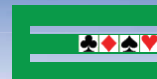




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SCHEDULE

ZIMMERMANN CUP

10.00 - 12.50: Final 1/3

14.00 - 16.50: Final 2/3

17.20 - 20.10: Final 3/3

FMB BAM TROPHY

BAM A

24 Teams (46 boards)

10.00 - 12.20: (16 boards)

14.00 - 16.25: (18 boards)

17.20 - 19.20: (14 boards)

BAM B

18 Teams (34 boards)

10.00 - 12.20 (16 boards)

14.00 - 16.25 (18 boards)

THE PASSION OF A SUPER BOWL FINAL



Today, during the final, the Winter Games will not present any song by Beyonce, Lady Gaga or Coldplay but the attendance at 10.00 on BBO is sure to reach a peak.

We must confess we expected a final between Lavazza and Zimmermann, but that is not the case.

Lavazza had first to do without their new coach Maurizio Di Sacco.

Then, almost as important, they had to play four handed after Agustin Madala had to leave due to health problems, so Norberto Bocchi partnered Alejandro Bianchedi.

The Black team seized the moment and defeated one of the favourites.

In today's final, they face Zimmermann, armed with their Norwegian anchor pair and both Multon and Martens able to play with two different partners.

So, it looks like team Zimmermann could put their hands on the eponymous cup. However, as we discovered yesterday, you had better not count your chickens before they have hatched!

The curtain will go down around 8 PM. By the way, our second contest delivered no winner as everyone predicted Lavazza would be first or second.

In BAM A Era are leading but with 46 boards to play there are 92 points available, so the race is still wide open. The BAM B teams will play 34 boards today. (JPM)

NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF BRIDGE



TOMORROW'S BULLETIN IN INTERNET ONLY

Tomorrow's Bulletin is Internet only.

The Bulletin for the Winter Games was available as paper edition every morning and also on line every evening soon after play. You can only read the last one on line.

So perhaps it is time to thanks those with whom I worked.

For a bridge team, it was a small one, comprising only three members but ,may I say, a winning one. And a somewhat unusual one without a single conflict.

Mark Horton is fast, efficient and very good: in my opinion (and his also!) the best among writers for Bridge Bulletins. Good Humour, fine analysis, full of references in every field he gives to his articles more than just bridge.

Francesca Canali, Mark calls her Principessa and I fully agree.

I have now been working with her for four years, she is better every time. You give her a dull article (it happens unfortunately), and she makes it shining with her photos and illustrations but not only that, she is the first in the office everyday and also the last one at night.



ALL ABOUT MONACO AND PIERRE ZIMMERMANN

Watch the very interesting video posted on the EBL site: an interview of Pierre Zimmermann by Mark Horton.

You should learn why and when he had the idea of these Winter Games and perhaps his plans for Monaco's team in Budapest (European team championships). See also if Mark learnt something about Monaco's team in Wroclaw (World Bridge Series).

[click here](#)
(online version)



DO NOT BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ

In IBPA, who published the 2016 dates for the Patton of Monaco -16 to 23 October.

Firstly this event traditionally lasts only 3 days not 8! Secondly, no decision have been made by the FMB if it will take place in the autumn or in February 2017 together with the next Cavendish edition.



THE NEW 2016 LAVAZZA TEAM

There will significant changes in the Lavazza team this year.

The Brazilian player Diego Brenner has been offered (and accepted of course) a contract, he will be the new partner of Norberto Bocchi. Agustin Madala-Alejandro Bianchedi will be, as last year, in the line up, as will Giorgio Duboin and Dennis Bilde.

The Italian team also appointed Maurizio di Sacco as coach and team manager.



THE KIBITZER

by **Josef Harsanyi**

Two-three hands kibitzing at the table of Sabine Auken and Roy Welland are enough to discover the endless beauty of the game. In the fifth round, Board Nr.2 in the BAM qualification Roy held this hand:

♠ A 3 ♥ A K 10 9 6 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ Q 10 7.

