.	5,506.55	52.95
55	LARSEN E. - EVENSTAD S.	5,497.23	52.86
56	ZACK Y. - COHEN I.	5,486.17	52.75
57	ZUR-CAMPANILE M. - MCALLISTER J.	5,482.82	52.72
58	FAILLA G. - DE MICHELIS L.	5,481.40	52.71
59	HOFF G. - HJELMELAND G.	5,479.50	52.69
60	BILDE M. - FARHOLT S.	5,479.45	52.69
61	O'CONNOR S. - BELL M.	5,477.66	52.67
62	MARSTRANDER P. - ANDERSSSEN R.	5,477.62	52.67
63	SERPOI G. - TEODORESCU C.	5,476.27	52.66
64	GOLD D. - CASTNER K.	5,475.46	52.65
65	LANZAROTTI M. - MANNO A.	5,471.12	52.61
66	GARSEG T. - STATLE S.	5,469.67	52.59
67	AUSTBERG P. - BERG J.	5,465.87	52.56
68	LAKATOS P. - DOMBI G.	5,446.20	52.37
69	WILLENKEN C. - BILDE D.	5,444.27	52.35
70	LINDESTEG O. - UELAND D.	5,441.68	52.32
71	SHI B. - TIAN W.	5,440.56	52.31
72	ISPORSKI V. - KOVACHEV V.	5,439.04	52.30
73	GUMBY P. - LAZER W.	5,430.60	52.22
74	JOHNSEN S. - STOKKELAND L.	5,428.71	52.20
75	MICHAUD-LARIVIERE X. - DE MENDEZ T.	5,425.26	52.17
76	AYDIN A. - SUZER U.	5,410.85	52.03
77	SAETHER J. - SCHEIE M.	5,408.49	52.00
78	FRANCHI A. - ZALESKI R.	5,403.75	51.96
79	GIERULSKI B. - SKRZYPCZAK J.	5,396.84	51.89
80	STRAND K. - HELMERSEN K.	5,388.79	51.82
81	HOFSETH J. - KRISTENSEN A.	5,381.90	51.75
82	LINDER P. - SWENSSON P.	5,376.43	51.70
83	THOMASSEN K. - HINGE S.	5,375.32	51.69
84	GUSTAVSSON T. - CLARIN P.	5,159.12	51.67
85	THOMASSEN P. - ANDERSEN S.	5,369.84	51.63
86	ROLL Y. - LEVIN A.	5,359.31	51.53
87	GIUBILO V. - MEDUGNO G.	5,355.27	51.49
88	RIMSTEDT P. - JONSSON S.	5,351.63	51.46
89	SAETRE J. - OVESEN S.	5,348.84	51.43
90	GOLEBIEWSKI S. - JASZCZAK A.	5,342.41	51.37
91	MARTINUSSEN S. - PAULSEN D.	5,339.03	51.34
92	MALINOWSKI A. - PADON D.	5,119.23	51.27
93	RYDLAND B. - BOGEN J.	5,332.48	51.27
94	BOMPIS M. - VINCIGUERRA H.	5,327.23	51.22
95	RUBINS K. - LORENC S. M.	5,320.23	51.16
96	JOHANSEN J. - JOHANSEN A.	5,317.38	51.13
97	MIHAI G. - MIHAI R.	5,296.91	50.93
98	STABELL L. - STABELL T.	5,263.98	50.62
99	BIGDELI F. - POLET G.	5,261.89	50.60
100	ROMANOVSKA M. - GOLDBERG C.	5,261.56	50.59
101	CHUMAK Y. - ROVYSHYN O.	5,261.23	50.59
102	HOYLAND J. - HOYLAND S.	5,258.88	50.57
103	EIDE L. - ELLINGSEN K.	5,257.43	50.55
104	HOMONNAY G. - WINKLER G.	5,253.65	50.52
105	ELIASSEN E. - SOOILAND T.	5,245.62	50.44
106	COLDEA I. - ROTARU I.	5,245.24	50.44
107	BERTHEAU P. - WHITTAKER W.	5,244.61	50.43
108	MAGRI F. - BARTOLOTTI P.	5,242.79	50.41
109	SAELENSMINDE E. - HAUGE R.	5,226.92	50.26
110	EIDE L. - ANDREASEN A.	5,219.96	50.19
111	SMILGAJS A. - BENDIKS J.	5,219.47	50.19
112	NORDVIK V. - IVERSEN T.	5,219.10	50.18
113	WEINSTEIN S. - HUMPHREYS G.	5,217.93	50.17

