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EBL President's Press Conference

A European Bridge League Press Conference will be held today at 11.00 a.m. on the third floor Room no. 1 in the Groupama Arena

Present will be The President of the EBL Yves Aubry, The President of the Hungarian Bridge Federation Geza Homonnay, The President of the IBPA Patrick Jourdain, EBL Treasurer Josef Harsanyi and EBL Championships Committee Chairman Jan Kamras.

Any interested persons may attend.

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WENT THE DAY WELL?



When today's last three rounds are completed, the question posed in my headline will be answered. It is too soon to be sure who will emerge as champions, and meanwhile many teams are still in with a chance of securing a ticket to Lyon. If we make the reasonable assumption that the teams at the top will survive, then the main excitement may surround those fighting for one of the remaining places.

In the Open Series, Israel, Hungary, England, Norway, Poland, Ireland & Italy are in the hunt, while in the Women's Championship Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Turkey & Norway will fight to the last IMP. The Seniors will also be do or die, with Ireland, Turkey, Italy, Netherlands, Germany & Bulgaria all in the mix.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 53RD EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY AT 19.30 ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE GROUPAMA ARENA.

TIME TABLE AND BBO SCHEDULE SATURDAY 25th

9.30:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

☉ NED - MON (O)

☾ GER - NOR (O)

🌐 POL - IRE (O)

🌐 NED - RUS (W)

🌐 ISR - POL (W)

🌐 TUR - HUN (S)

☉ ON SITE VG + BBO

12.50:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

☉ NED - SWE (O)

☾ ENG - ITA (O)

🌐 GER - FRA (O)

🌐 ISR - BUL (O)

🌐 NED - ENG (W)

🌐 POL - HUN (O)

🌐 BBO ONLY

15.30:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

To be announced

19.30:

Prize Giving Ceremony

☾ VOICE + BBO





MATCHES TODAY

OPEN R. 35

ROM TUR
LAT BLR
FRA AUT
POL IRE
SWI SWE
HUN FAR
GEO WAL
GER NOR
ICE ITA
FIN UKR
SER SPA
NED MON
EST BUL
CYP POR
CZE BEL
ENG DEN
RUS ISR
CRO SCO
GRE Bye

TIME: 9.30

OPEN R. 36

ROM SWI
LAT GEO
POL HUN
GER FRA
ICE TUR
FIN AUT
SER BLR
NED SWE
EST IRE
GRE WAL
CZE FAR
ENG ITA
RUS NOR
CRO SPA
CYP UKR
ISR BUL
DEN MON
POR BEL
SCO Bye

TIME: 12.50

OPEN R. 37

ROM LAT
GER ICE
FIN SER
NED POL
EST SWI
GRE HUN
CZE GEO
ENG FRA
RUS TUR
CRO AUT
CYP BLR
ISR SWE
DEN IRE
POR WAL
SCO FAR
BUL ITA
MON NOR
BEL SPA
UKR Bye

TIME: 15.30

WOMEN R. 21

SER FRA
NED RUS
NOR SCO
BUL SMR
ENG EST
ISR POL
GRE DEN
FIN SPA
SWE POR
GER ITA
IRE TUR
HUN Bye

TIME: 9.30

WOMEN R. 22

FRA ITA
RUS TUR
SMR POR
POL SWE
DEN GER
SPA IRE
EST HUN
NED ENG
NOR ISR
BUL GRE
SER FIN
SCO Bye

TIME: 12.50

WOMEN R. 23

FRA NED
RUS NOR
SCO BUL
SMR SER
ENG POL
ISR DEN
GRE SPA
FIN EST
SWE ITA
GER TUR
HUN POR
IRE Bye

TIME: 15.30

SENIOR R. 21

ISR POL
TUR HUN
POR ENG
BUL ROM
SWE GER
SCO NED
NOR FIN
SPA FRA
DEN BEL
AUT ITA
IRE WAL
EST SER

TIME: 9.30

SENIOR R. 22

POL GER
HUN FRA
ROM NED
BUL BEL
ISR ENG
TUR WAL
EST ITA
SWE AUT
SCO DEN
NOR POR
SPA IRE
SER FIN

TIME: 12.50

SENIOR R. 23

POL DEN
HUN AUT
ROM POR
ENG SWE
BEL SCO
ITA NOR
WAL SPA
FRA BUL
GER ISR
NED TUR
FIN EST
IRE SER

TIME: 15.30

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ADVENTURES WITH OTTLIK

by Mark Horton

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

Dealer South. Both Vul.

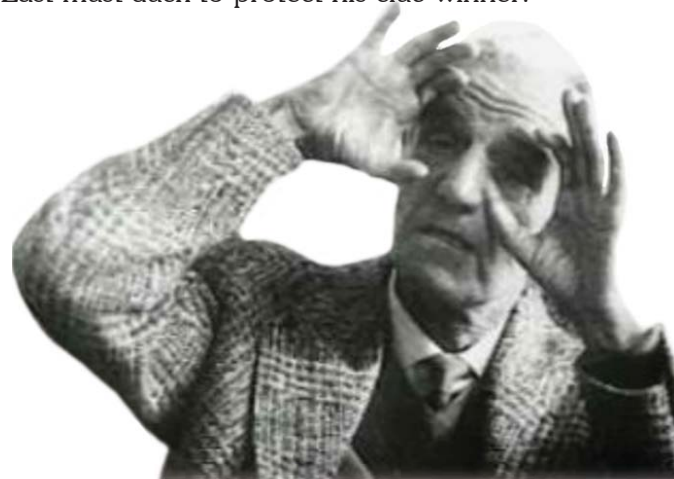
	♠ 7 5 3		
	♥ K 6 5 2		
	♦ A 6 4		
	♣ Q 10 6		
♠ 8 2		♠ Q 10 9 6	
♥ 10 9 7 4		♥ —	
♦ Q 9 3		♦ K J 10 8 5	
♣ 8 5 3 2		♣ K 9 7 4	
	♠ A K J 4		
	♥ A Q J 8 3		
	♦ 7 2		
	♣ A J		

The full deal:

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♥	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

East can probably be squeezed in the black suits, however, alas, the diamond attack removes your essential late entry for that. Trumps certainly won't split nicely, but you may try a partial dummy reversal to substitute for the missing entry. Hold off the first round of diamonds and win the second, then carefully play the QUEEN of clubs (to stay in dummy), which East must duck to protect his club winner.



A somewhat ambitious auction leads to a contract of 6♥ by South.

West leads the ♦3, and East will continue diamonds if and when he is on lead.

NEW PROBLEM

Dealer East. North-South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♦*	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
		3NT	All Pass
1♣	Strong		
1♦	Negative		

Play Instructions: 3NT by East. South to lead ♦5. East to take the ♦K and return the ♥K.



BITS AND PIECES FROM EVERYWHERE

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 26

With a number of matches between well-placed teams going on simultaneously in this round, I thought it would make sense to have a short look at all these matches. As usual, swings often occur on the same boards in more than one match and this round proved no exception.

The first board of the round was a slam. Pairs using Polish-style opening bids might open the North hand, which makes it easy to get to the best spot. If North passes, bidding the slam usually proved too difficult. Here are the contrasting auctions from three matches.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Israel v. Poland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Levin</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♣ was Gazzilli but the Israelis came nowhere near the slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

The Poles were among the users of Polish opening bids. What a surprise...

