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GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

We would like to take a group photograph of everyone who is taking part in these championships.

Could you all gather in the playing area at 2-25 pm, (1425) on Sunday. The photo will be taken with everyone using the seating at the near end of the room.

Thank you

PRIZE-GIVING AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The Prize-giving and Closing Ceremony will be held in the auditorium on the ground floor of the venue, starting at 2000 on Sunday July 17th.

Cocktails and a buffet will follow the ceremony.

4th and 5th final session will be on TV with live stream in English.

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SCHEDULE ALL EVENTS

10:00 - 11:30: session 6

11:45 - 13:15: session 7

14:30 - 16:00: session 8

16:15 - 17:45: session 9

18:00 - 19:30: session 10

















FRENCH LETTER

by Brian Senior

I went out for lunch on Saturday and came back to find a letter from a Frenchman about a deal from session 7 on which both a French U21 and French U26 pair had achieved very good results. We start with the U21 pair.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



96

J 10 7

Q 10 7 2

N	
W	E
S	

KQ3

A 107

AK10754

93 A 3

964

J 2

AK654

854

West	North	East	South
Basler		Bellicaud	
_	1	1 %	Pass
Pass	Dble	2 %	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♡	All Pass

Raphael Basler, West, remained silent throughout the auction as Luc Bellicaud competed to 3♥ over an opposing 30 contract which was fated to fail by a trick. Meanwhile, 3% looked to be something of an uphill struggle for East.

Things looked up a little for declarer when South led a top diamond and North followed with an encouraging card - an error, as North should have wanted a club switch through dummy's holding. Sure enough, South continued with two more rounds of diamonds, so Bellicaud ruffed and played three rounds of hearts, pitching a club from dummy. North won the ♥Q but found himself endplayed. He returned the king of spades but declarer won and played the ten of spades straight back at him. North ducked to shut out dummy's fourth spade, but now a third spade put him on lead with nothing but clubs in his hand and his lead away from the king-jack ran round to dummy so Bellicaud had no club loser and had made his contract courtesy of the double endplay. That was an excellent +140 and 35 MPs out of 56.

There was less bidding at our U26 table, where the French pair of Fabrice Charignon and Clement Laloubere were sitting N/S.

West	North	East	South
	Laloubere		Charignon
_	1 ♣	Dble	$1 \diamondsuit$
Pass	1NT	2 %	All Pass

Here East judged his hand to be too strong for a simple overcall so doubled then showed the hearts at his second turn. The French N/S pair had already done their bidding here so East was left to play in 2%, against which Charignon too led a top diamond. Here, however, Laloubere did discourage diamonds and Charignon found the club switch. From here the defenders were in control and North always had a safe exit card. The contract was down one, losing two spades, two diamonds, one club and one heart, for -50. That gave the French N/S 50 out of 58 MPs.







AN IMAGINATIVE GRAND

by Michael Byrne

This hand from the U21 qualifying proved to be too tricky for most of the field. You hold as East:

★ K62♡ AKQ93◇ AQ7▲ A7

and the bidding progresses:

West	East
2 ♠	2NT
3♣	3♦
3♡	4 ♣
$4\Diamond$	4NT
5 .	5♦
5NT	?

England's Kripa Panchagnula opened with a weak $2\spadesuit$ and Jonathan Clark inquired with 2NT, discovering that partner held either a bad suit in a bad hand or a good suit in a good hand. Three Diamonds asked again and $3\heartsuit$ showed the good variety. Four Clubs and $4\diamondsuit$ were cuebids and now Clark asked for key cards. Five Clubs showed one key card and $5\diamondsuit$ asked about the queen, 5NT saying yes.

How would you proceed? It is easy to bid $7 \spadesuit$, but this is matchpoints and the question is whether to play in $7 \spadesuit$ or 7NT.

The auction continued:

West	East
	6♡
6 ♠	7NT
Pass	

Clark showed some imagination when he bid 6% to ask for third-round heart control. When Panchagnula signed off in $6\spadesuit$, denying the requested control, he had to hold at least three hearts, making it odds on that the suit would run, so Clark bid 7NT. Nicely done.

The full deal:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 1097♡ 8742◇ K6♣ KJ96

A Q J 8 4 3
 ♥ J 10 6 5
 ♦ 4
 S

★ K62♡ AKQ93◇ AQ7

S • A 7

♡ -◇ J 10 9 8 5 3 2♣ 10 8 4 3 2

Not a bad effort from two 18 year-olds, and worth 47 out of 56 MPs.





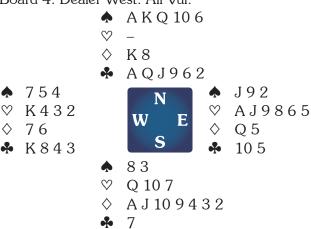


DUTCH DIARY 2

by Kees Tammens

With a qualification stage of 100 boards there have been lots of memorable happenings at many tables. One board is only 1% of the total score so you can afford to try something.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
	M Stougie		L Stougie
Pass	2♣	Pass	2\$
Pass	3♠	Pass	4 🖍
Pass	5♦	Pass	6 4
All Pass			

The Dutch U-21 brothers, Marc & Leen had a nice sequence to a reasonable $6 \spadesuit$. Three Spades showed $5 \clubsuit$ & $5 \spadesuit$, and $5 \diamondsuit$ was asking for help in diamonds. Declarer ruffed the \heartsuit A lead and played three rounds of trumps. If the diamond queen did not fall, declarer planned to play a club to the queen, winning with clubs three-three or \clubsuit K doubleton onside. I believed +1460 would be the maximum result on this board. However, another Dutch pair, juniors, had other ideas.