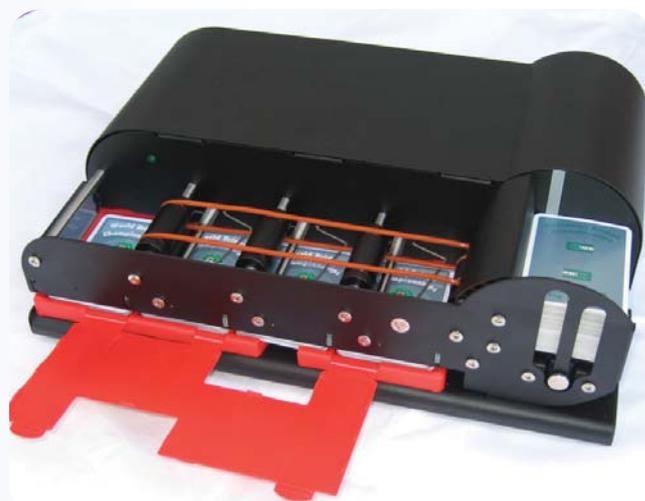


	PAIR	MP	%
114	AA T. - LIVGARD A. 5,216.60	50.16	
115	ELIASSEN R. - ELIASSEN S.	5,199.79	50.00
116	HELGESEN L. - GJOES T.	5,184.82	49.85
117	MARTENS K. - FILIPOWICZ D.	5,167.36	49.69
118	KVANGRAVEN N. - LIE T.	5,166.66	49.68
119	SIVERTSEN A. - KARLSEN S.	5,152.97	49.55
120	TATLICIOGLU S. - KAYTAZ B.	5,134.28	49.37
121	DOBROWOLSKI M. - MADUZIA A.	5,126.49	49.29
122	CARCASSONNE-LABAERE V. - LABAERE A.	5,113.13	49.16
123	HALLBERG G. - BLACK A.	5,112.36	49.16
124	AYAZ I. - PEYRET H.	5,096.75	49.01
125	DINKIN S. - TUNCOK C.	5,090.63	48.95
126	DALECKI M. - MODRZEJEWSKI M.	4,878.22	48.86
127	JENSEN B. - JOHANSEN R.	5,080.90	48.85
128	KOWALSKI D. - BLACH M.	5,070.58	48.76
129	ENGBRETSSEN G. - LOEN L.	5,062.08	48.67
130	HANLON T. - CARROLL J.	4,850.80	48.59
131	GOWER C. - APTEKER A.	5,049.09	48.55
132	OHREN J. - BRENTBRAATEN F.	5,047.59	48.53
133	BAUMANN K. - EILERAAS S.	4,844.96	48.53
134	JOHANSEN L. - REKSTAD G.	4,842.37	48.50
135	SANDSMARK T. - ROGNSAA B.	5,040.03	48.46
136	POLAK T. - VAN OVERBEEKE T.	5,036.63	48.43
137	ARONOV V. - DAMIANOVA D.	5,021.21	48.28
138	ERNSTSEN S. - HAETTA L.	5,020.85	48.28
139	HELNESS T. - HELNESS F.	5,019.85	48.27
140	EIDE H. - BAKKE C.	5,018.76	48.26
141	STERN L. - URMAN L.	5,002.31	48.10
142	JACOB T. - MACE B.	5,001.73	48.09
143	AUKEN S. - WELLAND R.	4,988.83	47.97
144	HELGESEN K. - ANFINSEN E.	4,987.56	47.96
145	McLEISH P. - McLEISH D.	4,968.02	47.77
146	COPE S. - PASKE T.	4,961.06	47.70
147	EIDE M. - LOMSDALEN O.	4,960.37	47.70
148	BOGACH A. - RAPOPORT V.	4,957.11	47.66
149	DESSAIN T. - KABAN T.	4,951.15	47.61
150	WINKEL M. - VAN HOOIJDONK M.	4,949.73	47.59
151	NITTER T. - LUTRO J.	4,941.85	47.52
152	FREDIN P. - SHERMAN G.	4,931.49	47.42
153	JENSAAS J. - INGEBRIGTSEN T.	4,925.42	47.36
154	VAN DER TOORN C. - KAPTEIN M.	4,719.56	47.27
155	TISLEVOLL G. - BREKKE V.	4,900.51	47.12
156	SIELICKI T. - TUCZYNSKI P.	4,882.29	46.95
157	KVAMSDAL L. - HOFF A.	4,857.20	46.70
158	DAHL S. - FUGLEM G.	4,856.75	46.70
159	LASSERRE D. - BRUNET K.	4,853.35	46.67
160	SVARE A. - DYRKORN O.	4,843.09	46.57
161	ARNTSEN R. - SOTTAR R.	4,837.12	46.51
162	BJERKSET S. - LANGEN A.	4,835.45	46.49
163	VALLESTAD A. - PEDERSEN B.	4,829.96	46.44
164	SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER E. - STIENEN R.	4,806.41	46.22
165	HORNISCHER G. - WEINBERGER S.	4,762.54	45.79
166	JANSONS U. - GERMANIS A.	4,761.90	45.79
167	HAUGE B. - HAUGE T.	4,754.19	45.71
168	KRISTIANSSEN T. - FAGERDAL R.	4,741.73	45.59
169	MIDJO R. - UKKELBERG O.	4,737.60	45.55
170	SAUR O. - AABYE J.	4,714.41	45.33
171	SILVERSTEIN A. - ROSENTHAL A.	4,705.58	45.25
172	JENSEN P. - STRAUMSNES T.	4,701.23	45.20
173	ROMANOWSKI J. - ROZWADOWSKI W.	4,678.15	44.98

