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The **EBL General Assembly** will be held on Friday June 24th at 9.30 on the 3rd floor Room no. 1 in the Groupama Arena.

Agenda:
09.30

Extraordinary General Assembly
10.00

Ordinary General Assembly
Cocktails will follow

EBL President's Press Conference

A European Bridge League Press Conference will be held on Saturday, June 25th at 11.00 a.m. on the third floor Room no. 1 in the Groupama Arena

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FAIR STANDS THE WIND FOR FRANCE



As we move inexorably towards the end of the Championships, the opportunities for the teams at the business end of the tables to secure a spot in the 2017 World Championships in Lyon is slowly diminishing.

France still hold sway in the Open, but Sweden have moved into second place, pushing Germany down to third.

In the Women's Championship there was no real change at the top, as France continue to dominate, followed by Poland and England, while in the Seniors Israel's lead over Sweden and Poland is gradually being eroded.

VERY IMPORTANT: ONLY AUTHORIZED STAFF ALLOWED ON THE 3RD FLOOR DURING PLAYING SESSIONS!

TIME TABLE AND BBO SCHEDULE THURSDAY 23RD

10.00:	13.20:	16.00:	18.40:
O/W/S Teams	O/W/S Teams	O/W/S Teams	O Teams
BBO:	BBO:	BBO:	BBO:
🌐 HUN - POL (S)	🌐 SWE - GER (O) 🔊	🌐 MON - TUR (O)	🌐 ICE - NED (O)
🔊 ISR - BUL (S)	🌐 ITA - NED (O)	🔊 DEN - POL (W)	🔊 SWE - MON (O)
🌐 AUT - DEN (S)	🌐 FRA - POL (O)	🌐 NOR - IRE (O)	🌐 IRE - BUL (O)
🌐 WAL - MON (O)	🌐 BUL - ENG (O)	🌐 POL - ENG (S)	🌐 FRA - DEN (O)
🌐 ICE - GRE (O)	🌐 NED - ISR (W)	🌐 BEL - FRA (O)	🌐 TUR - ISR (O)
🌐 DEN - HUN (O)	🌐 SPA - HUN (W)	🌐 ISR - HUN (O)	🌐 HUN - CYP (O)
🌐 ON SITE VG + BBO	🌐 BBO ONLY	🔊 VOICE + BBO	



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MATCHES TODAY

OPEN R. 27

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

TIME: 10.00

OPEN R. 28

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

TIME: 13.20

OPEN R. 29

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

TIME: 16.00

OPEN R. 30

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

TIME: 18.40

WOMEN R. 15

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

TIME: 10.00

WOMEN R. 16

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

TIME: 13.20

WOMEN R. 17

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

TIME: 16.00

SENIOR R. 15

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

TIME: 10.00

SENIOR R. 16

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

TIME: 13.20

SENIOR R. 17

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

TIME: 16.00



The World Bridge Federation, the BC't Onstein and the Nederlandse Bridge Bond are proud to announce that the

2019 WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

44th BERMUDA BOWL

22nd VENICE CUP

10th d'ORSI SENIORS TROPHY

12th WORLD TRANSNATIONAL OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

will be held in The Netherlands

and the related Letter of Intent has been signed on 9th June 2016 at MORE Museum in Gorssel, the Netherlands, by the WBF President Gianarrigo Rona, the Chairman of the BC't Onstein Hans Melchers and the Nederlandse Bridge Bond President Koos Vrieze .



From left: Marc De Pauw, Gianarrigo Rona, Mrs. Monique Melchers, Hans Melchers, Koos Vrieze



ADVENTURES WITH OTTLIK

by Mark Horton

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

Dealer South.

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



This was a very tough problem! Here is the solution:

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



West	North	East	South
—	—	—	2♦*
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♦ 3 suiter 11-15

Play Instructions: 4♠ by West. North leads ♦2, and dummy plays low. As South, plan the defence.

South should realize that his red suit holdings will be threatened soon, possibly as soon as on the third round of trumps, especially if he cashes a club honour, allowing West to ruff away two more clubs (if necessary ruffing high and finessing in trumps). A diamond continuation is mandatory regardless, to knock out an entry, but before, not after, cashing a club. If West has a club loser or two he won't be able to dispose of them. The real danger comes when his heart holding is four to the queen, which is actually the case.

After continuing with a diamond a trick two to the king and ace declarer will lead a low heart from dummy. You must take your king and still must not cash a club. Return a high heart (or a trump) and declarer will not have the entries to be able to execute the squeeze.

Your cashing a club prematurely would help him to shorten his trumps by two ruffs so he can end in dummy with the third round of spades, squeezing you at the same time in the red suits. The point in this defence is perhaps: never make any play without a good reason, or a better purpose than just that of winning a trick quickly.



NEW PROBLEM

Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣*	3♦
4♣	4♦	5♣	5♦
All Pass			

- 1NT 12-14
- 2♣ Stayman
- 3♣ To play

Play Instructions: 5♦ by South.
West to lead ♦A and a second diamond.

