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DOUBLE WIN FOR ZIMMERMANN



Winning combination
Pierre, Jean-Charles (FMB) & Yves (EBL)



ZIMMERMANN CUP WINNERS

Team Zimmermann

*Dominik Filipowicz, Tor Helness, Geir Helgemo, Franck Multon,
Krzysztof Martens, Pierre Zimmermann with Yves Aubry and Jean-Charles Allavena*

The first Winter Games are over. Vive les deuxièmes Winter games. EBL, FMB together with Pierre Zimmermann won their bet to launch a new high level event. The location was very much appreciated, the organization was faultless.

The 60 board final was breath taking, very hard fought with many very interesting deals.

Team Black a British combination with one Swede -15 th seeded - was not favourite against the top seeded Monaco-Poland squad captained by Pierre Zimmermann.

Going into the last segment the lead was only 6 IMP and the outsiders moved ahead at one point during last set. But finally the favourites prevailed and the Gold medal went to:

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

Congratulations to the winners and also the silver medalists, Andrew Black, Gunnar Hallberg, Willie, Whittaker, Perter Bertheau, PhilipKing and Andrew McIntosh.

The FMB BAM went to ERA team: Erikas Vainokonis, Andrej Arlovich, Piotr Zatorski, Ron Pachtman, Bas Drijer & Sjoert Brink. (JPM)

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ZIMMERMANN CUP 2nd

Team Black

*Andrew Black, Gunnar Hallberg, Willie Whittaker,
Peter Bertheau, Philip King, Andrew Mcintosh*



FMB BAM WINNER Final A

Team ERA

*Andrei Arlovich, Erikas Vainikonis, Piotr Zatorski, Sjoert Brink,
Ron Pachtman, Bas Drijver*



FMB BAM WINNER Final B

Team Bell

No third place!

There will be no bronze medallist in the Zimmermann Cup.

The bronze medal was supposed to go to the winner of a play-off match, but neither Lavazza or Assael was eager to play.

We have to say that the EBL officials wished the match to take place as stated in the the conditions of contest.

So the decision was to treat both teams as losing semifinalists.

This is a long time debate: should we have a play-off

or not. Losers of semi-finals are usually disappointed and not in the right mood to play much more.

Here, apart from masterpoints and medals, there was a € 5000 difference between 3rd and 4th.

Let us say that in sport, most of the time for individual sports (boxing, tennis or fencing) there is no match for third place but in collective sports (football, rugby, handball etc) a play- off is usual.

More! Teams entering a competition are supposed to accept conditions of contest.



FMB BAM 2nd Final A

Team Netherlands Blue

Milan Macura, Tobias Polak, Maarten Schollardt, Tom van Overbeeke,
Anton Maas, Ton Bakkeren



FMB BAM 3rd Final A

Team Noname Tur

Sedat Dinc, Suleyman Kolata, Ismail Kandemir,
Okay Gur, M.Gokhan Yilmaz



Many players attended
the prize giving



Not only Pierre Zimmermann imagined the event and won it,
but also helped the workers when needed



HOW TO PLAY IN A BAM TOURNAMENT

by **Jean-Paul Meyer**

Very common in the USA, BAM only recently came to light in Europe.

It is becoming very popular because it is fun. A mere 10 points difference wins the board and it is not always the most academic bid than wins the pot.

Match Formidables against Young Swedes. All are vulnerable and you hold:

♠ A Q 9 6 ♥ A 3 ♦ A K 9 7 4 3 ♣ 5

Nice hand, so you open?

No that is not the question, because your opponents had something to say first.

LHO opens 3♣, your partner doubles and RHO bids 7♣!

That is the sort of thing that happens at BAM.


It was all in Ekenberg 's hands.

He decided to double and hope for the best. He collected +1400.



The full deal was:

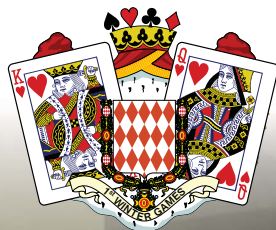
Board 29 Dealer North. All Vul.

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

It would be a losing option and a loss if 7♦ was reached in the other room by the Formidables pair.