	PAIR	MP	%
174	LEHN R. - ELDE T.	4,673.69	44.94
175	BULL S. - BULL I.	4,667.85	44.88
176	KARLSEN L. - JAKOBSEN G.	4,657.29	44.78
177	OLSEN R. - BJORKAN I.	4,641.90	44.63
178	COUNIL J. - ROUSSEL N.	4,640.15	44.62
179	PARVULESCU M. - BUJENITA D.	4,629.17	44.51
180	SAYILKAN T. - KIZILOK O.	4,623.25	44.45
181	OLSEN R. - OLSEN S.	4,608.44	44.31
182	NYMOEN A. - DALING T.	4,602.34	44.25
183	MUSAOGLU A. - MINASYAN A.	4,601.84	44.25
184	TER LAARE M. - MOLLE L.	4,588.02	44.12
185	RYNNING E. - BREKKA G.	4,586.03	44.10
186	BEYER M. - BAARDSEN T.	4,401.73	44.09
187	NORUM J. - SIVERTSEN S.	4,576.79	44.01
188	BUIJS P. - DE HULLU H.	4,554.84	43.80
189	KALTENBORN J. - BRUUSGAARD R.	4,550.95	43.76
190	MALUISH A. - MILL A.	4,517.54	43.44
191	CHMURSKI B. - CHALUPEC I.	4,513.94	43.40
192	MORTENSEN M. - VAAGE J.	4,503.05	43.30
193	ELIASSEN N. - CHRISTENSEN P.	4,502.81	43.30
194	VARDAR R. - KAYA M.	4,459.56	42.88
195	EIDE E. - ROREN T.	4,458.51	42.87
196	LARSEN H. - JOHANSSON S.	4,425.96	42.56
197	ZUBOV V. - FILIPPOV V.	4,392.87	42.24
198	JENSEN R. - ALMLI S.	4,377.98	42.10
199	VESTERLUND A. - BRA ENDEVANG M.	4,359.95	41.92
200	SKALMERAAS T. - SKALMERAS P.	4,322.52	41.56
201	SVENDSEN O. - GILLIS S.	4,303.09	41.38
202	OLSEN M. - OEDEGAARDEN H.	4,126.13	41.33
203	KIRCHHOFF L. - SECHRIEST S.	4,252.15	40.89
204	NOKLEBY J. - HEGBOM E.	4,188.53	40.27
205	OLSEN M. - LYNGBOE T.	4,105.16	39.47
206	SANDVIK C. - BREMNES H.	4,069.85	39.13
207	GILL P. - DAWSON J.	4,020.13	38.66
208	MARRO C. - MARRO V.	3,953.17	38.01
209	WEIE D. - OLSEN S.	3,824.81	36.78
210	KRISTOFFERSEN L. - STENBRO E.	3,341.20	32.13

