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STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN



At the end of day one the Lebanese pair Hana Kreidieh & Nahla Hamdan are leading the European Women's Pairs Championship, ahead of the Netherlands' Carla Arnolds & Sandra Kolen and Turkey's Mehves Pisak & Tuna Aluf.

In the Team Championship, Croatia's four wins took them to the top of the table. They are followed by Ireland, Norway & Poland. To use a footballing analogy it is still 'Early Doors'.

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

SCHEDULE AND BBO SCHEDULE TODAY

10.00:
Women's Pairs
Open Teams

BBO:

♂ DEN - LAT (O)

♀ AUT - SWI (O)

♂ ROM - POR (O)

♂ MON - CRO (O)

♂ SPA - EST (O)

♂ TUR - HUN (O)

13.20:
Women's Pairs
Open Teams

BBO:

♂ BUL - ICE (O) ⚡

♂ DEN - GRE (O)

♂ BEL - SER (O)

♂ IRE - AUT (O)

♂ WAL - BLR (O)

♂ NOR - HUN (O)

16.00:
Women's Pairs
Open Teams

BBO:

♂ RUS - FRA (O)

♀ DEN - SWE (O)

♂ SCO - WAL (O)

♂ MON - ITA (O)

♂ EST - POL (O)

♂ CZE - HUN (O)

18.40:
Women's Pairs
Open Teams

BBO:

♂ MON - ENG (O)

♀ NOR - NED (O)

♂ BUL - RUS (O)

♂ BEL - CYP (O)

♂ IRE - GER (O)

♂ BLR - HUN (O)

LEGEND: ♂ ON SITE VG + BBO

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MATCHES TODAY

OPEN ROUND 5

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

TIME: 10.00

OPEN ROUND 6

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

TIME: 13.20

OPEN ROUND 7

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

TIME: 16.00

OPEN ROUND 8

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

TIME: 18.40

MATTERS OF CEREMONY

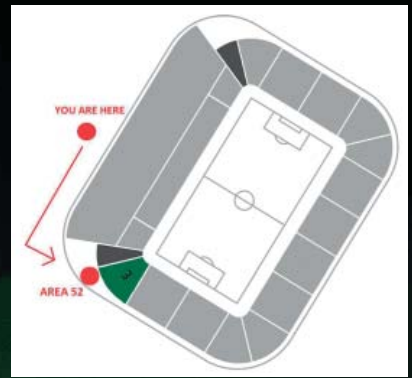


The Opening Ceremony of the 53rd European Bridge Team Championships and the prize-giving ceremony for the Women's Pairs Championship will take place on Saturday 18 June at 19.30 on the second floor of the Groupama Arena.

The players, captains and coaches representing each country should sit together for the team presentations.



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ADVENTURES WITH OTTLIK

by Mark Horton

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

Dealer North.

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ 10 6
♣ A 6 2

♠ A 10
♥ K 9 8 6 2
♦ A K 4
♣ Q J 5

The full deal:

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ 10 6
♣ A 6 2

♠ J 9 8 5 3
♥ A J 5
♦ J 8 2
♣ K 8



♠ K Q
♥ 4
♦ Q 9 7 5 3
♣ 10 9 7 4 3

♠ A 10
♥ K 9 8 6 2
♦ A K 4
♣ Q J 5

West	North	East	South
			1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by South. West to lead ♠5.

You should try to avoid guessing the trump honours. If the king of clubs is onside you won't need to open up the trump suit at all. Return a spade at once and use dummy's entries to ruff spades in your hand, a diamond in dummy, then concede the club loser. In the three-card ending you are down to trumps in both hands and the opponents must find the trump jack for you.

- 1♣ Strong
- 1♦ Negative

Play Instructions:
4♥ by South. West to lead ♠5.

NEW PROBLEM

Dealer South

♠ A Q
♥ A K J 10 4
♦ 10 7
♣ 8 5 4 2



♠ 6 4 3
♥ 7 2
♦ J 6 4 2
♣ K 10 9 7

Against 6♥ by South West leads ♦K.

Declarer wins in hand and draws trump in two rounds (West following) then plays ace, queen of spades, overtaking with the king and cashing the jack to pitch a diamond from dummy. Plan the defence.

West	North	East	South
			1NT*
2♦*	3♦*	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			



- 1NT 14-16
- 2♦ Spades and another suit
- 3♦ Hearts, invitational or better



WOMEN'S PAIRS QUALIFYING SESSION ONE

by Brian Senior

From 1987 to 1999 there was a European Women's Pairs Championship held alongside the European Team Championships. Then the Women's Pairs was dropped from the programme until this year, when it has been revived. For 2016 there will be two days of qualifying, 50 boards a day played in 10-board mini-sessions, with a one-day final on Saturday.

There were 61 entries, with pride of place going to Ireland, who have the largest contingent of 11 pairs.

The first European Women's Pairs was won by the Bulgarian pair of Matilda Lorser and Nevena Deleva. The latter is now Nevena Senior, and will be here in Budapest representing England in the Women's Teams. Matilda Lorser, meanwhile, is now Matilda Poplilov and now represents Israel.

Matilda is playing the Women's Pairs in partnership with Daniela Birman, and they seemed as good a pair as any to watch for the first session.