The bidding went:

West	North	East	South
—	Auken	—	Welland
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	7NT	All Pass	

Well, the first and the last bid were natural. The meaning of the other calls:

- 1NT Game forcing
- 2NT 6♥ and 322 or 7♥ and 222
- 3♣ Relay
- 3♥ 3♣
- 4♣ Optional RKCB for clubs
- 4♦ 10-15 points
- 4♠ RKCB
- 5NT 2 aces, ♣Q and ♥K, no ♠K

Regardless of the outcome, to be able to remember all this is not unimpressive!

The complete deal was:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Are the 13 honours in the North-South hands along with two good five card suits and a six card suit reason enough to bid a grand slam?

Well, if the probability of success promises a good BAM result, then yes.

The possible 13 trick scenarios are: 6 ♥ tricks + 7 top honours, 10 minor suit tricks plus 3 major winners, 5♦ tricks and the 4th club and heart jacks.

Clearly a very good chance to make 13 tricks.

A comparative series of calculations of the chance for success should be made assuming less relevant information gained from the bidding at other tables.

The presence or absence of the unknown 10s enhance or reduce the chance of success significantly, so the effect of unknown facts should be also studied.

This board was played 38 times. Only Auken-Welland bid and made this excellent 7NT. Two pairs bid and made 7♥, and 2 pairs failed in 7♣.

VIDEO CORNER



Interview with Pierre Zimmermann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBMxco2euXM>

Or click here
(online version)



3NT by Tobias Polak

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rofeu_JpMYw

Or click here
(online version)



Faites vos Jeux

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qImN2wcmHVM>

Or click here
(online version)



THE CLOSEST MATCH

by **Jean-Paul Meyer**

Three of the four quarter finals were decided early and it also seemed likely to be the case in Assael - Ventin as the former led by 31 IMPs after the first 20 boards, and increased its lead by 2 in the second but the hard way, as they say in Craps, as these two deals make clear.

As testimony, I offer you this deal:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Tokay	Lorenzini	Sementa
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥(!)	Dble	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

North found the killing lead - the king of clubs and NS scored two club tricks, a club ruff and a trump.

Something to worry about for EW but it was much worse than expected.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Ventin	Kubac	Wrang
—	—	—	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4NT*(!)	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

2♠ Spades and a minor

A heart was led and EW scored 13 tricks, + 940.

Then came board 19, where the French pair was not at its best.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Quantin	Tokay	Lorenzini	Sementa
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♦
2♥	Pass	?	

The player of the year in the USA, Cedric Lorenzini, for once fell from grace when he passed. West managed to take 8 tricks.

In the other room the bidding was somewhat shorter:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Ventin	Kubac	Wrang
—	—	—	3♦
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Ventin, not surprisingly favoured the lead of the queen of diamonds and declarer made a nice trump reduction - described elsewhere - to take 10 tricks and score +790.

Who would lead a trump? Any of them would have defeated the contract.

33 ahead with 20 boards to go everyone would hope for a quiet set, but this was not the case.

Zorlu enlivened it from the start:

You hold as West:

♠ 10 8 ♥ 9 8 7 3 2 ♦ 2 ♣ J 10 9 7 4
and hear

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Lorenzini	Kubac	Quantin
—	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	Pass	Pass
?			

What is your bid?

No! There no error in our text (and it is not the 1st April)

Zorlu doubled!

His argument, no doubt, was that if I ask for a club lead I am sure my partner will not give away a trick and I know with my singleton in diamonds that the distribution is not favorable for declarer.

He was quite right, and although North found the queen of hearts he could only score 11 tricks.

It was another 11 IMPs for Assael plus a second 11 points when Quantin- Lorenzini went down in a slam that was makeable with the right guess.

Over 50 IMPs behind with 17 boards to play the bookmakers would have closed their books, but Ventin began to pile up the points.

Assael gave up a big penalty, played the wrong partial, played a game in the wrong denomination, and meanwhile his opponents made a game doubled in one room, so with five boards to play the difference had gone down to only 8 IMPs.