LYON - the place to be in August 2017

WORLD BRIDGE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

from 12th to 25th August 2017

LYON - FRANCE

Its geographic location at the heart of Europe has always made Lyon a place of warmth and cultural exchange. Today, Lyon still passionately cultivates this tradition of hospitality and openness.

The French Bridge Federation is pleased to invite you to come and participate in the official events and side games. Come to Lyon and play!

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.





D FOR DONATI

by Jan van Cleeff

The Future-of-Bridge-Quiz

With All Vulnerable, the auction is simple: North passes, East 4♦ (natural, preemptive), You 4♥, All Pass.

West leads ♦J and dummy comes down:

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

- ♠ A Q
- ♥ A 10 9 8 7 4
- ♦ 8
- ♣ A K Q 9

You cover, East wins the king. Next comes ♦A. You ruff with the 10, West pitching a club. Plan the play.

If you, like declarer in real life, smell a rat, you may conclude that trumps are divided 5 (West) – 0 (East). You go on with a sneaky ♥7, which holds the trick. Yes, East pitches a diamond indeed. Now you cash your three top clubs and ruff the fourth club with the king of trumps. West throws a spade. Then you play ♦10, which you ruff with the ♥8. At this point, whatever West does, he is (repeatedly) endplayed. So declarer brilliantly ended up with ten tricks.

This was the full board:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

- | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| | ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 4 3 | | ♠ 5 |
| | ♥ K 5 | | ♥ — |
| | ♦ Q 10 9 | | ♦ AK765432 |
| | ♣ 2 | | ♣ J 10 7 5 |
| ♠ K J 2 | | ♠ 5 | |
| ♥ Q J 6 3 2 | | ♥ — | |
| ♦ J | | ♦ AK765432 | |
| ♣ 8 6 4 3 | | ♣ J 10 7 5 | |
| | ♠ A Q | | |
| | ♥ A 10 9 8 7 4 | | |
| | ♦ 8 | | |
| | ♣ A K Q 9 | | |

Quiz

Who was declarer?

- A. Geir Helgemo
- B. Alfredo Versace
- C. Bauke Muller
- D. Somebody else

The answer is D., because declarer was Giovanni Donati, the new kid on the block. With 17 years of age, Donati is by far the youngest player at the EC in Budapest. Looking at the hand and also the fact that he plays a lot with the great Alfredo Versace, one may conclude that the future of bridge is secured in the hands of Giovanni, who is making his debut in the Italian Open team. And yes, the hand was published in an earlier Budapest Bulletin, but in that article declarer went down in the same contract. Moreover, 4♥ was played 11 times at the EC, but Giovanni Donati was the only player who made it.



Giovanni Donati



NORWAY vs ENGLAND

by Mark Horton

I, Claudius is an unfinished 1937 film adaptation of the novels *I, Claudius* and *Claudius the God* by Robert Graves. Starring Charles Laughton in the title role, the production was dogged by adverse circumstances, culminating in a car accident involving co-star Merle Oberon that caused filming to be ended before completion. Footage from the production was incorporated into a 1965 documentary on the making of the film, *The Epic That Never Was*.

It was produced by Sir Alexander Korda, the legendary Hungarian born British film producer and director, the first to receive the honour of a knighthood.

The Round 21 match between England and Norway was not an epic, but it did contain a number of newsworthy deals.



David Bakhshi
ENGLAND

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

1♥ Spades

East led the eight of clubs and West took dummy's king with the ace and returned the three, declarer winning with the queen and playing the jack of spades which gave the defenders the opportunity for a brilliant defence.

West won with the ace and returned the suit, East taking the ace and returning the nine. If West ruffs this with the seven or jack of hearts then declarer can

overuff and play a heart, but East goes up with the queen and plays a fourth spade, allowing West to score a ruff with whichever remains of the seven/jack and in due course the king of diamonds will be the setting trick.

However, West did not ruff and when he pitched a club declarer ruffed and played a heart to the ten and jack. East returned a diamond and declarer won with dummy's jack, cashed the ace of diamonds, played the queen of hearts to his ace and drew the outstanding trump, conceding a diamond at the end for +110.

To be sure of defeating 2♥ the defenders need to find the winning sequence of plays from trick two onwards, as after the club return declarer can always get home by guessing to play a heart to the queen at trick three.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Berg</i>
—	1♦	1♠	Dble*
Rdbl	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

When East led a club West took the ace and played two rounds of spades, but his partner went back to clubs and declarer won and played a diamond to the jack and king. West returned the ten of clubs and declarer ruffed and played ace of hearts and a heart. East won and now played a third spade, securing a trick for the jack of hearts, two down, -100 and 5 IMPs for England.



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Robson</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
5NT	All Pass		

- 2♦ Forcing
- 4♣ Cue bid
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 key cards, no ♦Q
- 5♠ Forces 5NT

Not an everyday sequence, but EW were able to apply the brakes in time. South led the eight of spades and North won and switched to the ten of clubs, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Berg</i>
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6NT	All Pass

South led the eight of spades and North won with the ace and returned the three, so declarer had twelve tricks.

