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MONACO WIN THEIR FIRST CHAMPIONS' CUP



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The five-year supremacy of Turin's GS Allegra team in this competition has come to an end. Last night, they were beaten at the post by Monaco who then went on to beat Germany's Bamberger Reiter by 32 IMPs in the semis and Norway's Heimdal by 77 IMPs in what already at the halfway point had become a formality as Monaco were 34 IMPs up at that point.

Our sincere congratulations thus go to Tor Helness, Geir Helgemo, Krzysztof Martens, Franck Multon, Pierre Zimmermann and Dominik Filipowicz.

In the other semifinal, Heimdal had secured its place in the final by beating Dutch clear Round Robin winners and therefore the bookmakers' favourites by 10 IMPs, having enjoyed a bigger lead earlier in the match after making good their initial deficit.

In the other finals, GS Allegra regained some of its reputation by winning the B final against France's Riehm team by 13 IMPs, thus ending in 5th place.

The C final was won by Skalman from Sweden who beat local heroes JT3 by IMPs over their 32 boards.

The play-off for the bronze was won by Germany's Bamberger Reiter, who beat their Dutch rivals from 't Onstein by 7 IMPs, mainly due to board 22 described on page 21 in this Bulletin.

See you next year in Riga!



**1st - MONACO**

Franck Multon, Geir Helgemo, Dominik Filipowicz, Pierre Zimmermann, Krzysztof Martens, Tor Helness

**2nd - HEIMDAL**

Glenn Grøtheim, Allan Liugård, Per Erik Austberg, Peter Tøndel, Terje Aa, Jan Tore Berg

**3rd - BAMBERGER REITER**

Jörg Fritsche, Michael Gromöller, Helmut Häusler, Wojtek Gawel, Rafal Jagniewski, Martin Rehder



CLOSING SPEECH

by Yves Aubry, EBL President



Mr Milan Bandić – Mayor of Zagreb

Mr Jurica Carić –
President of the Croatian Bridge Federation

Dear Friends,

Before starting officially this ceremony, I have the pleasure to award Gold medals to Marina Pilipović and Nikica Šver, winners of the Women's Pairs competition from the World Bridge Games in Wrocław.

The 15th edition of the European Bridge Champions' Cup is nearly ending and this EBL competition is now one of the major events of the international calendar with the participation of all top European players. I want to thank the city of Zagreb for its great support.

All my congratulations to the Croatian Bridge Federation, its President Jurica Carić, and all the organising committee led by Tvrтко Perković for the great job they have done to organise this 15th Champions' Cup in Zagreb.

I will ask Tvrтко Perković, On-Site Organiser, to come to the stage to receive a plaque from EBL.

I will ask Jurica Carić, President of the Croatian Bridge Federation, to come to the stage to receive a plaque from EBL.

I will ask Milan Bandić, Mayor of Zagreb, to come to the stage to receive a plaque from EBL.

I would like to thank all the staff members who have contributed to the perfect organisation of this competition.

Thank you to the organising committee

Davor Blaženčić – Jurica Carić – Josef Harsanyi – Tvrтко Perković – Fotis Skoularikis

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Thank you also to all my colleagues of the EBL Executive Committee and the work done during the 2 days meetings.

But I would above all thank you the players, thanks to you this competition became an EBL major competition. You have given through those three days, a nice image of the bridge, a high level of play, a sport spirit and friendships.

I am confident that the 15th Champions Cup will be for all of you, players, officers, journalists and guests a great moment in the bridge.

Still one thanks to you all and have a safe return tomorrow to home.

In the other room, the contract was a modest 1NT when South opened his 15-17 hand and nobody doubled, but the play was different..

West	North	East	South
<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Madala</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	Pass	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Top club and ♥J but here, East overtook the ♥J with his queen and declarer won the ace. He exited in clubs but West won and led a low heart to partner's ♥9 which declarer allowed to win the trick. This enabled East to push the ♦10 through. Declarer put up his king but West won and returned a low diamond to partner's nine. A low heart then was allowed to run to West's ♥8 and the last top club thus put this contract one down. GS Allegra a fine +100 but 3 more IMPs to Monaco.



Dennis Bilde

GS ALLEGRA

Board 17 was a matter of luck (or inspiration).

Board: 17. Dlr: North/None

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
	1♣	1♠	1NT
Dble	Redbl	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When Bilde opened 1♣, Helgemo got the opportunity to show his modest values in the red suits but with the 3NT contract placed in the South hand already, West's heart lead was automatic and resulted in a quick one down. Monaco +50.

In the other room, Multon opened a well-timed off-shape 2NT and he thus became declarer in the normal enough 3NT.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Madala</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When East led a "routine" spade rather than an aggressive ♥Q (would you have found this killing lead??), declarer had 11 tricks. Monaco +460 and 11 IMPs to them.

At this point, the score in the match had become 23-4 to Monaco. This 19-IMP difference meant that Monaco would qualify by the smallest of margins: 0,01 V.P.!

However, they settled the issue more clearly two boards later.