So 11 IMPs went to Poland on this one.

In the Bulgaria v. France match, we saw a slight variation:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Popov</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠

All Pass

When North made a disciplined pass over 1♠, the Bulgarians actually missed game. By winning the heart lead and playing a low trump to the jack, which held the trick, Popov made all 13 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

South's 2♣ showed a strong hand alright but although the French found the heart fit, they too came nowhere near the slam. Still, the deal produced 6 IMPs to them.

In the England v. Germany match, Forrester-Robson had no trouble after their Polish style opening bid.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Robson</i>
	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

In the replay in this match, it turned out that Linde-Schwerdt were the only pair in our four featured matches to bid the slam after an initial pass by North.





Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Schwerdt</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

The fine German efforts were worth only 2 IMPs, however.

Two boards later, Forrester stole his opponents' best denomination.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Robson</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦*	Dble	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	Dble	4♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

As Forrester's 1♦ was a transfer to hearts, the Germans never thought of playing in that denomination. Their eventual contract went down two, England +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Schwerdt</i>
			3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

A club to the king followed by three rounds of trumps by North made declarer's life relatively easy. He simply drew the last trump, cashed the ♦A, went back to his ♠K and ran the ♦10. When the suit broke 5-1, he

could then endplay North for the last two diamond tricks. England another +620 and 15 IMPs to them.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1NT	Pass	Pass	Dble*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

Double showed majors and 2♣ was a weak relay. Once Robson showed his extra values, game was there. England +620 when declarer negotiated hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Schwerdt</i>
1♣	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♣	2♠	3♣	3♠
All Pass			

Against a more natural auction; but it was more difficult for the Germans to express the nature of the South hand. Germany +170, but 10 IMPs to England.

A difference in judgements also caused a swing in the Israel-Poland match.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Gawryś</i>	<i>Levin</i>
1♣*	Pass	1NT	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♣ was Polish Club, of course. Israel +620 when Roll found some extra values, such as an extra trump and a singleton.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Dble
1NT	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

When Nowosadzki did not locate those same extra values, the Poles had to be content with +140 after careful play. This meant 10 IMPs to Israel.

This contract duly went three down but it proved a good sacrifice (?) against the vulnerable game. Bulgaria thus scored 8 IMPs.

After an 1100 disaster on board 22, the Poles hit back on their next board v. Israel:

Bulgaria v. France:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Popov</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Dble
Redbl	2♠	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

No trouble for the Bulgarians in finding their game contract and they actually managed an overtrick, +650.

In the Closed Room, the French were blown away by a transfer raise to 2NT.

In the Open Room, Israel reached a normal 3NT which made with an overtrick for +630.

This was the natural Polish Club auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
			1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

3♥ was a splinter, of course.

When East made the unlucky lead of the ♣10, declarer was quick to seize his chance. He won the king, conceded a trump to West's ace and won the ♥J return. After drawing the last trump and ruffing two more hearts, he was sure enough of the club position to try leading the ♣J. When this produced both the queen and the nine, he was home. Poland +1370 and 12 IMPs.

The Italians also tried 6♦ in their match against Sweden but when they failed to solve the club position after a trump lead, Sweden had gained 12 IMPs for staying in 5♦.



Frédéric Volcker
FRANCE

On board 26, Sweden scored again:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Versace</i>
		Pass	1NT

All Pass

The normal contract, one would say. Versace made 8 tricks on a diamond lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Manno</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When Upmark showed a 16-18 NT, Nyström used a Puppet variation to end up in game. West led an unlucky ♣Q, which presented declarer with the extra trick he needed. Sweden +600 and another 10 IMPs to them.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>Popov</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The Bulgarian Strong Club also led to the thin game being bid. On a diamond lead, declarer needed the ♦KQ onside and the spades not too badly distributed. As it was his lucky day, Bulgaria scored +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Quantin</i>
		Pass	1NT

All Pass

The French were less ambitious – maybe, this is the reason why they are doing so well overall. Quantin made just seven tricks so Bulgaria had gained 11 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Gromoeller</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

After this unrevealing auction, Forrester made the unlucky lead of the ♥A and a heart, solving all problems for declarer. Germany +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Schwerdt</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

On this more informative natural auction, North led the ♦J. Declarer won the king and played ♦A and another. South won his king and tried a low heart, on which declarer misguessed by putting up the king. A diamond ruff and the ♥Q then gave the defence four tricks. Germany +50 and 11 IMPs to them.

♠♥♦♣

On the penultimate board, they were having some fun (or at least, so it seemed) in the Bulgaria v. France match.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Volcker	Skorchev	Bessis	Popov
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

On a spade lead, Volcker made an impressive 12 tricks when North discarded a diamond early. France +850.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Lorenzini	Danailov	Quantin
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	



Andrea Manno

ITALY

Bulgaria reached the same contract in the Closed Room, after basically the same auction. North, however, led a low heart here, thus preventing any overtricks. Bulgaria just +550 but 7 IMPs to France.

On the last board of the set, 4♠ doubled was a popular contract for NS. This was also true in the Italy v. Sweden match:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sylván	Donati	Wrang	Versace
1♥	Pass	2NT	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

One overtrick, Italy +690.

Not that Italy gained on this board:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Nyström	Di Franco	Upmark
1♥	Pass	3♣*	3♠
4♦	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

One might think that 4♦ would show a much better hand than West actually held. 5♥ was not a success. North led a diamond and got a ruff, shifted to a club and got another ruff after winning his ♥K and letting South cash his two club winners. The ♠A then meant down five; Sweden's + 1400 thus brought them a swing of 12 IMPs.

The results of all four featured matches:

Israel – Poland: 37-38 or 9.69 – 10.31 V.P.

Italy – Sweden: 20-49 or 3.42 – 16.58 V.P.

England – Germany: 42-26 or 14.18 – 5.82 V.P.

Bulgaria – France: 32-20 or 13.28 – 6.72 V.P.



BULGARIA vs ENGLAND

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 28

At the start of this match on Thursday early afternoon, Bulgaria were in the crucial 7th spot, just about 10 V.P. behind England who were lying 5th at the time. Obviously, neither team wanted to lose any ground, but this was not to be, as we shall see.

On the second board, Bulgaria took the lead in amusing fashion.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Robson	Marashev	Forrester	Tsonchev
		Pass	1NT

All Pass

When Tsonchev opened a 14-16 NT, West was (by agreement) too strong to act. When East proved too weak to act, West led the ♦A and continued the jack. Dummy's queen won the trick and declarer ducked a club to East, who returned a spade. Another club was taken by West who next took his diamond tricks, East discarding his ♠J on the last diamond. A spade then went to declarer's king and the clubs were cashed, declarer finishing up with an easy enough eight tricks now. Bulgaria +120.



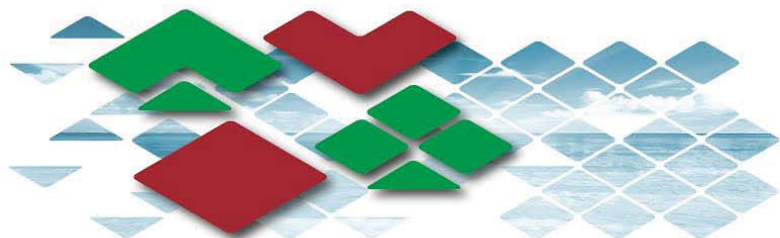
Diyan Danailov
BULGARIA

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stamatov	Gold	Danailov	Bakhshi
		Pass	1♣
1NT	All Pass		

When Bakhski could not open 1NT for England, Stamatov was quick to overcall 1NT for Bulgaria.

