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*Frédéric Volcker & Thomas Bessis*

After a tense final day in which many pairs paid a visit to the top of the leader board it was France's Thomas Bessis & Frederic Volcker who came through to become the European Open Pairs Champions. It was a second gold for Thomas fils, who won the Open Teams in 2007.

Sweden's Anders Morath & Bengt-Erik Efraimsson led at various times, but had to be content with the silver medals, while the transnational partnership

from the USA and Denmark, Chris Willenken & Dennis Bilde finished third.

The medal winners were followed home by two Norwegian pairs, Peter Marstrander & Rune Brenderford Anderssen (4th) & Leif-Erik Stabell & Tolle Stabell (6th) the pair separating them in fifth being Bulgaria's Ivan Nanev & Rossen Gunev.

The Marit Sveaas Open Pairs went to the Netherlands Tobias Polak & Tom Van Overbeeke with France's Jean-Christophe Quantin & Cedric Lorenzini second and Poland's Przemyslaw Janiszewski & Andrzej Jaszczak third.



**MASTERPOINT RACE  
WINNERS**

*Bart Nab & Bob Drijver*



Anders Morath & Bengt-Erik Efraimsson



Chris Willenken & Dennis Bilde

**THE MARIT SVEAAS CUP**

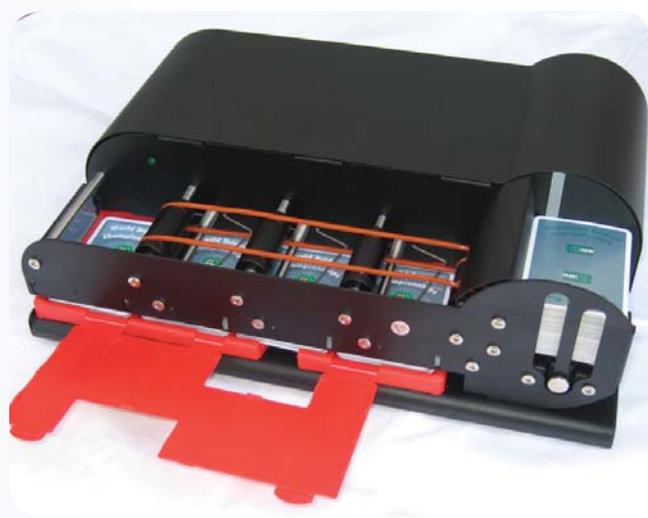


Tobias Polak & Tom Van Oberbeeke

Marit Sveaas was a Norwegian Bridge player who lived well into her nineties. Her son, a stock broker from Oslo, decided to honour his mother by donating to the Norwegian Bridge Federation 350,000 NOK per year (provided they find the same amount from other sponsors) Starting next year, and for at least five years afterwards, the NBF will organize a tournament with a substantial prize list. The first such tournament will be held in Frederikstad in the beginning of August 2016. The Swiss pairs tournament here in Oslo is also named after Marit Sveaas. The first five pairs here have received a free entry into the first tournament next year.

**DUPLIMATE**

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





# MAGNUM OPUS

by Mark Horton

*“Our true intent is all for your delight”  
(William Shakespeare)*

These innovative Bulletins (the first to be available as an online only version) set new records in terms of the number of pages produced.

That is due to the unstinting efforts of the team of reporters placed at the Editor’s disposal by the EBL.

Co-Editor Jos Jacobs, along with reporters Barry Rigal, Micke Melander & Fernando Lema (aided and abetted by Ana Roth) responded magnificently to the Editor’s exhortation to ‘Type until your fingers bleed’ and they were ably supported by our offsite team of John Carruthers, David Bird, Ram Soffer & Ron Tacchi. Patrick Jourdain (despite being heavily involved at the business end of the Championships) brought news from the Seniors and Snorre Aalberg added some Norwegian flavour to our pages.

Herman De Wael (a prince amongst men) was our proof-reader extraordinaire and he also acted as a go between with Dimitri Ballas (the Scoring Manager) and Ron Tacchi, thereby enabling



us to input most of the deals electronically.

I have saved the best until last.

Francesca Canali (Principessa) not only attended to the layout, she also took the photographs. The result was a stunning presentation of what was happening in Tromsø.

Make sure you join us for our next great adventure!

Bye for now.

Mark Horton





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# THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

by Micke Melander

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly is a 1966 epic Italian Spaghetti Western film directed by Sergio Leone, which starred Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, and Eli Wallach in the main title roles respectively.

The classic movie is considered to be one of the greatest films of all time. The plot revolves around three gunslingers competing to find a fortune in a buried cache of Confederate gold amidst the violent chaos of the American Civil War, while participating in many battles and duels along the way.

It would have been easy for any movie-team to set up a Bridge movie in Tromsø during the Open Pairs Championships and to find the people to make an all Norway epic Bridge movie with the same title. Here are three examples from session four of the Open Pair final.

Smirnov led the three of spades and declarer won with the ace in dummy and immediately turned to the trump suit to find the suit breaking 4-0. That didn't seem to bother Filipowicz much. He pulled three more rounds noticing that West discarded two spades and two clubs. Declarer than turned the screws on a little harder by playing his last trump. The ten of diamonds from West, a club from dummy and the two of diamonds from East were discarded.

Filipowicz now switched to the spade suit and cashed the queen from hand on which East discarded another club. A spade to dummy followed, whereupon both defenders discarded clubs.

This was the situation with five cards to play:

## THE GOOD

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

West	North	East	South
Smirnov	Martens	Piekarek	Filipowicz
Dble*	Rdbl*	Pass*	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

When declarer called for the king of spades, East and South discarded diamonds and West made a desperate attempt at misleading declarer by baring his king of clubs prematurely. But Filipowicz had read the situation correctly. He simply continued with a club to the ace to drop the now singleton king in West to make the contract. A really good play by declarer!

West, who was marked in the bidding with a four-card major and a five-card minor couldn't have successfully bared his ace of diamonds, since his length in spades and clubs was known from the bidding.

Dble 5+m and 4+M  
Rdbl Points  
Pass Bid your minor

**THE BAD**

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ Q 9 5 4 2	
	♥ Q 10 9 7	
	♦ 3	
	♣ 10 9 8	
♠ 8 7		♠ 10 3
♥ A 8 6 3		♥ K J 4
♦ 5		♦ AKQ10987
♣ A J 7 5 4 3		♣ K
	♠ A K J 6	
	♥ 5 2	
	♦ J 6 4 2	
	♣ Q 6 2	

<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♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A brilliant contract to arrive in when playing pairs especially if the opponents have sworn off leading spades for Lent! E-W were very unlucky, however, that the diamonds broke 4-1 and you might think that declarer stood no chance when South led the ace of spades and North encouraged with the two.

South believed though that the two of spades was from four small and shifted to the five of hearts in trick two, trying to get partner on lead so that he would be able to play a spade through.

Declarer, who probably believed Santa Claus came early this year, won with the king of hearts after he had called for the three from dummy and North had played the queen. East then cashed the king of clubs and the ace of diamonds, so far so good, but the bad news arrived when he continued with the king of diamonds on which North followed dummy lead, and discarded a club. Bob Drijver didn't give up and continued with the queen and a fourth diamond to South's jack. A heart was pitched this time from dummy and North followed the same pattern of discarding to keep length with dummy.

Believe it or not, Sterkin as South, now continued with the two of hearts and Drijver could claim eleven tricks! A really bad defense. Yes, North could have helped South by discarding hearts ten-nine-seven on the three rounds of diamonds, and yes, South should have worked out what to play regardless of

what North discarded, but maybe the players were tired after a long championship that was closing in at the end!

100% or 50/0 matchpoints to E-W.

**THE UGLY**

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Filipowicz</i>
1NT	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♣	3♠	3NT	All Pass

It's certainly one thing to play a weak NT opening, another thing that it might be semi-balanced, but when the hand you want to describe with that particular bid contains two small, ace-king to five, ace-jack four times and two small you will always be remembered as the ugly.

Piekarek's Two Spade bid was invitational to game with clubs. When West didn't accept, and the opponents competed with Three Spades, he made a very brave move and simply bid game, 3NT. I wonder if they would have run to Four Clubs if the contract had been doubled in tempo...

Martens' eight of spades lead went to South queen, and the king of spades followed which declarer again ducked, North carefully unblocked the jack of spades. Filipowicz realized that there was basically no hope for the defense if he continued with spades since he had no entry to collect the later established spades so he shifted to the seven of hearts. That made life easy for Smirnov who could put up the ace of hearts and just set up the clubs in dummy for ten tricks!

34.36/50 matchpoints to E-W.