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**WOMEN PAIRS****RANKING AFTER ROUND 5**

	<b>PAIR</b>	<b>MP</b>	<b>%</b>
1	ZMUDA J. - DUFRAT K.	1,293.80	61.03
2	YAN R. - LI Y.	1,244.57	58.71
3	SARNIAK A. - BALDYSZ C.	1,194.66	58.68
4	PILIPOVIC M. - SVER N.	1,230.36	58.04
5	STOEN T. - BJOERKAN H.	1,172.14	57.57
6	WANG H. - ZHANG Y.	1,217.78	57.44
7	LU Y. - LIU Y.	1,156.20	56.79
8	GRUDE L. - OIGARDEN B.	1,201.62	56.68
9	THORESEN S. - HESKJE T.	1,134.64	55.84
10	STRANDBERG Y. - STRANDBERG G.	1,178.51	55.59
11	VLIEGENTHART M. - HENGEVELD R.	1,175.47	55.45
12	RUBACH B. - OPSAL K.	1,123.01	55.16
13	GODFREY L. - COHEN P.	1,116.34	54.83
14	CAMERON G. - VOS V.	1,156.94	54.57
15	NILSEN L. - GRUDE M.	1,106.56	54.46
16	BARENDREGT R. - CHEDIAK V.	1,087.75	53.43
17	GLADIATOR A. - WEBER E.	1,085.18	53.30
18	BROCK S. - SANDFORD D.	1,083.75	53.23
19	BLAAGESTAD L. - SIVERTSVIK R.	1,076.37	52.87
20	BANASZKIEWICZ E. - FOSSUM A.	1,055.36	51.83
21	BLOOM V. - NESTORIDIS A.	1,046.05	51.38
22	SJOBORG E. - RIMSTEDT S.	1,080.36	50.96
23	HEINRICHS G. - WENNING K.	1,071.45	50.54
24	MIRKOVIC A. - GLAERUM L.	1,062.71	50.13
25	KLINGEN M. - HAUGE T.	1,050.73	49.56
26	ROMASHOVA V. - DOBRUSHINA E.	1,004.34	49.33
27	BROGELAND T. - SVENDSEN T.	998.64	49.05
28	JOYCE E. - FITZGERALD J.	994.54	48.85
29	LESLIE P. - PUNCH S.	1,035.13	48.83
30	EGGELING M. - BRINCK K.	982.96	48.28
31	DAHL V. - BECKSTROM E.	978.97	48.08
32	ROSI T. - BACOCOLI A.	984.21	46.43
33	DUTU A. - TANASE R.	966.20	45.58
34	SEALE C. - BASA M.	964.68	45.50
35	MOEN V. - FOSSAN B.	902.37	44.32
36	RASMUSSEN S. - ARALT L.	925.84	43.67
37	PHELAN L. - MITCHELL L.	870.90	42.86
38	HAUGEN A. - FURUNES T.	864.83	42.48
39	SNEVE S. - HAALAND A.	851.92	41.84
40	WENZELL R. - EIDSMO B.	835.12	41.10
41	KOFOED R. - AUNE E.	802.89	39.43
42	DAHL A. - TROEN B.	829.40	39.12
43	ELSTAD S. - ANDERSEN M.	827.73	39.04
44	SERANGELI F. - DELLARMI C.	789.48	38.85
45	ANDERSEN W. - GOKCE G.	798.20	37.65