Giorgio Duboin

GS ALLEGRA

Board: 19. Dlr: South/EW

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



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bilde	Helness	Duboin
Pass	2NT	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass		Pass	6NT

2NT showed diamonds and after a few cuebids, the ambitious slam was reached. 6♦ would have been the slightly superior slam but knowing about partner's ♣A and wanting to protect his major suit holdings, Duboin opted for the NT slam.

With the ♦K right and the ♣Q doubleton, 6NT is cold on a double-dummy basis but on a heart lead to the ace and a spade back, Duboin now had no option but to win his ace and to try to bring in both minor suits without loss. When a low diamond to the jack held, the first hurdle had been taken but when he next cashed the ♣A and led a club to the jack and queen, he had to accept two down. Monaco +100.



Tor Helness
MONACO

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Multon	Madala	Zimmermann
1♠	2♦	2♥	1♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			5♦

So all Monaco had to do (without knowing it, of course), was to go plus on this board at the other table. They duly did so, as you can see from the auction, and the 11-IMP gain here meant Monaco had won the match 34-4, more than enough to qualify at the expense of the holders.



Pierre Zimmermann (MONACO)





SEMIFINALS A, ROUND 1

by Jos Jacobs

BAMBERGER R. vs **MONACO**
'T ONSTEIN vs **HEIMDAL**

For the two semifinals A, I shall once again adopt the idea of presenting a combined report about both the matches., even more so because more often than not, the interesting boards would produce swings everywhere.

This basic idea already paid off on the second board of the set, a wonderful misfit:

Board: 2. Dlr: East/NS

♠ A Q J 10 7				
♥ 2				
♦ 3				
♣ K Q 10 9 6 5				
♠ K 9 8 6 3 2	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 5		
♥ K 10 9		♥ Q 8 6		
♦ 7		♦ K J 9 8 6 4		
♣ 7 3 2		♣ A J 8		
		♠ 4		
		♥ A J 7 5 4 3		
		♦ A Q 10 5 2		
		♣ 4		

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
		1♦	1♥
2♥	3♣	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

When Helgemo showed his spades in transfer mode and North passed, Gawel could do little better than re-bid his longer suit. A double would have been a great success but on this hand, it seems rather far-fetched.

Down one on the obvious but helpful diamond lead, Monaco +50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Häusler</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1♦	1♥
1♠	2♣	2♦	2♥
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Over just 1♠, Multon had the chance to show one of his suits, actually the far better one, and when he took out partner's 2♥ rebid into 3♣, the pair had

reached a very good contract for a deserved overtrick, +130 and 6 IMPs to Monaco.

In the other match, the misfit also caused havoc:

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Tondel</i>	<i>Nab</i>
		1♦	1♥
Dble	1NT	2♦	2♥
2♠	All Pass		

Over West's double, North showed his clubs in transfer mode but when West bid 2♠ at his next turn, everybody was happy (?). Down three, 't Onstein +150.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Livgaard</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Aa</i>
		1♦	1♥
2♥	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

After the nebulous 1♦ by East, South took the chance to show both his suits, so the typical misfit contract of 3NT was reached, West having transferred to his spades in the meantime. The hopeless affair went two down for another +100 and 6 IMPs to the Dutch.



Krzysztof Martens
MONACO

Back to Monaco and the Reiter again for an interesting partscore swing:

Board: 4. Dlr: West/All

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



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

A well diagnosed matchpoint-style balancing action by NS. In relatively short K.O. matches, the partscores can play an important role. A nice +140 to the Reiter when the NS hands fitted reasonably well together.

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Martens
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥	All Pass

When Häusler did not open the bidding, Multon did. When Martens responded 1♠, the modern replacement for the natural 1NT, the balancing Germans found their heart fit but reaching 2♠ had become too much for the Monegasques.

When the defence failed to attack the black suits on time, the contract even rolled home for another +110 and thus 6 IMPS to the Reiter.



Board 6 seemed to be an easy enough 3NT for NS but not all four SF pairs passed this test:

Board: 6. Dlr: East/EW

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



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel
1♠	2♦	Pass	1♣
3♠	Pass	Dble	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	Dble

2♦ was natural and ORF. No problem on any lead with the hearts well-placed. On a spade lead, Bamberger Reiter +400.

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Martens
1♠	2♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	2♥

Multon did not know about partner's 6th club so he simply rebid his own suit. There it rested, Monaco +130 but 7 IMPs to the Reiter.

No swing in the other match, both teams duly reaching 3NT...



Rafal Jagniewski
BAMBERGER R.