Poplilov chose 4♠ and Reiter kicked off with the ace of hearts to the two, eight (reverse attitude) and six. Unable to read the heart position, Reiter switched to the ace of clubs, Elbro playing a discouraging six. Again, Reiter could not be certain what was going on, as declarer might have been falsecarding with the ten from ten-four. She continued with a second club to declarer's king. Poplilov was short of entries to dummy so simply played ace then jack of spades from hand so had to lose two trump tricks for down one and -50. Escaping for one down gave the Israeli pair 34 MPs to Reiter/Elbro's 24.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Reiter</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Elbro</i>
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	2NT	Pass	3♣
4♠	All Pass		

Birman's 1♦ opening promised five cards and, after Poplilov's 1♠ response, Denmark's Kate Reiter showed a heart-club two-suiter with her unusual 2NT overcall. Birman had an easy pass and Helle Simon Elbro gave simple preference to clubs. That gave Poplilov a close decision. At IMPs, it would be fairly routine to bid 4♠, but at matchpoints 3♠ was a realistic alternative, given that her outside cards were in clubs and hearts so of questionable value.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Reiter</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Elbro</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Three Clubs was a Bergen raise, around 7-9 HCP with four-card spade support, and Poplilov jumped to game. A club lead from the king would give three club tricks and the contract, but Reiter led a trump. Poplilov won in hand and led a second spade to dummy's jack then a diamond to the king and ace. Back came a diamond so she won the queen and ruffed the third diamond. Now came the jack of clubs to the king and ace and, seeing no future in the heart suit, Poplilov decided to rattle off the spades and see what might develop.

By the time that the last spade hit the table, North was down to a doubleton heart and, concerned about the clubs, now bared her king. Dummy pitched a heart, coming down to queen-three of clubs and two

low hearts, and South also pitched a heart, coming down to ace-jack doubleton alongside ten-doubleton club. Now Poplilov crossed to the ace of clubs and led a heart. South went in with the ace, crashing her partner's king, cashed the ten of clubs, and had to concede the last trick to declarer's queen; ten tricks made for +420 and 46 MPs to E/W, 12 to N/S.

The deal illustrates once again that declarer should never give up. But, of course, both defenders should have got it right. North did not need to keep the club guard because had declarer held four clubs she would have simply played to ruff one in the dummy. And, from South's point of view, declarer could not be playing this way with a bare king of hearts, so rising with the ace was a clear error.

Despite this board, Reiter/Elbro ended the session in fifth place.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Farhat</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

The Lebanese pair of Wafa Haddad and Faten Farhat were allowed to play in 2♥ when their opponents could make a partscore their way. Even better, they were allowed to make it.

Birman led the queen of hearts and declarer was not hard-pressed to duck it. The fall of the ace was good news and now Poplilov needed to find a diamond switch to defeat the contract. However, in practice she tried a club and Haddad let it run. Birman won the queen and continued the heart attack, leading the jack to dummy's king. Haddad played three rounds of clubs to get rid of dummy's diamond loser, ruffed a diamond, played a spade to the ace and ruffed another diamond; eight tricks for +110 and 51 MPs to N/S, leaving only 7 MPs for Poplilov/Birman.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Haddad</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Farhat</i>
Pass	2♣	2♠	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Haddad opened 2♣, strong and artificial, and Birman overcalled 2♠. Poplilov might have raised, just to take another level of bidding away from the strong hand, but judged to pass. When Haddad now jumped to 4♥, Birman could not very well bid again when vulnerable, despite her shapely hand, and Poplilov would have been concerned that there were a lot of losers given her balanced hand. The bottom line was that neither found a 4♠ bid and Haddad was left to play peacefully in her heart game.

Haddad ruffed the spade lead, drew trumps and led a club to the ten and king. Back came a diamond. Rising with the ace and cashing all the trumps squeezes East and results in 12 tricks, but Haddad had no reason to gamble on this layout and chose to put in the ten. When that forced the king she had 11 tricks for +650 and 32 MPs to the Israelis' 26.

Haddad/Farhat ended the mini-session in seventh place.



Faten Farhat
LEBANON

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Levi</i>
-	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Birman/Poplilov had a simple transfer auction to 3NT, against which Hila Levi, also of Israel, led the three of hearts to the nine and king. Birman played a spade and Levi split her honours, putting in the queen. Birman ducked so Levi continued with the jack of hearts to declarer's ace. Birman led a spade to the jack and continued with ace and a fourth spade. When Levi won this trick she returned a heart to clear the suit. Birman had eight tricks now but, seeing a possibility of nine, tried a diamond to the ten. When Adi Asulin won the queen she quickly returned a club and Levi could win and cash two hearts for down two and -100. That gave N/S 53 MPs, E/W only 5 MPs.

At IMPs, declarer would surely have been correct to duck a diamond as the play gives a realistic chance of making the contract. However, it requires that North holds the ace of clubs, and at matchpoints the extra undertrick could, as here, be very expensive, so perhaps cashing out for down one would have been the wiser course?



Daniela Birman
ISRAEL

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Levi</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
4♥	4NT	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

What would you open as West at adverse vulnerability? Poplilov went for the full-blooded 4♥ opener and Asulin overcalled 4NT, minors. With good heart support and some useful-looking values, Birman took the push to 5♥ and, when that came back to Asulin, she doubled. Though Levi had five-cards support for one of her partner's suits, she had no reason to imagine that they could make 12 tricks so she judged correctly to pass.