West	North	East	South
	Lucassen		Coenen
_	2♣	Pass	$2\Diamond$
Pass	2 ^	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♡	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6\$
Pass	7 ♠	All Pass	

5♥: exclusion and 5NT showing one ace. 6♣: asking for something more (in clubs?)

6♦: co-operating

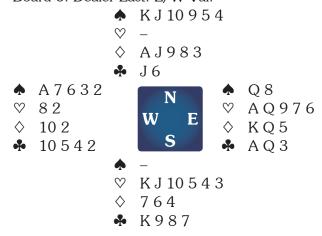
Again the ace of hearts ruffed and declarer took



another chance by playing A and ruffing a small club, winning thirteen tricks with K doubleton. Had this not happened he would have drawn trumps and relied on the diamonds breaking for an astonishing +2210.

Adriaan Lucassen amazed the kibitzers once more:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
_	_	1♣	3♡
Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	4♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Adriaan, North, wanted another lead than hearts so doubled 3NT. When opponents ran to $4\clubsuit$ (maybe South, Joost Coenen, should have doubled this?) Adriaan doubled once more, maybe with the idea that E/W would run to $4\diamondsuit$ or even better to $4\spadesuit$. After two hearts ruffed and two spades ruffed N/S still had \diamondsuit A and \clubsuit K to come for a nice +800.

Sometimes bridge is a cruel game and I will tell the stories but don't mention the culprits.



Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul. • A 10 7 4

♥ 93 ♦ 7532 ♣ 975

♠ Q62♡ Q54♦ KJ6

J 1082

 $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} & \mathbf{K} & \mathbf{K} \\ \mathbf{W} & \mathbf{E} & \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix}$

♠ KJ3♡ 82♦ Q10♣ AKQ643

♠ 985♡ AKJ1076◇ A984♣ -

West	North	East	South
_	_	1♣	$1 \heartsuit$
1NT	Pass	3♣	3♡
3NT	4♡	4NT	All Pass

A heart was led for the king and South tried also $\heartsuit A$. When the queen failed to drop South cashed $\diamondsuit A$ and played another diamond so declarer only lost $\diamondsuit A$ for down one, and 59% for East/West because many pairs went two down in 3NT.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

★ K 10 3 2♡ K 9 6 3◇ Q

♣ 10652

• - • A Q 10 8 7 4

♦ A653
♣ J43

N W E S

♠ A87♡ J52♦ 1098♣ A987

♠ QJ9654

♡ -

♦ KJ742

♣ KQ

 West
 North
 East
 South

 1♠

 2♥
 2♠
 3♥
 4♠

 5♥
 5♠
 Dble
 All Pass

A lot of bidding with everybody reaching the five level. West led $\heartsuit A$, ruffed by declarer. A small spade was led to the king and ace. Now the small club from East did not paralyse declarer. he took $\clubsuit K$, drew trumps ending in dummy and discarded $\clubsuit Q$ on $\heartsuit K$, losing only $\diamondsuit A$ for +850.

The Law of Diminishing Greed refers to a play in which you discard possible winners in order to convince a defender to throw away a valuable card. Veri Kiljan executed this in an 'impossible' 3NT.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

★ KQ104♡ AK♦ J85♣ J1043

♠ 965♡ QJ9832♦ 109

♣ A 6

N W E S

♠ 872♡ 1065◇ AQ6

K952

♠ AJ3♡ 74♦ K7432♣ Q87

West	North	East	South
2♡	Dble	3♡	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led a heart to the king and Veri cashed four tricks in spades, discarding $\lozenge 2$ on the fourth spade. This induced West to get rid of the nine of diamonds. Declarer led the jack of diamonds, ace from East and ten from West. A heart was led to the ace and the $\lozenge 8$, finessing for the queen and making 3NT with three tricks in diamonds.

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FIRST YEAR ENDPLAY

by Brian Senior

There is only one Greek pair at the championships, Konstantinos Vovos and Kritsalis Philippos, in the U26 event. They say that they are here against all the odds as they have no coach and no funding. Philippos is a first-year bridge player, in which case the pair's strong first-day showing is very impressive indeed. This deal comes from Friday's fourth session.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ KJ10954

♡ -

♦ AJ983

♣ J6

♠ A 7 6 3 2

♥ 82

♦ 102

4 10 5 4 2

N W E S

♠ Q8

 \heartsuit AQ976

♦ KQ5

♣ AQ3

♠ −

♥ KJ10543

♦ 764

♣ K987

WestNorthEastSouth--2NT(i) $3 \heartsuit$ $3 \spadesuit$ Pass3NTAll Pass

(i) 19-21

South led the seven of clubs to the jack and queen so Philippos played ace and a third club to the king. South returned a high diamond, North winning the ace and switching majestically to the king of spades in hope of pinning a bare queen with declarer.

Philippos couldn't have hoped for a better start to the play and he took full advantage. He won the ace of spades and cashed the \$10 then cashed his spade and diamond winners, leaving himself and South with nothing but hearts. Philippos played the queen of hearts to South's king, ducked the ten of hearts return, and South had to lead into the ace-nine of hearts at trick 12 to give the ninth trick.

Plus 600 was worth 57 out of 58 MPs to the Greek pair. They ended the fourth session in second place overall.







MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

by Micke Melander

A miracle is an event not explicable by natural or scientific laws. Such an event may be attributed to a supernatural being, magic, a miracle worker, a saint or a religious leader. In bridge they exist and sometimes they occur when you least expect it. Some occurred in session six of the Young Women Pairs in Liepaja.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ Q 10 8 5 3

♥ 1085

♦ J 4

9 9 5 4

♠ A 6 4♡ 6 4

♣ K762

N W E S

♠ J9
♥ KQ973

♦ K 5

♣ QJ108

♠ K72

♡ AJ2

♦ 109872

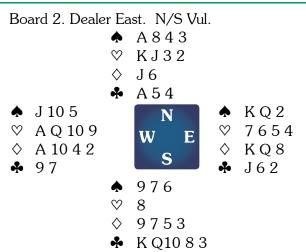
♣ A3

When North found the normal lead of a spade things didn't look to good for Leleu, who was declarer. The only thing to play for was that spades were at least 5-3 and that the other opponent had the heart and club aces. This was in fact the case and of course declarer had to duck the first trick to South, which she duly did.

But Kampara, who knew from the bidding that partner couldn't have much more than the queen of spades, went for another defensive line and shifted to the ten of diamonds! Declarer who suddenly probably had some hope won with the ace and tried a heart to the king. Kampara won with the ace and continued with the two of diamonds to dummy's king. Declarer now turned to the club suit, calling for the queen from dummy, Kampara won again and continued the diamond attack to establish her suit and now there was no chance for declarer to make the hopeless contract.

One down, was a great score when half the field actually managed to make 3NT on a spade lead, probably because declarer ducked the first trick and South continued with the suit... 13/5 to the Latvian pair for the achievement.

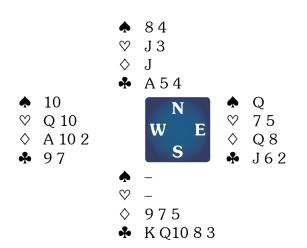




West	North	East	South
Leleu	Garkaja	Thuillez	Kampara
_	_	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Why Kampara decided that it would be better to play Three Clubs than 1NT is a real mystery to me. However, she did put partner in that completely dead contract, against which the defense had two spades, a heart and two diamond tricks to collect.

But it isn't over until the last card is played and the defense has to defend! East started with the king of diamonds and, when that held, shifted to the king of spades, ducked by declarer. East now turned her attention to hearts and played the six of hearts. Suddenly declarer had a small chance to make the contract – she just needed a little bit more help from the defense. When West didn't play trumps and instead returned the jack of spades, declarer simply rose with the ace, cashed the king of hearts, discarding her loser in spades, and arrived at the following end position:



Declarer now exited with a diamond, East won with the queen and finally returned a trump but it was all too late. Declarer correctly finessed with the ten. When that held, she cross-ruffed hearts and diamonds



DIANA KAMPARA, Latvia

and could claim the contract when the eight of clubs held on the last ruff.

Plus 110 was a clear top, when the normal actions at the other tables were that South passed 1NT and West balanced, E/W finally arriving in a heart contract going one or two off for 50 or 100 to N/S.

Never give up even if you are in a hopeless contract, is the lesson to learn. Miracles do happen sometimes...

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul. AQ965 A 6 2 986 98 73 K 8 4 2 N ΚQ J 1087 W AKQ 10 7 4 3 ♣ AKQ743 5 J 10 9543 J52

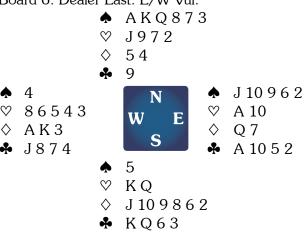
West	North	East	South
Maduzia	Visser	Baldysz	Van Ommen
1♣*	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

J 10 6 2

North's spade overcall made life easy for South when it came to what to lead against the Polish Club auction. Declarer did what she could to maximize her chances when she ducked the jack of spades. She won the second round, since if clubs weren't breaking declarer needed to score some heart tricks and if South had the ace of hearts and no more spades, the contract would still make. When that wasn't the case declarer was forced to concede one down.

That was worth 13/5 to N/S when many managed to make 3NT after a heart was led or they ended in a partscore in clubs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Mourgues	Rieger	Le Pensec	Nordmann
_	_	1 ♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♡	All Pass

 $2\Diamond$ = Transfer to hearts or invitational balanced

Another contract where it looks at first glance that declarer will not stand any chance since you have a spade, three trump and two club losers, and have nothing useful to discard on the third diamond.

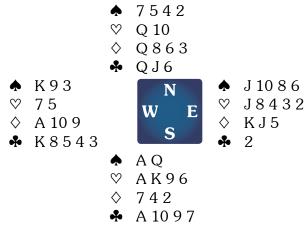
Help arrived when South decided to lead the king of clubs, instead of any other suit...Declarer won with the ace and played the ace of hearts and a second heart. South won and now shifted to a spade but it was all too late. Declarer ruffed, set up her clubs by giving up a trick to South's queen and all the defense



could get from there was two trump tricks.

Plus 110 was 14/4 to E/W while down one would have been exactly average.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

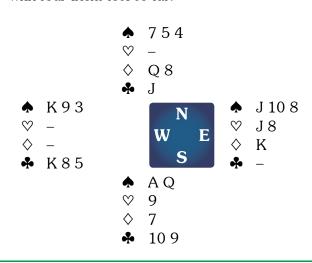


West	North	East	South
Brede Thuille		Budzyn	ska Leleu
_	_	_	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

$$2 = Majors$$

North must have been very tempted to double, knowing that E/W probably were in great trouble when partner had opened with a 15-17 NT. Double and kick off with a trump used to be a good solution at Pairs, and would have been so this time!