# OPEN PAIRS FINAL, SECOND SESSION

by Ram Soffer

Unlike what happens in a team event, in matchpoint pairs every board has equal weight, and outwardly unexciting partscore deals are no less important than game and slam hands.

In the following deal the problem was: how do N/S enter the bidding at unfavourable vulnerability and bid their rightful club contract instead of selling out to 2♠ for an inferior score?

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

	♠ Q 6		
	♥ Q J 8 2		
	♦ 8 4 3		
	♣ A Q J 3		

West	North	East	South
Stokkvik	D. Yadlin	Berset	I. Yadlin
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Dble
2♦	3♣	All Pass	

The way the Yadlin brothers did it was pretty fortuitous, but everything counts.

Of course Two-Way Checkback, as used by E/W (2♣ asked partner to bid 2♦, either to signoff there or invite game in some way), is a very respectable and popular convention, but perhaps it was overused, since East could sign off himself in 2♠ which might or might not score better than 2♦. Bidding 2♣ carried the extra danger that N/S could find their club fit (the existence of which was known to East), and the rest of the bidding is self-explanatory.

+130 for 3♣ gave N/S 66% of the matchpoints, contrasting with +50 in 2♦ or 2♠ which was worth a meagre 18%. E/W could attempt to improve their score by bidding 3♦, but that risked a double, which is what happened at the table where Kai and Ronny Joerstad played N/S. They registered a 100% score of +500 which helped

them take the early lead after this session with 59.91%.

Board 13 was a slam for E/W which depended on a finesse against the king of trump, which would have succeeded. Nowadays everyone uses some form of keycard Blackwood where the trump king is regarded as an ace, so there was little chance that the slam would be bid. Indeed 25 out of 26 tables produced an identical result of -680.

Later in the session, Board 17 was more of the same, except that hearts were trumps rather than spades. Once again -480 was almost universal, but one should note that despite the 10-card major fit T. Bessis-Volcker found their way to 3NT making six, which brought them 88% of the matchpoints.



 Doron and Israel Yadlin

Now for some boards where there was more variety in the scores:

Board 14. Dealer East. Vul None.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Darkiewicz-MNanev</i>		<i>Koluda</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
2♥	Pass	1♥	Dble
4♥	All Pass	3♣	Pass

The Polish pair reached the top spot for E/W for a shared top of 92%, but it was rather fortunate. Either a diamond ruff or the presence of ♣A in the doubler's hand would have been fatal. In fact East's hand was not that comfortable a game invitation after 1♥-2♥, and most modern experts, playing a natural system, would prefer to open it 1NT.

In that case the heart fit might not have been found at all, as witnessed by the auction on another table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Hegge</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

South's double showed a 5-card minor plus a 4-card major. 2♣ was Pass/Correct. West reopened with a double. He could have passed 2♥ (which could be a 4-3 fit) rather than hoping to find a 4-4 spade fit.

The final contract was 2NT and after the ♣ Q lead, declarer had to cash his 8 top tricks immediately. This effort sufficed for only 20% of the matchpoints.

Board 15. Dealer South. Vul N/S.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sveindal</i>	<i>Isporski</i>	<i>Hegge</i>	<i>Kovachev</i>
1♥	Dble	3♥	Dble*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Should East jump to 3♥ with a flat hand lacking any control? It was certainly risky, but if you prefer 2♥, what would you do after 2♠ by the opponents?

At the table 3♥ worked, because North, who doubled on minimal values decided he couldn't afford to convert the responsive double of 3♥ to penalties.

3♠ went down one, the expected result barring some bad defensive mistake. N/S 26%.

West	North	East	South
<i>Elieraas</i>	<i>D. Yadlin</i>	<i>Baumann</i>	<i>I. Yadlin</i>
1♥	Dble	2♥	Dble*
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Here East decided 3♥ was too rich for him and bid more quietly. His opponents did everything right, first of all bidding the making 2♠ instead of finding their minor fit, and then doubling 3♥ for +300 and a shared top of 96%.

While East showed consistency and didn't compete to 3♥ after declining to make that bid in the first round, it was West who risked the three-level without any total-tricks "justification". He did pay the penalty, but had 3♥ not been doubled, he would have improved a score of -110 (18%) to -100 (34%).



Enough of partscore hands. The penultimate board featured a 3NT contract which usually went down, but the Open Teams winners Bart Nab-Bob Drijver made the most of an unfortunate opening lead, bringing home the contract for a score of 94%.

Nowadays most North players aren't permitted by system to bid 2♣ with a balanced 11-count, so most of them bid 2NT, and 3NT subsequently succumbed to a red-suit lead.

However the Dutch pair played 3NT from the other side, and West didn't like either of his 4-card suits. Indeed, a lead away from ♠AJ74 might easily drop a trick, so he chose the ♠6.

Declarer made a good move by allowing the ♠J to win. For all East knew, his partner might have led from ♠Axxxx, while both minor suits could be running for declarer. Thus ♠K was played next, handing South three spade tricks.

Due to the bad club break, he was not yet home. After entering dummy with ♠Q, the ♣J lost to the ♣Q, and West attacked hearts (Dummy's ♥10 winning). Two more rounds of hearts followed and then the bad club break was discovered.

At this stage there were only 8 top tricks, but West's remaining cards were ♥J ♦K4 ♣109. Next came the ♠7, and West was squeezed: Of course he couldn't afford to part with a club. Had he thrown a heart, two rounds of clubs would have endplayed him in diamonds. At the table he discarded a diamond. That gave declarer a guess in that suit, but eventually he did the right thing. He played small to the ace and claimed his contract.

Board 19. Dealer South. Vul E/W.

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

West	North	East	South
Vinciguerra	Nab	Bompis	Drijver
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2NT



## STATISTICS

by Herman De Wael

Perhaps surprisingly, given the distance from the center of the continent, these championships have been fairly well attended. At the end, the number of boards played reached 77,678. This includes all extra boards, all byes and dropouts, and the four side-events. When compared to the other six open championships, this event was just a little larger than the 2005 edition in Tenerife, and falls about 5,000 boards short of the total in Ostend two years ago. Under the American way of counting, the number of tables would be given as 3,101.

1,141 different players participated in the event.

Monica reports that 42,800 boards were duplicated.





# ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT

by Mark Horton & Fernando Lema



On this deal from the Marit Sveaas Pairs, it was not uncommon to see N/S bid a game (and sometimes make it). The American brothers, Adam and Zach Grossack made a mockery of that with the EW cards:

spade, crossed to dummy with a heart and exited with a club, forcing North to lead into dummy's diamond tenace.

+120 was worth 110/10, helping the brothers into eight place at the end of the second session.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Grossack	Haga	Grossack	Baardsen
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	All Pass		



Zachary & Adam Grossack

North led the ten of spades and declarer took South's queen with the ace and played a club to the ten and queen.

After cashing the king of spades South played a third round of the suit and declarer won and played a diamond, ducking when North went in with the king. When North returned the two of diamonds declarer went up with dummy's ace and played the seven of hearts to the queen and ace.

When North returned a heart declarer took South's nine with the king, cashed the master

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**BRIDGE BY QUESTION & ANSWER**

by **Mark Horton**

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Roeder</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Kolesnik</i>
1♦	Dble*	Pass	1♣
Pass	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Would you have opened the East hand?  
 Certainly a possibility for those pairs using 2♠ to show spades and a minor; and I know a few who would employ it as a weak two in spades.

With a known double fit would you have bid 4♥ with North's cards?  
 Would that have goaded E/W into bidding 5♦?  
 Do you see how to defeat either of these contracts?

I can't bid your cards for you, but if you are defending 4♥ as West and lead a top diamond, you have to find a club switch and then go in with a top heart and give partner a club ruff.  
 In theory you can defeat 5♦ - all North has to do is lead a spade when South wins and underleads his clubs to secure a spade ruff.

That didn't happen at a single table - here North led the queen of hearts and declarer won, drew trumps and played a spade to the jack and ace. The ace of clubs was the second and last trick for the defence. +150 gave E/W the lion's share of the matchpoints, 30/20.



Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Hantveit</i>	<i>Roeder</i>	<i>Hoyland</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

First question:  
 Would you open 3♦ with the South hand?  
 Second question:  
 What should East lead?

The answer to the first question is that it is a matter for the individual conscience. You are a diamond short and have a four card major on the side. QED.

As to the opening lead, if we had time to consult with David Bird's simulator my guess is that it would come down heavily in favour of a top spade. Here East went with the four of clubs and that was covered in turn by the ten, jack and ace. Declarer crossed to dummy with a diamond, East following with the three and West the eight, and played a heart for the five, king and ace. When East returned the queen of clubs declarer won and settled down to the diamonds. After cashing five more tricks in the suit declarer played a heart.