Asulin cashed the king of diamonds then ace of clubs before trying the ace of diamonds. That was ruffed but Poplilov had to concede a spade for down one and -200. That was the best E/W could do, as they cannot defeat 5♦, but -200 was a little below average at 26 MPs E/W, 32 MPs N/S.

Levi and Asulin ended the mini-session in second place on over 65%.



Adi Asulin
ISRAEL


Matilda Poplilov
ISRAEL

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Whelan</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Gilliland</i>
–	–	–	1♦
1♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When Poplilov overcalled 1♥, Birman made the practical response of 3NT. However, Poplilov didn't think the hand belonged in no trump when she was looking at a concentrated six-four in the majors, so went back to hearts.

Ireland's Maria Whelan led the two of diamonds to the queen and king and Dolores Gilliland switched to her singleton club. Poplilov won in dummy and led a heart so Gilliland rose with the ace and tried the ace of diamonds. Had it been partner who held the singleton diamond, the defenders might each have got a ruff now. As it was, Poplilov was the one who ruffed and she could cross to dummy's ace of spades to lead a heart to the nine and claim 11 tricks for +650 and 44 MPs to the Irish pair's 14.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Whelan</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Gilliland</i>
1♦	Pass	2NT	3♠
All Pass			

One Diamond showed five and 2NT was natural and invitational. When Gilliland overcalled 3♠, nobody had anything to add.

Poplilov led a low heart to the two, six and queen. Declarer led a spade to the nine and king and Birman returned a low club. Gilliland ducked that but won the next club played another spade. Birman won, cashed the king of clubs and switched to a diamond. That was one down for –50 and 31 MPs to Whelan/Gilliland, 27 to Poplilov/Birman.

The Irish pair ended the session in 32nd place.


Dolores Gilliland
IRELAND



 **Claudia Vechiatto**
GERMANY

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Vechiatto</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Kriftner</i>
–	1♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Birman made a weak jump overcall and Poplilov simply raised her to game. Suzanne Kriftner led the three of hearts to the four, king and six, and Claudia Vechiatto switched to the jack of clubs to the ace. Birman drew trumps then ran the jack of diamonds to the king. A second club went to the ten, queen and king, and Birman claimed 11 tricks for +650 and 36.24 MPs. The German pair scored 21.76 MPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Vechiatto</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Kriftner</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

One Club was 17+ and 1♠ showed three controls (A=2, K=1). The next few bids were natural until Kriftner attempted to ask for key cards but there was a misunderstanding and she expected to find two in the dummy, hence the 6♣ bid.

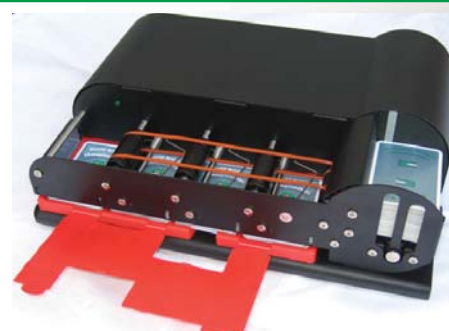
Six Clubs is a thoroughly bad contract but, after Poplilov's diamond lead, it was makeable if declarer took a good view of the hearts. Kriftner won the jack of diamonds and played ace and another club. Poplilov won the king and got off play with a second diamond to dummy. Kriftner drew the missing trump then played hearts from the top, ruffing the third round. She was not quite dead yet. Had Birman held both spade honours along with the ♥Q she would have been squeezed to give the contract. Not today – justice was done and the bad slam got the fate it deserved. Down one scored –100 and just 2 MPs for N/S, 54 for Birman/Poplilov.

The Germans ended the ten boards in 51st position, while Birman/Poplilov were 23rd, on 52.97%.

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EYES ON THE PRIZE

by Mark Horton

In Round 2 Switzerland's Dmitrij Nikolenkov and Stephan Magnusson produced a contender for the best auction of the year:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul

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



D. Nikolenkov and S. Magnusson
SWITZERLAND

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Welland</i>	<i>Nikolenkov</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

- 1NT 11+ to 14, may have 6♣/♦
- 2♥ Transfer
- 2NT 5♠+4♣, game forcing
- 4♣ Fit, plus ♠Ax or ♠Kx
- 4♦ RKCB for clubs
- 4NT 2 key cards, no ♣Q

East led the king of hearts and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed in dummy, drew trumps and played four rounds of spades, ruffing the last of them and claiming +920.

That was worth 11 IMPs when Germany stopped in 4♠ in the other room.





GREECE vs SWEDEN



by David Bird

My first glimpse of what promises to be a splendid tournament was an encounter between Greece and Sweden. We will start with this early board:

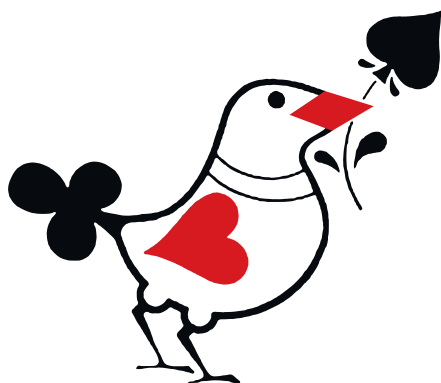
Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Koukouselis	Upmark	Kontomitros
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Upmark's 3♦ showed 4-4 in the majors and 4-1 or 1-4 in the minors. Koukouselis led the ♥Q, won with dummy's ace and South correctly retained the ♥9. When a spade was led from dummy, it was difficult for South to fly in with the queen. A ♥9 return, followed by a low club this ducked, would have sunk the contract. He played low and North won the ♠J with the ♠A. After a club to the ace and a club return, Nystrom rose with the king and ducked a club to the bare queen. He then had nine tricks. South could have beaten the contract by reverting to the ♥9 after winning the first round of clubs.