Nezh Kubac

TEAM ASSAEL

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Ventin and Wrang had scored 300 when Tokay and Sementa chose a phantom save in 6♣ doubled over 5♥.

The bidding was lively in the other room ♦

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Lorenzini	Kubac	Quantin
Pass	1♦	2NT*	Pass
4♣	Dble	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	?

2NT ♣+♠ two suiter

South had just to pass to gain 10 IMPs and in fact win the match.

Time stood still.

Eventually a bid appeared - but it was 6♥, it was doubled for no swing and as the last four boards were flat, Ventin's last chance had come and gone.



Nafiz Zorlu

TEAM ASSAEL



IT DON'T MEAN A THING (IF IT AIN'T GOT THAT SWING)

by **Mark Horton**

It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing) is a 1931 composition by Duke Ellington now accepted as a jazz standard. The title was based on the oft stated credo of Ellington's former trumpeter Bubber Miley, who was dying of tuberculosis. The song became famous, Ellington wrote, "as the expression of a sentiment which prevailed among jazz musicians at the time." Probably the first song to use the phrase "swing" in the title, it introduced the term into everyday language and presaged the Swing Era by three years.

Everyone knows the meaning of the word swing when it comes to bridge matches and in the first session of the quarter-final between Black and Era they came in buckets.

On Board 2 South held:

♠ A J 6 5 ♥ 10 8 ♦ A Q 8 6 5 3 ♣ 5
and opened 1♦.

In the Open Room West overcalled 3♣ with:

♠ 9 ♥ 7 5 3 2 ♦ K ♣ K 10 9 7 6 4 2

and North's 3NT with

♠ K Q 10 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ A Q J 3

resulted in 11 tricks when declarer dropped the king of diamonds.

In the replay, West overcalled 4♣ and when North passed South was unwilling to reopen with a double, so Era picked up 10 IMPs as they led 20-0 after three boards.



Erikas Vainikonis



TEAM ERA

Over the next 7 deals Era failed to add to their total, while Black racked up 49 IMPs.

The rot set in on Board when EW attempted 6♣ with
♠ A Q 7 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 3 2 ♣ K Q 9 3 2 facing
♠ J 5 4 ♥ K Q J ♦ 10 8 7 5 ♣ A J 10.

The king of spades was offside and there was no miracle in the diamond suit, so that cost 13 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Arlovich	Black	Erikas
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Dble	All Pass		

When South preferred 3♦ to 2♠, West pounced.

He led the ten of clubs for the queen, king and ace and declarer played the seven of spades to the ace. Provided declarer leaves trumps well alone he should emerge with seven tricks, but when he played a diamond East pitched the nine of clubs and West won with the ten, and returned the jack of hearts. Declarer won, played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart, West overruffing and switching to the nine of spades. West took the king, cashed the jack of clubs and continued with the nine, ruffed and overruffed. West exited with a spade and still had two trump tricks to come, +800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	King	Drijver	McIntosh
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♥	3♣	3♦
All Pass			

No double no trouble, so although declarer was -300, Black had 11 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Arlovich	Black	Erikas
—	—	Pass	2♠
3♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

South's undisciplined 5♠ saw West double and lead the ace of hearts, but declarer could not avoid the loss of a club and two diamonds, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	King	Drijver	McIntosh
—	—	Pass	2♦*
2♥	Dble*	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

2♦ Multi

Dble Pass if you suit is hearts

There was no defence, +790 and 14 IMPs.

Era got back into the match on Board 14, when Brink-Drijver bid 6♣ with

♠ A 4 ♥ K 9 7 2 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ A 9 6 3 opposite
 ♠ J ♥ 10 ♦ K J 8 6 5 ♣ K Q J 8 5 4, worth 11 IMPs against the 5♦+1 recorded at the other table.



Andrei Arlovich

TEAM ERA

However, it was only a temporary reprieve.