West led a spade to South's king and a club came back, dummy's jack winning. Another spade went to South's ace and South cleared the clubs. West won the ♣K, cashed a top diamond and crossed to dummy's ♠J to continue a diamond. When South followed with the ten, declarer went up with his king, cashed his last spade and exited with the ♦J. North won and when he returned a heart rather than a diamond, declarer even had an overtrick for another +120 and 6 IMPs to Bulgaria.



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A few boards later:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, the Bulgarians adopted a wait-and-see policy:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dble	2♠
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

They waited till the end of the N/S bidding and then saw themselves quickly into 3NT which made easily with the spades 7-2 and South entryless. Bulgaria +430.

In the other room, the Bulgarians bid a game as well:



David Gold
ENGLAND

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

An interesting auction: East and West both holding an opening bid but not making a single bid.

4♠ quietly went the obvious down two for -200 but the Bulgarians had picked up another 6 IMPs.

Two boards later:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠	All Pass		

Forrester no doubt felt happy when he could pass 1♠, only to find out that game would have been a reasonable shot. On a heart lead, declarer would have had to take a finesse which would have led to his downfall but with South on lead, a natural diamond lead from him would bring in the 9th trick in 3NT. Declarer made 11 tricks in his 1♠ for a score of +200 but would Bulgaria find a way to game here?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
			Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Yes, they would. The Strong Club made it easy for them, as you can see. On the normal diamond lead, East could claim his nine tricks. Bulgaria +600 and 9 more IMPs.

On board 27, the English South made what might have been a revealing double:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K Q 2 ♥ 6 ♦ K Q 9 2 ♣ 7 6 3 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 8 7 4 ♥ J 5 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A K Q 9 8	♠ 9 6 ♥ K 10 9 8 7 3 2 ♦ A 5 3 ♣ 5
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♠ 10 5 3 ♥ A Q 4 ♦ J 10 6 4 ♣ J 10 4			
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
1♦	2♣	4♥	Pass
			All Pass

On the obvious club lead, the only problem for declarer is to avoid losing three trump tricks. In view of the overcall, it seems reasonable enough to play the overcaller for the ♥A, not to speak of the possibility of defenders scoring trump winners separately. So Forrester quickly went one down when he crossed to dummy and led a heart to the king. Bulgaria +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
1♦*	2♣	2♦	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

As the double revealed the location of the ♥A, Danailov played for his alternative chance of scooping a doubleton picture card in North. A heart ducked lost to South's queen but when his later lead of the ♥K from hand brought down the jack, he was home for +590 and another 12 IMPs to Bulgaria.

♠♥♦♣

Two boards later, the Bulgarians added yet another 12 Imps to their tally:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q J 9 5 4 ♥ Q 7 6 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ Q 5	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 7 3 ♥ K 10 8 ♦ A Q ♣ K 10 9 7 6	♠ A K 8 6 2 ♥ J ♦ K 8 6 3 ♣ 8 4 3
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♠ — ♥ A 9 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 5 4 2 ♣ A J 2			
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
4♠	1♦*	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Dble
	5♣	All Pass	

Well, 4♠ would have gone down two on perfect defence but 5♣ was a good a shot as anything, since as it suggested a heart fit as well. To make it, some good guessing might be needed, but this proved no problem for declarer.

He ruffed the spade lead in dummy and took a losing diamond finesse. East returned a diamond and another spade was ruffed in dummy. Then came the ♣A and a high diamond. West ruffed with the queen but declarer overruffed, drew trumps and cashed out, the spade and heart losers going on the last two diamonds. Bulgaria +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
4♠	1♣	1♠	2♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	4NT
	5♣	All Pass	

2♦ showed hearts, but in the end, the English reached the same contract as their Bulgarian counterparts. Spade lead ruffed, losing diamond finesse but here, East returned the ♥J won by declarer's king. When declarer's next move was a low club to dummy's jack, West could win the queen and give partner a heart ruff. Bulgaria +100 and 12 more IMPs to them.

With the score at 51-3 to Bulgaria, the English had to try to find a way back, and they were helped by their opponents on the next board.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

misguessed the hearts. You will make 3NT by ducking the spade lead and later playing ♡A and a heart to the queen, as West will never again get the lead. When declarer won the second spade, cashed the ♡A and ran the ♥10 next, West could win a surprise ♥J and cash a number of spades... down five, England +250. In the replay, England stayed out of game:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Danailov</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
		Pass	2♥
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
		Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

For a change, the English pre-empt preceded the Bulgarian, so the English settled for a part-score. On the actual layout, they actually made an overtrick for +170 and a gain of 9 IMPs.

The final result: Bulgaria – England 51-18 or 17.17 -2.83 in V.P. As a consequence Bulgaria had risen to within the top six whereas England had gone down to 7th for the time being.

Had Marashev passed the double, he would probably have scored 300 or 500 but when he preferred to try 3NT himself, he soon ran into trouble when he

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MONACO vs SWEDEN

by Ron Tacchi

Open Teams, Round 30

At the start of the thirtieth round Monaco and Sweden were lying second and third with only 7 VPs separating them. A decisive win by either of the teams would come close to guaranteeing them a place in the top six qualifiers for Lyon.

Nystrom-Upmark play a strong club system whilst the others play five-card majors (Helgemo-Helness 1♥ maybe four).

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Tor Helness
MONACO

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Nystrom	Helness	Upmark
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
3♦	All Pass		

North's unfortunate decision to open 1♠ prevented East from doing the same and so when his partner pre-empted in diamonds he was content to leave that as the final contract and after the lead of a small spade to the jack and ace declarer had no problem in fulfilling his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Multon	Wrang	Martens
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

At this table North's view of his hand was less rosy and so he passed. This gave East the chance to open with 1♠. West's 3♦ is described as natural and invitational in their convention card and once East bid again they were into negative territory. The final contract of 4♠ was not a success, but no double no trouble. On the lead of the jack of hearts North has to withhold his ace to take the contract three off. This was not to be and so declarer was two off and the first 5 IMPs for Monaco



Over the next two boards, Monaco gained another 3 IMPs on part-score deals.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K J 9 ♥ J 7 4 2 ♦ 4 ♣ 9 8 7 6 5	♠ Q 10 5 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ K 8 ♣ K J 10 4 3	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 7 6 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q 6 5 3 ♣ A 2
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North's nebulous diamond caused the Monegasque pair trouble, and they duly arrived in a doubled contract that broke Burn's Law. South started with the ace and king of hearts and continued with a third round, not the best defence. Declarer trumped this and played a small spade to the jack and North's queen who returned a club to declarer's ace, who now made the play of a small spade to dummy's nine losing to the ten, a play your correspondent is not competent enough to find the reasoning behind. The downside was that the contract now suffered a three trick defeat for 800 instead merely failing by just one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Multon	Wrang	Martens
Pass	1♣	1♦	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Nystrom	Helness	Upmark
Pass	1♦*	1NT	Dble
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
All Pass			

When North did not re-enter the auction the contract rested at the one-level, not a frequent occurrence in these modern times of aggressive bidding. At this table the defence was on the money and when South won the first trick with the ace of hearts he switched to his singleton club. Now declarer had scant resource and eventually failed by one trick: but this was still a loss of 12 IMPs.



Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 7 5					
	♥ J 7 5					
	♦ J 3 2					
	♣ Q 8 5 2					
♠ K J 8 4 3 2	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ Q 9 6	
N						
W E						
S						
♥ K Q 6		♥ 9 8				
♦ 7		♦ Q 10 9 8 5				
♣ 9 7 3		♣ J 10 4				
	♠ 10					
	♥ A 10 4 3 2					
	♦ A K 6 4					
	♣ A K 6					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Dble*	2♠	Pass
3♠	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

- 1♣ Strong club
- Dble Forcing to game

The Monaco supporters may well have had their hearts in their mouths after West's 3♠ bid, as this was slated to fail by at least two tricks. The defence started with West's singleton diamond to the jack, queen and ace. Declarer now played a small trump towards

dummy and West rose with the queen to lead the king of spades taken by dummy's ace. A small diamond off dummy to the king was ruffed with a small trump by West who continued spades. Declarer ruffed in hand. He could now have made his contract by cashing the ace of trumps and making four tricks in clubs, thanks to the friendly break. But instead he played East to hold king three times in trumps which unfortunately was not the case, and so the contract failed by a trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Martens</i>
—	—	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	4♥
All Pass			

The same contract reached in a simpler vein, but this time declarer received the more benign lead of a small spade won in dummy with the ace. A small trump from dummy collected the eight, ten and queen and West continued with the spade king ruffed by declarer. A small diamond towards the knave followed, taken by East's queen who continued the suit. West declined to ruff declarer's ace, but declarer now simply cashed the ace of trumps. When both opponents followed he claimed his contract as he did not need to rely on clubs splitting. He could ruff his small diamond in dummy. 10 IMPs to Monaco who now led with that favourite score of commentators: 18-12.



Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
Pass	1♦*	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	2♦	2♥
3♦	3NT	All Pass	

1♦ Nebulous strong club 1♦ opener
Dble 4+♠

Though North had a Bacon Torpedo 2♥ opener (<http://community.dur.ac.uk/bridge.club/documents/bacon.php>) he resisted the temptation and opened a nebulous strong club 1♦. His partner's double showed 4+♠. East managed another to show another suit and West with his shapely hand found a brave raise. I have no notes as to the meaning of South's 2♥ but one might suspect it was asking for a heart stop. Whatever its interpretation North bid an unsurprising 3NT. All eyes now on East: (drum roll please) yes he unerringly produced the king of diamonds and the contract had no chance.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

South showed he had spades and then asked if North wished to play no-trumps with a heart stop. He got the message that North was well endowed in the club department and so promptly bid the club game. East led the ace of hearts and switched to a diamond won in dummy. A successful club finesse followed and Declarer knocked out the ace of spades and had eleven tricks and another 10 IMPs.

On Board 25 Sweden bid a very thin game which came home whilst in the other room Monaco rested in a part-score: 6 IMPs to Sweden

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
1♥	1♠	2NT	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

I am sure that East's 2NT was a constructive raise in hearts but as is common in a lot of the filed convention cards there is little or no explanation of bids in competitive situations. This is perhaps a topic to be addressed in the future. West elected to push on to the five-level in spite of a well-known saw. North led his singleton ace of clubs and continued with a small diamond taken in dummy with the ace. A small trump to the ace garnered the queen from South. Declarer now took some time before playing another trump and playing the... from dummy. Aficionados of restricted choice would now be shouting from the rooftops to finesse against the jack. Those of us who wish to make the contract would play the king: why? Well if trumps are not splitting then the contract is going down as West will have too many spade losers, but with an even trump split declarer can ruff two spades in dummy. Obviously the downside is that if trumps are 3-1 then you will fail by two tricks (but maybe there is some good news as with the 3-1 split 4♠ might be a make - but it is not) instead of one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1♥	1♠	2NT*	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Since he was only playing in 4♥ West could have the luxury of taking heed of restricted choice as a wrong view would still have left him two trumps in dummy to take care of his losing spades. 12 IMPs to Sweden, Monaco now only 1 VP in the lead.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A K 6 4 3 ♥ 8 4 3 ♦ A J ♣ J 6 5	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 5 2 ♥ K J ♦ 9 7 4 3 ♣ Q 9 8 4	
♠ Q ♥ Q 9 7 6 ♦ Q 10 5 2 ♣ A K 10 2		♠ J 9 8 7 ♥ A 10 5 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 7 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♣	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Another very thin game bid by the Swedes and as you can see it makes as the diamond finesse works



Johan Upmark
SWEDEN

and the trumps suit has no losers.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Martens</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Here N/S did not think their combined 21 count worthy of a game try and so 6 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A J 4 ♥ K 10 8 6 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ A K 9	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 8 6 ♥ Q ♦ 7 4 3 2 ♣ 8 7 6 3 2	
		♠ Q 10 7 5 3 ♥ J 2 ♦ K Q J 9 8 ♣ Q	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
—	—	—	2♥
All Pass			

West was waiting for his partner to enter the auction and is still waiting, as East did not deem his two-count worthy of intervention and South drifted one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Martens</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Dble	Rdble*	Pass	2♥
2NT	All Pass		

Rdbl Please bid your suit

When South started with a weak 2♦ West had a chance to show his strength and continued to compete with 2NT. This did not turn out well and we will not dwell on declarer's line as he took an unfortunate view in the endgame and was four off handing Monaco 7 IMPs and victory by two as the last board was a push.

At the end of the day Monaco were in second place a mere 0.05 VPs behind France.



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FRANCE vs NORWAY

by David Bird

Open Teams, Round 31

If you want to know why France is staying at the head of the leader-board, take a look at their performance on the big boards from this match.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	T.Bessis	Hoftaniska	Volcker
			1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Volcker was likely to hold a weak NT hand with 4 spades and 3+ clubs and Bessis therefore opted to rebid 2♥ rather than 1NT. When this ran to Charlsen in the West seat, he protected with a double. What action should East take? The prospects of scoring six tricks in defence look uncertain and he might have bid 2♠, despite South's 1♠ response. He decided to pass for penalties and the defenders would now have to cross a long tightrope to defeat the contract.

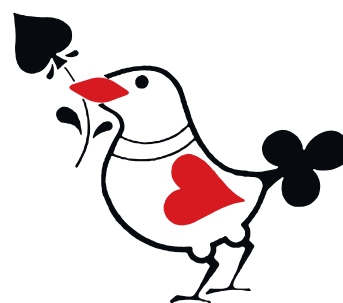
Hoftaniska led the ♣J to the king and ace. A diamond switch would have assisted declarer but Charlsen stayed on the rope, returning the ♥7. Declarer played the ♥J and... whoops, Hoftaniska fell into the ravine below by covering with the queen. I'm sure I would have done the same, but Deep Finesse does not approve.

Bessis ran the ♦Q to East's king and won the club continuation. When a diamond to the ace confirmed a 3-2 break, Bessis cashed the ♥K and led the ♦J, East ruffing with the ♥6. A spade to West's ace was followed by a club, ruffed and overruffed by East. Declarer was then able to ruff the return, draw the last trump and claim +670.