However, EW stopped in 6♦, for +1390 and the 2 points went to Young Swedes.

Played at 22 tables only 5 pairs reached 7♦, 6 sacrificed in 7♣ as in this room, 2 pairs played a small slam in spades scoring 1430 and 1460 and 9 times the score was +1390.



The staff at your service since 8 days - Tournament directors, caddies and operators (yellow shirts), responsables for video, scoring, duplication and bulletin. They are 27 altogether, only one is missing: Francesca Canali. She is the one who took this photo and all the other ones you found in the Bulletins.



DIVIDE AND RULE

by **Mark Horton**

Do you recall the deal I mentioned in Bulletin 2 where you had to decide what to lead from ♠KQ864 against 3NT?

In Session 3 of the BAM, the East players found themselves on lead against 3NT with an almost identical holding.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

If East starts with a low heart declarer can put up the jack and will take at least nine tricks. Leading an honour avoids the loss of a second heart trick, but declarer can duck twice, then cash five spades and play the queen of clubs.

Declarer might go wrong, attempting to endplay East, but that is only likely to be attractive if East has bid at some point.



Maija Romanovska

TEAM LATVIA



Maris Matisons

TEAM LATVIA

An interesting battle developed at one table, where East found a different approach:

Open Room

West	North <i>Matisons</i>	East	South <i>Romanovska</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the queen of diamonds and when that held the trick, she switched to the six of hearts. Declarer played low from dummy (the jack would have spared him some angst) and ducked when West produced the ten. After ducking next heart, declarer took the third round with the ace and cashed five rounds of spades.

As he played the last of them, this was the situation:

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

The combination of ducking in both red suits had taken East out of the game; the winning line now is to pitch a diamond on the nine of spades and then play the queen of clubs, but this is by no means obvious, and when declarer pitched a club and tried for an endplay he finished two down - a loss when 3NT failed by only one trick at the other table.



YOUR LEAD PARTNER

by **Mark Horton**

We have encountered a number of fascinating lead problems in these Championships and the semifinal between Black and Lavazza produced two more which had a common theme - what to lead against a no-trump contract from a five card suit headed by the AK10.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	King	Bilde	McIntosh
—	—	Pass	1♣
1NT	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	All Pass		

In this age (or for that matter any age) of light openings North's double is hardly gilt edged, but had he led a low diamond his side would have been ahead in the race for seven tricks.



Philip King

TEAM BLACK



Giorgio Duboin

TEAM LAVAZZA

When he tabled the ace of diamonds, the damage was already done, but things got worse when North continued with the ten of diamonds.

Declarer won with dummy's jack and played a heart to the queen, followed by a club to the jack and ace. South exited with a spade and declarer cashed four tricks in the suit followed by the king of clubs. When the ten appeared from North, he exited with a heart to endplay South - two overtricks, and +960.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	Bocchi	Whittaker	Bianchedi
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

West led the four of spades and East won with the nine and returned the six, West winning with the queen and returning the ten to East's king.

Now East needed to find a club switch - when he returned the four of hearts declarer won with the ace and played a diamond to the ten (should West have tried playing the queen?) East winning with the jack and belatedly switching to clubs. Declarer ducked and West won with the queen, cashed a spade and exited with a heart to declarer's king. Three diamonds and the ace of clubs added up to seven tricks, +90 and 14 IMPs badly needed IMPs to Lavazza.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

♠ 8	♥ 10 8 6 3	♦ A K Q 2	♣ A 10 8 2
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Should North have found a low spade lead?

Threatened with the loss of four spade tricks, declarer can only play as above, but when he exits with the nine of spades, North wins and puts South in with the seven. After cashing two hearts, South plays a club, securing a fifth trick for the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	King	Bilde	McIntosh
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Bocchi	Bertheau	Bianchedi
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♠
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North cashed the ace of spades and switched to the nine of hearts, declarer winning, cashing a second heart, playing a diamond to the ace and ruffing a heart with the four of clubs. North could overruff, but declarer was in control and soon claimed ten tricks, +130 which however represented a loss of 10 IMPs.

North led the ace of spades and when partner followed with the seven, he continued with the five, declarer taking South's jack with the queen.