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Whittaker	Arlovich	Black	Erikas
—	—	2♦*	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♦ Multi

West led the ace of diamonds and continued with the six, East ruffing and returning the eight of spades. West ruffed and played back the three of diamonds, ruffed by East with the nine of hearts and overruffed by declarer, who ran the ten of spades to East's king, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brink	King	Drijver	McIntosh
—	—	2♠	2NT
3♣	3♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I wonder if East considered bidding 4♣ over 3♠ or doubling 3NT (presumably for a club lead?).

4♣ doubled costs 300 if North leads a heart, while 3NT is cut to ribbons by a club lead—no doubt NS would have run to 4♥, as North's 3♠ undoubtedly promised four hearts, but South preferred the nine trick game.

West rejected his longest suit in favour of the three of diamonds and declarer won with the queen and ran the queen of spades, West discarding the six of clubs.

East won and switched to the ten of clubs, covered by the jack and king, and when West returned a club declarer had nine tricks, +600 and 13 IMPs.

That was part of a storming finish by Black, who added 34 IMPs over the last four deals to lead 80-32.


PMQ

 by **Mark Horton**

In the UK's Houses of Parliament the Prime Minister answers questions every Wednesday between 12.00 and 12.30.

The session normally starts with a routine question from an MP about the Prime Minister's engagements. This is known as an 'open question' and means that the MP can then ask a supplementary question on any subject.

As subsequent questions start in the same way it became the convention for the Prime Minister to save time by replying 'I refer the honourable gentleman to the answer I gave some moments ago'.

In the first session of the semi final of the Zimmermann Cup two related deals cam up in quick succession:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Bertheau	Bilde	Hallberg
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the six of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and played on cross ruff lines, pitching a spade on the king of clubs, soon claiming his contract, +790.



DON'T MISS MY BRILLIANCY IN TOMORROW'S BULLETIN!

Giorgio Duboin
TEAM LAVAZZA

I can hear your question - 'Should West have found the essential spade lead?'

To which I can reply, 'I refer the honourable reader to the answer I gave on page 9 of Bulletin 2'.

Once East had not doubled 2♣ (the Holmes theory) West should have looked elsewhere - and a spade is the obvious alternative (and Jean Paul agrees).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	Bocchi	Whittaker	Bianchedi
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

In *Winning Suit Contract Leads*, David Bird & Taf Anthias show that leading a doubleton can be highly effective.

When West led the seven of spades declarer was doomed from the start and Black had 13 IMPs.





Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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



East wins and plays the seven of hearts declarer must go up with the ace, cross to the king of clubs, ruff a diamond, pitch a heart on the ace of clubs, ruff a club, ruff a diamond, ruff a club and play a heart, scoring the last two tricks with the ten of hearts and the queen of spades.

To defeat 4♠ legitimately, East must lead a heart at trick one (I told you leading from a doubleton was a good idea) and West wins and returns a heart. Declarer must play a trump to stop a ruff, but West ducks and if declarer now plays a diamond (the nine is the most testing card) East must play the three, allowing West to win and play two rounds of spades, when declarer will be a trick short.

That would be a defence to be proud of.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Bertheau	Bilde	Hallberg
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	3♦*
4♦	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	Bocchi	Whittaker	Bianchedi
—	Pass	1♦	Dble
3♦	4♦*	Dble	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ten of spades and West took the ace and returned the seven, East discarding the king of diamonds. Declarer unblocked the king of clubs and played a diamond, East winning with the queen and switching to the seven of hearts.

When declarer put in the queen, West won with the king and returned his remaining spade, which left declarer with only nine tricks, -50.

Played by South, 4♠ is unbeatable.

West led the five of diamonds and East won with the jack and switched to the jack of hearts for the queen and king, West returning the eight of hearts to declarer's ten. A club to dummy's ace allowed declarer to ruff a diamond, and was followed by a spade. West took the ace, but when East could not ruff his heart exit declarer could claim, +590 and 12 IMPs.