North's spade return can only be right if East has bid 6NT without the ♠K - and I doubt South would lead a spade if he were looking at the king.

North can see dummy's diamonds and it is hard to imagine the defenders have a trick in that suit. If they have a heart trick coming it is unlikely to run away, but a club trick might.

To be fair, if East had started with

♠ K 10 9 ♥ K J 7 6 ♦ Q 10 ♣ A K Q J
then a heart switch would be required.

Whatever you make of that, it cost Norway 13 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	—	1NT
2♦*	2NT*	3♣*	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

- 2♦ One major
- 2NT Lebensohl

North led the king of hearts and continued with the ten. North won with the ace and returned the eight and declarer ruffed with the queen and played a diamond for the queen and ace. Back came the queen of hearts and declarer ruffed with the jack, ruffed a diamond, pitched a diamond on the ace of clubs and played the ten of spades, covered by the king and ace. A spade to the nine confirmed the 3-1 split and the contract was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Berg</i>
—	—	—	1NT
2♦*	2NT*	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 2♦ 5+ ♠ and four plus in a minor
- 2NT Lebensohl

With East as declarer South had a very awkward hand to lead from. The four of spades saw declarer win in hand, pitch a heart on the ace of clubs and continue with the queen of diamonds. South won and played a second spade, declarer winning with dummy's queen, ruffing a diamond, ruffing a club, cashing the ace of spades and claiming, +620 and 13 IMPs.

♠♥♦♣



Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	Pass	2♣*	2NT*
3♠	4♦*	4♠	4NT*
Pass	5♦	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	5♥	Dble	Pass
7NT	All Pass		

2♣ Strong, 22+ or tricks (8.5+)

Although the N/S Convention card is silent as to the meaning of 2NT, it looks as if it is an extension of the methods they use over a strong 1♣, where they play 1NT promises a major and a minor. When North jumped to 4♦ he clearly implies good support for both majors, so South attempted to muddy the waters still further by bidding 4NT, which prevented West from asking for key cards. However, with a wealth of high cards West was not be denied.

North led the ten of clubs which removed some of declarer's options. He won in dummy, cashed the ace of spades and a second club and took the heart finesse, +2220.

Closed Room

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

1♣ 5+♣ or 4414 short ♦
11-14 balanced or 18-19 balanced
4♥ Good hand, spade support

When England failed to cope with the intervention it cost them 13 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the four of hearts and East won with the jack, declarer dropping the ten. To simplify the reporting of this complex deal, which illustrates how difficult it can be to defend low level contracts I will append the expected number of undertricks in brackets as I go along.

East switched to the king of spades (4) and continued with the ace of hearts (4) West discarding the nine of clubs (3). West ruffed the six of hearts (3) cashed the ace of diamonds (3) and played a second diamond (2). Declarer ruffed and played a club to the queen and ace (2) won the club return with the king (2) and exited with a club (3). West's trumps meant three down, -800.

To +1100 West must pitch a diamond at trick three. Then East must switch to the king of diamonds after which West wins the second diamond and switches to a club for the ten and king. West wins the trump exit with the jack, and the defenders then play three rounds of clubs, ensuring two more trump tricks for West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Berg</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
1NT	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the nine of spades and declarer won with dummy's king and played the ace of hearts followed by the queen. He took ten tricks, +630 but that was 5 more IMPs for Norway.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠	10											
	♥	K J 10 4											
	♦	4 3											
	♣	A K 10 9 8 3											
♠ K 6 5 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K Q 10 8 7 6 5 ♣ —	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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> </div>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 8 4 3 ♥ A Q 8 7 6 ♦ 9 ♣ Q J 6		
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W		E											
	S												
	♠	A Q 9 7											
	♥	3 2											
	♦	A J 2											
	♣	7 5 4 2											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Robson</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	2♣	Dble*	2♦*
Pass	3♣	3♥	Dble
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

2♦ Good raise in clubs

North led the king of clubs and declarer ruffed, played a heart to the queen and diamond. South took the ace and returned a club, declarer ruffing and discarding dummy's last club on a diamond.

Best now is to cross to dummy with a heart and play a heart. If South pitches a diamond declarer ruffs, with a spade and must score two more trump tricks, escaping for one down.

When declarer played a diamond North ruffed with the ten of spades and declarer overruffed with dummy's jack, cashed the ace of hearts and played a heart to North's jack. At this point South still held the ♠AQ97 and they were good for three tricks, two down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Simonsen</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Berg</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble*
2♣*	Pass*	2♦	3♣
3♦	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

2♣ Diamonds

I'm not sure what information North conveyed with his pass over 2♣, but 5♣ was a trick too far.

Declarer won the diamond lead with dummy's ace, cashed the top clubs and played a spade to the ace. A heart to the jack saw East win with the queen and cash the queen of clubs. A low heart at this point will lead to two down, but the situation was unclear to East, who exited with a spade. Declarer put in dummy's nine, ruffed West's king and exited with the king of hearts. He could ruff the heart return in dummy and pitch his losing diamond on the queen of spades, one down, -200 and 11 IMPs to England, who won 53-32 - an important victory over a dangerous rival.