Sweden defended similarly at the other table (South again playing a second club instead of the ♥9) and the board was flat in +400.

The interest was in the bidding on this deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Koukouselis	Upmark	Kontomitros
	1♣	2NT	Dble
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Upmark ventured an Unusual Notrump call and South doubled to show an interest in defending. What should North say when West bids 3♦. It seems to me that he should double. His partner has suggested defending and North's hand looks suitable for that purpose. A useful penalty had been missed and North ended one down in 5♣ doubled.

In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Doxiadis	Sylvan	Roussos	Wrang
	1♣	2NT	Dble
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Roussos led the ♦5 to the king and ace. When declarer led the ♥5, he rose with the king and led the ♦10 to dummy's jack. He could then win the next heart and cash three diamonds for one down. Only 3 IMPs changed hands.

This heart game proved too difficult to beat:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Koukouselis</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Kontomitros</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

When Upmark led a very normal trump, Koukouselis won with the queen and finessed the ♦J successfully. He discarded two spades in the ♦A-K and continued elegantly with the ♦4, discarding another spade loser. He won the trump return, drew the last trump and discarded the ♠J on the established ♦10. A club to the king then gave him ten well deserved tricks. The result was the same at the other table, where Roussos led the ♦9.

‘Did you not realize that spades was the unbid suit, partner?!’



Tassos Koukouselis
GREECE

Other table

The kibitzers were licking their lips when the next board appeared:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Koukouselis</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Kontomitros</i>
	3♠	Dble	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

How many spades would you bid on those South cards. You often see players choosing 5♠, but such a tactic can easily misfire. When the opponents bid six of a minor, you will have no idea what to do next. A raise to 4♠ can work better, since 5♣ or 5♦ by the fourth player then has to cover a wide range.

Kontomitros saw no cause for half measures and soared splendidly to 6♠. Anything other than a double would be very risky for West and the takings were a mere 800 with a grand slam in either minor suit available.

This was the bidding in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Doxiadis</i>	<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Roussos</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
	2♦	Dble	3♦
Dble	Pass	4♦	4♠
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♠
Dble	All Pass		

It was a very difficult board for the East–West pairs. I wonder how many of them will be saying ‘We did well on this one’ in the bar tonight.

Sweden had the better of the exchanges, winning by 47 IMPs to 6, (18.21 VPs to 1.79).





GERMANY vs AUSTRIA



by Ram Soffer

Germany finished sixth in the previous European Championship in Opatija 2014, but gave up its place in the Bermuda Bowl after one of its top pairs confessed to 'some ethical violations'. In this championship the offenders have been replaced by a new pair, Christian Schwerdt/Julius Linde, who played the first match against Austria together with Sabine Auken/Roy Welland.

The match started slowly. Germany had a good start when the Austrian East/West pair overbid to a game which offered few prospects.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Terraneo</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Welland</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

East showed a 'mixed raise' with four cards by bidding 3♣. Perhaps the exact strength of this bid has not been precisely defined by the partnership. Many partnership play that 2NT is a stronger four-card raise and 3♠ is a weaker one. West decided to show some game interest with his balanced 14-count, but maybe he should not have bothered, as his 3♦ bid propelled the partnership into a poor game.

North led a heart and South's jack was taken by West's king. At trick two West tried a losing trump finesse. The defenders didn't hurry to cash their top tricks, as Welland returned a heart, and for a while it seemed that declarer had some hope of discarding a club loser. But hearts were blocked, and the only way to get this discard was to play an extra round of trump

ps at the expense of a later diamond ruff.

So Terraneo played two more rounds of trump and then overtook the ♥10 with the ♥Q. When it transpired that dummy's ♥8 was not high, he guessed diamonds well to go only one down.

West	North	East	South
<i>Schwerdt</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room South didn't open, and a much simpler auction saw East/West stop safely in 2♠. The play started similarly, and then declarer (without any clues from the bidding) misguessed diamonds, making only eight tricks – but it was enough for a plus score and a swing of 4 IMPs.

The next five boards failed to produce much excitement, the largest swing being 5 IMPs to Germany on Board 5 due to an adjusted score determined by the TD. On board 7 Austria got those 5 IMPs back after making a vulnerable 2♠ in one room and defeating it in the other room. As Mark Horton's instructions to the reporters were: "Good luck, good reporting and no part scores ☺", I shall refrain from discussing this board and go straight to the next one.



Sabine Auken
GERMANY

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Terraneo</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Welland's 1♦ response may look natural, but actually it was a transfer to hearts. In addition, 1♣ promised only 2 cards. Josef Simon decided to lead his longest suit. Christian Terraneo overtook the ♣10 with his ace and naturally switched to the ♠2 (encouraging the suit). Simon took the ♠A and continued with ♠Q.

West seems to have a tough decision at trick 3, but played the ♠K and gave his partner a ruff for the setting trick.