Declarer does best to play a diamond at trick three. If

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THE BEST OF ENEMIES

by **Maurizio Di Sacco**

Very few players, if any, have sat at the same bridge table as many times as Lauria-Versace and the Italian members of the Lavazza Bridge Team. Thus, I'm commenting on a match between very old friends.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lauria	Bocchi	Versace	Bilde
		Pass	1♦
2♣	Dble	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Note Lauria's overcall, not at all normal among the community of bridge experts around the world, but totally in correspondence with Lauria-Versace's agreements. However, it did not disturb Bilde-Bocchi at all, and they ended up in the top spot, where Bocchi collected twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Vainikonis	Madala	Olanski
		Pass	1♦
4♣	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Bianchedi's overcall proved to be much more effective. Vainikonis was left with a awkward choice: either to double, with the risk of propelling his side too high, or to pass, praying for a reopening double. He chose the former, and the diamond situation punished it. 14 IMP for Lavazza.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS.

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

It is rare to see two world champions play a hand quite differently, but this what happened here to Agustin Madala and Alfredo Versace, both members of the winning team of the Bermuda Bowl 2013 (Bali). Both were playing 4♥, and both got the lead of a top club, ruffed.

Madala cashed the two top hearts before finessing the ♦10, and was doomed by the diamond split.

Versace played diamonds immediately, putting up the queen. There was no defense against this move. Declarer won in hand the heart continuation, cashed ♠AK and reached dummy with the trump ace to cash the ♠Q and run the ♦10. It didn't matter whether North covered or not, and even with the ♦J offside East had already secured ten tricks, and 10 IMP.



Vytas Vainikonis

TEAM VYTAS

From that point onward, however, it was a Lavazza show all the way. All the gains, with just one exception, were basically caused by the same reason: a more aggressive action forced a decision at a higher level, and the opponents always got it wrong. Here is the start:

Board 6. Dealer East. EW.

<p>♠ A K 10 9 5 2 ♥ 4 ♦ K Q 6 ♣ K 8 2</p>		<p>♠ Q6 ♥ K 3 ♦ A J 8 ♣ A Q J 5 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 7 ♥ A Q 9 2 ♦ 7 5 4 2 ♣ 10 9 7 6</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Versace</i>	<i>Bilde</i>
1♥	1♠	1♣	Pass
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
		All Pass	

Versace had the option of opening 2♦ to show 18-19 balanced.

Declarer had no problem taking eight tricks, +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Madala</i>	<i>Olanski</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
4♥	4♠	2♥*	Pass
		Dble	All Pass

- 2♣ 18-19 Balanced
- 2♦ Puppet to 2♥, various options
- 2♥ Generally denies four hearts

Madala's choice of opening bid combined with Vainikonis decision not to overcall immediately meant that when the tray came back he had to make a guess, and went wrong. 9 IMP to Lavazza.

At the end of the set the favourites were in control, ahead 80-26.

You can replay the deals at:

http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/handviewer.html?bbo=y&linurl=http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/vugraph_linfetch.php?id=43204



The **2016 World Bridge Games** have a new format!

The first events, starting on 3rd September, will be the National Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed Teams, with each WBF Member Bridge Organisation being entitled and invited to send a team in each category to compete in these exciting and challenging Championships.

The second week is for the new National Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed Pairs Championships, and for these there is no limit to the number of pairs each NBO may nominate to participate. The pairs events will start on Tuesday 13th September.

More information can be found on the WBF Website: www.worldbridge.org

and on the special website set up for the event at: www.worldbridgegames2016.com where details of the hotels can be found.


Registration can be done through the website at www.worldbridge.org after 1st April 2016.

The World Bridge Federation and the Polish Bridge Union look forward to welcoming participants from all over the world to enjoy the 2016 World Bridge Games in the magnificent Hala Stulecia in Wroclaw, Poland.

**ANY SPADE WILL DO!**by **Mark Horton**

As the second segment between Era and Black neared its conclusion, the former, trailing 55-106, were struggling. A strong finish would raise moral and put them back into the match.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	3♦
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

North led the queen of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and after long thought played a spade, North taking the ace and switching to the three of clubs. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a heart to the jack. When that lost to the queen, he was booked for two down, -500.