ISRAEL vs MONACO - NETHERLANDS vs IRELAND

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 21

Here is another example of a double match-report. This time, it's about round 21 and the report's "victims" are mentioned in the title above.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Israel v. Monaco

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
Pass	1♦	1NT	1♣
3NT	All Pass		Pass

On board three, the Monegasques were not interested in the fact that their opposition had bid and responded, quickly settling for +660 when South led a spade.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	1NT
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
			All Pass

Best defence can hold this contract to four tricks and the Israelis started off well when East led a heart. West won cheaply and returned a club to East's nine and dummy's queen. Next came a spade to East's jack. Two more rounds of hearts and then a spade by West to East's king. East played another spade but declarer ruffed and played ♣A and another, putting East on



play with his ♣K. Had West been able to get the lead at this point with his ♣J, he could have returned his last spade for a trump promotion but as it was, East had to lead a trump himself. Down three only, Israel +500 and 5 IMPs to Monaco.

Netherlands v. Ireland

In the other match, the Dutch weak NT caused even more serious problems – but for themselves rather than the opponents:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	2♣*	Dble	1NT
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Redbl
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		2♠

Declarer managed to collect just three tricks in his miserable 4-2 fit. Ireland +1100.

Closed Room

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

In the replay, the Dutch adopted a wait-and-see policy but once they had seen enough, they settled for a quiet +660. Ireland thus gained 11 IMPs.



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

2♦ was game-forcing, 3♦ showed at least five in the suit and 4NT was quantitative. This explains why they could reach a slam off two aces. Israel +100 when South led his ace and shifted to spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Martens</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

A well-controlled auction by the Israelis to a better contract. Israel +600 and 12 IMPs to them.

Netherlands v. Ireland

Basically the same problem in the other match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Here as well, South led his ♣A and, upon seeing partner's ♣10, had an easy spade shift for +100.

Rumours are that in at least one other match, 6NT was let through when South led a spade and North did not find the club shift...

Anyway, 12 IMPs to the Netherlands as well as Tarzan duly landed in 5♦ in the other room.

The next board is presented here mainly as a play problem in 7♠.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

In the Israel v. Monaco match, Barel for Israel played the contract as West and got a heart lead into his tenace. He now had 13 top tricks. Helness as East got a trump lead. He went on to draw trumps and then played for the clubs no worse than 4-2 with the ♦K as the entry to the established clubs. When this plan failed, he had to take the heart finesse for his contract.

No swing.

Netherlands v. Ireland

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	Pass	1♣	2♥
Dble	4♥	5♣	Dble
6NT	All Pass		

Fierce Dutch intervention led the Irish astray so they missed the perfectly good grand slam and thus were due to lose a double-figure swing for their score of +1470.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	Pass	1♣	1♥
2♥	4♥	Pass	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

The Dutch Tarzanists were not to be frightened by the fierce Irish intervention and duly arrived at the top spot. Hugh McGann, South for Ireland, then saved his team by leading a low heart. This lead had the effect of removing declarer's final option prematurely.

Of course, Bauke Muller adopted the same line as they did in our other match, but once he decided to go up with the ♥A at trick 1 (a sensible enough move, one would think...), there was no way to recover once the clubs turned out to be 5-1.

So a big swing it was indeed: 17 IMPs to Ireland.

Back to Israel v. Monaco again. On the next board, the Monegasques missed a game – quite a rarity for this pair, I think:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	All Pass

An abundance of tricks for a score of +150 to Monaco.

At the other table, Martens gave the Israelis a chance they did not take full advantage of:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1♥	1♠
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Rather than catch Martens speeding, the Israelis settled for a quiet 3NT for a score of +660.

Not that it mattered very much, given the result in the Open Room. Israel 11 IMPs instead of 12.

In the other match, some fireworks were indeed lit:

Netherlands v. Ireland:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		1♣	1♠
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Nothing special here, Ireland +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		1♣	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

McGann tried to unsettle the Strong Club here but the Dutch showed how to tackle this. Down three on a heart lead to the jack, ♥A and ♦K and another for a ruff with the ♠K. The ♣A and West's three trump tricks then meant down three, +800 and 5 IMPs back to the Netherlands.



Bauke Muller
NETHERLANDS



Israel v. Monaco again:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ A Q 7 6 2				
	♥ 10 6 4 3 2				
	♦ 3				
	♣ K Q				
♠ K 9 3	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ 10 8
N					
W E					
S					
♥ Q 9 7	♥ 8				
♦ A J 7 5	♦ K Q 10 9 8 4 2				
♣ A J 5	♣ 10 6 2				
	♠ J 5 4				
	♥ A K J 5				
	♦ 6				
	♣ 9 8 7 4 3				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Levin</i>
	1♠	3♦	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

This phantom sacrifice was taken at both tables in our other match (Netherlands v. Ireland) and for the Monegasque E/W, it was normal enough to do the same. Israel +500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Martens</i>
	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

When Zack timed his non-overcall to perfection; any chance of a sacrifice had vanished, so Israel collected a quiet +100 and 12 IMPs for their efforts.