If we go back to trick 2 and suppose that East withholds his ♥Q. Declarer may lead a diamond towards dummy. East can rise with the ♦K and switch to spades, triggering a forcing defence. This will take the contract one down.

At the other table Lindqvist (North) preferred to rebid 1NT and made +120 on the ♥6 lead.

This was the most explosive board of the match:



Thomas Bessis

FRANCE

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>T.Bessis</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Volcker</i>
—	2♣	3♠	Dble
5♠	6♣	Pass	Pass
6♠	Pass*	Pass	7♣
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
All Pass			

The 6♠ sacrifice would have cost 1100, a useful saving against 1370. Bessis made a forcing pass over this, showing 1st-round spade support. With many more honours than he might have held, Volcker bravely placed partner with four first-round controls and bid the grand slam. When West ventured a double, Volcker went so far as to redouble.

What were Charlsen's thoughts as his partner considered at length which red suit to lead. Was he thinking: 'I hope he leads a heart'? Perhaps he was thinking instead: 'Why on earth didn't I bid 6♥ instead of 6♠?' With nothing to guide him, Hoftaniska chose an unlucky diamond lead and Norway collected +2660.

Meanwhile in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

France missed their spade sacrifice and +1390 was scored after a ♠K lead. Thanks to the fireworks in the Open Room that was 15 IMPs to France.

♠♥♦♣

You may enjoy the play of the club suit on this deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Quantin</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

At the other table North had rebid 2♠ and scored +110. How do you fancy Lindqvist's prospects in 3NT? Quantin had only two cards in his hand that would give declarer a chance to make the contract – the club honours. He promptly led the ♣J.

Lorenzini won with the ♣A and returned the ♣5. Lindqvist can make the contract by running this to dummy's ♣9 but was it not obvious to play East for ♣J10x? He rose with the ♣Q and the defenders scored the first five tricks. Sometimes it is just not your day.


Jean Christophe Quantin
FRANCE

There was not long to wait for the next slam action:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	T.Bessis	Hoftaniska	Volcker
—	1♥	1♠	2♦
3♣	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Bessis delayed showing his diamond support but 6♦ was safely reached. Volcker ruffed the helpful ♣A lead, drew trumps and discarded his heart loser on the ♣K. When the spades could not be established with two ruffs, he claimed +1370.

If West leads a less generous trump, declarer can (for example) play ♠A, ruff a spade, ruff the ♣5 and lead a heart. If West rises with the ♥A to lead a trump, declarer can take a ruffing finesse in hearts. If instead East wins the heart, he has no trump to return and two further spade ruffs will be possible.

Would the Closed Room have a surprise for us?

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Lindqvist	Quantin	Brogeland
—	1♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	7♦
Dble	All Pass		

Yes, that is what happened! Brogeland is famed for his bravery, it's well known, but was such a deep venture into the bidding box with the odds? West led a trump and Lindqvist put down some splendid trumps. The ♥A was not on view, however, and that was 14 IMPs away.



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This is my last piece of action:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	T.Bessis	Hoftaniska	Volcker
—	1NT	Dble*	2♥ *
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

East's double showed the majors and 2♥ was a transfer. The defence played three rounds of hearts, Bessis ruffing with the ♠A. He finessed the ♠J, cashed the ♠K and finessed the ♦Q successfully. East ruffed the ♦A, played the ♠Q and led another heart, ruffed in dummy. A club to the 9 then endplayed East to give declarer a trick with the ♣K. That was only one down for -100.

And so to the Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Lindqvist	Quantin	Brogeland
	1NT	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			



Cedric Lorenzini
FRANCE

Quantin's 2♣ showed the majors and he indicated a club suit at his next turn. Lorenzini was sufficiently emboldened to bid game in hearts, a somewhat forward view when his ♦K was likely to be unimportant. Brogeland held the spades strongly and ventured a double.

Lindqvist led the ♥J won in the dummy and the ♦J was run to the queen. After ace and another spade to the jack, Brogeland returned the ♠5 ruffed with the ♥10, North throwing a diamond. When the ♦K was not covered, Lorenzini discarded dummy's ♠Q. He then finessed the ♣Q successfully, drew a second round of trumps and ruffed the ♦10 with the king. After drawing South's remaining trumps, he finessed the ♣J and scored the last two tricks with the ♣A8.

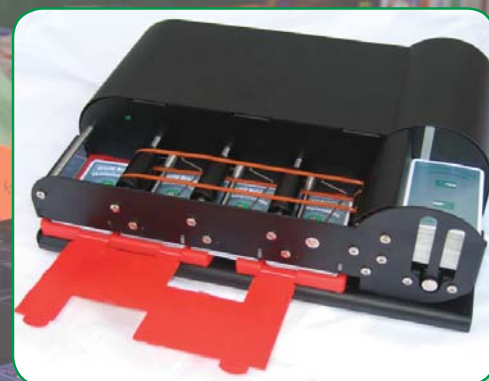
That was +790 and a further 12 IMPs to France, who won by the remarkable score of 65 IMPs to 4 (20 VPs to 0). It had been a dazzling display by the tournament leaders.

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TURKEY vs ENGLAND

by John Carruthers

Women Teams, Round 18

With just six matches remaining in the competition, the battle for the top three spots could hardly have been closer: Poland led England by less than one Victory Point, whilst France was a bit more than 1 VP behind England. Turkey, England's foe in this match, was in eleventh place, 18 VP in arrears of the final qualifying spot for Lyon.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adut</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♦ Transfer to hearts

After the transfer and leap to 3NT, Smith, with weakness in two suits, quite reasonably converted to Four Hearts, leaving Brock to declare the more difficult contract.

Adut led a spade to the king and ace. Brock took the other high spade, drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and led a club to the nine and queen. If West had no more trumps, that play would give declarer a chance to either (a.) set up a club for a diamond discard, or (b.) force the defence to open up the diamond suit. As it happened, West did have no more hearts, so Brock's careful play netted its reward when West shifted to a diamond to East's jack and Brock's ace. Brock ran the eight of diamonds, then drew the last trump, making ten tricks and plus 420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Özbeý</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Öymen</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♦ Transfer to hearts

Three Notrump was rather less hair-raising than Four Hearts and Öymen took nine tricks to lose an IMP – playing on clubs or diamonds would have risked the contract. One IMP to England.





Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Adut	Smith	Yavas	Brock
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	

- 2♠ Clubs
- 3♣ Club fit
- 3♥ Shortness
- 3♠ Temporising; uncertainty about 3NT
- 3NT High honour in hearts

This time, 3NT was not superior to a suit contract. That was rendered moot when diamonds were 4-4 and West did not lead one. Brock had 12 top tricks for plus 690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Draper	Özbey	Brown	Öymen
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

- 2♣ Limit raise or better in clubs
- 2♠ Natural, GF

Again the Turks reached a superior contract. Draper led a diamond, so declarer made 11 tricks, losing 3 IMPs this time.



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Adut	Smith	Yavas	Brock
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Yavas led her two top clubs then shifted to a diamond. Smith won, drew trumps ending in the dummy and led the queen of hearts. When it was covered, she had ten tricks and her contract; plus 620. Smith was going to make her contract if either heart honour was onside or if the queen of diamonds dropped doubleton, obviating the need for the second heart finesse. Once spades were 3-2, those were pretty good odds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Draper	Özbey	Brown	Öymen
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♥ Transfer to spades

The odds were even better here. Özbey had the same series of plays Smith had had, but for nine tricks in her contract. The bonus in Three Notrump came when the defence started clubs, setting up the game-going trick immediately. Plus 600 to Turkey and 1 IMP to England.