Declarer played on diamonds, pleased to see them break, and on the fourth round South pitched the five of hearts, while declarer and North threw clubs. Declarer cashed the top hearts and exited with the nine of spades to endplay North - a magnificent +600.

You can replay these deals at:

http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/handviewer.html?bbo=y&linurl=http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/vugraph_linfetch.php?id=43226

http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/handviewer.html?bbo=y&linurl=http://www.bridgebase.com/tools/vugraph_linfetch.php?id=43232

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THE OPENER

by **Mark Horton**

If we could look into the head of a Bridge player, we would see a whole world of feelings, images, ideas, emotions and passions.

I wonder how they felt at the conclusion of the opening deal in the Zimmermann Cup Final?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Hallberg	Helness	Bertheau
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the seven of clubs and declarer put up dummy's queen. When it held he unblocked the king of spades, came to hand with a club and played three rounds of spades, pitching all dummy's diamonds.

Having ruffed the fourth round of spades with the seven of hearts, South returned the ten of clubs and declarer ruffed, ruffed a diamond and played a club. When South discarded the ten of diamonds declarer ruffed and claimed eleven tricks, +450.

Do you have any views about North's opening lead?

In the book I have already quoted from, 'Winning Suit Contract Leads' David Bird & Taf Anthias reveal that one of them likes to lead from KJxx. The lead is shown to be a disaster in very many instances, never reaching the top of the leader board.

Whatever your personal view about the wisdom of leading away from a king against a suit contract, in bridge, as in life, *on ne saurait faire d'omelette sans casser des œufs*.

To be sure of defeating 4♥ North must find a diamond lead and South must cash two tricks in the suit and then switch to a club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	Multon	Whittaker	Martens
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the three of clubs and North won with the king and switched to the three of diamonds, South winning with the king and returning the four to declarer's queen. The queen of hearts was covered by the king and ace and declarer continued with a heart to the nine, when South's ten, together with two diamonds meant one down and 11 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Do you think East should have bid 3♥ over his partners 2NT?

Perhaps, but with South on lead the winning defence would be much easier to find.



Geir Helgemo

TEAM ZIMMERMANN





DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

by Mark Horton

On the last day of the tournament, I can't resist the temptation to draw inspiration from one of the Bond movies, not least because I have noticed several players and officials trying at various times to make donations to the retirement funds of the owners of the Casino in the Fairmont Hotel.

Diamonds are Forever contains a memorable scene in a Casino where Bond, about to play Craps, is accosted by a voluptuous girl who rejoices in the name of Plenty O'Toole. Imagining Bond knows nothing about the game she asks Bond if he needs any help and proceeds to lose.

Bond takes over, as the croupier calls 'Hard ten. Ten's the number' and issues instructions:

'I'll take the full odds on the ten, 200 on the hard way, the limit on all the numbers, 250 on the eleven. Thank you very much.'

Impressed, Plenty observes, 'Say! You've played this game before!'

'Just once', is Bond's reply

No doubt by now you are impatient to discover how this might be linked to my article, so let's see if these two deals from the first session of the Zimmermann Cup Final can enlighten you:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
4♠ Splinter			
4NT RKCB			
5♣ 0 key cards			

A very smooth auction to the doomed slam. In isolation the odds in the diamond suit are 95.21% for losing only one trick, but here declarer would find it impossible to cope even if

it was South that held all the diamonds (although at double dummy it can be done if South had say
 ♠ 9 5 3 ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ A 10 9 3 ♣ 9 7 6).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Black</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>Martens</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

I'm not 100% certain, but I think 2♦ was a Multi, 2♥ Pass or correct, 2NT strong balanced, 3♠ Transfer to clubs (or perhaps a slam try in a minor). After that it might be that EW were, as the chess players would say, 'out of theory'.

It was a good time to flounder and Black had 11 IMPs.



Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

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

Could EW have reached the slam?
Perhaps East should bid 4NT over 4♠, keeping the ball in play.

Zimmermann gained 13 IMPs, showing a working profit of 2 IMPs on the two deals.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Hallberg	Helness	Bertheau
—	—	—	3♠
Dble	4♠	6♦	All Pass

LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN!