Time for another question:  
 Should declarer finesse?

Given that you are pretty sure that the defenders could have beaten you at some point, +600 figures

to be over average.

It is true that if the heart finesse is right you might be turning down a couple of overtricks, which would put you past those pairs who play in 4♥.

On the other hand, it looks like it might be difficult to reach a heart contract.

Declarer decided to play safe and opted for a

heart to the queen, for +600.

That was worth 28/22. Nine pairs found a route to 4♥, with +620 being 37/13, +650 45/5 and one pair +680 collecting the maximum 50/0.

No one took more than nine tricks in 3NT (+660 would have been 48/2) but six pairs were -100, scoring only 5/45.



## CONTRACT FOR 2016

European Bridge League



*The President of the Latvian Bridge Federation, Karlis Rubins, and Yves Aubry, President of the EBL, signing the contract for the 13th European Youth Pairs Championships and 2nd Youth Camp in Liepaja, Latvia, 13-20 July 2016.*

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OPEN PAIRS FINAL 5TH SESSION

by Ram Soffer

Each of the 52 pairs who made it to the final had to play two boards against every other pair. That made it 102 boards in total, so one session had to be longer than the others. That's why the final session of Friday comprised 12 boards, two more than all other sessions, and there was a lot of action as well, with three slams in the E/W direction during the first half of the session.

The next slam was reached in 11 out of 26 tables for a score of 80%. The following, in my opinion, was the most elegant auction displayed on BBO:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♣	All Pass

A model auction by the Israeli pair to the safest grand slam. South's decision to abstain from pre-empting made their task somewhat easier. 5♠ was void-showing and asking for keycards besides ♠A. East decided that ♣KQ plus a diamond void was enough for a grand slam, easily made when trumps broke 2-2.

Many other pairs had a problem when East used exclusion keycard to show his diamond void and West had no systematic way to show his spade void. Thus the decision to bid 7♣ directly in the above auction was practical.

+1440 was worth 64% of the matchpoints, not such a great score because several pairs bid 7♥ and/or were doubled/redoubled in a grand slam. In fact, three pairs shared a score of 96% for +2240 (7♥ redoubled and made).

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Morath</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

After a weak 1NT opening, West transferred to hearts and bid diamonds naturally. The German pair were using the useful convention that 3♥ agrees diamonds, while bidding a new suit is a cuebid, agreeing hearts.

Once again West used exclusion keycard (5♣), looking for a grand slam in case his partner held ♠AK ♥KQ. East disregarded his ♣A, responding 5♥ (1 keycard), leaving West no room to ask for the ♥Q. He guessed correctly to bid the slam anyway (perhaps it was not such an elegant auction after all).

Since a spade discard on the ♣A was available, declarer didn't need to find the ♠J. When hearts turned out to be 3-2, he could claim.

The next heart slam was missed at only four tables, so the score for making it was only 56%. There was however an interesting point in the play, provided that declarer wasn't assisted by a friendly lead.



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Manno	King	Lanzarotti	McIntosh
		1♥	2♣
3NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

South's 2♣ overcall was quite revealing, but McIntosh cleverly led a trump. That left declarer with several plausible options for his 12th trick. He won in hand, played ♦A, crossed to dummy with a trump and led another diamond. King passed the defensive test by ducking and now there was a choice between finessing one way or another for the ♠J and a double ruffing finesse in clubs.

Lanzarotti tried a sneaky ♣9, but McIntosh didn't cover and it was ruffed in dummy. After another diamond failed to bring down the K, it was down to a spade guess and Lanzarotti did it right. Good defence by the English pair, but sometimes virtue has to be its own reward.

At this stage Geir Helgemo/Thor Erik Hoftaniska moved up to 2nd place overcall. Helgemo was hoping for a Pairs' title after failing to make it to the Teams quarter-final. However the two boards he played against Krzysztof Martens-Dominik Filipowicz weren't very helpful.



Massimo Lanzarotti

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Filipowicz	Helgemo	Martens	Hoftaniska
			1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Dble	All Pass		

Given the vulnerability, East's double was an extremely risky action, and 2♠ by West would not have been a big success. However North decided not to double, as there was a danger that E/W would find a diamond fit. South interpreted this as a licence to bid on, and West's double – this time for penalties – brought him back to reality.

The defence was merciless: ♠A lead followed by a trump. Helgemo never got the chance to ruff a diamond or get to dummy by any means in order to play clubs, and he finished with just 6 trump tricks. -500 was naturally worth zero matchpoints.

This was the only table where the E/W got their maximal allotment of tricks according to Deep Finesse, which meant that even a +100 score against 2♥ would have been worth 84%.



Board 20. Dealer West. Vul All.

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



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Filipowicz</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Martens</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>
2♦	Pass	4♣	Dble
4♥	5♣	All Pass	

lead, and Helgemo saw this as an opportunity to erase the previous bad board by a successful save in 5♣.

Well, he wasn't doubled, and South's heart losers were parked on North's diamonds. Unfortunately, trumps were 3-1 and he had to go down one in what proved to be a phantom sacrifice.

-100 gave N/S only 36% of the matchpoints, while allowing the opponents to play 4♠ and beating them with normal defence would have been worth 62%.

Following this setback, Helgemo/Hoftaniska managed a top on the very last board, when indifferent defence allowed them to make 11 tricks in a 3NT contract where many tables stopped in a partscore.

At the end of a long day they were lying in 8th place, 1.49% below the leaders Ivan Nanev/Rossen Gunev. Still, the differences in scores amongst the leading pairs were very small, and everything was open, going into the final day of the event.

West opened with a multi 2♦, and East's 4♣ had already got his side overboard, even though N/S had no way of knowing this. South doubled for a



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# OPEN PAIRS FINAL - FRIDAY AFTERNOON

by Jos Jacobs

At the first table of Friday afternoon's last session of the day, Norway's favourites Helgemo-Hoftaniska met the Israeli pair Ginossar-Reshef.

On the first board, Helgemo invented a response to his partner's opening bid, which had a disastrous effect on his opponents' chances of finding a fit.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>
Pass	1♠	1NT	1♥
Pass	2♣	All Pass	Dble

Any suggestions as to how EW can find their spade fit after this start to the auction?

East led a diamond away from his ace to West's king, and a trump came back. East took his king and returned a spade to dummy's queen. When the queen held, declarer made an overtrick for a 96% score.

On the second board of the round, the Israelis got their revenge but not quite in the way they had been hoping for.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Reshef</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♣	All Pass

A fine auction saw them reach the top spot but this was worth only 64% of the matchpoints.

At several other tables, the auction was much more spectacular. Here is just one example:

West	North	East	South
<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
7♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		

This was a Strong Club auction, 4♦ was a splinter, 4♠ was RKCB and 5♠ showed a void but no keycards. As the double was clearly for a spade lead, the redouble was safe enough. 7♥ was not the top spot but it scored better than 7♣, even undoubled. As 7♥ redoubled was the contract at no less than three tables, +2240 was worth only 96% but this also explains why the top spot of 7♣ would bring you a relatively low score.



Later in the session, a Norwegian indiscretion got severely punished:

When North did not double, South apparently thought he could bid one more in relative safety. This was not quite true when Martens doubled, led the ♠A and continued a trump. As declarer could never get to dummy, he had to lose four diamonds, a spade and two clubs as well as all the available matchpoints on the deal.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Martens	Helgemo	Filipowicz	Hoftaniska
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Dble	All Pass		



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# OPEN PAIRS FINAL - SATURDAY MORNING

by Jos Jacobs

During the first session of the last day of the Open Pairs Final, many of the pairs I watched had to deal with mixed fortunes. Below you can read about a few examples.

Take for example Geir Helgemo. Would you call him just unlucky?

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ 9 8 5 3 ♦ 10 8 ♣ J 9 6 5 4 2		♠ A Q 6 3 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ K 9 3 ♣ Q 10 7	♠ K 9 7 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ A Q J 7 6 2 ♣ 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♣	Dble	All Pass

Dummy was of no great value to Helgemo, so he lost one more trick than he must have been aiming at when he made his bid. Four down for +800 obviously gave the Swedes in EW all the matchpoints.