That was extraordinary: Turkey had outbid England to three superior games in the four boards played so far and had lost IMPs on all three boards. Only 5 IMPs in total, mind you.

The match swung on the next board ...

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adut</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adut</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- 1♣ Natural, or; a balanced 12-14 / 18-19
- 1♦ Transfer to hearts
- 1NT GF; usually a balanced 18-19; but, as here, clubs with fewer than 4 spades and fewer than 3 hearts
- 3♣ Clarifies that the club hand is held

Yavas led the king of spades; plus 1390 to England.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Özbey</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Öymen</i>
—	1♣	1♠	Dble
4♠	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	7♣!	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Öymen/Özbey ended their string of perfectly-bid boards, bidding to a grand slam off a cashing ace. The problem was, Draper's double (calling off the spade lead) and Brown's hand put Brown to a guess about which red suit to lead; 31 IMPs swung in the balance: 17 to England on a heart lead; 14 to Turkey on a diamond lead. Brown led a diamond; plus 2330 to Turkey.



Four Spades is a pretty good contract on the king-of-hearts lead, as happened here. Declarer won with dummy's ace and tried to cash two diamonds, discarding clubs. She was shocked to see North ruff the second of these, then make two more trump tricks to go with the queen of hearts for one off. Very poor luck: minus 100. That Adut could have made her contract by taking a club finesse instead of playing the second high diamond rubbed salt into the wound.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Özbey</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Öymen</i>
—	—	—	2♦
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When Öymen committed a weak two and Draper bid, what could Brown do but bid 3NT? Öymen avoided the losing diamond lead, finding instead the killing heart lead. Brown topped North's queen with her ace and ran the nine of spades to North, South discarding a diamond. Özbey cleared the hearts. Brown led a club to her jack and South's king. South exited with a club; Brown won the ace, took the ace of spades, the queen of clubs, one high diamond and exited with the jack of diamonds. South's queen of diamonds won that trick and she had a long club to take for one off and a push.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Draper tried the ace of hearts on opening lead. When that won, she plunked down the ace of clubs and was surprised to see it ruffed. Plus 920 added to 150 gave Turkey another 14-IMP gain.

On Board 10, Brock held:

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

At game all, her RHO opened One Heart, she bid Four Diamonds and it went Four Hearts-Pass-Pass back to her. Your choice?

Open Room

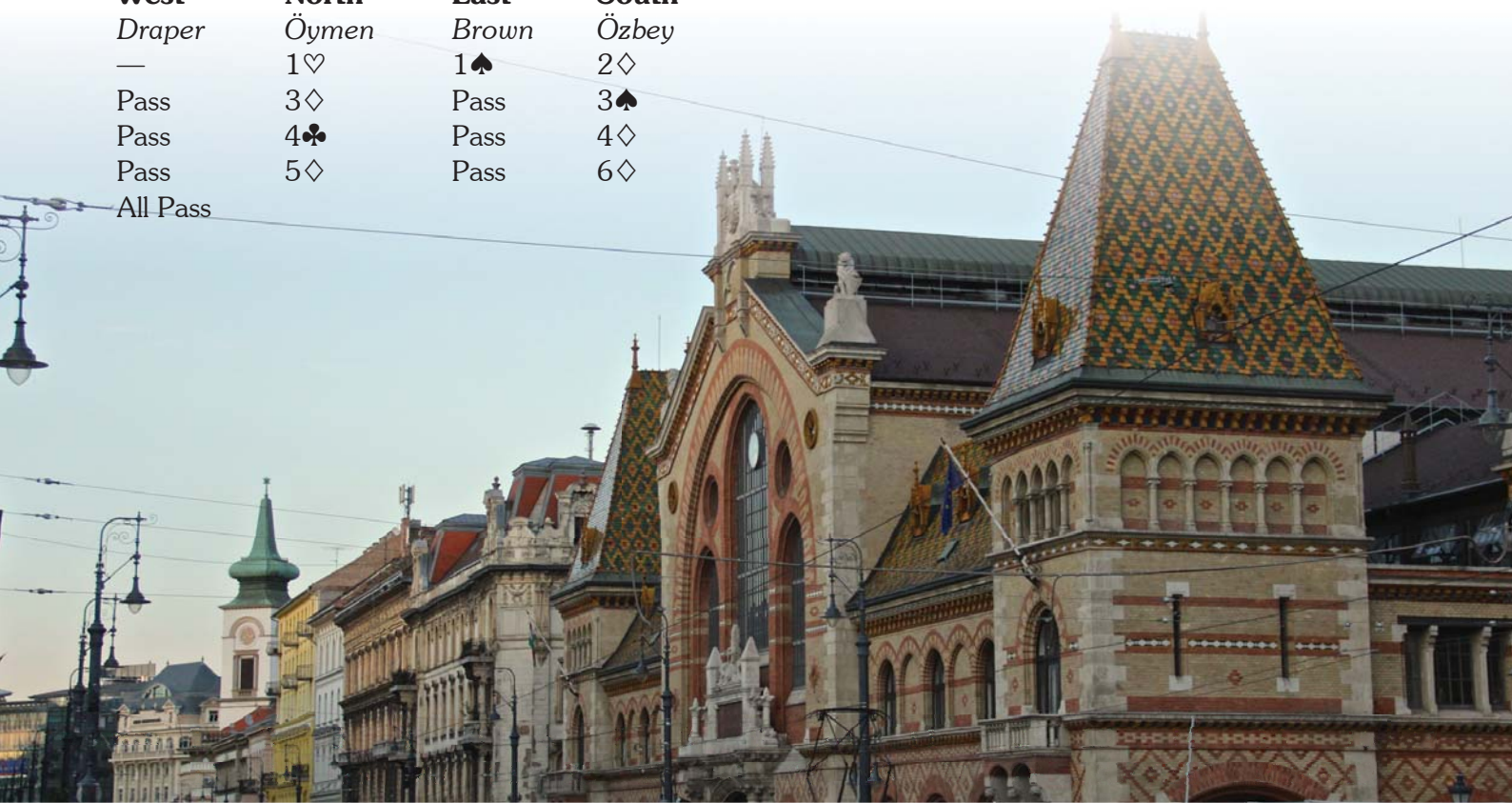
West	North	East	South
<i>Adut</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Yavas</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	1♥	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

Brock made a state-of-the-match double (as Four Diamonds had been), indicating unexpected defence and the willingness to bid on. Against Four Heart, North/South could have taken their two aces (with a club guess), nothing more, for minus 990. Naturally Smith bid 4♠ but that was not what Brock was hoping to hear. When East doubled she bid 4NT and all Smith could do was go back to diamonds and that cost 1100 when Brock slightly misjudged the play.