Franck Multon
MONACO

On the penultimate board, there was no game on for N/S but West's overcall may have created the impression that he was trying to talk N/S out of something. This was especially true in our Netherlands v. Ireland match:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10				
	♥ K J 10 4				
	♦ 4 3				
	♣ A K 10 9 8 3				
♠ K 6 5 2	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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	♠ J 8 4 3
N					
W E					
S					
♥ 9 5	♥ A Q 8 7 6				
♦ K Q 10 8 7 6 5	♦ 9				
♣ —	♣ Q J 6				
	♠ A Q 9 7				
	♥ 3 2				
	♦ A J 2				
	♣ 7 5 4 2				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			1♣
3♦	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Not wanting to be talked out of anything, Brink opted for 3NT. West led the ♦K which held and shifted to a low spade to the ten, jack and Brink's queen. Next came a club, declarer ducking in dummy when West did not follow suit. East won and returned the ♠8 to the nine and West's king. When West continued spades rather than switching to a heart, declarer was suddenly home with five clubs, three spades and a diamond. Netherlands +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			1♣
4♦	5♣	All Pass	

De Wijs' daring overcall made it impossible for NS to reach 3NT so Hanlon opted for the alternative game contract of 5♣. This contract had to go the obvious down two for another +200 to the Netherlands and a swing of 13 IMPs to them.

The final scores:

Israel v. Monaco: 43-20 or 15.56 – 4.44 V.P.

Netherlands v. Ireland: 38-43 or 8.52 – 11.48 V.P.



ITALY vs HUNGARY

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 23

On Wednesday, the boards apparently had their weekly rest day. After the excitement we already had, I think that quite a number of players greeted the day's opening set with a certain amount of relief, not yet knowing that the second set of the day would again be relatively quiet.

The other side of the coin is, however, that there are fewer good stories to tell. In the Italy v. Hungary match, I spotted just two interesting deals. Here they are.

Board: 3. Dlr: South/EW

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

In the Open Room, Dumbovich doubled Lauria's light opening bid in 3rd position, green v. red. When South passed and West responded 1♥, the Italians were out of trouble as E/W calmly bid on to 4♠. Versace was polite enough not to double and the contract quietly went just one off. Italy +100.

In the replay, Szilágyi for Hungary also opened 1♦ in 3rd position but here, Gandoglia immediately showed his black two-suiter by overcalling 3♦.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Szilágyi	Gandoglia	Hegedüs
			Pass
Pass	1♦	3♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

When South doubled the final contract, North ran, correctly assuming 3♠ to be made. However, 4♦

was not a good spot to be in either. Down four, Italy another +800 and 14 IMPs to them.

Near the end of the match, Hungary got their revenge when Lauria played maybe a little carelessly:

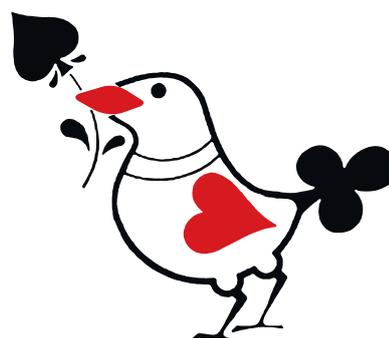
Board: 13. Dlr: North/All

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

N/S were in the normal 4♠ with no adverse bidding and East led the ♣6 to the eight, nine and declarer's queen. When Lauria next played the ♦J to prepare for a ruff in dummy, West won the queen, returned a club, got in again with the ♦K and returned another club for an unexpected down one. Hungary +100. Had trumps been 4-1, even two rounds of trumps first might have been one too many already. Also, he could not possibly go down immediately as long as the clubs were not 5-1. So maybe, after all, Lauria was just rather unlucky. As against that if trumps are 3-2 you have ten tricks, and you only need either clubs or hearts to behave if the trumps don't break. That is surely a 90%+ line.

At the other table, South became the declarer in 4♠ and West led the ♦K. When this held, he continued the suit, ending all declarer's problems. Hungary +650 and 13 IMPs to them.

The final result: 29-18 or 13.04 – 6.96 V.P. to Italy.





MEET THE FRANCE WOMEN TEAM



Catherine d'Ovidio, Joanna Zochowska, Sylvie Willard, Bénédicte Cronier, Vanessa Reess, Nathalie Frey, Laurent Thuillez (NPC)

No doubt, the French women team is the favorite of the event of the European Bridge Championship in Budapest in June. The bronze medalists of the previous EC won the WC in a memorable battle in India just a little more than half a year ago. Bénédicte Cronier, Vanessa Reess, Sylvie Willard and Joanna Zochowska were both times on the team. It seems that they could even boost the strength of their roster! The "new" members are Catherine d'Ovidio and Nathalie Frey, former World Champions of the French team added to the winners of the Venice Cup last year.