**Geir Helgemo**



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 10 9 7 5 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ Q 6 3		♠ 3 ♥ 10 9 5 4 ♦ 2 ♣ AK109872	♠ Q J 6 ♥ A J 8 ♦ K 10 9 8 5 ♣ 5 4
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The Swedes achieved another good score on the next board when they avoided the slam:

West	North	East	South
<i>Efrainsson</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Morath</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>
1♥	1♠	4♥	4♠
5♦	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Double dummy you can make 6♥, as a few pairs managed to do. Playing just 5♥, Efrainsson knew that he should not take any risks but concentrate on bringing home his contract against bad distributions, since many pairs would be in slam. So he won the spade lead and simply led the ♥K from hand. South won the ace and continued a spade for dummy to ruff but next came three rounds of clubs to establish the suit with a ruff. Declarer then went on ruff a diamond and lead clubs through South, leaving it to him at which moment he wanted to make his natural trump trick. Making +650 was worth 62%.

Top on the board went to Hegge and Sveindal who picked up 2000 when their opponents overreached a little to end up in 7NT and received a warning message from their opponents for doing so.

An innocent-enough looking bid brought Marstrander and Andersson a surprise result.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sanborn	Marstrander	Sanborn	Andersson
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	1NT	All Pass	

When East led a club and West continued the suit, it was eventually up to East again to find the shift to a diamond after winning the third round of clubs with the queen.

When East returned the fourth club to declarer's jack, Marstrander actually made an overtrick when West discarded a heart on one of the top spades. +120 to NS was worth 92%.

At a few other tables, East was able to bid 1NT when North passed. For EW as well, eight tricks are there for the taking if NS fail to cash their six top tricks right from the start. EW +120 scored 80%.



**Chris Willenken**

The last board of the session was a dangerous one, as you might well end up in the wrong slam.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K J 9 8 ♥ K ♦ A K J 10 8 6 ♣ 10	♠ Q 10 7 6 3 2 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ 4		♠ 5 ♥ J 3 ♦ Q 2 ♣ AKQJ9532
♠ 4 ♥ A Q 9 8 6 5 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 8 7 6			

The two simplest auctions I saw were: East 5♣ – West 6♣ and East 3NT-West 6♣. Hantveit and Hoyland produced the latter auction but they might not be the only ones to do so.

Four pairs languished in 6♦ and we even saw a few sacrifices in hearts, one of them for a complete bottom as they sacrificed in 7♥ against a grand and went down 1,400 to just edge ahead of the many 1,390's.

Willenken-Bilde reached the slam in clubs after 1♣-(2♥)-2♠-3♣-3♦-3♥-4♦-5♣-5NT-6♣. Willenken did very well to bid spades before diamonds – not just because of the pairs factor but because it was going to be much easier to get both suits in, in forcing fashion this way. 5NT offered a choice of slams and Willenken was confident no other slam could be better than clubs after this start.



**Peter Marstrander**



OPEN PAIRS FINAL, STANZA SEVEN

by Barry Rigal

Board 12 Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

You would expect the strong no-trump pairs to reach 3NT from the North seat. After a spade lead declarer can win in either hand and drive out the ♦A. if the defenders win the first or second round you may not even need clubs to break. Willenken received a spade lead from Piekarek and won in hand to play the ♦K. the defenders took the ♦DK early and played hearts, so that was a painless 11 tricks. 36/50 MPs

Nanev-Gunev got it declared the wrong way up after a 1♠ overcall of Gunev's strong club. Now 1♣-(1♠)-2♣-2♥-2NT-3NT. After a spade lead and heart switch to the ♥K and ♥A even 10 tricks were far from assured, though declarer did collect +630. That was a mere 13 MPs.

Bompis and Vinciguerra were heading to the top of the table. I liked Bompis' line here.

Board 14 Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Bompis		Vinciguerra
		2♣	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

2NT puppet to 3♣ weak or various GF hands

Bompis won the heart lead in hand and advanced the ♣9. East felt obliged to cover and returned ♠9. Bompis won in hand and ruffed two clubs while ruffing out the hearts, to reach this ending:

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

Now Bompis ruffed a club in dummy high, and when West could not overruff he exited with a spade from dummy. West could win and lead a trump, but declarer put in the ten and claimed the last two tricks for +130. This was only a little above average – quite a few pairs got overboard as East-West.



Mark Bompis

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Board 15 Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
	<i>Bompis</i>		<i>Vinciguerra</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The contract seemed normal enough. Bompis won the top club lead in hand and advanced the ♦K. when it held he played a second diamond. East discarded a club, unaware that he could afford a discard from either major, and now Bompis could establish a spade winner without any serious risk. That was two down, and only 17 MP since a few pairs escaped for down one, or caught EW in some frivolity. Dennis Bilde led a top club against 3NT and Chris Willenken as West defended better when he won the first diamond (preventing his partner from discarding a club on the second diamond). Declarer now had to decide which opponent had the ♠A. when he decided to play East for that card, by endplaying him with the fourth heart, it turned out to be a Miami endplay – you throw an opponent in and he claims the rest. Down 300 meant 48MP for EW.

The Joerstads managed to double 3NT here, when after a mini no-trump from Ronny, South

pulled a penalty double then raised 2NT to three. Alas, Kai led a diamond rather than a club, and now declarer had enough time to set up two spade winners and scrambled out for 200.

I was a little surprised with developments on the next deal, but Mark Bompis indicated to me afterwards that his opponents could not have done any better.

Board 17 Dealer North. None Vul.

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

	♠ A Q 3		
	♥ 10 6		
	♦ K Q 8 7 2		
	♣ 10 8 7		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Bompis</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	
2♣	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Smirnov led a top diamond. Bompis won and led a club to the ten (upside down) queen and king. Back came a spade, and Bompis won the second spade. After some prolonged thought, he decided simply to draw and trumps, relying on clubs to break. That was +450, for 31MP out of 50, and after South's club ten Mark told me that had Piekarek ducked the trick he would have played the ♣A next. Not everybody was so cooperative with the North cards. Against one-time leaders, Nanev and Gunev, Brogeland did extremely well to lead ♠A and continue the suit, Espen Lindqvist ducked the first club and declarer drew trumps and repeated the finesse. By contrast when King/McIntosh were playing 4♥ against Voll/Kindsbekken, the defence ducked ♣K and Phill King guessed not to repeat the finesse. +480 was 49/50. I guess North should be indirectly flattered.

The other +480 came when Tom Hanlon won ♣K at trick two and played a second diamond, which might have been effective if his partner had ♥Jxx. As it was declarer ruffed and could draw trumps and claim!



**Herve Vinciguerra**



Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Romanski</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Grzelak</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT *	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	4♦ *

North's 2NT showed both majors and 4♦ was a transfer to 4♥. Romanski won the club lead and led the ♥K to the ♥A. Declarer was now poised to take 12 tricks, discarding all his spades for a great matchpoint score. Unattracted by this possible outcome, Helgemo cashed the ♠K. Declarer won the diamond return in dummy, finessed the ♥9 and claimed +650 for a score of 45-5.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

	♠ Q 10 7 6 3 2		
	♥ 10 7 4		
	♦ 9 4 3		
	♣ 4		
♠ A K J 9 8		♠ 5	
♥ K		♥ J 3	
♦ A K J 10 8 6		♦ Q 2	
♣ 10		♣ AKQJ9532	
	♠ 4		
	♥ A Q 9 8 6 5 2		
	♦ 7 5		
	♣ 8 7 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Kolesnik</i>	<i>Kopstad</i>	<i>Roeder</i>	<i>Grude</i>
3♠	4♥	1♣	3♥
6♦	All Pass	5♣	Pass

West had an apparently close decision between bidding 6♦ and raising to 6♣. The club slam cannot be beaten. To make the diamond slam, declarer would need several club tricks. It was up

to the defenders to kill the dummy in some way.

Suppose North leads the ♣4. Declarer will win in dummy and play a second high club, ditching the ♥K. North can ruff, yes, but this will reduce him to only two trumps. On any return, declarer will be able to draw trumps in two rounds, ending in the dummy, and enjoy the remaining clubs.

It's no use for North to refuse to shorten his trumps by ruffing, waiting instead for South to ruff. Declarer will ditch a spade on the third club (North not ruffing again), return to the ♦A, cash the ♠A and ruff a spade with the ♦Q. He can then reach his hand to draw trumps, losing a spade trick at the end.

The Norwegian defenders showed how to beat the contract. Kopstad led a heart to the ace and Grude smartly returned a club. Declarer had no way home after this bright defence. He won, cashed the ♠A and ruffed a spade with the ♦2, overruffed by South. A trump return then put the slam three down, N/S scoring a handsome 48-2.



For the second set I 'made a good switch' to Table 21 and was immediately rewarded:

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>F.Helness</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>T.Helness</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♥	All Pass	Pass

Gierulski won the trump lead and played the ♠8. Tor Helness knew from the bidding that this was a singleton. He knew also that declarer was likely to guess right if he played low, rising with dummy's king. When he went in with the ♠A, the remaining play was easy for declarer. He won the trump return, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond. All followed to the ♠K and West's ♠Q appeared when he ruffed a spade in his hand. Five trumps, three spades, three minor-suit winners and a diamond ruff brought the total to twelve, N-S scoring 45-5.