Brock's initial pass introduced an element of confusion into the auction when she later jumped to Five Diamonds. Smith had a hard time believing this to be natural after the initial pass (why not Three Diamonds initially, she wondered), so she took the 'unsafety play' of bidding Five Hearts. This undignified contract went three off on a club lead, ruffed in the dummy. Smith led a diamond to hand, ruffed by East. A club to the ace and another diamond ruff, with the ace and king of hearts still to come; minus 150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Draper</i>	<i>Öymen</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Özbey</i>
—	1♥	1♠	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K Q J 10 9 6 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 7 4 2 ♣ Q	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8 7 2 ♥ J 10 9 8 4 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ 5 3	♠ 3 ♥ Q ♦ J 10 8 ♣ A K J 10 9 8 7 4
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Draper	Öymen	Brown	Özbey
—	—	—	5♣
All Pass			

Two high diamonds, a high heart and a diamond ruff meant the same two down for a push.

The cards had been wild, some of the bidding wilder still, and even the boards not reported here were interesting. For me, it had been the most entertaining match since the Open Teams' Match #1. Turkey won, 47-16. A heart lead against Seven Clubs doubled on Board 5 would have meant a 33-33 draw.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Adut	Smith	Yavas	Brock
—	—	—	4♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Post Script: On Board 5, there had been a call for the Tournament Director due to a slow Six Clubs by South, allegedly giving North Unauthorized Information and prompting her to venture Seven Clubs. The TD ruled that the table result, plus 2330 to North/South, stood.

Adut/Yavas showed a fine degree of partnership trust here. Yavas led the nine of diamonds to Adut's ace. Adut cashed the king of diamonds and, disdaining the taking of a heart before the ruff, gave Yavas her diamond ruff. A heart to West (minding the suit preference ace, then king of hearts) and another diamond ruff meant two off, minus 100.



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RESULTS OPEN TEAMS

ROUND 31

1	FAROE ISLANDS	ROMANIA	29	58	3.42	16.58
2	IRELAND	WALES	68	13	19.61	0.39
3	LATVIA	SWEDEN	21	26	8.52	11.48
4	FRANCE	NORWAY	65	4	20.00	0.00
5	TURKEY	SPAIN	21	39	5.40	14.60
6	AUSTRIA	UKRAINE	41	8	17.17	2.83
7	BELARUS	ITALY	47	3	18.55	1.45
8	POLAND	MONACO	14	17	9.09	10.91
9	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	22	10	13.28	6.72
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	ENGLAND	49	42	12.03	7.97
11	GEORGIA	BULGARIA	29	39	7.20	12.80
12	GERMANY	DENMARK	38	49	6.96	13.04
13	ICELAND	PORTUGAL	22	50	3.58	16.42
14	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	24	21	10.91	9.09
15	SERBIA	ISRAEL	19	39	5.00	15.00
16	NETHERLANDS	RUSSIA	29	41	6.72	13.28
17	ESTONIA	CROATIA	49	28	15.19	4.81
18	GREECE	CYPRUS	42	19	15.56	4.44
19	HUNGARY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 32

1	BELARUS	ROMANIA	42	28	13.75	6.25
2	TURKEY	AUSTRIA	31	46	6.03	13.97
3	LATVIA	FRANCE	26	43	5.61	14.39
4	POLAND	SWEDEN	13	49	2.41	17.59
5	SWITZERLAND	FAROE ISLANDS	45	40	11.48	8.52
6	HUNGARY	WALES	46	28	14.60	5.40
7	GEORGIA	IRELAND	34	20	13.75	6.25
8	GERMANY	ITALY	48	26	15.38	4.62
9	ICELAND	UKRAINE	26	31	8.52	11.48
10	FINLAND	SPAIN	73	13	20.00	0.00
11	SERBIA	NORWAY	28	46	5.40	14.60
12	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	24	26	9.39	10.61
13	GREECE	BELGIUM	11	23	6.72	13.28
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	MONACO	45	10	17.45	2.55
15	ENGLAND	ISRAEL	17	24	7.97	12.03
16	RUSSIA	SCOTLAND	43	47	8.80	11.20
17	CROATIA	PORTUGAL	32	38	8.24	11.76
18	CYPRUS	DENMARK	2	55	0.57	19.43
19	ESTONIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 33

1	ISRAEL	ROMANIA	42	24	14.60	5.40
2	PORTUGAL	LATVIA	10	39	3.42	16.58
3	SCOTLAND	DENMARK	51	55	8.80	11.20
4	BULGARIA	CROATIA	43	8	17.45	2.55
5	MONACO	RUSSIA	30	11	14.80	5.20
6	BELGIUM	ENGLAND	19	31	6.72	13.28
7	ITALY	GREECE	6	30	4.26	15.74
8	NORWAY	ESTONIA	47	4	18.44	1.56
9	SPAIN	NETHERLANDS	12	36	4.26	15.74
10	UKRAINE	CZECH REPUBLIC	8	38	3.27	16.73
11	SWEDEN	FINLAND	8	26	5.40	14.60
12	IRELAND	ICELAND	34	19	13.97	6.03
13	WALES	GERMANY	16	29	6.48	13.52
14	FAROE ISLANDS	SERBIA	34	53	5.20	14.80
15	FRANCE	HUNGARY	2	20	5.40	14.60
16	TURKEY	SWITZERLAND	35	46	6.96	13.04
17	AUSTRIA	POLAND	20	22	9.39	10.61
18	BELARUS	GEORGIA	58	26	17.03	2.97
19	CYPRUS	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 34

1	ROMANIA	IRELAND	35	98	0.00	20.00
2	LATVIA	FAROE ISLANDS	7	78	0.00	20.00
3	SWEDEN	WALES	40	15	15.92	4.08
4	FRANCE	ITALY	23	16	12.03	7.97
5	TURKEY	NORWAY	41	44	9.09	10.91
6	AUSTRIA	SPAIN	53	48	11.48	8.52
7	BELARUS	UKRAINE	46	21	15.92	4.08
8	POLAND	BULGARIA	73	23	19.16	0.84
9	SWITZERLAND	MONACO	24	35	6.96	13.04
10	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	40	31	12.55	7.45
11	GERMANY	ISRAEL	61	17	18.55	1.45
12	ICELAND	DENMARK	19	29	7.20	12.80
13	FINLAND	PORTUGAL	11	75	0.00	20.00
14	SERBIA	SCOTLAND	35	28	12.03	7.97
15	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	53	19	17.31	2.69
16	ESTONIA	RUSSIA	36	42	8.24	11.76
17	GREECE	CROATIA	48	61	6.48	13.52
18	CZECH REPUBLIC	CYPRUS	37	63	3.91	16.09
19	GEORGIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 34

1	FRANCE	448.81
2	SWEDEN	438.69
3	MONACO	438.24
4	NETHERLANDS	428.99
5	GERMANY	427.30
6	BULGARIA	406.79
7	HUNGARY	402.32
8	NORWAY	400.73
9	ENGLAND	396.12
10	POLAND	392.78
11	ISRAEL	392.06
12	IRELAND	389.93
13	ITALY	385.05
14	FINLAND	365.40
15	ICELAND	358.43
16	SPAIN	357.44
17	DENMARK	348.05
18	SERBIA	343.47
19	ESTONIA	341.27
20	AUSTRIA	339.94
21	BELGIUM	338.19
22	TURKEY	336.34
23	CROATIA	327.82
24	GREECE	322.67
25	SWITZERLAND	310.44
26	CZECH REP.	308.74
27	RUSSIA	302.17
28	PORTUGAL	293.49
29	ROMANIA	292.77
30	BELARUS	289.44
31	UKRAINE	279.85
32	LATVIA	263.33
33	FAROE ISLANDS	263.09
34	WALES	261.19
35	SCOTLAND	233.04
36	GEORGIA	220.91
37	CYPRUS	189.21



RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND 18

21	FRANCE	GERMANY	19	33	6.25	13.75
22	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	45	19	16.09	3.91
23	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	55	36	14.80	5.20
24	SAN MARINO	IRELAND	31	10	15.19	4.81
25	ITALY	ISRAEL	31	23	12.29	7.71
26	TURKEY	ENGLAND	47	16	14.88	3.12
27	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	15	31	5.82	14.18
28	PORTUGAL	GREECE	36	37	9.69	10.31
29	POLAND	NORWAY	36	12	15.74	4.26
30	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	26	13	13.52	6.48
31	SPAIN	SERBIA	27	26	10.31	9.69
32	FINLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 19

21	PORTUGAL	FRANCE	30	40	7.20	12.80
22	ITALY	RUSSIA	24	12	13.28	6.72
23	TURKEY	SCOTLAND	21	51	3.27	16.73
24	SERBIA	GREECE	27	23	11.20	8.80
25	POLAND	HUNGARY	50	36	13.75	6.25
26	DENMARK	SWEDEN	7	64	0.23	19.77
27	SPAIN	GERMANY	21	26	8.52	11.48
28	ESTONIA	IRELAND	42	39	10.91	9.09
29	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	41	17	15.74	4.26
30	NORWAY	ENGLAND	21	61	1.91	18.09
31	BULGARIA	ISRAEL	27	51	4.26	15.74
32	SAN MARINO	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 20

21	FRANCE	ENGLAND	24	10	13.75	6.25
22	RUSSIA	ISRAEL	21	35	6.25	13.75
23	SCOTLAND	GREECE	40	34	11.76	8.24
24	SAN MARINO	FINLAND	7	65	0.15	19.85
25	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	30	43	6.48	13.52
26	GERMANY	NORWAY	27	35	7.71	12.29
27	IRELAND	BULGARIA	39	56	5.61	14.39
28	HUNGARY	SERBIA	32	33	9.69	10.31
29	ITALY	POLAND	21	24	9.09	10.91
30	TURKEY	DENMARK	38	35	10.91	9.09
31	PORTUGAL	ESTONIA	29	40	6.96	13.04
32	SPAIN	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 20

1	POLAND	278.96
2	FRANCE	268.80
3	ENGLAND	265.13
4	NETHERLANDS	256.10
5	RUSSIA	248.85
6	ISRAEL	248.32
7	DENMARK	231.49
8	ITALY	229.81
9	SWEDEN	228.61
10	TURKEY	223.48
11	NORWAY	221.45
12	GERMANY	218.57
13	SCOTLAND	190.71
14	FINLAND	189.10
15	HUNGARY	183.31
16	SERBIA	175.41
17	SPAIN	161.93
18	ESTONIA	161.12
19	PORTUGAL	155.97
20	BULGARIA	153.37
21	GREECE	143.54
22	IRELAND	110.83
23	SAN MARINO	80.64





RESULTS SENIORS TEAMS

ROUND 18

41	BELGIUM	POLAND	29	18	13.04	6.96
42	ITALY	HUNGARY	15	44	3.42	16.58
43	ENGLAND	ROMANIA	52	23	16.58	3.42
44	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	50	31	14.80	5.20
45	GERMANY	IRELAND	17	52	2.55	17.45
46	NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL	52	20	17.03	2.97
47	FINLAND	DENMARK	18	37	5.20	14.80
48	BULGARIA	SCOTLAND	38	20	14.60	5.40
49	ISRAEL	NORWAY	24	37	6.48	13.52
50	TURKEY	SPAIN	24	17	12.03	7.97
51	ESTONIA	SWEDEN	23	54	3.12	16.88
52	SERBIA	WALES	34	46	6.72	13.28

ROUND 19

41	POLAND	BULGARIA	37	22	13.97	6.03
42	HUNGARY	ISRAEL	23	58	2.55	17.45
43	ROMANIA	ESTONIA	0	0	0.00	13.00
44	SWEDEN	FRANCE	28	24	11.20	8.80
45	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	24	31	7.97	12.03
46	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	22	22	10.00	10.00
47	SPAIN	FINLAND	31	57	3.91	16.09
48	DENMARK	ENGLAND	14	44	3.27	16.73
49	AUSTRIA	BELGIUM	42	43	9.69	10.31
50	IRELAND	ITALY	35	18	14.39	5.61
51	PORTUGAL	WALES	33	49	5.82	14.18
52	TURKEY	SERBIA	31	36	8.52	11.48

ROUND 20

41	POLAND	SCOTLAND	51	19	17.03	2.97
42	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	2	83	0.00	20.00
43	WALES	NETHERLANDS	13	35	4.62	15.38
44	ROMANIA	NORWAY	22	12	12.80	7.20
45	DENMARK	ISRAEL	1	53	0.66	19.34
46	AUSTRIA	BULGARIA	43	3	18.09	1.91
47	IRELAND	ESTONIA	43	4	17.97	2.03
48	PORTUGAL	TURKEY	14	36	4.62	15.38
49	ENGLAND	GERMANY	13	54	1.79	18.21
50	BELGIUM	FRANCE	13	27	6.25	13.75
51	ITALY	FINLAND	8	20	6.72	13.28
52	SERBIA	SPAIN	21	37	5.82	14.18

RANKING AFTER ROUND 20

1	ISRAEL	264.60
2	SWEDEN	251.53
3	POLAND	243.04
4	AUSTRIA	241.88
5	ENGLAND	232.44
6	IRELAND	230.46
7	TURKEY	230.12
8	ITALY	222.74
9	NETHERLANDS	220.06
10	GERMANY	219.84
11	BULGARIA	218.37
12	FRANCE	216.88
13	DENMARK	211.59
14	NORWAY	209.76
15	HUNGARY	195.63
16	BELGIUM	185.15
17	FINLAND	178.95
18	ROMANIA	168.53
19	SCOTLAND	163.10
20	SPAIN	158.47
21	PORTUGAL	148.84
22	ESTONIA	140.10
23	WALES	138.83
24	SERBIA	92.09



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Schedule of play for the 2017 World Bridge Teams Championships

Teams Registration	Saturday 12 th August
Captains meeting	Saturday 12 th August
Opening Ceremony	Saturday 12 th August at 19.00
Round Robin	1st Match Sunday 13 th August
Round Robin	Last Match Saturday 19 th August

Captains Meeting	(Qualified Teams) Saturday 19 th August
Quarter-final Sunday	20 th August
Transnational Teams	Monday 21 st August
Semi-final Tuesday	22 nd August
Final & Play-Off	Thursday 24 th to Saturday 26 th

Prize-giving & Closing ceremony	Saturday 26 th
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The Transnational World Championships start on Monday August 21 and there is no clash with the end of the KO phases of the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Senior Bowl).

Teams eliminated from the Transnationals can compete in the Grand Prix de Lyon 24-25 August, comprising IMPs on the 24th and matchpoints on the 25th. Contestants can compete on one or both days, which means that if you are eliminated in the transnational you can play in the Grand Prix de Lyon - and enjoy a whole week of bridge in Lyon.





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