There was a swing in the other match on the next board, and it was a big one:

Board: 7. Dlr: South/All

♠ A Q 8 ♥ 9 6 5 3 ♦ 2 ♣ A J 8 7 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K J 7 6 4 2 ♥ A K 4 ♦ 5 ♣ Q 5 2	♠ 10 9 ♥ Q 10 8 7 2 ♦ A Q 6 4 3 ♣ 6
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West	North	East	South
Groethem	Drijver	Tondel	Nab

All Pass

When Nab opened 3♦ as dealer, everybody was stuck. It was not the best NS contract, however. Down three, Heimdal +300.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Liugaard	Muller	Aa
2♦	2♠	4♥	All Pass

When South at the other table passed as dealer, a much less aggressive approach, West could open 2♦, the classic three-suiter with short diamonds. East had an automatic 4♥ bid but when West's hearts proved a little weak and the adverse distribution a little unfriendly, Muller, trying to get some tricks from everywhere, went no less than three down for another +300 and 12 IMPs to Heimdal. The problem was that Muller took a free diamond finesse that lost and then had his ♦A ruffed by North...

On the next board, both declarers in 4♥ found the successful endplay.

Board: 8. Dlr: West/None

♠ A 3 ♥ A K 10 8 7 6 3 ♦ K 10 6 4 ♣ --	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 9 7 2 ♥ J 9 4 ♦ A 2 ♣ 9 5 3 2	♠ Q J 8 6 5 ♥ 5 ♦ J 8 7 ♣ K J 8 4
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West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel
1♥	Pass	1♠	Dble
3♥	All Pass		

In the Monaco match, Helgemo played in 3♥ when Helness saw no good reason to raise.

Ten tricks, Monaco +170

The Germans were in 4♥ when East found a rebid over 3♥.

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Martens
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The lead of the ♦A and another did not make life more difficult for declarer. He won South's nine with the ten and played off three rounds of trumps. North won the jack and returned a club but declarer could ruff and now played off all his trumps on which South had to give the show away by eventually throwing his ♣A or undergo the squeeze by holding on to his ♣A but blanking his ♠K instead. He chose the latter, of course, but declarer made no mistake. He cashed the ♠A, felling the king, and finished with an overtrick. Bamberger Reiter +450 and 7 IMPs to them.



In the other match, Groetheim also was in 4♥.

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Drijver	Tondel	Nab
1♥	Pass	1♠	Dble
4♥	All Pass		

Though he got the best lead of a club, he found the endplay as well and emerged with just ten tricks, Heimdal +420.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Livgaard	Muller	Aa
1♣	Pass	1♦	1NT
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

South showed minors with his 1NT against West's strong Club. When East showed his suit over partner's strong rebid, there it suddenly rested. One down, Heimdal another +50 and 10 IMPs to take the lead.

The next board produced one disaster in each match:

Board: 9. Dlr: North/EW

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

North's 1NT was natural and not forcing.

Helness' daring overcall (vul. against not) did its job once South thought he was too strong to pass.

The defence was quite efficient, as so often from this pair. Spade to the ace, spade ruff, top diamond which held trick and another diamond to declarer's ace. When declarer next did not play a trump but rather a club to the queen and East's king, Helness could return the suit

for his partner to score two tricks in it followed by an overruff of dummy with East's bare ♥J. The ♥K then put the contract down four: Monaco +800.

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Martens
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

When Martens' 2♣ Gazzilli produced a negative response, the auction came to rest in 2♥. This went down two alright but as it was not doubled, the loss of 100 points still was worth a 12-IMP swing to Monaco.

In the other match, Heimdal also had the chance to double the opponents in 3♥:

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Drijver	Tondel	Nab
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Dble
Pass	3♥	4♦	All Pass

When Tondel bid 4♦ over 3♥, NS were out of danger. Heimdal +130.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Livgaard	Muller	Aa
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

In the other room, North tried a light Multi and soon had to pay for it. Down three, +500 and 9 IMPs to 't Onstein.



Bob Drijver

'T ONSTEIN

The next board produced a small partscore swing to Heimdal when the Dutch went down at both tables but one board later, the Dutch regained the lead:

cold but it is easy to understand that North did not believe in this, looking at his singleton spade. So the Norwegians reached 5♣, the second-best spot, still good for +400 but also good for a loss of 9 IMPs.

Board: 11. Dlr: South/None

♠ A 10 8 5 3 ♥ Q 9 8 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 5 4	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ 10 7 ♦ A Q 10 4 3 ♣ 10 8	♠ K J 2 ♥ K 6 3 ♦ K 9 ♣ K Q J 9 2
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West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Drijver	Tondel	Nab
1♠	Dble	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Well, 5♣ is on for NS but on this distribution, down four was inevitable. 't Onstein +800.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Livgaard	Muller	Aa
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♣	All Pass	3♠

With the solid double stopper in spades, 3NT is ice-

Board: 12. Dlr: West/NS

♠ 10 5 ♥ A 3 ♦ K J 9 8 5 2 ♣ Q 6 3	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 7 6 3 2 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ J 2	♠ Q ♥ K Q 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ A K 10 9 7 5 4
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	S											

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Drijver	Tondel	Nab
Pass	2♣	3♣	All Pass

On the next board, East overcalled the probable weak two in diamonds and played there for one down when he did not make the unlikely play of finessing the ♣Q through the pre-emptive bidder. 't Onstein +50.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Livgaard	Muller	Aa
Pass	2♦	3♣	3♦
All Pass			

This contract also went down two for another +200 and 6 IMPs more to 't Onstein.