Leif-Erik, our excellent VG operator, reported that Tor Helness had told the other players: 'I should have played a small spade.'

Would that have made any difference? Let's see what was happening over on Table 23:

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
3♦	3♥	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	Pass

Again a trump was led, declarer returning the ♠8. Geir Helgemo, Helness's regular partner in the Monaco team, elected to play low. Guided by West's pre-empt, Gawrys rose with the ♠K. There are several routes available to twelve tricks

now, but he chose to run the ♣Q. When Helgemo won and returned another trump, Gawrys relied on a second club finesse and went one down, only 7-43.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>F.Helness</i>	<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>T.Helness</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer won the trump lead with dummy's jack and finessed the ♥Q. Tor Helness won with the ♥K and returned another trump to the queen. After the ♥A and a heart ruff, followed by a diamond to the jack, these cards remained:

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

When declarer chose to play a diamond to the king, West won and cashed the ♣A. On receiving a discouraging ♣8 from his partner (and father), he switched back to diamonds and East's ruff was the setting trick. Going one down gave N-S a modest 10-40.

In the seven-card end position above, one way home is to draw the last trump, establish a heart trick with a ruff and lead towards the ♣K.



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## OPEN PAIRS FINAL

## FINAL RANKING

1	BESSIS T. - VOLCKER F.	2,940.24	56.65
2	MORATH A. - EFRAIMSSON B.	2,928.52	56.43
3	WILLENKEN C. - BILDE D.	2,874.97	55.39
4	MARSTRANDER P. - ANDERSSEN R.	2,860.12	55.11
5	NANEV I. - GUNEV R.	2,842.33	54.77
6	STABELL L. - STABELL T.	2,836.59	54.65
7	LINDQVIST E. - BROGELAND B.	2,801.45	53.98
8	GAWRYS P. - KLUKOWSKI M.	2,770.61	53.38
9	MARTENS K. - FILIPOWICZ D.	2,766.40	53.30
10	GINOSSAR E. - RESHEF O.	2,764.92	53.27
11	KOLATA S. - KANDEMIR I.	2,754.75	53.08
12	LEVIN R. - BLANCHARD S.	2,745.23	52.89
13	BOMPIS M. - VINCIGUERRA H.	2,724.40	52.49
14	SIMONSEN S. - BERG E.	2,712.62	52.27
15	HELGEMO G. - HOFTANISKA T.	2,701.00	52.04
16	DE WIJS S. - VAN PROOIJEN R.	2,700.47	52.03
17	JASSEM K. - MAZURKIEWICZ M.	2,677.60	51.59
18	HELNESS T. - HELNESS F.	2,666.16	51.37
19	JOERSTAD K. - JOERSTAD R.	2,657.13	51.20
20	SMIRNOV A. - PIEKAREK J.	2,616.82	50.42
21	GIERULSKI B. - SKRZYPCZAK J.	2,616.77	50.42
22	KING P. - McINTOSH A.	2,612.67	50.34
23	SANBORN K. - SANBORN S.	2,612.19	50.33
24	HOMONNAY G. - WINKLER G.	2,609.04	50.27
25	HANLON T. - CARROLL J.	2,604.14	50.18
26	DRIJVER B. - NAB B.	2,598.66	50.07
27	YILMAZ M. - GUR O.	2,597.13	50.04
28	LANZAROTTI M. - MANNO A.	2,592.86	49.96
29	YADLIN D. - YADLIN I.	2,572.09	49.56
30	KOPSTAD O. - GRUDE T.	2,558.39	49.29
31	RIMSTEDT P. - JONSSON S.	2,549.54	49.12
32	VOLL R. - KINDSBEKKEN A.	2,541.96	48.98
33	COLDEA I. - ROTARU I.	2,537.37	48.89
34	HANTVEIT T. - HOYLAND S.	2,523.33	48.62
35	VAN LANKVELD J. - BOS B.	2,507.65	48.32
36	ROMANSKI J. - GRZELAK R.	2,502.75	48.22
37	JANSONS U. - GERMANIS A.	2,490.30	47.98
38	KOLUDA P. - DARKIEWICZ-MONIUSZKO G.	2,482.50	47.83
39	KVANGRAVEN N. - LIE T.	2,476.55	47.72
40	BAUMANN K. - EILERAAS S.	2,474.99	47.69
41	ERNSTSEN S. - HAETTA L.	2,471.49	47.62
42	GUMBY P. - LAZER W.	2,466.95	47.53
43	KOLESNIK A. - ROEDER R.	2,450.17	47.21
44	ISPORSKI V. - KOVACHEV V.	2,420.04	46.63
45	MATUSHKO G. - STERKIN A.	2,399.13	46.23
46	OHREN J. - BRENTBRAATEN F.	2,383.14	45.92
47	GIARD O. - BENOIT A.	2,344.64	45.18
48	HEGGE K. - SVEINDAL J.	2,341.74	45.12
49	BERSET O. - STOKKVIK D.	2,330.75	44.91
50	HOFSETH J. - KRISTENSEN A.	2,326.21	44.82
51	BERTHEAU P. - WHITTAKER W.	2,227.94	42.93
52	JOHNSEN S. - STOKKELAND L.	2,214.59	42.67



## MARIT SVEAAS SWISS PAIRS

## FINAL RANKING

1	POLAK T. - VAN OVERBEEKE T.	4,933.70	58.07
2	QUANTIN J. - LORENZINI C.	4,918.88	57.90
3	JANISZEWSKI P. - JASZCZAK A.	4,629.46	56.90
4	SMITH V. - EVJEN S.	4,818.82	56.72
5	BAREKET I. - LENGY A.	4,795.05	56.44
6	CORNELL M. - BACH A.	4,783.96	56.31
7	TATLICIOGLU S. - AYAZ I.	4,761.04	56.04
8	GROSSACK A. - GROSSACK Z.	4,744.77	55.85
9	KRISTIANSEN T. - FAGERDAL R.	4,690.29	55.21
10	SVENDSEN O. - HOILAND T.	4,674.42	55.02
11	DALECKI M. - MODRZEJEWSKI M.	4,618.34	54.36
12	MARTINUSSEN S. - PAULSEN D.	4,604.81	54.20
13	LU Y. - LIU Y.	4,603.32	54.18
14	ILNICKI W. - CABAJ S.	4,599.46	54.14
15	WANG W. - LIU J.	4,575.47	53.85
16	McGOWAN E. - LIGGAT D.	4,571.00	53.80
17	EIDE E. - ROREN T.	4,554.02	53.60
18	CHEDIAK V. - OIGARDEN B.	4,548.09	53.53
19	MICHAUD-LARIVIERE X. - DE MENDEZ T.	4,537.60	53.41
20	ROMANOWSKI J. - ROZWADOWSKI W.	4,531.38	53.34
21	BAARDSSEN T. - KARLSEN S.	4,514.49	53.14
22	SAETRE J. - OVESEN S.	4,513.48	53.12
23	THORESEN S. - OVESEN J.	4,505.77	53.03
24	SJOBERG E. - RIMSTEDT S.	4,505.73	53.03
25	AYDIN A. - SUZER U.	4,490.83	52.86
26	RONBECK T. - BEYER M.	4,487.27	52.82
27	ERBIL E. - ZOBU A.	4,474.54	52.67
28	RITMEIJER R. - TICHA M.	4,473.72	52.66
29	FJAELBERG J. - OLSEN J.	4,472.96	52.65
30	NITTER T. - LUTRO J.	4,472.85	52.65
31	GOLD D. - CASTNER K.	4,463.81	52.54
32	SEN T. - KAYA E.	4,448.30	52.36
33	MIHAI G. - MIHAI R.	4,447.51	52.35
34	BAKKE T. - FARSTAD A.	4,441.83	52.28
35	HOYLAND J. - HOYLAND S.	4,440.29	52.26
36	HORNISCHER G. - WEINBERGER S.	4,439.86	52.26
37	DAVIDSEN R. - SAUR J.	4,431.61	52.16
38	GUSTAVSSON T. - CLARIN P.	4,409.13	51.90
39	WANG H. - ZHANG Y.	4,408.52	51.89
40	SVINDAHL F. - HANSEN J.	4,380.99	51.57
41	WEINSTEIN S. - HUMPHREYS G.	4,380.82	51.56
42	OLSEN R. - OLSEN S.	4,379.30	51.55
43	OEVERTVATN A. - OEVERTVATN J.	4,372.01	51.46
44	DOBROWOLSKI M. - MADUZIA A.	4,356.05	51.27
45	SANDVIK C. - BREMNES H.	4,351.73	51.22
46	OZBALCI E. - OZDIL M.	4,351.30	51.22
47	SMILGAJS A. - BENDIKS J.	4,341.63	51.10
48	OLSEN R. - BJORKAN I.	4,154.16	51.06
49	ZUBOV V. - FILIPPOV V.	4,336.94	51.05
50	JOHANSEN J. - JOHANSEN A.	4,327.38	50.93
51	DINKIN S. - TUNCOK C.	4,315.74	50.80
52	VERBEEK T. - HELMICH A.	4,305.69	50.68
53	TVEITO F. - FYLINGSGLID F.	4,301.58	50.63
54	LARSEN E. - EVENSTAD S.	4,300.95	50.62
55	AA T. - LIVGARD A.	4,300.66	50.62
56	EIDE H. - BAKKE C.	4,299.60	50.61
57	GARSEG T. - STATLE S.	4,299.18	50.60