Thuillez did neither. She passed (it might be the case that double would have been for T/O and then it's of course impossible) and led the queen of clubs. South won with the ace and shifted to the king of hearts, the ace and a third round following. Declarer discarded from dummy and North ruffed with the two of spades. North returned a diamond which dummy won with the ten. The ace of diamonds was cashed before declarer ruffed a club in hand arriving at the following position with four tricks lost so far:

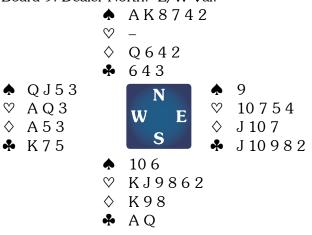


A crossruff would have allowed declarer to make her contract by finishing with an 'en passant' for the last trick, provided the king of diamonds has been ruffed with the three of spades.

But declarer played a trump, South rose with the ace and played her last heart. Declarer ruffed in dummy and played the king of trumps noticing the queen falling from South but, as North still had a trump left and she couldn't get to her hand to pull it, she had to concede one down.

Minus 100 was no real problem for E/W since the average result was 1NT with an overtrick for -120. 14/4 was the score in favour of E/W. Still, it would have been much nicer to watch the contract make with that 'en passant' ending...

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Baldysz	Bruijnstee	Maduzia
_	1♠	Pass	2 %
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When North decided to open with One Spade there was nothing that would have kept South from bidding game.

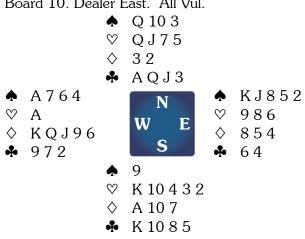
It looks as though if you have a little luck and can get the spade suit running you might end up with nine tricks, West led the three of diamonds which went to the two, ten and declarer's king. The ten of spades was put on the table, West covered with the jack and declarer correctly ducked it. The only defense to defeat the contract at this point is to play more spades. Wackwitz, however, continued with another low diamond again, underleading the ace. Declarer, who didn't know what to believe, took the 'free' finesse. When that lost to the jack and East returned the jack of clubs the roof fell in. Declarer finessed and the defense cleared the club suit.

Declarer, being in hand, put the six of spades on table, West smoothly followed low and Maduzia, who

didn't trust East's nine the previous time the suit was played, went up with the king! Declarer could just cash the ace of spades and had to go five down when the defense cashed out everything they could.

Plus 250 was 18/0 in favour of the Dutch pair. So why was the contact making on the diamond return if declarer had gone up with the queen from dummy? Simply, since diamonds broke 3-3 and you can win the queen and exit with a third round to set up the last one in dummy while still being in control of all the other suits.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Wackwitz	Baldysz	Bruijnstee	Maduzia
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
3♠	All Pass		

A very difficult hand to bid since you don't know who is making the highest contract. Would it be in hearts or spades? In fact, both sides make game in their major, if allowed to play there. Baldysz made her 'cheapest' decision when she allowed her opponents to play in Three Spades. A bid of Four Hearts would probably have put the opponents into game and then she would have had to sacrifice in Five Hearts or Clubs to have a decent score.

Declarer had no problem picking up the queen of spades after South's take-out double. The defense got their two clubs and diamond ace for +170 to E/W. and 8/10 MPs to E/W.







CUNNING CROAT

by Brian Senior

Sorry about the title – we bulletin people do love our alliteration (strings of words that all start with the same letter, or sound).

Our first deal from the U21s championship features Croatian pair, Matko Ferenca and Kristijan Stefanec on defence to the popular contract of $2 \spadesuit$ on this deal from the first session on Friday.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

62 K 10 5 4 QJ2A K 9 4 Q 10 7 J9853 A Q 2 J W ♦ A963 K 10 7 5 QJ7832 **AK4** 98763 84 1065

West	North Ferenca –	East	South Stefanec Pass	jack and finessed, losing to the queen. The ensuing diamond ruff was the setting trick and earned the Croatian pair a useful score on the board. Or you could say, 'The speculation accumulated a lot of matchpoints'.
1NT 2♠	Pass All Pass	2♡	Pass	
	b			
	Part of the second seco	Matko Ference		HRVATSKI BRIDŽ AVEZ

CROATIA

After a straightforward auction, Matko found himself on lead against 2. Naturally enough, he kicked off with a top club and then cashed the second club winner. At this point he knew that his partner had three clubs, that declarer probably had fewer than four spades as he had not broken the transfer and, according to style, perhaps did not have five hearts as he had opened 1NT. That suggested that he had some diamond length.

While I am offering free English lessons, let's try 'You have to speculate to accumulate', which basically means that if you want to make a good profit you have to be willing to risk losing some of your own money to gain that profit. A diamond switch, looking at that holding in dummy, qualifies as taking a risk, but Matko judged that it was a risk worth taking as declarer would be unlikely to believe that he had switched to a diamond from his actual holding. So at trick three he switched to the jack of diamonds.