Three boards from the end, there was a slam, but how to get there when the opponents open 1NT?

Board: 14. Dlr: East/None

♠ J 5 3		♠ K Q 10 9 2
♥ K 8 7 6 5 3		♥ J 9
♦ 8 7		♦ A Q
♣ K 2		♣ Q J 5 4
♠ 8 7 6 4	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A
♥ 4		♥ A Q 10 2
♦ 10 9 6 5 3		♦ K J 4 2
♣ 9 7 6		♣ A 10 8 3

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The NS pair for the Bamberger Reiter did not find the solution and thus scored +480.

West	North	East	South
<i>Häusler</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1♠	Dble
2♠	4♥	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redbl
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

West's double of 4♠ dissuaded a spade lead. When East opened 1♠ at the other table, South could take immediate action. South could then show a

strong hand with first-round control in spades. When North was polite enough to next show his ♠K, Martens knew enough and bid the excellent (in view of the opening bid) heart slam for a well-deserved +980 and 11 IMPs to Monaco.

In the other match:

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Tondel</i>	<i>Nab</i>
		1♠	Dble
3♠	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Once again the Norwegians were in sacrifice mode and once again, the outcome was doubtful. Yes, NS were good for +980 but what would you prefer? A possible -980 or a certain -800?

Down four, 't Onstein +800.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Livgaard</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Aa</i>
		1♠	Dble
3♠	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Had Terje Aa shown the same courage as Martens did in the other match, he too would have scored 980...As it was, Heimdal lost 8 IMPs on the board.

At halftime, the scores read:

BAMBERGER R. vs MONACO
25-37

'T ONSTEIN vs HEIMDAL
48-36





SEMIFINALS A, ROUND 2

by Jos Jacobs

BAMBERGER R. vs **MONACO**
T ONSTEIN vs **HEIMDAL**

Monaco started the second segment with a 12-IMP lead but they lost it on the third board of the set::

Board: 19. Dlr: South/EW

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

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♠ A 9 8 6 4			
♥ A 6			
♦ 10 5			
♣ J 8 5 2			

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel
1♥	Dble	3♥	4♠
All Pass			Pass

Gawel made the play of this hand look extremely easy. He won the ♥K opening lead and led a diamond to the king and ace. Taking the ♦K as a true card, his next moves were spade to the ace and a spade to dummy's ten. Curtains. He only lost two clubs in the end. Reiter +650.

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Zimmermann
1♥	Dble	2♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	Pass

In the replay, the first two tricks were the same but after winning dummy's ♦A, declarer proceeded with the ♠K and a spade to the ace. Rather than turning his attention to clubs, declarer went on to cash the ♦Q and cross-ruff diamonds and hearts before leading a club. This enabled West to rise with the ♣A and remove all the trumps by drawing the master trump followed by the ♥Q on which declarer could di-

scard his 13th club. There was no way left for declarer to escape the loss of one more club trick. One down, another +100 and 13 IMPs to the Reiter.

On the next board, the problem for EW was to find the best denomination:

Board: 20. Dlr: West/All

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

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♠ 6			
♥ J 9 6 5 3			
♦ 10 6 4			
♣ 9 8 7 4			

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel
1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Nothing wrong with the final contract except when the trumps are 5-0. One down, Reiter +100.

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Zimmermann
1♠	2♦	3♦	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

When the defence played trumps on every occasion, declarer could only ruff one spade and thus went down three. This would not have been too costly had his team-mates been in 4♠. As it was, this Monaco -800 brought the Reiter a further 14 IMPs and suddenly a 15-IMP lead.

In the other match, there were no sacrifices but just a difference in choice of games:

West	North	East	South
Austberg	Van ProoijenBerg	Verhees	
1♠	2♦	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Nothing special, Heimdal +650

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Livgaard	Muller	Aa
1♣	3♣	3♦	4♦
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Multon	Fritsche	Zimmermann
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
			All Pass

3♣ showed either hearts or minors and 3♦ showed hearts.

Please note that the Norwegian interference made it virtually impossible for EW even to mention spades. EW next got the chance to defend 5♦ but when they bid on, a big plus changed into a disappointing (and unexpected) minus. Two down, +200 and 13 IMPs to Heimdal who thus regained the lead, never to lose it again.

Three boards later, the ambiguity of the Polish style 1♦ opening bid had its effects:

Board: 23. Dlr: South/All

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

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel
Pass	1♦	1NT	Pass
All Pass			Dble

As long as 1♦ does not necessarily show a long suit, 1NT seems a sound alternative to a straightforward 1♥ overcall. When South doubled, West had nowhere to go and so thought East.

South led the ♥5 and dummy's ♥6 won the trick. A spade went to declarer's queen and a low heart was taken by South with the king. The defence next cashed four club tricks, South winning the last one and exiting in spades to North's ten and declarer's ace.

With the heart communication blocked, declarer could not make more than five tricks from this point. Two down, +500 to the Reiter.

In the other room, Fritsche overcalled just 1♥.