58	BILDE M. - FARHOLT S.	4,296.07	50.57
59	ZACK Y. - COHEN I.	4,285.94	50.45
60	HAGA O. - BAARSDEN T.	4,285.82	50.45
61	MORTENSEN M. - VAAGE J.	4,284.01	50.42
62	ENGBRETSSEN G. - LOEN L.	4,276.29	50.33
63	MALUISH A. - MILL A.	4,273.21	50.30
64	LINDER P. - SWENSSON P.	4,265.25	50.20
65	CHMURSKI B. - CHALUPEC I.	4,261.84	50.16
66	COPE S. - PASKE T.	4,257.71	50.11
67	FODSTAD A. - AAREBROT A.	4,248.02	50.00
68	KREUNING H. - OUDA S.	4,060.88	49.91
69	JENSEN P. - STRAUMSNES T.	4,237.08	49.87
70	MIRKOVIC A. - SIVERTSEN A.	4,055.45	49.85
71	BANASZKIEWICZ E. - BERG J.	4,230.51	49.79
72	BAKER L. - McCALLUM K.	4,217.00	49.64
73	GILL P. - DAWSON J.	4,213.69	49.60
74	STERN L. - URMAN L.	4,212.44	49.58
75	OLSEN M. - OEDEGAARDEN H.	4,024.18	49.35
76	RUBINS K. - LORENC M.	4,172.38	49.11
77	SILVERSTEIN A. - ROSENTHAL A.	4,151.99	48.87
78	NOKLEBY J. - HEGBOM E.	4,131.55	48.63
79	SHAN X. - WANG N.	4,128.56	48.59
80	ELIASSEN N. - CHRISTENSEN P.	4,127.28	48.58
81	JOHANSEN L. - REKSTAD G.	4,113.15	48.41
82	FIELER R. - EIDE L.	4,113.09	48.41
83	KOFOED R. - KALTENBORN J.	4,104.00	48.31
84	JENSEN B. - JOHANSEN R.	4,089.99	48.14
85	CHEN Y. - ZHAO B.	4,074.04	47.95
86	TER LAARE M. - MOLLE L.	4,072.67	47.94
87	BULL S. - REINHOLDTSEN J.	4,069.74	47.90
88	ELIASSEN E. - SOOILAND T.	4,067.40	47.87
89	SVARE A. - DYRKORN O.	3,881.82	47.71
90	BOGACH A. - RAPOPORT V.	4,051.11	47.68
91	VAN DER TOORN C. - KAPTEIN M.	3,881.91	47.61
92	KOWALSKI D. - BLACH M.	4,024.22	47.37
93	BRUUSGAARD R. - MILOVIC M.	3,858.85	47.32
94	O'CONNOR S. - BELL M.	3,848.34	47.30
95	KVAMSDAL L. - HJELMELAND G.	4,012.54	47.23
96	UELAND D. - HAUGSTAD E.	3,999.83	47.08
97	LASSERRE D. - BRUNET K.	3,995.59	47.03
98	McLEISH P. - McLEISH D.	3,971.25	46.74
99	HELMERSEN K. - FURUNES T.	3,966.90	46.69
100	ARNTSEN R. - SOTTAR R.	3,964.60	46.66
101	JENSEN R. - ALMLI S.	3,962.63	46.64
102	EIDE M. - LOMSDALEN O.	3,952.76	46.53
103	NORUM J. - SIVERTSEN S.	3,950.66	46.50
104	OVESEN V. - HATTEN O.	3,947.09	46.46
105	SVELA B. - DAHL P.	3,757.30	46.18
106	BUIJS P. - DE HULLU H.	3,763.58	46.16
107	JACOB T. - MACE B.	3,907.96	46.00
108	YAN R. - LI Y.	3,897.21	45.87
109	ODDEN B. - VALEN B.	3,703.81	45.42
110	DAHL S. - FUGLEM G.	3,627.53	44.49
111	LARSEN H. - LARSEN L.	3,588.31	44.10
112	MARRO C. - MARRO V.	3,540.97	43.43
113	OTVOSI E. - CHRISTIANSEN K.	3,489.50	42.89
114	NORDVIK V. - IVERSEN T.	3,384.35	41.60
115	ROBERTSEN G. - ROSLAND S.	3,347.09	41.14
116	ANDERSEN W. - ANDERSEN M.	3,186.43	39.16
117	DAHL A. - TROEN B.	2,894.04	35.57



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NAB Bart	132	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	52	KIZILOK Omer	27
DRIJVER Bob	132	VINCIGUERRA Herve	50	HELNESS Fredrik	27
VERBEEK Tim	125	UPMARK Johan	50	SANBORN Kerri	26
MOLENAAR Danny	125	TRAPP Leif	50	SANBORN Steve	26
WILLENKEN Chris	120	SJOBORG Emma	50	TROUWBORST Jaap	25
WORTEL Meike	110	SAKOWSKA Natalia	50	QUANTIN Jean-Christophe	25
VOLCKER Frederic	109	RIMSTEDT Sandra	50	LU Yan	25
HELGEMO Geir	109	KARLSSON Kent	50	LORENZINI Cedric	25
BESSIS Thomas	109	ELMROTH Gunnar	50	LIU Yan	25
BILDE Dennis	106	BUTRYN Piotr	50	DOREMANS Nico	25
BERSET Ole	103	BOMPIS Marc	50	HESKJE Torild	24
LUND Boerre	100	BAKER Lynn	50	VAINIKONIS Vytautas	22
HORNSLIEN Aksel	100	ALDEBORG Kalle	50	ROSENTHAL Andrew	22
HOEYEM Olav Arve	100	RESHEF Ophir	49	KALITA Jacek	22
WILLARD Sylvie	94	GINOSSAR Eldad	49	JOERSTAD Kai	22
MORATH Anders	94	KOLATA Suleyman	46	JOERSTAD Ronny	22
EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik	94	KANDEMIR Ismail	46	HAYMAN PIAFSKY J.	22
DE WIJS Simon	94	VOLDOIRE Jean-Michel	45	FARSTAD Arve	22
CRONIER Philippe	94	AVON Danielle	45	CAMERON Gail	22
MARSTRANDER Peter	79	LEVIN Robert (Bobby)	43	BAKKE Tor	22
ANDERSSSEN Rune Br.	79	BLANCHARD Shane	43	WINKLER Gabor	21
NANEV Ivan	74	ZHAO Bing	41	TUNCOK Cenk	21
MATUSHKO Georgi	74	CHEN Yiyi	41	HOMONNAY Geza	21
LINDQVIST Espen	74	ZMUDA Justyna	40	MOLLE Linda	20
GUNEV Rossen	74	WOJCIESZEK Jakub	40	WRANG Frederic	20
BROGELAND Boye	74	WELLAND Roy	40	VOS Vanessa	20
BALDYSZ Cathy	74	HARASIMOWICZ Ewa	40	VERHEES Jr Louk	20
STABELL Leif-Erik	71	DUFRAT Katarzyna	40	VENTIN CA. Juan Carlos	20
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GAWRYS Piotr	69	SIMONSEN Steffen Fredrik	37	SILVERSTEIN Aaron	20
SARNIAK Anna	67	MAESEL Helge	37	SCHWARTZ Ron	20
SVEINDAL Jon	66	MAESEL Roald	37	POLAK Tobias	20
STERKIN Alexei	66	GIERULSKI Boguslaw	37	OLANSKI Wojtek	20
LANGELAND Aase	65	BERG Erik	37	NYSTROM Fredrik	20
KHOLOMEEV Vadim	65	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	35	MCGARRY Dennis	20
MULLER Bauke	63	BREKKA Geir	35	LINDQVIST Petter H.	20
KHIUPPENEN Yury	63	WANG Wei	31	LEVINE Mike	20
HOWARD Justin	63	MULTON Franck	31	HOLMBAKKEN Johnny	20
DYKE Kieran	63	LIU Jing	31	FREDIN Peter	20
JASZCZAK Andrzej	61	WANG Nan	30	FISHER Lotan	20
MADSEN Christina Lund	60	VIST Gunn Tove	30	EKEBLAD Russ	20
HOP Jacco	60	TORNBERG S. B. Sigurd	30	DRIJVER Bas	20
BAKKEREN Ton	60	SHAN Xingxing	30	BRINK Sjoert	20
STRATER Bernhard	58	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	30	BOLVIKEN Erik	20
KRATZ Ulrich	58	HANSEN Jonny	30	BAKHSI David	20
GROMOVA Victoria	57	GRAVRAAK Olve	30	ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	19
GROMOV Andrey	57	GOLDENHEIM Petter	30	WERNLE Alexander	19
MARTENS Krzysztof	54	ARONSEN Per	30	SMIRNOV Alexander	19
FILIPOWICZ Dominik	54	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	29	PIEKAREK Josef	19
VAN PROOIJEN Ricco	53	MAZURKIEWICZ Marcin	28	D'OVIDIO Catherine	19
MICHIELSEN Marion	52	JASSEM Krzysztof	28	CHARLSEN Thomas	18
JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	52	KUTUK Basak	27	SEALE Catherine	17