## SENIOR PAIRS

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 5

	PAIR	MP	%
1	MAESEL H. - MAESEL R.	1,209.34	60.47
2	STRATER B. - KRATZ U.	1,164.66	58.23
3	TROUWBORST J. - DOREMANS N.	1,135.06	56.75
4	KJERNSROD K. - SUNDSETH P.	1,125.74	56.29
5	SVENSSON T. - ANDREASSON L.	1,105.56	55.28
6	SKOPINSKA E. - WITKOWSKI P.	1,098.26	54.91
7	DANYLYUK T. - DANYLYUK V.	1,094.81	54.74
8	STAFNE T. - MAELEN P.	1,077.34	53.87
9	BOLVIKEN E. - SORVOLL J.	1,076.87	53.84
10	HOLMBAKKEN J. - LINDQVIST P.	1,070.66	53.53
11	LOWE P. - MONRAD J.	1,065.18	53.26
12	CHODOROWSKA I. - CHODOROWSKI J.	1,060.34	53.02
13	AARDAL J. - SAETERDAL H.	1,049.16	52.46
14	VENNEROED C. - SLETNER R.	1,046.94	52.35
15	McGOWAN E. - LIGGAT D.	1,045.41	52.27
16	STOERKERSEN E. - LOEVHAUG B.	1,044.67	52.23
17	SCHROEDER K. - HARSANYI J.	1,038.44	51.92
18	BREMSETH T. - ARALT J.	1,030.94	51.55
19	MARSAL R. - KLUMPP H.	1,012.74	50.64
20	MARI C. - WALTER S.	1,006.84	50.34
21	JOURDAIN P. - KENDRICK D.	1,004.26	50.21
22	JUURI-OJA E. - JUURI-OJA P.	1,000.16	50.01
23	WARENDORF E. - FLORIS W.	985.11	49.26
24	LORENTZEN A. - WALLE T.	981.74	49.09
25	NORDBY H. - VIGMOSTAD E.	965.36	48.27
26	RIKSVOLD L. - SELFORS S.	963.46	48.17
27	ROBERTSEN G. - ROSLAND S.	963.11	48.16
28	BUER B. - MUNKVOLD S.	957.94	47.90
29	MAANUM T. - GJERDINGEN G.	952.74	47.64
30	HONKAVUORI R. - HONKAVUORI T.	949.44	47.47
31	BENNETT R. - SMITH H.	945.44	47.27
32	AUBRY Y. - GOUVERITH M.	943.89	47.19
33	WENNING U. - FRERICHS H.	940.94	47.05
34	HILDRE T. - MARTHINSEN T.	939.34	46.97
35	BAKKE T. - FARSTAD A.	930.63	46.53
36	ILNICKI W. - CABAJ S.	919.91	46.00
37	DAHL P. - DALING A.	912.66	45.63
38	NILSEN H. - ELLINGSEN S.	900.86	45.04
39	ODDEN B. - VALEN B.	854.66	42.73
40	KVALO S. - JACOBSEN R.	837.34	41.87
41	ULVEN E. - HOEYLAND T.	808.84	40.44
42	DALSENG J. - OLSEN J.	763.21	38.16

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**ORANGE WHITE** 109  
**LAZER** 79

**VINCIGUERRA** 86  
**VITAS** 90

**KHIUPPENEN** 69  
**ORANGE RED** 43

**DE BOTTON** 69  
**ROSENTHAL** 113

**MONACO** 58  
**NORALIA** 69

**10 CC** 47  
**VENTIN** 68

**LEVINE** 87  
**McALLISTER** 58

**BLUND** 70  
**HUNGARY G.** 47

**ORANGE WHITE** 51  
**VITAS** 37

**ORANGE WHITE** 136  
**KHYUPPENEN** 95

**KHIUPPENEN** 89  
**ROSENTHAL** 31

**NORALIA** 54  
**VENTIN** 51

**NORALIA** 74  
**BLUND** 123

**LEVINE** 14  
**BLUND** 42

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# WOMEN TEAMS KNOCKOUT

<b>POLAND</b>	47
<b>CAMERON</b>	91

<b>CAMERON</b>	14
<b>BAKER</b>	51

<b>HESKJE</b>	60
<b>BAKER</b>	70

<b>BAKER</b>	177
<b>CHINA ORANGE</b>	124,5

<b>BAKER</b>
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<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	93
<b>GUNSMOKE</b>	69

<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	64
<b>CHINA ORANGE</b>	65

<b>CHINA ORANGE</b>	96
<b>WWW.GUTS.COM</b>	39

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

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

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

<b>TAKE</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>SORVOLL</b>	<b>71</b>

<b>TAKE</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>SAGG</b>	<b>44</b>

<b>TAKE</b>
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<b>NOTEROY</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>SAGG</b>	<b>126</b>

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FINAL