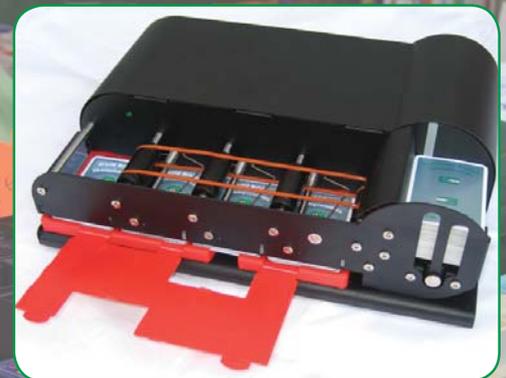
A francia női csapat kétség kívül a versenyszám esélyese a júniusi budapesti bridzs Eb-n. A legutóbbi Eb bronzérmesei alig több mint fél éve nyerték meg emlékezetes csatában a világbajnokságot Indiában. Mindkét alkalommal játszott a csapatban Bénédicte Cronier, Vanessa Reess, Sylvie Willard és Joanna Zochowska. Most úgy tűnik erősíteni tudtak! Az „új” igazolások a csapat korábbi világbajnokai: Catherine d'Ovidio és Nathalie Frey. (A képen a tavalyi Velence-kupa-győztes csapat)

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NORWAY vs POLAND

by David Bird

Open Teams, Round 24

The players took their seats with Norway in 7th position and Poland 12th. There were some big swings immediately.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 10 7										
	♥ 8 3										
	♦ J 10 8 6										
	♣ Q J 9 6 3										
♠ A K 5 4	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <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 9 2
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		S									
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♦ K 4 3	♦ A 9 2										
♣ K 10 7 4 2	♣ 5										
	♠ Q 8 6 3										
	♥ Q 9 7 2										
	♦ Q 7 5										
	♣ A 8										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- 2♦ Multi
- 2NT Forcing relay
- 3♥ Maximum with hearts

The ♠10 lead was covered by the ♠J and allowed to win. When a club was led, South rose with the ♣A and returned a spade. Klukowski won with the ♠A, cashed the ♥A and crossed to the ♦A. (Four aces on consecutive tricks - very impressive.) After the king and jack of trumps to South's queen, declarer won the diamond return and ditched dummy's diamond loser on the ♣K. He crossed to dummy with a diamond ruff, drew the last trump and claimed +450.

This did not seem like a swing hand. However...

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

- 2♥ Weak
- 2NT Forcing
- 3♦ Feature

Kalita led ace and another club, Lindqvist winning with the ♣K and ditching a diamond. After ♥A, a diamond to the king and the ♥J to the queen, the play record (disappointingly) ceases. The contract went one down, so I can only conclude that declarer won the diamond return and attempted to reach his hand with a club ruff rather than a diamond ruff. South would then overruff and exit safely with a diamond, leaving declarer with a spade loser unless he guessed well in that suit. That was 11 IMPs away. Eight declarers went down in 4♥ and nineteen made it.



Michal Nowosadzki
POLAND

This was the very next board:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Hoftaniska	Gawryś	Charlsen
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2NT*
4♠	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			



Michal Klukowski
POLAND

2NT showed a game-forcing diamond hand. As you see, 5♦ makes and 5♥ does not. I'm reluctant to fault North for rebidding his best heart suit of the tournament. I suppose a Pass would have been forcing and if South then bid 5♦, North might think that he was putting down a reasonable dummy. Similarly, South might have passed 5♥, but this would not have affected the result. Klukowski cashed the ♣A and switched to a spade for one down. In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Nowosadzki	Lindqvist	Kalita
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	3♦
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

That was ten tricks and another 12 IMPs to Poland. Both South players found a successful opening lead on this deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

The two Easts reached 4♠ - one opening 1♠, the other opening 3♠. What would you lead from the South hand?

Both Souths chose a diamond lead, declarer calling for the ♦K. North won with the ♦A and the defenders claimed two club tricks, followed by a trump trick when the declarers played for the drop. A flat board.

I'm confident that the computer simulations Taf Anthias and I used in 'Winning Suit Contract Leads' would have shown a heart as the best lead. Yes, yes, that would give the contract away here but you have to consider such matters in the round. Had none of these players read this esteemed book?

When I studied the results from the other tables, I found that 34 tables out of 36 had played 4♠ from the East hand. 17 South players had led a lucky diamond and (that's a relief) 15 had chosen a desperately unlucky heart lead. Ah well.

You've never seen a part-score contract in any article written by me? There's always a first time.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
			1♣	1♠
1NT		2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble		Pass	2NT	All Pass

Hoftaniska led the ♠10 and continued the suit, Klukowski winning the second round. An eighth trick did not seem likely but when he ran five rounds of clubs, Charlsen had to find three discards. North had thrown the ♦2 (encouraging), the ♥2 and the ♦6. On the last club Charlsen was down to ♠KQ43 ♥KQ ♦A. Recalling his partner's 2♥ bid, he released the



Thomas Charlsen
NORWAY

♥K and declarer claimed the ♥AJ for the contract.