♠♥♣♦

Multon, looking at his heart void and minimum opening, was anticipating an unwanted penalty pass by partner and therefore made the wise decision to pass. One down, +100 to Monaco but 9 IMPs to the Reiter.

In the other match, Verhees found a light opening bid:

West	North	East	South
Austberg	Van Prooijen	Berg	Verhees
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♦

North's 1♠ response was already GF and 3♦ over the 2♦ further relay showed 3-5-1-4.

On the combined sub-minimal hands, 3NT had no chance when East led a heart to dummy's ten and West's jack. Down two, Heimdal +200.

At the other table, a well-timed pre-empt by North did the job:

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Livgaard	Muller	Aa
Pass	3♦	3♥	Pass
			All Pass

Nobody doubled but -300 was not a good score for the Dutch anyway. Heimdal another 11 IMPs.



 Ricco van Prooijen
'T ONSTEIN

Board: 24. Dlr: West/None

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

Against this normal enough contract, East found the club lead. West ruffed and when declarer played dummy's jack on West's return of the ♦9, the second ruff and the ♦A put the contract one down. Monaco +50.

West	North	East	South
<i>Häusler</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

South's 1♦ showed hearts and West's double showed diamonds. On this auction, 4♥ was made easily with an overtrick when East led the ♦Q, solving the problem in that suit.

Monaco another +450 and 11 IMPs to them.

In the other match, NS were talked out of their best fit:

West	North	East	South
<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Van ProoijenBerg</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Verhees</i>
2♦	Dble	3♠	Dble
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

West opened 2♦ showing a weak hand with both majors. I do not think NS can be blamed for not getting to 4♥ now any more but on the other hand, going down four in 4♦ does not look very good either, even more so when 3♠ is probably going down – and certainly so on the mandatory repeated trump leads. Heimdal thus scored +200 here.

And what about a simple 3NT? Anyone?

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Livgaard</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Aa</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

There are 8 top tricks because the hearts do not break, so a good diamond guess, or, as happened at this table, the lead of the ♦Q, would see 3NT contract home. Heimdal another +430 and 12 more IMPs.

Then, Monaco hit back strongly:

Board: 25. Dlr: North/EW

♠ 8 6 4 ♥ J 10 9 7 6 4 ♦ -- ♣ Q 8 5 4		♠ J 10 3 ♥ -- ♦ Q J 8 7 6 3 ♣ J 10 6 2	♠ A 7 5 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A K 10 4 2 ♣ K 9 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
3NT	3♥	Pass	Pass
	All Pass		

With no solo penalty double of 3♥ available, Helgemo took his second best shot by bidding 3NT.

With the diamonds not behaving, this was a hopeless affair but as nobody had doubled, the costs were a mere -200 on the lead of a low club to the nine and ace..

West	North	East	South
<i>Häusler</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Dble	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass	Pass	5♦	Dble

The auction at the other table was amusing for the neutral observer, one might say. How could Fritsche possibly know he had to pass? Was his void a clear enough indication of what was going on? Should Häusler himself have passed 4♥?

Anyway, down three and +800 brought Monaco another 12 IMPs to regain the lead by just 3 IMPs.

♠♥♣♦

In the other match, both Wests were in 3NT and received a club lead, but with different outcomes.

West	North	East	South
<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Van ProoijenBerg</i>		<i>Verhees</i>
	3♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Dummy played the ♣J which held the trick and now, declarer made the interesting move of playing the ♦Q to South's king, North throwing a heart. South returned a club to declarer's now blank ace and declarer went on to drive out the ♠A. With all EW communication gone, South then could afford to cash the ♣K and the ♦A before exiting with his last spade, giving declarer a choice of evils.

Elegantly done, 't Onstein +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Livgaard</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Aa</i>
	3♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

At the other table, contract and opening lead were the same but declarer immediately went after the spades. South took his ace and returned a club but declarer could win, cash all his major suit winners and exit in diamonds, forcing South to bring a trick in the suit to dummy in the end. Well played, another +600 and 12 IMPs to 't Onstein to reduce the score to 87-60 to Heimdal.

On the next board, we saw the end of the Bamberger Reiter aspirations...

Board: 26. Dir: East/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	2♣	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