In the same contract (South, having passed, had overcalled 2♦ after the auction had started 1♠-1NT) Alfredo Versace won the diamond lead, played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, played three rounds of hearts, ruffing with dummy's king of spades, ruffed a club and played the queen of spades.

North took the ace and returned the ten, but declarer ducked. It would not hold North to play a club as declarer would ruff and play the jack of hearts, forcing North to ruff and lead into the spade tenace, so he tried the five of spades, but declarer won with the six and played the jack of hearts, with a similar outcome.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Pachtman</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>
—	—	—	3♦
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Dble	5♣	Dble
5♥	Dble	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

I am pretty sure that West intended 4♦ to show the majors, but East's 5♣ suggest that he thought partner had the black suits.

North led the queen of diamonds and declarer replicated Versace's play to escape for one down, -200, still a gain of 7 IMPs.



I suspect by now the astute reader will have realised the significance of my title. To defeat 4♠ North must start with a trump - and any of them will do!

**Peter Bertheau & Ron Pachtman**

TEAMS BLACK & ERA

**FMB BAM TROPHY - RESULTS****FINAL A - RANKING AFTER 23 ROUNDS***

1	ERA	61.40	VAINIKONIS, ARLOVICH, ZATORSKI, PACHTMAN, DRIJVER, BRINK
2	PAUNCZ	57.80	PAUNCZ, FOSSI, BURATTI, MARIANI
3	NETHERLANDS WHITE	56.00	DRIJVER, NAB, MOLENAAR, VERBEEK, MAAS, BAKKEREN
4	YOUNG SWEDES	55.90	EKENBERG, HULT, RIMSTEDT, RIMSTEDT
5	AJ DIAMENT	55.50	JASZCZAK, ZAWADA, STRZEMECKI, JANISZEWSKI, PILCH, SZTYRAK
6	SALAMA	54.10	SALAMA, STAMATOV, DANAILOV, AMIRY, SAMIR, NABIL
7	TESSIERES	53.70	FRANCESCHETTI, ROBERT, DE TESSIERES, LHUISSIER
8	MAHAFFEY	52.50	LEV, MAHAFFEY, GAWRYS, VOLCKER, BESSIS, KLUKOWSKI
9	LATVIA	52.30	ROMANOVSKA, RUBINS, JANSONS, NEIMANIS, MATISONS, LORENC
10	NETHERLANDS BLUE	52.00	VAN OVERBEEKE, POLAK, SCHOLLAARDT, MACURA, MAAS, BAKKEREN
	EMERALD	52.00	BAREKET, LENGY, ROLL, BAREL, LEVIN
12	MAROSAMITAWA	51.03	SADEK, GROMOELLER, REHDER, AUKEN, WELLAND, EL AHMADY
13	NONAME TUR	50.70	DINC, KOLATA, KANDEMIR, GUR, YILMAZ
14	NETHERLANDS RED	50.30	VAN DEN BOS, VAN LANKVELD, RITMEIJER, TICHA, MAAS, BAKKEREN
15	FORMIDABLES	49.87	TEWARI, SHIVDASANI, CHOKSHI, ANKLESARIA, MUKHERJEE, SATYANARAYANA
16	DE KNIJFF	49.80	DE KNIJFF, FREDIN, BLAKSET, BLAKSET
17	VYTAS	49.00	VAINIKONIS, OLANSKI, GIERULSKI, SKRZYPCZAK, LAURIA, VERSACE
18	MORAN	46.90	MORAN, BOLAND, HANLON, McGANN, CARROLL, GARVEY, BARTON
19	DRACULA	45.20	MARINA, COLDEA, STEGARO, IONITA
20	DE BOTTON	44.80	DE BOTTON, TOWNSEND, CHARLSEN, HOFTANISKA, SANDQVIST, PADON
21	FRANCE JUNIORS	37.80	ROUANET-LABE, COMBESURE, BERNARD, DEHEEGER, CHARIGNON, LALOUBEYRE
22	ESTONIA	37.20	LEVENKO, SESTER, OJA, MARIPUU, LAANEMAE, KARPOV
23	CONNECTOR	36.60	SEREK, PUCZYNSKI, BIZON, KAZMUCHA, KOWALSKI, ARASZKIEWICZ
24	TALMAT	30.00	BERGER, GUENOLE, ASTIER, TALMAT