If South assumes that the ♦2 discard indicated the ♦K, he should keep his heart honours and throw a spade winner. Declarer cannot hold both ♥A and the ♦K because he would then be too strong for his 1NT bid. At the other table East made seven tricks in 1NT for a 1-IMP loss.

You will be relieved to hear that the last board of the match was not a part-score:

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gawrys</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
1♦		Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠		Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♥*		Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*		Dble	Pass	Pass
5♥		Pass	6♠	All Pass

Gawrys saw the chance of a slam and asked for more information with 2NT. The splinter bid in hearts was very much to his liking. He unleashed RKCB and heard of one key-card. Whether E/W had agreed methods after North's double, I could not say. Anyway, they reached 6♠ safely and made just 12 tricks when the diamonds failed to split 3-2. Meanwhile, in the Closed Room:

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Kalita</i>
1♦		Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠		Pass	4♠	All Pass

Six E/W pairs bid to 7♠, going one down on the 4-1 diamond split. Twenty-one made 6♠ and seven pairs stopped in 4♠. It was a sad end to the match for the powerful Norway team. Poland won by 51 IMPs to 3 (18.97 VPs to 1.03).



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ROUND 23

1	ROMANIA	CROATIA	14	23	7.45	12.55
2	CYPRUS	ENGLAND	9	40	3.12	16.88
3	RUSSIA	LATVIA	30	25	10.98	8.52
4	ISRAEL	GREECE	47	5	18.33	1.67
5	DENMARK	CZECH REPUBLIC	23	32	7.45	12.55
6	PORTUGAL	NETHERLANDS	8	34	3.91	16.09
7	SCOTLAND	ESTONIA	12	25	6.48	13.52
8	BULGARIA	FINLAND	54	17	17.72	2.28
9	MONACO	SERBIA	32	23	12.55	7.45
10	BELGIUM	GERMANY	8	19	6.96	13.04
11	ITALY	HUNGARY	29	18	13.04	6.96
12	NORWAY	GEORGIA	51	14	17.72	2.28
13	SPAIN	POLAND	30	10	15.00	5.00
14	UKRAINE	SWITZERLAND	19	44	4.08	15.92
15	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	39	18	15.19	4.81
16	IRELAND	BELARUS	31	16	13.97	6.03
17	WALES	FRANCE	13	35	4.62	15.38
18	FAROE ISLANDS	TURKEY	24	14	12.80	7.20
19	ICELAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 24

1	ENGLAND	ROMANIA	24	30	8.24	11.76
2	CROATIA	LATVIA	42	30	13.28	6.72
3	CYPRUS	RUSSIA	28	37	7.45	12.55
4	ISRAEL	CZECH REPUBLIC	37	35	10.61	9.39
5	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	14	26	6.72	13.28
6	PORTUGAL	ESTONIA	30	61	3.12	16.88
7	SCOTLAND	GREECE	70	0	20.00	0.00
8	BULGARIA	SERBIA	28	34	8.24	11.76
9	MONACO	GERMANY	34	23	13.04	6.96
10	BELGIUM	ICELAND	35	22	13.52	6.48
11	ITALY	GEORGIA	14	19	8.52	11.48
12	NORWAY	POLAND	3	51	1.03	18.97
13	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	10	25	6.03	13.97
14	UKRAINE	HUNGARY	24	26	9.39	10.61
15	SWEDEN	BELARUS	23	12	13.04	6.96
16	IRELAND	FRANCE	26	73	1.13	18.87
17	WALES	TURKEY	25	68	1.56	18.44
18	FAROE ISLANDS	AUSTRIA	59	60	9.69	10.31
19	FINLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

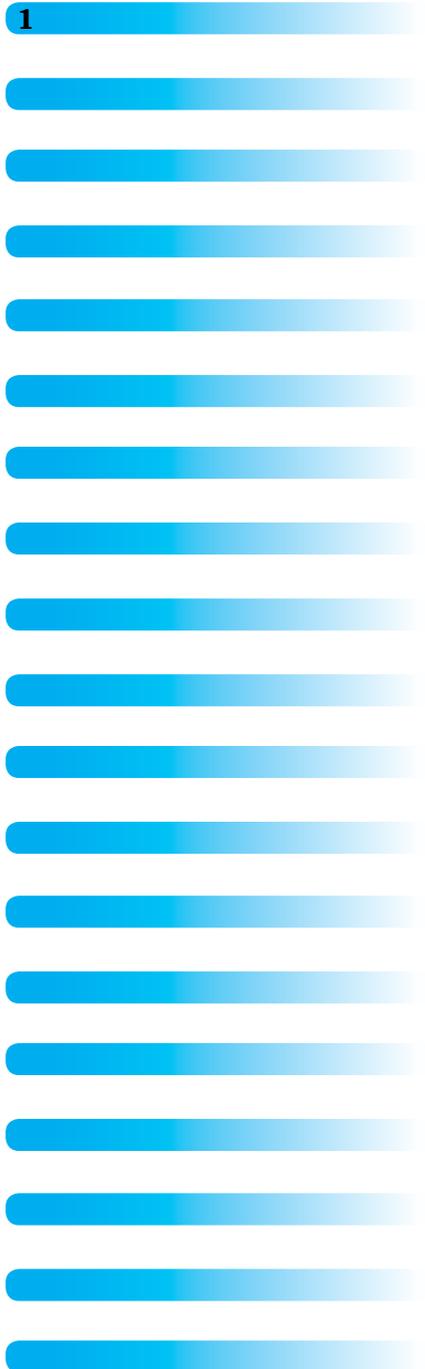
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ROUND 25