West	North	East	South
<i>Schwerdt</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The Austrians reached 4♥, also from North's side, by a natural sequence. Julius Linde was not thrilled by the prospect of leading one of the opponents' suits, and spades were untouchable. Therefore he picked a small trump, but that enabled Arno Lindermann to bravely finesse towards the ♦J at trick 2, followed by discarding two spade losers on the ♦AK – making ten tricks for a gain of 10 IMPs.

Of course, if East had ♠AQx he would have one ♠Q and returned ♠A and another spade. So he must have ♠AQ doubleton and it was easy for Terraneo to overtake.

♠♥♦♣

Germany fared even worse on the next deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Terraneo</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Welland</i>
	2♠	Dble	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

East/West are cold for 13 tricks in both minor suits as well as NT, but this is difficult to find out during the bidding. On the other hand, following North's natural weak 2♠ opening, it makes sense for South to sacrifice at any level at favourable vulnerability. The most common score (occurring at 19 tables) was E/W plus 800 against 6♠ doubled. The Irish E/W pair bid to the seven-level, but their opponents saved at 7♠ doubled. Thus Austria was the only team in this championship to bid and make a grand slam with the E/W cards.

How did this happen? Their bidding looked so unconvincing that Roy Welland didn't bother to save 1040 points for his side by bidding 7♠ (I doubt that someone would have bid 7NT). West's 4NT should indicate a two-suiter, so after he bid 6♦ over 5♣ his partner assumed a red two-suiter. Simon's 6♥ bid forced his partner to try his luck at 7♣, and lucky he was – Austria +2140.

West	North	East	South
<i>Schwerdt</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
	2♠	Dble	4♣
4♦	All Pass		

At the other table Jonsson tried to be clever with a 4♣ splinter bid, and it resulted in total success when Schwerdt (assuming that more bidding was inevitable) unwisely tried 4♦ and then found to his horror that it has been passed out! Germany +190 and their only consolation (when comparing scores) was that they

were probably booked at a big loss anyway due to the result at the other table.

To the credit of the new German pair, it must be said that they managed to come back beautifully on the very next board:

Board 10. Dealer North. Vul E/W.

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

In the Open room Welland/Auken bid to the normal contract of 4♠ and went down one as expected.

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	Lindermann	Linde	Jonsson
1♦	2♣	3♦	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East's preemptive bid of 3♦ made life tough for North/South, and they eventually settled for an inelegant 3NT contract. Nevertheless, after the expected diamond lead, a successful spade finesse would have



🇩🇪 Roy Welland
GERMANY

seen declarer home.

However, Julius Line knew that his opponent held a good club suit together with a thin diamond stopper and that there was a reasonable chance to find his partner with a major suit ace. But which major? Julius picked the ♥5, and in contrast to Board 8 the heart lead was a very sweet one, resulting in eight immediate tricks for the defense (+400) and a 7-IMP swing.

This board started a flourish of 52 unanswered IMPs for Germany over the last 7 boards which gave them 16.09 out of 20 possible VPs due to their 61.35 IMP margin. It was partly due to some unforced errors by their opponents, as in the following hand:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	Lindermann	Linde	Jonsson
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Normally a jump to 4♠ at the second round indicates the end of the bidding, as South has at his disposal a fourth-suit-forcing bid for better hands. 34 out of 36 North/South pairs stopped in game here, but Lindermann decided to gamble on a slam. When his partner turned out to have a singleton club, the gamble didn't look so desperate. After a club lead, declarer needed only the ♥Q to be onside to avoid a red suit loser and make 12 tricks. As this wasn't the case, Germany picked up 13 more IMPs.

Let us finish with the most exciting hand of the session. The (board) number 13 justified its ominous reputation when none of the 36 declarers managed to fulfil his contract, and most of them went for big numbers at either direction. Our featured match was not an exception.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Auken	Simon	Welland
	1♥	Pass	1♠*
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South's 1♠ bid was artificial. Sabine Auken did extremely well to pass West's 3♦ bid and then pass her partner's penalty double.

There was an interesting point in the play. After Sabine cashed ♥AK and switched to a spade, three rounds of diamond were played. Terraneo won the ♦K and cashed ♠A. Now he could have endplayed South with a diamond and forced him to lead a club into dummy's tenace, with North squeezed in clubs and hearts along the way. But he missed this nice possibility of escaping for -500 and eventually went down three (-800).

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	Lindermann	Linde	Jonsson
	1♥	Pass	1NT
2♠	4♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

Lindermann tried to bid a game directly at his second turn without fully exploring the hand. He evidently regretted it after East doubled, and his improvised 5♣ retreat was not a big success either. GIB indicates that declarer could have somehow scrambled eight tricks, but at the table he managed only seven. Plus 1100 together with plus 800 from the other room gave Germany their own 18-IMP swing after conceding 18 on Board 9.



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HUNGARY vs FINLAND



by Barry Rigal

This match had its full share of exciting deals (for example, 4♥-4 in both rooms – each declarer carefully finding the way to avoid the fifth vulnerable undertrick). But we shall focus on the opportunities that went begging in the play, not in a spirit of criticism but more because the positions that arose were all interesting. (At least to me...)