Sure enough, declarer rose with dummy's king and played a trump. Kristijan took the king and returned a diamond and declarer fell for Matko's falsecard of the



THE MAGICIAN FROM RIGA

by Mark Horton

Mikhail Tal was the eighth World Chess Champion. Widely regarded as a creative genius and the best attacking player of all time, he played in a daring, combinational style. His play was known above all for improvisation and unpredictability. The Mammoth Book of the World's Greatest Chess Games and Modern Chess Brilliancies include more games by Tal than any other player. Tal was a highly regarded chess writer, his The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal being considered one of the greatest autoMikhail Tal was the eighth World Chess Champion. Widely regarded as a creative genius and the best attacking player of all time, he played in a daring, combinational style. His play was known above all for improvisation and unpredictability. The Mammoth Book of the World's Greatest Chess Games and Modern Chess Brilliancies include more games by Tal than any other player. Tal was a highly regarded chess writer, his The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal being considered one of the greatest autobiographies. He also holds the record for the longest unbeaten streak in competitive chess history, between October 23, 1973, when he lost a game in a Soviet championship, and October 16, 1974, when he lost to Kirov at the Novi Sad tournament, Tal had a string of 95 tournament games

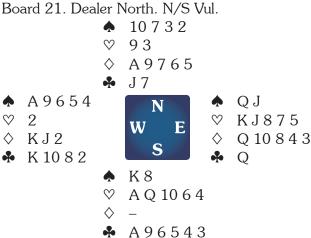
SOPHIA CAPOBIANCO, Italy

without a loss (46 wins and 49 draws).

On May 28, 1992, dying from kidney failure, he left hospital to play at the Moscow blitz tournament, where he defeated the legendary Garry Kasparov. He died one month later. The Mikhail Tal Memorial is held in Moscow each year since 2006 to honour his memory.

If you are wondering about the relevance of my introduction, ask yourself this question - What is the longest unbeaten run in bridge?'

While you are pondering that lets look at the action from Round 8 of the Women's competition:

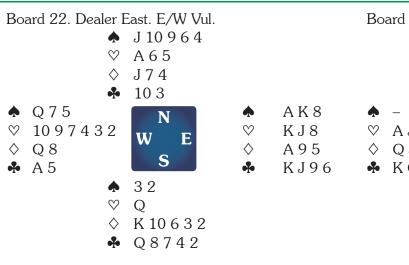


West	North	East	South
De Lutio	Kamperm	annCapobia	ncoDamman
_	Pass	$1 \heartsuit$	Pass
1 ^	Pass	2\$	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In these modern times light opening bids are de rigueur, but they are not a guarantee of success. If 3♣ was game forcing it was perhaps a little too much.

North led the nine of hearts for the jack and queen and South switched to the three of clubs, North playing the seven as declarer won with the gueen. When declarer played on diamonds North took the third round as South pitched two clubs and a heart and returned the jack of clubs to declarer's king. A spade to the queen and king saw south cash the ace of clubs and exit with a spade. Declarer won in dummy and cashed two diamonds, but had to surrender the last two tricks South's hearts; two down, -100 and 13-5 for N/S.





West	North	East	South	West
De Lutio	Kamperm	annCapobia	ncoDamman	Negre
_	_	2NT	Pass	_
3◊*	Pass	3♡	Pass	Dble
4♡	All Pass			

3 Transfer

South did well to avoid a minor-suit lead, opting for the three of spades, declarer winning with dummy's queen and playing the ten of hearts. When North followed impassively with the five declarer put up the king to considerable effect. She continued with the jack of hearts and North took the ace and returned the jack of spades.

Declarer won perforce in hand, drew the outstanding trump with the eight, crossed to the ace of clubs and played a club to the jack, claiming the rest when

Having drawn the last trump, declarer should be in no rush to take a club finesse. She can cash a spade and the ace of diamonds (I guess everyone knows where this coup comes from) then cross to the ace of clubs and run the trumps, squeezing South.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul. 3 9632 108752 742 KQJ972 AJ74 KQ1085 W ♦ QJ94 K S ♣ KQ865 9 A 10 8 6 5 4 A 63 ♣ AJ103

West	North	East	South
Negreanu	Combescure	Wiseman	Thepaut-V
_	_	_	1 ^
Dble	All Pass		

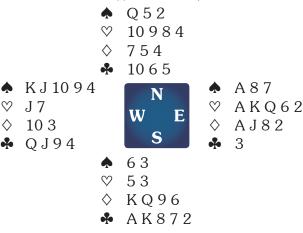
With he imposing trumps East elected to play for penalties.

West led the king of clubs and declarer won, cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with a diamond to West's queen. After cashing the queen of clubs West gave East a club ruff and when the king of spades was returned declarer won with the ace and exited with a diamond. Declarer could not be prevented from taking two more trump tricks for two down; -500, which scored 13-5. Playing in hearts would have given E/W 7-11.

Caterina De Lutio, ITALY

it lost, +650 and 10/8.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

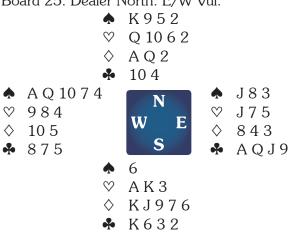


West	North	East	South
Negreanu	Combescure	Wiseman	Thepaut-V
_	_	$1 \heartsuit$	2♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4	All Pass		

I wonder if West was tempted to pass the double of 24? This would have been the right time to play for penalties as, after two rounds of hearts, East switches to a trump and declarer is in desperate straits.

Against 4 North led the five of clubs and South won with the king and switched to the three of spades which did declarer no harm at all. When the nine held ruffing a club followed by drawing trumps would deliver twelve tricks, but declarer had a blind spot and drew trumps immediately for +450; still worth 7-11.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



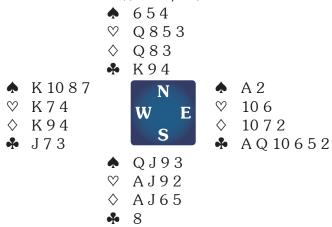
West	North	East	South
Laan	Broka	PIIbor	Broka
_	$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit$
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

2♦ Inverted raise 4NT RKCB 5♣ 1 or 4 key cards Expecting a different type of hand for $3\diamondsuit$, South put her foot down, braking hard when her partner could only produce one key card.