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ROUND 26

RANKING AFTER ROUND 26





RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND 11

21	FRANCE	HUNGARY	22	21	10.31	9.69
22	RUSSIA	IRELAND	48	1	18.87	1.13
23	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	7	46	2.03	17.97
24	SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	1	43	1.67	18.33
25	ITALY	FINLAND	59	11	18.97	1.03
26	TURKEY	GREECE	34	20	13.75	6.25
27	PORTUGAL	ENGLAND	8	24	5.82	14.18
28	POLAND	SERBIA	42	9	17.17	2.83
29	DENMARK	BULGARIA	33	29	11.20	8.80
30	SPAIN	NORWAY	9	24	6.03	13.97
31	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS	5	68	0.00	20.00
32	ISRAEL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 12

21	FRANCE	GREECE	60	35	15.92	4.08
22	RUSSIA	FINLAND	36	47	6.96	13.04
23	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	14	38	4.26	15.74
24	SAN MARINO	ISRAEL	29	51	4.62	15.38
25	SWEDEN	BULGARIA	66	7	19.93	0.07
26	GERMANY	SERBIA	21	18	10.91	9.09
27	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	19	23	8.80	11.20
28	HUNGARY	NORWAY	6	57	0.75	19.25
29	ITALY	SPAIN	16	14	10.61	9.39
30	TURKEY	ESTONIA	39	39	10.00	10.00
31	PORTUGAL	DENMARK	21	48	3.74	16.26
32	POLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

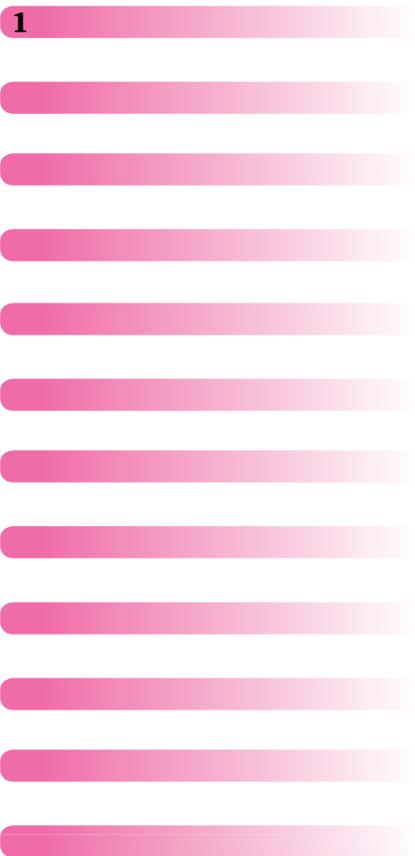
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ROUND 13

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ROUND 14

RANKING AFTER ROUND 14





RESULTS SENIORS TEAMS

ROUND 11

41	POLAND	TURKEY	13	14	9.69	10.31
42	HUNGARY	ESTONIA	25	8	14.39	5.61
43	ROMANIA	ISRAEL	19	28	7.45	12.55
44	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	10	23	6.48	13.52
45	SCOTLAND	FINLAND	32	40	7.71	12.29
46	NORWAY	FRANCE	37	34	10.91	9.09
47	SPAIN	GERMANY	13	22	7.45	12.55
48	DENMARK	ITALY	30	24	11.76	8.24
49	AUSTRIA	WALES	20	16	11.20	8.80
50	IRELAND	ENGLAND	33	18	13.97	6.03
51	PORTUGAL	BELGIUM	12	25	6.48	13.52
52	BULGARIA	SERBIA	44	5	17.97	2.03

ROUND 12

41	SWEDEN	POLAND	13	29	5.82	14.18
42	SPAIN	HUNGARY	35	29	11.76	8.24
43	SCOTLAND	ROMANIA	49	30	14.80	5.20
44	DENMARK	BULGARIA	14	36	4.62	15.38
45	AUSTRIA	ESTONIA	23	51	3.58	16.42
46	IRELAND	TURKEY	32	57	4.08	15.92
47	PORTUGAL	ISRAEL	9	78	0.00	20.00
48	ENGLAND	FRANCE	12	64	0.66	19.34
49	BELGIUM	FINLAND	45	33	13.28	6.72
50	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	19	32	6.48	13.52
51	WALES	GERMANY	31	37	8.24	11.76
52	SERBIA	NORWAY	29	62	2.83	17.17

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ROUND 14

RANKING AFTER ROUND 14