McINTOSH Andrew	17	PISCITELLI Francesca	10	JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	6
KING Philip (Phil)	17	NUNES Claudio	10	ILNICKI Wlodzimierz	6
WEBER Elke	16	MAHAFFEY Jim	10	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	6
GLADIATOR Anne	16	LAKATOS Peter	10	CABAJ Stephan	6
BERKOWITZ Dana	16	GULEVICH Anna	10	YILMAZ M.Gokhan	5
WALLE Tor	15	FANTONI Fulvio	10	YADLIN Doron	5
VAN ZWOL Wietske	15	EVJEN Sigurd	10	YADLIN Israel	5
SUNDSETH Per Bryde	15	DOMBI Gergely	10	WENNING Karin	5
SIMONS Anneke	15	CASTNER Kevin	10	WENNEVOLD Ida	5
PASMAN Jet	15	BRAITHWAITE Andrew	10	THORESEN Siv	5
PAGNINI-ARSLAN Carla	15	BOWLEY Richard	10	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	5
LORENTZEN Arvid	15	BOGEN Anne Irene	10	MIRKOVIC Ann-Mari	5
LINDAAS Pernille	15	BOGEN Frank	10	MARRO Christophe	5
KOCH Sverre	15	BERKOWITZ David	10	KOVACHEV Valentin	5
KJERNEROD Knut	15	BERKOWITZ Lisa	10	KAZMUCHA Danuta	5
CLEMETSEN Tormod	15	BAREL Michael	10	ISPORSKI V. Nikolov	5
CLAIR Paolo	15	ZHANG Yu	9	HEGGE Kristoffer	5
BLAAGESTAD Lise	15	WU Shaohong	9	GUR Okay	5
BJERTNES Sten	15	WANG Yanhong	9	GLAERUM Lisbeth	5
BASA Marusa	15	WANG Hongli	9	GAVIARD Daniele	5
ARNOLDS Carla	15	SVENSSON Tommy	9	BREWIAK Grazyna	5
WENNING Ulrich	14	SUN Shaolin	9	BACH Ashley	5
MISZEWSKA Ewa	14	LU Dong	9	ANJER Maja Rom	5
MALINOWSKI Artur	14	LI Xiaoyi	9	VINJEVOLL Oddbjorn	4
KOWALSKI Apolinary	14	KOPSTAD Ole K.	9	NAVEH Nurit	4
DE BOTTON Janet	14	HUANG Yan	9	MYERS Barry	4
VAN LANKVELD Joris	13	HELNESS Gunn	9	MORAWSKI Dariusz	4
SVER Nikica	13	HANLON Tom	9	MERMELSTEIN Gabi	4
STIENEN Rene	13	GRUDE Tor Eivind	9	MARK Micha	4
SCHROEDER Kareen R	13	FRERICHS Hans	9	MARK Sonia	4
SCHIPPERS-B. Elly	13	ANDREASSON Leif	9	HORVITZ Shimshon	4
PILIPOVIC Marina	13	STANGHELLE Helge	8	GRAIZER Nurit	4
MANNO Andrea	13	MARSAL Reiner	8	BROCK Sally	4
LAZER Warren	13	LENGY Assaf	8	AARDAL Jorund	4
LARSSON Jessica	13	KLUMPP Herbert	8	WHITTAKER Willie	3
HARSANYI Josef	13	HARDING Gerd Marit	8	VOLL Roar	3
GUMBY Pauline	13	GOLIN Cristina	8	TATLICIOGLU Sinan	3
BERTHEAU Kathrine	13	BOGEN Haakon	8	STOKKVIK Dag-Jorgen	3
ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	12	BAREKET Ilan	8	STOKKELAND Lsmund	3
UZUM Dogan	12	YAN Ru	7	ROTARU Iulian	3
OZGUNES Ayse	12	WITKOWSKI Piotr	7	ROMANSKI Jacek	3
MCALLISTER John	12	SNEVE Sissel	7	ROEDER Rick	3
LEV Sam	12	SKOPINSKA Ewa	7	RIMSTEDT Patrik	3
GOLD David	12	RONNING Ola	7	OHREN Jan Guldbrand	3
COPE Simon	12	OPPENSTAM Agneta	7	LIE Terje	3
LANZAROTTI Massimo	11	NORENG Hans	7	KVANGRAVEN Nils Kare	3
KENDRICK David	11	NILSSON Hakan	7	KRISTENSEN Anders	3
JOURDAIN Patrick	11	NICOLAYSEN Finn Robert	7	KOLUDA Piotr	3
CARROLL John	11	LI Yiting	7	KOLESNIK Alex	3
ZALESKI Romain	10	KJAER Ellen	7	KINDBEKKEN Asbjorn	3
ZACK Yaniv	10	HELMERSEN Kjell Ove	7	JONSSON Stefan	3
VAN DEN BOS Berend	10	FABER Hege Charlotte	7	JOHNSEN Sverre	3
TOWNSEND Tom	10	CORNELL Michael	7	JANSONS Ugis	3
TICHA Magdalena	10	BREKKE Vegard	7	HOYLAND Sam Inge	3
SMITH Vidar	10	BONES Turid	7	HOFSETH Johnny	3
SHAH Shivam	10	BERGHEIM Geir Egil	7	HANTVEIT Trond	3
SANDQVIST Nicklas	10	WALTER Stanley	6	HAETTA Lemet Ivar	3
ROBINSON Ian	10	REKSTAD Gjermund	6	GRZELAK Roman	3
RITMEIJER Richard	10	MARI Christian	6	GRUDE Liv Marit	3
RINGSETH Jorn Arild	10	LIRAN Inon	6	GIARD Olivier	3



GERMANIS Aigars	3	SALONEN Irmeli	2	ELLINGSEN Kristian	2
ERNSTSEN Svein-Olav	3	SAELENMINDE Erik	2	EBER Neville	2
EILERAAS Simon	3	ROBERTSON Marion	2	DUBININ Alexander	2
DARKIEWICZ-M. Grzegorz	3	REES Tim	2	DOMICHI Noriko	2
DANYLYUK Tetyana	3	RAKHMANI Diana	2	DE FALCO Dano	2
DANYLYUK Volodymyr	3	PUNCH Sam	2	CORNELL Vivien	2
COLDEA Ionut	3	PONOMAREVA Tatiana	2	CILLEBORG Dorte	2
CHEDIAK Virginia	3	PETTERSEN Ann Marie	2	CAYNE Patricia	2
BRENTEBRAATEN Finn	3	PENFOLD Sandra	2	BREDE Lukasz	2
BOS Berend van den	3	PACHTMAN Ron	2	BOHNSACK Henning	2
BERTHEAU Peter	3	NIKOLOVA MARTA	2	BOHNSACK Susanne	2
BENOIT Alain	3	MORTENSEN Maria Dam	2	BLOOM Valerie	2
BAUMANN Karl Christian	3	MOE Haavard	2	BANASZKIEWICZ Ewa	2
BARENDREGT Rosaline	3	MARQUARDT Diana	2	ASLA Ronnaug	2
BAKKE Christian	3	MARKUSSEN Svein	2	AABYE Jon	2
AYAZ Ilker	3	MALAKOVA Desislava	2	SVENDSEN T.Torkelsen	1
WILSON Alison	2	LYBAEK Astrid Steen	2	SOLHEIM Eli	1
WARD-PLATT Kiki	2	LEVITINA Irina	2	RASMUSSEN Silje Helen	1
WANG Liping	2	KHANDELWAL Himani	2	McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz)	1
URMAN Lior	2	KHANDELWAL Rajeev	2	LIGGAT David	1
TRENDAFILOV Roumen	2	KEDZIERSKA Urszula	2	GROSSACK Adam	1
TIAN Wei	2	HETZ Clara	2	GROSSACK Zachary	1
STERN Levy	2	HELLEMANN Anne-Lill	2	CHODOROWSKI Jan	1
SKORCHEV Stefan	2	GUPTA Subhash	2	CHODOROWSKA Irena	1
SIELICKI Tomasz	2	GUI Shengyue	2	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	1
SHI Bin	2	GROSS Susanna	2	ARALT Linda Bye	1
SENIOR Brian	2	GROETHEIM Glenn	2	ANFINSEN Ivar M.	1
SENIOR Nevena	2	GODEJORD Oddrun	2		
SAUR Oyvind	2	GARVEY Tommy	2		