East led the three of spades and West took the ace and switched to a club, declarer winning the second round of the suit with the king. As you can see, the rest of the tricks are now available in a number of ways, but declarer lost her way and managed to lose two more club tricks to finish two down for -100 and not a single matchpoint.

Making 50 would have saved four points.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Myllaeri	De Lutio	Siira	Capobianco
Pass	Pass	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$
Pass	1 %	2♣	2 %
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♡
All Pass			

East led the two of diamonds and when West put in the nine declarer won with the queen and played a heart to the jack and king. West returned the three of clubs and East won with the ten and switched to the ten of hearts. Declarer won in hand and ruffed a club. At this point the best declarer can do is draw the outstanding trump and duck a diamond, which should lead to seven tricks.

When she instead exited with the queen of spades East won with the ace and returned the two, West taking dummy's jack and exiting with a trump. Declarer had to win with dummy's ace and she exited with a spade, West winning with the eight and forcing declarer's last trump with the ten. Now West's first round duck paid off when declarer played a diamond to the jack and West won and played a club, giving East the last two tricks for four down, +400, and 1-17.

That top was shared with Wiseman & Negreanu who did very well to reach the unbeatable 3NT.

Board 30. Dealer North. All Vul. ♠ KQJ964 KJ36542 8.5 1072 N Q 10 6 5 4 A 7 W ♦ 8765 A 10 3 2 ♣ AKJ73 A 3 ♥ 982 ♦ KQJ94 ♣ Q98

West	North	East	South
Nesom	Wiseman	Bailey	Negreanu
_	_	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$
2 4	2 ^	Pass	2NT
Pass	4 ^	All Pass	

East led the ten of clubs and when that held she switched to the four of hearts, West taking the ace, cashing two clubs and then going back to hearts. Declarer put in the jack and East won and surprisingly did not return the suit, preferring to exit with a trump. Declarer could ruff a club high and ruff a diamond back to hand for two down, -100 and 4-14. As you might have guessed, +150 would have given N/S a bagel.

Returning to the question I posed in my introduction, Italy won the Bermuda Bowl ten times in a row between 1957 and 1969.







U26 PAIRS - RANKING AFTER SESSION 10

	UZU PAINS	- KAINKING AFI	EK SESSION	10
1	ROBERTS Alex	KHANDELWAL Ankush	ENG - ENG	59.70
2	KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech	NOWAK Kamil	POL - POL	59.13
3	TIJSSEN Luc	KILJAN Veri	NED - NED	58.95
4	LEVI Hila	ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	58.15
5	HULT Simon	STOKKA Adam	SWE - SWE	57.64
6	VOVOS Konstantinos	KRITSALIS Philippos	GRE - GRE	57.08
7	MARCINOWSKI Piotr	SOBCZAK Mateusz	POL - POL	56.98
8	FAGERLUND Vesa	AIMALA Antti	FIN - FIN	56.67
9	VERBEEK Thijs	VAN ENGELEN Bas	NED - NED	56.65
10	CHARIGNON Fabrice	LALOUBEYRE Clement	FRA - FRA	56.18
11	KITA Maciej	GRABIEC Maciej	POL - POL	56.05
12	POLAK Tobias	VAN OVERBEEKE Tom	NED - NED	54.57
13	DONKERSLOOT Bob	COPPENS Pim	NED - NED	53.81
14	DEHEEGER Colin	ROUANET-LABE Anne	FRA - FRA	53.05
15	GRUDE Tor Eivind	GUNDERSEN Anders	NOR - NOR	52.69
16	BIRCHALL Alex	ROPER William	ENG - ENG	52.33
17	KONKOLY Csaba	SZIRMAY-KALOS Barnabas	HUN - HUN	52.18
18	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	JEPSEN Peter	DEN - DEN	52.03
19	MAJCHER Arkadiusz	MARKS Rafal	POL - POL	51.99
20	ILZINS Janis	PELSIS Nauris	LAT - LAT	51.95
21	WESTERBEEK Chris	WESTERBEEK Ricardo	NED - NED	51.88
22	YEKUTIELI Asaf	TOLEDANO Oren	ISR - ISR	51.83
23	GOTINK Kevin	SCHOUTEN Yordi	NED - NED	51.82
24	WEISS Florian	VELJA Stefan	AUT - AUT	51.64
25	SYNNOTT David	GORMALLY Hugh	IRL - IRL	51.62
26	COMBESCURE Baptiste	BERNARD Julien	FRA - FRA	51.55
27	SHAH Shivam	ILLINGWORTH Frederick	ENG - ENG	51.43
28	ERSEK Laura	HOMONNAY Balint	HUN - HUN	51.43
29	WILSON Abigail	MILNE Jake	SCO - SCO	51.41
30	CHAVARRIA Margherita	MONTANELLI Enea	ITA - ITA	50.66
31	RAUDSEPP Jonatan	MAASIK Martin	EST - EST	50.59
32	AYDOGDU Erkmen	AYDOGDU Ataman	TUR - TUR	50.22
33	ZAMIR Ami	EZION Amir	ISR - ISR	50.14
34	SPRINKHUIZEN Thibo	MENDES DE LEON Guy	NED - NED	50.07
35	EIDE Harald	BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR	50.02
36	ZALITIS Aleksis	PRII Jakob	EST - EST	49.78
37	CALMANOVICI Alessandro	SAU Roberto	ITA - ITA	49.42
38	ALISHAW Michael	KENNEDY Stephen	ENG - ENG	49.34
39	COENEN Joost	LUCASSEN Adriaan	NED - NED	49.14
40	TOMA Anca	RETZLER Rainer	ROM - ROM	48.24
41	DJILOVIC Josko	MIJIC Ante	CRO - CRO	47.82
42	DEAN Nicholas	RAYNER Dominic	ENG - ENG	47.75
43	DOYLE Nathan	BOLGER Arran	IRL - IRL	47.24
44	NAKAMARU-PINDER Jun	FREIMANIS Gints	SCO - SCO	46.66
45	TUKENMEZ Can Erdem	YILDIZ Busra Aslihan	TUR - TUR	46.21
46	KOSMA Lukasz	MAKULEC Marek	POL - POL	46.10
47	HAHN Frederik	WEBER Stefan	GER - GER	45.73
48	BRODERSEN Jon	BRANDGAARD DANIEL	DEN - DEN	45.57
49	COVILL Laura	MEKIE Sean	ENG - ENG	45.48
50	SCHEBERAN Philip	FLIERL Vanessa	AUT - AUT	45.25
51	SCHANKA Martin	KOHUTOVA Lucie	CZE - CZE	45.07
52	VON BUEREN Yannick	STOECKLI Jeremie	SUI - SUI	44.88
53	HERMANN Sophie	EDER Felix	AUT - AUT	44.77
54	TORV Helina	ZVOROVSKI Rao	EST - EST	43.67
55	LEMBER Manglus	TUUS Hanna	EST - EST	43.64
56	BALDURSSON Heidar Arni	SIGURDSSON Logi	ISL - ISL	42.88
57	RAMOS Francisco	PIMENTA Carolina	POR - POR	41.21
58	GOFMANS Andris	GAVRILOVA Elizaveta	LAT - LAT	40.56
59	CASTRO Francisco	RIBEIRO Miguel	POR - POR	40.53
60	WEISS Christine	HOLZNER Michael	AUT - AUT	39.98
61	BRASS Tommy	LEEMING India	ENG - ENG	39.11