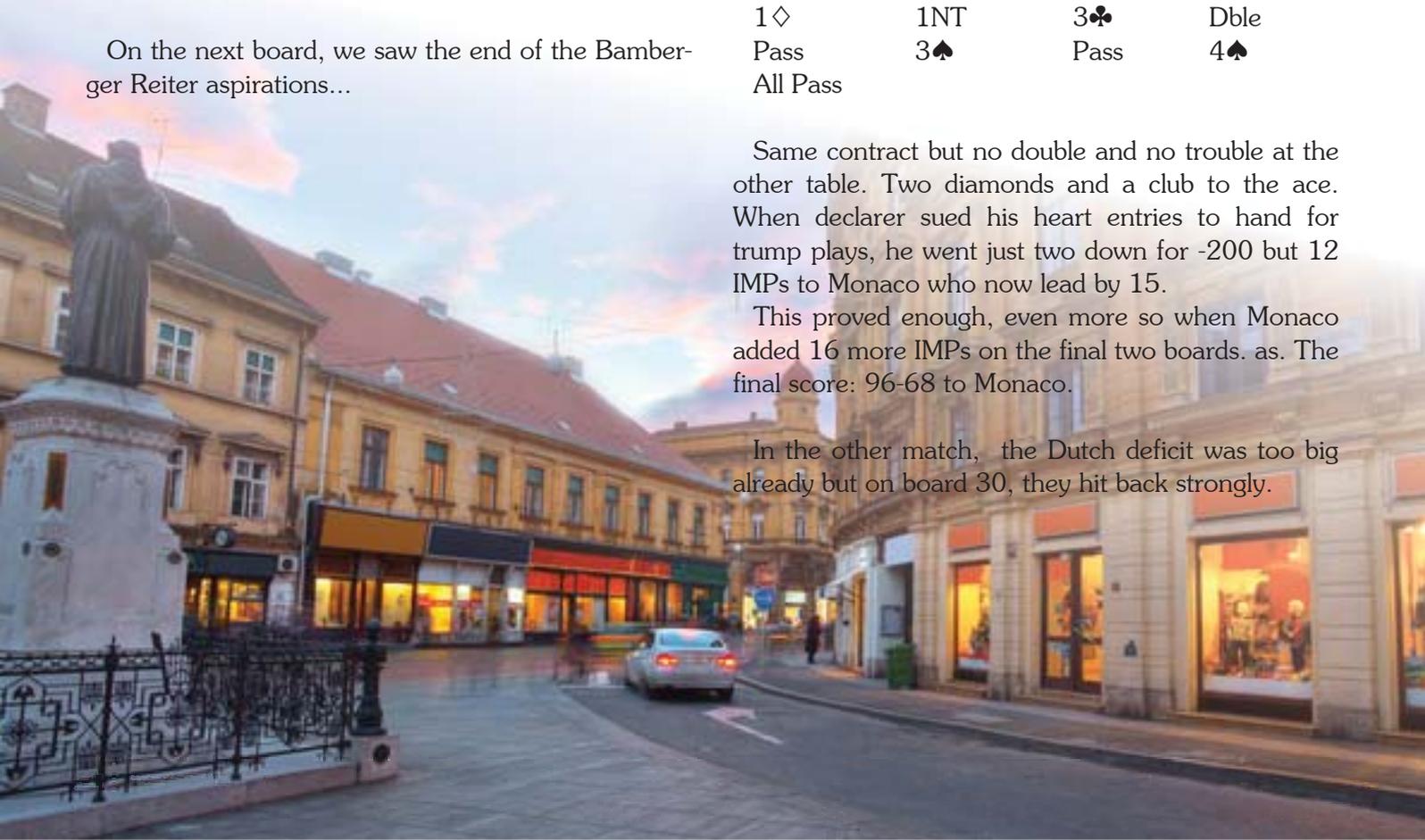
On this diabolical layout, declarer may have escaped for even down only one but after two top diamonds and a club shift, declarer ran into a club overruff when he tried to get back to his hand for another spade to dummy. Down three, Monaco +800.

West	North	East	South
<i>Häusler</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1NT	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Same contract but no double and no trouble at the other table. Two diamonds and a club to the ace. When declarer sued his heart entries to hand for trump plays, he went just two down for -200 but 12 IMPs to Monaco who now lead by 15.

This proved enough, even more so when Monaco added 16 more IMPs on the final two boards. as. The final score: 96-68 to Monaco.

In the other match, the Dutch deficit was too big already but on board 30, they hit back strongly.



Board: 30. Dlr: East/None

♠ 6 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 7 3 2
♥ K Q J		♥ A 8
♦ J 10 8 7 4		♦ Q 5
♣ A 2		♣ K 6 5 4
♠ A J 10 8		♠ 9
♥ 10 7 4 3 2	♥ 9 6 5	♦ A K 9 6 3 2
♦ -	♣ 8 7 3	♣ 8 7 3
♣ Q J 10 9		

3♦ was invitational with at least three cards in spades. The final contract was normal but a shade too high. Two down, +100 to 't Onstein.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Livgard</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Aa</i>
2♥	3♦	1♠	Pass
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

West's 2♥ was a constructive spade raise and his double of 3♦ speaks loudly for itself.

1100 points later the score read 87-77 to Heimdal but there it rested when the final boards were flat in this match.

West	North	East	South
<i>Austberg</i>	<i>Van ProoijenBerg</i>		<i>Verhees</i>
3♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

♠♥♣♦





FINAL A, ROUND 1

by Jos Jacobs

HEIMDAL

vs

MONACO

The final of this year's edition of the Champions Cup, after the maybe or maybe not surprising results of the two semifinals, thus would be contested by Norway's Heimdal and Monaco.