This was a case of missed opportunities all round:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Hegedus</i>	<i>Florin</i>	<i>Szilagyi</i>	<i>Moraru</i>
	1♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	2♦	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	4♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All pass		

Gal Hegedus reached 3NT as West after a strong no-trump and Stayman sequence. He won the ♥Q lead with the king and immediately led a low spade towards his jack – a decent shot to set the suit up if he could find ace-third to his left. When North took the ace, he had to avoid playing a top heart to crash his partner's nine, but he was unable to resist temptation. Hegedus won his ace, set up the heart seven for his third trick in that suit, and led a club to his king for a ninth trick. Well done to take advantage of the defensive error – but only a flat board.

When Hegedus doubled 3NT Florin retreated to 4♣ and Hegedus doubled that too. After the 'normal' top heart lead, this contract was also cold! The spade queen shift came too late. To make ten tricks declarer must simply ruff a heart, cash the club ace, ruff a heart, cash out the spades and the diamond ace and then ruff a spade. At this point with all his small trumps home, he exits in a plain suit and collects six trump tricks, three spades and the diamond ace.

However when declarer took the ruffing finesse in hearts at trick three, to pitch a diamond, he could take no more than nine tricks.

West	North	East	South
<i>Stegaroiu</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Ionita</i>	<i>Winkler</i>
	1♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	2♦	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In 3NT Winkler received the lead of the ♦K, which looks best for the defence. He won and played a heart, and East won to clear diamonds, everyone having played accurately till now. However West pitched a spade here, rather than a club. At this point Winkler gave up, conceding a heart for East to cash out. 3 IMPs, only, to Hungary.

Had declarer cashed the ♠K, needing to find a bare spade queen to his right, a miracle would have ensued! Win the spade king, take the club ace, lead the spade eight to the ace, the spade nine to the jack, and endplay West with his last spade, having carefully reserved your spade two of course. In the four-card ending both West and North are down to all clubs. You win the club return cheaply in dummy, exit with a low club, and collect the king and jack for nine tricks.

West needed to pitch a club on the third diamond to prevent this happening.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Look at just the E/W cards only here, before considering the full hand please.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.


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

Hungary escaped with their life here when in one room Rumania played 2♠ down one on the N/S cards. Meanwhile, in the other room (after the auction (1♠) – x – (Pass) – 1NT – (2♠) – x – (Pass) – 3NT) Winkler led a low spade.

Declarer won in hand and led a diamond to the ace, took the next spade in hand, and led a diamond to the king followed by the diamond jack ...and North, who had started life with queen-fourth of diamonds, ducked it. Curtains for declarer when the heart finesse was wrong. Of course, with the sight of all four hands we would all have unblocked the diamond jack under the ace, wouldn't we?

This was the full deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.


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

Declarer could have recovered by taking the club finesse when in hand with the second spade, but that would have been somewhat illogical.



Andreas Marquardsen, Bogi Simonsen, Rói Á Rógvu Joensen, Arne Mikkelsen, Simin Lassaberg, Magni Jøkladal, Árant Berjastein, Øssur Winthereig (coach, not in the picture)

We know not much about Faroe Island's Open Team. Two years ago they participated in the EC in Opatija, completed their preliminary group in 14th place, and did not qualify for the Final. Previously they played in ECs in Malmö and Salsomaggiore as well.

 A feröeriekről nem sokat tudunk. Két éve részt vettek az opatijai Európa-bajnokságon, csoportjukban a 14. helyet szerezték meg, így nem jutottak döntőbe, korábban Malmöben és Salsomaggioreban szerepeltek Eb-n.



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RESULTS OPEN TEAMS

ROUND 1

1	ROMANIA	HUNGARY	26	42	5.82	14.18
2	GEORGIA	POLAND	44	54	7.20	12.80
3	SWITZERLAND	LATVIA	47	38	12.55	7.45
4	GERMANY	AUSTRIA	61	35	16.09	3.91
5	ICELAND	BELARUS	76	18	19.85	0.15
6	FINLAND	FRANCE	40	32	12.29	7.71
7	SERBIA	TURKEY	46	40	11.76	8.24
8	NETHERLANDS	WALES	47	46	10.31	9.69
9	ESTONIA	FAROE ISLANDS	87	36	19.25	0.75
10	GREECE	SWEDEN	6	47	1.79	18.21
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	IRELAND	5	56	0.75	19.25
12	ENGLAND	SPAIN	59	37	15.38	4.62
13	RUSSIA	UKRAINE	42	23	14.80	5.20
14	CROATIA	ITALY	45	31	13.75	6.25
15	CYPRUS	NORWAY	11	75	0.00	20.00
16	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	17	59	1.67	18.33
17	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA	61	43	14.60	5.40
18	SCOTLAND	MONACO	32	69	2.28	17.72
19	DENMARK	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 2

1	BULGARIA	ROMANIA	25	10	13.97	6.03
2	BELGIUM	LATVIA	42	21	15.19	4.81
3	ITALY	SCOTLAND	63	15	18.97	1.03
4	NORWAY	ISRAEL	28	51	4.44	15.56
5	SPAIN	DENMARK	37	25	13.28	6.72
6	UKRAINE	PORTUGAL	40	25	13.97	6.03
7	SWEDEN	CYPRUS	50	0	19.16	0.84
8	IRELAND	ENGLAND	6	24	5.40	14.60
9	WALES	RUSSIA	28	42	6.25	13.75
10	FAROE ISLANDS	CROATIA	28	49	4.81	15.19
11	FRANCE	CZECH REPUBLIC	40	24	14.18	5.82
12	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	28	34	8.24	11.76
13	AUSTRIA	ESTONIA	28	24	11.20	8.80
14	BELARUS	GREECE	39	20	14.80	5.20
15	POLAND	SERBIA	51	17	17.31	2.69
16	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	29	9	15.00	5.00
17	HUNGARY	ICELAND	24	27	9.09	10.91
18	GEORGIA	FINLAND	21	45	4.26	15.74
19	MONACO	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 3