FINAL B - RANKING AFTER 15 ROUNDS*

1	LUPO VELOCE	44.83	FRANZEL, LAUSS, BERGER, KRIFTNER, KASIMIR
2	BLUE CHIP SWEDES	40.19	GULLBERG, SAFSTEN, STOKKA, ANDERSSON
3	NEMESIS	39.90	SAKR, HADDAD, CIESLAK, NAWROCKI, WIANKOWSKI
4	BRENO	35.97	MANNO, ZALESKI, FRANCHI, LANZAROTTI, CRONIER
5	POLAND	35.83	MAZURKIEWICZ, JASSEM, GOLEBIEWSKI, STARKOWSKI
6	BELL	35.11	BELL, GOLD, ROBERTSON, CASTNER
7	CHINA LADIES TEAM	34.97	WANG, SHEN, LIU, CHEN, LI, ZHAO, WANG
8	NONAME	34.69	DINC, CIVGINER, IMAMOGLU, GUNDOGDU, PEYRET, ERBIL
9	CUNEO	34.26	MINERO, ROSTI, GUERMANI, GAGLIARDO, MUSSO, PARRELLA
10	FRANCE SENIORS	34.11	CABANES, GAUTRET, DECHELETTE, IONTZEFF, KASLER, SAPORTA
11	PACIFIC	32.54	TACIUC, FRANCES, SABATIER, STANCESCU, VAN CUYK, DOLLA
12	MARILL	31.26	MARILL, TOFFIER, LASSERRE, ABECASSIS, PALAU, GUILLAUMIN
13	GOVINDACHARI TEAM	28.40	SHAH, RAY, KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY, BAPAT, KUSHARI, MAJUMDAR, GOVINDACHARI
14	BRUNET	27.54	FISSORE, LASSERRE, COURRIAS, BARNE, VIENNOIS, HASSAN, BRUNET
15	HARRIS	26.40	HARRIS, HARRIS, SKORCHEV, MALAKOVA

* To see the results from each round go to:
www.eurobridge.org/repository/competitions/16monaco/microsite/Results.htm



ZIMMERMANN CUP KO

	R1	R2	R3	
ERA	94	48	41	183
DRACULA	40	31	24	95

	R1	R2	R3	
BLACK	48	52	61	161
DE BOTTON	22	14	12	48

	R1	R2	R3	
VYTAS	51	38	27	116
NED BLUE	50	30	35	115

	R1	R2	R3	
VINCIGUERRA	24	32	29	85
LAVAZZA	77	53	12	142

	R1	R2	R3	
ZIMMERMANN	46	83	-	129
EMERALD	25	13	-	38

	R1	R2	R3	
NED WHITE	39	40	30	109
MAHAFFEY	42	16	27	85

	R1	R2	R3	
ASSAEL	67	39	41	147
CONNECTOR	17	17	51	85

	R1	R2	R3	
FRANCE JRS	42	44	40	126
VENTIN	78	50	54	182

	R1	R2	R3	
ERA	32	29	44	105
BLACK	85	33	33	151

	R1	R2	R3	
VYTAS	26	50	27	103
LAVAZZA	80	42	45	167

	R1	R2	R3	
ZIMMERMANN	66	17	38	121
NED WHITE	16	32	44	92

	R1	R2	R3	
ASSAEL	72	55	26	153
VENTIN	41	53	51	145

	R1	R2	R3	
BLACK	63	27	17	107
LAVAZZA	37	26	21	84

	R1	R2	R3	
ZIMMERMANN	47	70	58	175
ASSAEL	55	43	15	113

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MACURA, MAAS, BAKKEREN

VINCIGUERRA
VINCIGUERRA, BOMPIS, LEVY, BESSIS

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LAVAZZA, BIANCHEDI, BOCCHI, DUBOIN,
MADALA, BILDE

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