The scoreboard started moving immediately on board 1 with an overtrick to Monaco and then again on board two with two extra undertricks for Monaco in their inferior partscore. So Heimdal led 5-1 when the double-figure swings entered the scene:

Board: 3. Dlr: South/EW

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Austberg</i>
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redbl
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♠
Dble	All Pass		

The NS escape system after their 8-12 NT opening bids worked well for the Norwegians but as there are no provisions in it to cope with adverse 5-1 trump breaks, they had to concede down two and -300 in 2♠ after all. Two hearts, three trumps and the ♦A was all NS could get.

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Tondel</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redbl
All Pass			

Martens' 1NT opening 1NT was a shade stronger than Austberg's (10-12 as to 8-12) so North had an

obvious pass over the redouble.

Declarer won the low spade lead and played two rounds of hearts before reverting to spades. West won the third round of that suit and shifted to the ♦J. East won the king and then very much had to regret his mistake of discarding two low clubs rather than diamonds on the spades. Had he held on to both of his clubs, the defence could have taken four quick club tricks now which would have resulted in down one. With the setting tricks gone, declarer could no longer avoid making 7 tricks for the unusual score of +560. This was good for 13 IMPs to Monaco rather than just 3, had the contract been defeated.

On the next board, the failure to lead or play trumps cost Heimdal dearly:

Board: 4. Dlr: West/All

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Austberg</i>
Pass	2♦	2♠	5♦
All Pass			

2♥ was Multi but Austberg was not interested. When Helness led a trump, half of the good defensive work was already done. The now more obvious second half of the good work came when Helgemo, after being given his club trick, returned another trump to secure the survival of his last good club.

One down, Monaco +100.

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Tondel</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	5♦
All Pass			

This result should have been duplicated in the replay, I think, but it was not.

West made the OK lead of the ♠Q to king and ace, and even East's return of a heart did not hurt the defence. When declarer next led two rounds of clubs, East winning his queen, playing a trump did matter, however. When East persisted with spades, declarer could ruff, give up a club and ruff his last club with dummy's last remaining trump for his contract. Monaco another +600 and 12 more IMPs.

Two more IMPs to Monaco on #5 and then a possible slam:

Board: 6. Dlr: East/EW

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

Possible to bid slam, that is, but rather impossible to make on the ♠J lead, though both BBO and the official scorecard show 12 tricks as the result of this contract. Monaco +600 or +620.

It did not matter, as we shall see shortly:

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Tondel</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1♣	2♦
2♠	3♠	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♦ showed majors and thus, 2♠ was a club raise. Maybe, Tondel overbid by going to 6♣, in view of his now useless heart holding. No chance, Monaco another +100 and 12 IMPs, no matter what the exact result at the other table would be. Suddenly, Monaco were leading 40-5.

After two flat boards, Heimdal finally hit back:

Board: 9. Dlr: North/EW

♠ 9 ♥ K 10 6 2 ♦ 10 8 6 2 ♣ A 8 3 2		♠ A 7 4 2 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ K J ♣ 9 6 5 4	♠ K Q 10 8 6 3 ♥ A J 8 4 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ --
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Austberg</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When West hit upon the unlucky lead of a low heart, declarer could easily come to ten tricks: two hearts, two heart ruffs, two club ruffs in hand with small trumps, the ♦A and three more trump tricks from his ♠KQ108 once the ♠9 made an early appearance. Heimdal +420.

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Tondel</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Multon's weak NT and Martens' Smolen-style 3♥ led to a simple 4♠ in the replay as well. However, when West led a low diamond to the queen, king and ace, the situation had changed considerably.

Declarer returned a diamond to East's jack and a heart came back, West's king winning. When West did not cash his good diamond but returned a heart instead, declarer had some hope when he tried to ruff out the ♣A but when he ran the ♣K and threw his last diamond, West won the ace as the 3rd defensive trick with the ♠A still out. One down, Heimdal another +50 and 10 much needed IMPs back.

Heimdal added 2 IMPs for one less undertrick to their score over the next five boards but on the final board of the segment, Monaco may well have managed to already put the match out of reach for Heimdal:

Board: 16. Dlr: West/EW

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

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Berg</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Austberg</i>
1♣	1♥	2♣	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

3♣ showed a good heart raise.

East led a club to declarer's ace and next came the ♦5 on which East contributed the three. Your methods are high-low to show an even number. What should you do as West when declarer inserts dummy's jack?

From partner's ♦3, his lowest, you may well deduce that declarer has a singleton diamond, in which case it is probably best to win the ace, though we can see (double-dummy) that playing low to this trick beats the contract immediately. Trumps are 4-1 and declarer is sort of stranded in dummy at this point.



Geir Helgemo
MONACO



Tor Helness
MONACO

problem is, of course, that partner can hold exactly ♦Q3, in which case ducking your ace is mandatory and also automatic.

However, if you win the ace and return a spade away from your ace, declarer has to believe in his luck. He can draw four rounds of trumps and then (hopefully) enjoy the diamonds. Alternatively, he can play for trumps 3-2 and thus start by ruffing out the ♦Q, just in case this would be necessary.

At the table, upon winning the spade return, declarer followed the latter line and first played another diamond. The queen duly appeared but from this point, declarer could not both remove the outstanding trumps and enjoy the diamonds any more. One down, Monaco +50.