1	ROMANIA	BELGIUM	45	25	15.00	5.00
2	GEORGIA	ICELAND	36	31	11.48	8.52
3	MONACO	LATVIA	56	41	11.97	6.03
4	ITALY	PORTUGAL	62	11	19.25	0.75
5	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	65	24	18.21	1.79
6	SPAIN	ISRAEL	32	46	6.25	13.75
7	UKRAINE	DENMARK	55	42	13.52	6.48
8	SWEDEN	CROATIA	16	77	0.00	20.00
9	IRELAND	CYPRUS	66	20	18.77	1.23
10	WALES	ENGLAND	36	38	9.39	10.61
11	FAROE ISLANDS	RUSSIA	28	39	6.96	13.04
12	FRANCE	GREECE	19	40	4.81	15.19
13	TURKEY	CZECH REPUBLIC	55	25	16.73	3.27
14	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS	30	27	10.91	9.09
15	BELARUS	ESTONIA	14	52	2.15	17.85
16	POLAND	FINLAND	24	31	7.97	12.03
17	SWITZERLAND	SERBIA	16	47	3.12	16.88
18	HUNGARY	GERMANY	43	35	12.29	7.71
19	BULGARIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 4

1	ROMANIA	ESTONIA	54	19	17.45	2.55
2	LATVIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	43	33	12.80	7.20
3	NETHERLANDS	GREECE	37	45	7.71	12.29
4	ENGLAND	ICELAND	40	32	12.29	7.71
5	RUSSIA	GERMANY	9	70	0.00	20.00
6	CROATIA	SERBIA	38	23	13.97	6.03
7	CYPRUS	FINLAND	21	32	6.96	13.04
8	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	47	26	15.19	4.81
9	DENMARK	POLAND	19	47	3.58	16.42
10	PORTUGAL	GEORGIA	47	43	11.20	8.80
11	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	18	63	1.34	18.66
12	BULGARIA	TURKEY	27	51	4.26	15.74
13	MONACO	FRANCE	17	79	0.00	20.00
14	BELGIUM	BELARUS	57	42	13.97	6.03
15	ITALY	IRELAND	23	51	3.58	16.42
16	NORWAY	SWEDEN	61	42	14.80	5.20
17	SPAIN	FAROE ISLANDS	18	42	4.26	15.74
18	UKRAINE	WALES	33	40	7.97	12.03
19	AUSTRIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 4

1	CROATIA	62.91
2	IRELAND	59.84
3	NORWAY	57.45
4	POLAND	54.50
5	HUNGARY	54.22
6	FINLAND	53.10
7	ENGLAND	52.88
8	BELGIUM	52.49
9	TURKEY	48.95
10	GERMANY	48.80
11	ESTONIA	48.45
12	ITALY	48.05
13	ICELAND	46.99
14	FRANCE	46.70
15	ISRAEL	46.17
16	ROMANIA	44.30
17	SWEDEN	42.57
18	MONACO	41.69
19	RUSSIA	41.59
20	UKRAINE	40.66
21	NETHERLANDS	38.87
22	AUSTRIA	38.02
23	SERBIA	37.36
	WALES	37.36
25	BULGARIA	35.63
26	SWITZERLAND	35.48
27	GREECE	34.47
28	PORTUGAL	32.58
29	GEORGIA	31.74
30	LATVIA	31.09
31	DENMARK	28.78
32	SPAIN	28.41
33	FAROE ISLANDS	28.26
34	BELARUS	23.13
35	CZECH REPUBLIC	17.04
36	CYPRUS	9.03
37	SCOTLAND	6.44