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

Michael Byrne  
Captain for England and  
winner of Chairman's Cup



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## SPECIAL EVENTS MASTERPOINT RACE

MOLLE Linda	20	LU Dong	9	GRAIZER Nurit	4
POLAK Tobias	20	SUN Shaolin	9	HORVITZ Shimshon	4
TER LAARE Marco	20	WANG Yanhong	9	MARK Micha	4
VAN OVERBEEKE Tom	20	WU Shaohong	9	MARK Sonia	4
LORENZINI Cedric	15	MATUSHKO Georgi	8	MERMELSTEIN Gabi	4
QUANTIN Jean-Christophe	15	GULEVICH Anna	8	NAVEH Nurit	4
CLAIR Paolo	15	BAREKET Ilan	8	AYAZ Ilker	3
PAGNINI-ARSLAN Carla	15	LENGY Assaf	8	TATLICIOGLU Sinan	3
SANBORN Kerri	13	BERGHEIM Geir Egil	7	KIZILOK Omer	2
SANBORN Steve	13	BONES Turid	7	KUTUK Basak	2
JASZCZAK Andrzej	12	BREKKE Vegard	7	AABYE Jon	2
JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	12	FABER Hege Charlotte	7	CARROLL John	2
KOWALSKI Apolinary	12	HELMERSEN Kjell Ove	7	GARVEY Tommy	2
MISZEWSKA Ewa	12	KJAER Ellen	7	GROETHEIM Glenn	2
OZGUNES Ayse	12	NICOLAYSEN Finn Robert	7	KING Philip (Phil)	2
UZUM Dogan	12	NORENG Hans	7	McINTOSH Andrew	2
LEV Sam	10	RONNING Ola	7	SAELENSMINDE Erik	2
BERKOWITZ David	10	SNEVE Sissel	7	SAUR Oyvind	2
BERKOWITZ Lisa	10	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	6	STERN Levy	2
BROGELAND Boye	10	GRUDE Tor Eivind	6	URMAN Lior	2
EVJEN Sigurd	10	JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	6	YADLIN Doron	2
GAWRYS Piotr	10	KOPSTAD Ole K.	6	YADLIN Israel	2
KLUKOWSKI Michal	10	LIRAN Inon	6	ANFINSEN Ivar M.	1
LINDQVIST Espen	10	REKSTAD Gjermund	6	GROSSACK Adam	1
MAHAFFEY Jim	10	CORNELL Michael	5	GROSSACK Zachary	1
SMITH Vidar	10	BACH Ashley	5	SOLHEIM Eli	1
HUANG Yan	9	GAVIARD Daniele	5		
LI Xiaoyi	9	MARRO Christophe	5		

## HEROES OF TROMSØ

24 people won a title.

There was a third title for Philippe Cronier, Sylvie Willard, Marion Michielsen and Meike Wortel. Catherine D'Ovidio (and Bep Vriend) could not add to the four titles they won in previous editions. Ton Bakkeren and Thomas Bessis won the second title of their careers.

98 medals were awarded, to 94 different players (Philippe Cronier, Sylvie Willard, Karen McCallum and Meike Wortel got two) from 17 different countries. 70 players won their first medal, bringing the total number of European medalists after the seven events to 454.

Sylvie Willard won two medals, bringing her total in European Open Championships to nine and becoming sole record holder with that number. Wietske van Zwol won her eighth medal and is second on the list. Catherine D'Ovidio joins Bep Vriend on seven medals. Carla Arnolds, Anneke Simons and Jet Pasma now have six.

Philippe Cronier became the first man to reach five medals, and then added a sixth.

Slovenia and Zimbabwe (in the Women teams) and Australia (in the Open teams) had their first medal winners. Those were the first medalists from zone 7, which means that only Central America have yet to successfully send people to the European Championships. Players from 31 different countries have now won medals at the European Open Championships.

## HEROES OF TROMSØ

## MIXED TEAMS

**GOLD***White House*

Ton Bakkeren, Jacco Hop, Meike Wortel (NED), Christina Lund Madsen (DEN)

**SILVER***A J Diamonds*

Cathy Baldysz, Ewa Harasimowicz, Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Andrzej Jaszczak, Anna Sarniak, Jakub Wojcieszek (POL)

**BRONZE***Zimmermann*

Philippe Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Sylvie Willard, Joanna Zochowska (FRA), Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann (MON)

*Full House*

Cecilia Rimstedt, Johan Upmark (SWE), Karen McCallum, Cenk Tuncok (USA)

## MIXED PAIRS

**GOLD**

Sylvie Willard, Philippe Cronier (FRA)

**SILVER**

Åse Langeland, Geir Helgemo (NOR)

**BRONZE**

Victoria Gromova, Andrey Gromov (RUS)

## OPEN TEAMS

**GOLD***Orange White*

Orange White: Bob Drijver, Danny Molenaar, Bart Nab, Tim Verbeek (NED), Anton Maas Captain, Ton Bakkeren coach

**SILVER***Blund*

Aksel Hornslien, Børre Lund, Olav Arve Høyem, Jørgen Molberg, Ole Berset (NOR)

**BRONZE***Noralia*

Arild Rasmussen, Jon Sveindal (NOR), Kieran Dyke, Justin Howard (AUS)

*Khyuppenen*

Yury Khiuppenen, Vadim Kholomeev, Georgi Matushko, Alexei Sterkin (RUS), Bauke Muller, Simon De Wijs (NED)

## OPEN PAIRS

**GOLD**

Thomas Bessis, Frédéric Volcker (FRA)

**SILVER**

Anders Morath, Bengt-Erik Efraimsson (SWE)

**BRONZE**

Dennis Bilde (DEN), Chris Willenken (USA)

## HEROES OF TROMSØ

## WOMEN TEAMS

**GOLD***Baker*

Lynn Baker, Karen McCallum (USA), Marion Michielsen, Meike Wortel (NED)

**SILVER***China Orange*

Shan Xingxing, Chen Yiyi, Wang Wei, Liu Jing, Zhao Bing, Wang Nan (CHN), Wang Jian-Jian Captain

**BRONZE***Cameron*

Gail Cameron, Vanessa Vos (ZIM), Catherine Seale (ENG), Maruša Baša (SLO)

*Netherlands Women*

Carla Arnolds, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Wietske van Zwol (NED), Alex Van Reenen Captain, Hans Kelder Coach

## WOMEN PAIRS

**GOLD**

Sandra Rimstedt, Emma Sjoberg (SWE)

**SILVER**

Justyna Zmuda, Katarzyna Dufurat (POL)

**BRONZE**

Liu Yan, Lu Yan (CHN)

## SENIOR TEAMS

**GOLD***Take*

Kalle Aldeborg, Gunnar Elmroth, Kent Karlsson, Leif Trapp (SWE)

**SILVER***Sagg*

Per Aronsen, Olve Gravraak, Petter Goldenheim, Bjørn Sigurd Tornberg Simonsen (NOR)

**BRONZE***Sørvoll*

Erik Bølviken, Tormod Clemetsen, Sverre Koch, Jostein Sørvoll

*Nøtterøy*

Sten Bjertnes, Knut Kjemsrød, Arvid Lorentzen, Per Bryde Sundseth, Tor Walle

## SENIOR PAIRS

**GOLD**

Bernhard Sträter, Ulrich Kratz (GER)

**SILVER**

Helge Mæsel, Roald Mæsel (NOR)

**BRONZE**

Nico Doremans, Jaap Trouwborst (NED)