The same contract and the same lead at the other table.

West	North	East	South
<i>Groetheim</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Tondel</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1♣	1♥	3♣	4♥
All Pass			

Here too, declarer won the ♣A and led the ♦5, East playing the three (high-low count). The jack was called for and here too, West won his ace prematurely, facing the same problem as above.

A spade came back here, too, but when Multon won the trick with his king, he simply went for his luck. Four rounds of trumps and then a diamond produced the queen and an overtrick.

Monaco another +450 and 11 IMPs to lead 51-17 at halftime. Would the second half be a fight or more of a formality?



PLAY-OFF FOR 3RD PLACE

by Jos Jacobs

T ONSTEIN

vs

BAMBERGER R.

By far the most spectacular hand of the whole event occurred in the play-off for 3rd place between the old rivals from Germany and the Netherlands.

Board: 22. Dlr: East/EW

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Gawel</i>
3♠	4♥	1♣	3♥
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Closed Room, the Polish pair playing for the German team launched some aggressive intervention against the Strong Club. In a sense, they were quite right as the Dutch came nowhere near their vulnerable diamond slam but contented themselves with five undertricks and +1100.

The play was straightforward. Two top spades and a diamond. Declarer ruffed the second diamond and took two losing club finesses. That gave the defence five tricks and there still were three trump tricks to come.

So it would be a 7-IMP gain for the Reiter if their EW pair would manage to get to 6♦, their proper contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Van Prooijen</i>	<i>Fritsche</i>	<i>Verhees</i>
		1♦	2♥
Dble	3♥	6♦	Pass
7♦	Dble	All Pass	

After Fritsche's 6♦ bid, we saw a comedy of errors. First of all, Gromöller fell into the duplication trap. North was quick to double, thus suggesting an ace or a void but eventually, the spotlight turned on poor South who had to find a lead.

When he produces the ♠Q, declarer had all 13 tricks as his clubs just disappeared on the spades with the help of one ruff.

Bamberger Reiter thus registered the highest score of the tournament: +2330. This was good for 15 IMPs rather than the expected (or hoped for) 7 but distinctly more than the 16-IMP loss had the contract duly gone down...

Needless to say that this board contributed heavily to the German win in this play-off.

In the match between Villa Fabbriche and LT Ilanka, the Italians also bid and made 7♦ but they were not doubled and thus have to remain out of contention for the top score.

At another table, an EW pair was asking too much when they bid 7NT.

There was no squeeze available...





RESULTS

SEMIFINALS GROUP A - (1ST - 4TH)

	BC'T ONSTEIN	SET 1 48	SET 2 29	TOT 77
	HEIMDAL	SET 1 36	SET 2 51	TOT 87

FINAL GROUP A1 - (1ST - 2ND)

	HEIMDAL	SET 1 15	SET 2 23	TOT 40
	MONACO	SET 1 40	SET 2 66	TOT 117

	BAMBERGER R.	SET 1 25	SET 2 43	TOT 68
	MONACO	SET 1 37	SET 2 59	TOT 96

FINAL GROUP A2 - (3RD - 4TH)

	BC'T ONSTEIN	SET 1 22	SET 2 23	TOT 56
	BAMBERGER R.	SET 1 22	SET 2 31	TOT 63

SEMIFINALS GROUP B - (5TH - 8TH)

	ALLEGRA	SET 1 42	SET 2 28	TOT 70
	RADKOV	SET 1 33	SET 2 27	TOT 60

FINAL GROUP B1 - (5TH - 6TH)

	ALLEGRA	SET 1 52	SET 2 18	TOT 81
	RIEHM	SET 1 29	SET 2 39	TOT 68

	MOSSOP	SET 1 19	SET 2 28	TOT 47
	RIEHM	SET 1 37	SET 2 25	TOT 62

FINAL GROUP B2 - (7TH - 8TH)

	MOSSOP	SET 1 5	SET 2 33	TOT 38
	RADKOV	SET 1 41	SET 2 30	TOT 71

SEMIFINALS GROUP C - (9TH - 12TH)

	VILLA FABBRICHE	SET 1 10	SET 2 39	TOT 49
	JT3	SET 1 47	SET 2 63	TOT 110

FINAL GROUP C1 - (9TH - 10TH)

	JT3	SET 1 19	SET 2 47	TOT 66
	SKALMAN	SET 1 23	SET 2 46	TOT 78

	ILANKA	SET 1 21	SET 2 37	TOT 58
	SKALMAN	SET 1 46	SET 2 43	TOT 89

FINAL GROUP C2 - (11TH - 12TH)

	VILLA FABBRICHE	SET 1 34	SET 2 59	TOT 93
	ILANKA	SET 1 30	SET 2 39	TOT 79

1. MONACO

2. HEIMDAL

3. BAMBERGER REITER

4. BC'T ONSTEIN

5. ALLEGRA

6. RIEHM

7. RADKOV

8. MOSSOP

9. SKALMAN

10. JT3

11. VILLA FABBRICHE

12. ILANKA