RESULTS



PAIRS - RANKING AFTER SESSION 10

1	KRAWCZYK Blazej	LENKIEWICZ Jakub	POL - POL	59.80
2	BOULIN Arthur	GUILLEMIN Theo	FRA - FRA	59.18
3	ALTER Florian	STRECK Lauritz	GER - GER	58.66
4	MAJEWSKI Konrad	GODLEWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	57.35
5	OKUNIEWSKI Wojciech	KRAJNIK Dominik	POL - POL	57.18
6	SUCHODOLSKI Adam	ZURAWSKI Tytus	POL - POL	56.90
7	ZVEZDIN Zigfrid	POSTOVALOV Ilia	RUS - RUS	56.45
8	KALETA Michal	PAWELCZYK Tomasz	POL - POL	56.34
9	NIJSSEN Oscar	OVERVELDE Sven	NED - NED	56.18
10	BUNE Sophie	CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm	DEN - DEN	55.74
11	PATREUHA Jakub	PATREUHA Patryk	POL - POL	55.62
12	SLUSZNIAK Mateusz	KEDZIERSKI Maciej	POL - POL	55.40
13	KLEMS Erik	MELCAK Martin	CZE - CZE	54.88
14	NORTON Ben	BEHRENS Sam	ENG - ENG	53.54
15	FRAGOLA Maxence	TEIL Clement	FRA - FRA	53.48
16	BELLICAUD Luc	BASLER Raphael	FRA - FRA	53.40
17	CLARK Jonathan	PANCHAGNULA Kripa	ENG - ENG	53.24
	STOUGIE Leen	•		
18		STOUGIE Marc	NED - NED	53.07
19	BUNE Soren	TODD-MOIR Victor	DEN - DEN	52.94
20	BALODIS Martins	SALMINA Sintija	LAT - LAT	52.74
21	LE LEZ Victor	THORPE Stephan	FRA - FRA	52.50
22	KOIVU Oskari	AALTO Aleksi	FIN - FIN	52.48
23	IHER Mirjam	MAIDE Rasmus	EST - EST	52.41
24	VORNKAHL Leonard	JESSE Stig	GER - GER	52.33
25	ANDRUSZKIEWICZ Jakub	SUCHARDA Edward	POL - POL	52.32
26	LEJEUNE Mette	HUVERS Wisse	NED - NED	52.10
27	VALENTINE Ronan Richard James	OBRIEN Liam	SCO - SCO	51.98
28	SCATA Sebastiano	MANGANELLA Andrea	ITA - ITA	51.46
29	VASAR Martin	PRII Milvi	EST - EST	51.35
30	BLOM Jasper	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	NED - NED	51.34
31	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	PABST Philipp	GER - GER	51.17
32	WINTER Daniel	SANDERSON Liam	ENG - ENG	51.13
33	CASPERSEN Soeren Veel	LAHRMANN Christian	DEN - DEN	51.13
34	DREIMANIS Gints	ILDEIKINS Viktors	LAT - LAT	51.04
35	OTTO Viktor	LITTERST Maximilian	GER - GER	51.02
36	GUTH Romaric	RABOURDIN Hugo	FRA - FRA	50.49
37	STEFANEC Kristijan	FERENCA Matko	CRO - CRO	50.30
38	BARR Stephen	DONNELLY MICHAEL	IRL - IRL	50.00
39	GIUBILO Gabriele	ROSALBA Andrea	ITA - ITA	49.82
40	NORDMANN Felix	SCHIFFMANN Darius	GER - GER	49.53
41	TRENDAK Lukasz	PALUSZEK Konrad	POL - POL	48.80
42	CANKUDIS Mikolaj	MORAWSKI Patryk	POL - POL	48.42
43	KRAUZE Kristaps	KUZIS Karlis	LAT - LAT	48.37
44	SMOLIK Adam	HULANICKI Pawel	POL - POL	48.26
45	FRIDRICH Tomas	OTRADOVCOVA Zuzana	CZE - CZE	48.02
46	JASINSKI Piotr	BACZEK Krystian	POL - POL	47.18
47	FALCONER Glen	MACKILLOP Donald	SCO - SCO	46.79
48	GOUDZWAARD Dieter	DUPONT Pim	NED - NED	45.06
49	CONNOLLY John	VARLEY Daniel	IRL - IRL	43.88
50	DOMITROVIC Andrija	FILIPOVIC Branimir	CRO - CRO	43.67
51	PROCHAZKA Adam	VOLHEJN Petr	CZE - CZE	43.53
52	GROCHOWSKI Maksymilian	KOWALSKI Mikolaj	POL - POL	41.04
54	SKURULE Karina Meta	CACE Atis	LAT - LAT	39.47
55	CARTHY Joseph	FARRELL Conor	IRL - IRL	39.23
	WALSH Sheila	KANE Ariane	IRL - IRL	38.33
56				07.01
57	ATVARS Arturs	LINKS Gatis	LAT - LAT	37.91
57 58		CIESLIK Agnieszka	LAT - LAT POL - POL	37.91 36.68
57	ATVARS Arturs			