RESULTS WOMEN PAIRS

AFTER SESSION 5

1	KREIDIEH Hana	HAMDAN Nahla	LIB - LIB	59.66
2	ARNOLDS Carla	KOLEN Sandra	NED - NED	57.82
3	PISAK Mehves	ALUF Tuna	TUR - TUR	57.54
4	LEVI Hila	ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	56.89
5	CUMMINS Carol Anne	NEWELL Sandra	IRL - IRL	55.93
6	HACKETT Barbara	EGGELING Marie	GER - GER	55.51
7	McQUAKER Fiona	ADAMSON Sheila	SCO - SCO	54.94
8	HELNESS Gunn	BLAAGESTAD Lise	NOR - NOR	54.82
9	ZMUDA Justyna	DUFRAT Katarzyna	POL - POL	54.76
10	PAVLUSHKO Olga	RUDAKOVA Elena	RUS - RUS	54.70
11	HOMME Marianne	BIRIBAKKEN Aase	NOR - NOR	54.63
12	HADDAD Wafa	FARHAT Faten	LIB - LIB	54.54
13	BILDE Lone	RASMUSSEN Helle	DEN - DEN	54.18
14	ZORLU Ferda	KOTAN Nilgun	TUR - TUR	53.84
15	POPLILOV Matilda	BIRMAN Daniela	ISR - ISR	53.80
16	ZORANOVIC Jovana	PEPIC Selena	SER - SER	53.06
17	PANADERO Maria	GUTIIERREZ-HERRERO Myriam	ESP - ESP	52.70
18	CHEDIAK Virginia	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	NOR - NOR	52.66
19	ELBRO Helle Simon	REITER Kate	DEN - DEN	51.99
20	DELESTRE Blandine	BOURDIN Dominique	FRA - FRA	51.90
21	SKORDALIDI Korina	MAKRI Eleni	GRE - GRE	51.64
22	BROWN Fiona	O'CONNOR Sarah	ENG - ENG	51.41
23	CESARI Barbara	MASINI Nicoletta	ITA - ITA	51.35
24	ORMAY Krisztina	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	51.00
25	JOYCE Emer	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	50.85
26	NURMI Pia	AHONEN Hulda	FIN - FIN	50.82
27	SANDSTROM Kati	MYLLAERI Maria	FIN - FIN	50.73
28	BROCK Sally	GROSS Susanna	ENG - ENG	50.43
29	SARNIAK Anna	CZAJKA Iwona	POL - POL	50.34
30	ORAS Maarja	TAUBE Aire	EST - EST	49.97
31	TAGA Fethiye	OZCAN Nese	TUR - TUR	49.94
32	CLENCH Gilly	WOODRUFF Laura	WAL - WAL	49.39
33	PHELAN Lucy	MITCHELL Louise	IRL - IRL	49.16
34	NORDGREN Maria	BERGLUND Agneta	FIN - FIN	48.97
35	KRIFTNER Susanne	VECHIATTO Claudia	GER - GER	48.95
36	D'OVIDIO Catherine	SALONEN Irmeli	FRA - FRA	48.93
37	LYBAEK Astrid Steen	DANIELSEN Ann-Elin	NOR - NOR	48.88
38	TIMONEY Mary	BRADY Mary	IRL - IRL	48.48
39	GLADIATOR Anne	WEBER Elke	GER - GER	48.46
40	CINAR Nur	MIZRAHI Ece	TUR - TUR	48.43
41	THOMPSON-VINCENT Kristina	SIMHA Esther	SUI - SUI	47.84
42	CUZZI Monica	SERANGELI Franca	ITA - ITA	47.78
43	EGE Tina	FARHOLT Stense	DEN - DEN	47.66
44	OZUMERZIFON Meltem	KOKTEN Hatice Nazan	TUR - TUR	47.66
45	KURANOGLU Serap	ATES Ebru	TUR - TUR	47.34
46	GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	ERENGIL Yasemin	TUR - TUR	47.28
47	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	PIESIEWICZ Dominika	POL - POL	47.16
48	SZABADOS Julianna	BOSZORMENYI Katalin	HUN - HUN	47.15
49	KALKERUP Bettina	JEPSEN Ketty	DEN - DEN	46.90
50	GILLILAND Dolores	WHELAN Maria	IRL - IRL	46.90
51	BIANCHI Valeria	PACE Enza	ITA - ITA	46.87
52	SPANOU Vivian	MITSI Georgia	GRE - GRE	46.78
53	GREENWOOD Diane	KENNY Joan	IRL - IRL	46.16
54	HIGGINS Carmel	SPROULE Toni	IRL - IRL	45.60
55	KURSAKOVA Larissa	MALKOVA Marina	RUS - RUS	44.96
56	DONNELLAN Joan	MCENTEE Orla	IRL - IRL	44.84
57	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	MCCANN Eileen	IRL - IRL	43.27
58	MANTYLA Mirja	LAUKKANEN Elina	FIN - FIN	42.65
59	LILLIS Heidi	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	42.18
60	VAUGHAN Kathleen	BURKE-MORAN Valarie	IRL - IRL	40.74
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PROGRAMME

Saturday June 10	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 1 of 2)
Sunday June 11	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 2 of 2)
Monday June 12	10.00 – 19.45	Mixed Teams (Knockout R16 & QF)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open BAM Teams
Tuesday June 13	10.00 – 19.45	Mixed Teams (Knockout SF & Final)
	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Pairs (Qualification)
Wednesday June 14	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Pairs (Semi-final A & B)
Thursday June 15	10.00 – 19.45	Mixed Pairs (Final Day 1 of 2)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs EBL Cup (Day 1 of 2)
Friday June 16	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Pairs (Final Day 2 of 2)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs EBL Cup Day 2 of 2)
Saturday June 17	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 1 of 2)
Sunday June 18	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 2 of 2)
Monday June 19	10.00 – 19.45	Open Teams (Knockout R16 & QF)
	10.00 – 19.45	Women/Seniors Teams (Knockout QF & SF)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open BAM Teams
Tuesday June 20	10.00 – 19.45	Open Teams (Knockout Semi-final)
	10.00 – 19.45	Women/Seniors Teams (Knockout Final)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Pairs (Qualification Day 1 of 2)
Wednesday June 21	10.00 – 19.45	Open Teams (Knockout Final)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Pairs (Qualification Day 2 of 2)
Thursday June 22	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs (Semi-final A & B)
	10.00 – 19.30	Women/Seniors Pairs (Final)
Friday June 23	10.00 – 19.45	Open Pairs (Final Day 1 of 2)
	10.00 – 19.30	Marit Sveaas Swiss Pairs (Day 1 of 2)
Saturday June 24	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs (Final Day 2 of 2)
	10.00 - TBA	Marit Sveaas Swiss Pairs (Day 2 of 2)

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