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U26 WOMEN PAIRS - RANKING AFTER SESSION 10

1	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	PIESIEWICZ Dominika	POL - POL	59.64
2	WACKWITZ Janneke	BRUIJNSTEEN Merel	NED - NED	58.91
3	TICHA Magdalena	BANAS Natalia	NED - NED	57.44
4	MADUZIA Anna	BALDYSZ Zofia	POL - POL	55.90
5	THEPAUT-VENTOS Solene	COMBESCURE Sarah	FRA - FRA	55.42
6	BUDZYNSKA Magda	BREDE Joanna	POL - POL	54.29
7	WISEMAN Yvonne	NEGREANU Carina	ENG - ENG	52.67
8	RAFFA Enrica	BROCCOLINO Susanna	ITA - ITA	52.57
9	MYLLAERI Maria	SIIRA Sini	FIN - FIN	50.86
10	LE PENSEC Alice	MOURGUES Jennifer	FRA - FRA	50.17
11	VISSER Esther	VAN OMMEN Maaike	NED - NED	49.94
12	DE LUTIO Caterina	CAPOBIANCO Sophia	ITA - ITA	49.70
13	LELEU Anais	THUILLEZ Mathilde	FRA - FRA	49.69
14	KAMPERMANN Mareille	DAMMAN Alexandra	GER - GER	48.85
15	PIIBOR Johanna	LAAN Susanna	EST - EST	47.85
16	GARKAJE Ginta	KAMPARA Diana	LAT - LAT	47.79
17	CIUNCZYK Hanna	ZAREBA Anna	POL - POL	43.47
18	BAILEY Olivia	NESOM Suzanna	SCO - SCO	40.50
19	RIEGER Mona	NORDMANN Leonie	GER - GER	37.55
20	BROKA Sandra Elvira	BROKA Jolanta Gundega	LAT - LAT	36.83
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U16 PAIRS - RANKING AFTER SESSION 10

1	KOPKA Kacper	MASZENDA Michal	POL - POL	60.91
2	PIGULSKI Adam	RACEWICZ MACIEJ	POL - POL	58.37
3	STADLER Raphael	LEPPER Jannik	AUT - AUT	57.90
4	MAZUR Jeremiasz	KUCZKOWSKI Michal	POL - POL	57.64
5	MADDEN Harry	SELBY Oscar	ENG - ENG	57.49
6	ALTUN Toygar Tuncay	EREN Umut Gorkem	TUR - TUR	57.35
7	JOHNSEN Christian Fredrik	AUSTAD Marius Dalemark	NOR - NOR	56.66
8	HUHTAMAKI Hermanni	NIEMINEN Aapo	FIN - FIN	56.38
9	CICHY Krzysztof	CAUS Dominik	POL - POL	54.74
10	KOZAK Jakub	CIESLINSKI Jan	POL - POL	53.02
11	KORDAS Konstanty	MACKOWIAK Karol	POL - POL	51.83
12	YASAR Isil	BAKAR Umran Zeynep	TUR - TUR	51.18
13	GUENDEL Marius	DRANSFELD Karl	GER - GER	50.80
14	ROSE Henry	PEMBERTON Alexander	ENG - ENG	50.53
15	KURLIT Franciszek	KUFLOWSKI Kacper	POL - POL	50.12
16	DYBDAHL Sanna Emilie Dybvik	BREKKE Kaja	NOR - NOR	48.26
17	STASIK Michal	KASPERCZYK Lukasz	POL - POL	48.22
18	FARWIG Niels Ole	LANGER Emil	GER - GER	46.17
19	RUBINS Ralfs	PIRS Maksimilians	LAT - LAT	39.55
20	ZATORSKI JAKUB	DZIUBA JAKUB	POL - POL	38.39
21	KEISALA Arttu	MAKELA Lasse	FIN - FIN	37.70
22	GROCHOWSKI Albert	CIESLIK Joanna	POL - POL	35.92
23	PUSKARJOVS Aleksandrs	GOROVOJS Adrians	LAT - LAT	30.80

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