Tor Helness

TEAM ZIMMERMANN

This time the Gods were merciful and declarer was soon claiming +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Black	Multon	Whittaker	Martens
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Dble	3♠
4♠*	Pass	5♦	All Pass

2♦ Multi
3♥ Pass or correct

VIDEO CORNER



BAM New Format by Fotis Skoularikis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXXTCbiZ2ck>

Or click here
(online version)



Les jeux sont fait

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFvC_hjXx2g

Or click here
(online version)



+1100? No...-790 with Dennis Bilde

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RYZV4O0hJ4>

Or click here
(online version)



THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

by **Mark Horton**

With Zimmermann ahead by 5 IMPs the lead immediately changed hands when North, holding

♠ A K 7 3 ♥ 5 4 ♦ K 9 8 7 5 ♣ A 2

opened 1♦ and South, with

♠ Q J 6 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ Q 10 4 2 ♣ J 10 6

responded 1NT.

Black, holding

♠ 8 5 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ 6 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 4 3

overcalled 2♣ and NS finished in 3♦ which should have been defeated but made with an overtrick after a misdefence by East.

Helgemo tried 3♣ but when East jumped to 4♠ it was clear that there had been a misunderstanding. 5♣ cost -500 and 9 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the seven of hearts, and declarer came to eleven tricks by playing on spades, East cashing the ace of hearts when he got in with the queen of spades, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Black</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
4♦ Cue bid			
4NT RKCB			
5♥ 2 key cards			



An excellent effort following North's well judged decision to go on over 3NT.

West led the queen of diamonds and declarer won in hand with the ace and played the two of hearts for the three and king. When East won with the ace, declarer's problems were over.

He could win the diamond return, play three rounds of spades, ruffing with the ten of clubs, draw trumps and go back to dummy with the queen of hearts to cash the spades, +1370 and 12 IMPs.

Ducking the heart might have given declarer pause for thought, but in practice it seems clear to follow the same plan of setting up the spades.

On the very next deal NS held

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

South declared 3NT and Zimmermann, who had opened 1♦ got a heart lead from West's

♠ J 9 6 4 3 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ J 10 ♣ 9 8 5

and took twelve tricks.

McIntosh had opened 1♣ and Helgemo led a diamond. After East had taken the queen with the king and returned the suit, declarer unblocked the clubs, crossed to dummy with a spade and played a club. East was happy to win and cash his diamonds for one down and 11 IMPs.

Black got right back into the match by bidding and making 6♠ with

♠ 10 9 7 ♥ A Q 8 ♦ A J ♣ A K Q 4 3 facing

♠ A K 8 6 4 ♥ 10 5 ♦ K 4 3 2 ♣ 8 7.

South had

♠ 5 3 ♥ J 9 6 4 2 ♦ Q 10 9 6 ♣ J 9

but I can't tell anything more at the moment, as the bidding and play record is missing. It was Helgemo who stopped short.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 8 7 6 5 ♥ 9 ♦ A 10 4 3 ♣ 5 2	♠ J 3 2 ♥ A K J 2 ♦ Q J 6 2 ♣ 7 6	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 4 ♥ 7 6 5 3 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ K Q J 10 ♠ A Q 10 ♥ Q 10 8 4 ♦ — ♣ A 9 8 4 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
—	1♣*	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Dble*	4♥
All Pass			

West led the five of clubs and declarer won with the ace and played a diamond for the queen and king. East switched to the four of spades and West took declarer's queen with the king and returned the eight.

Declarer won with the ten, cashed the ten of hearts and played a heart to the ace, West discarding the seven of spades. A club went to East's jack and he returned a trump to dummy's jack. Declarer ruffed a diamond and tried to cash the ace of spades, but East ruffed and played a club, three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Black</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the seven of diamonds, but it was his partner who was tested, not declarer. When the two was played from dummy East agonised for a long time. If Declare held the singleton ace West's lead was from ♦109743, which was very strange.

Eventually East played low and declarer won with the nine, and played the queen of spades,

West winning with the king and returning the eight. Declarer won with dummy's jack, ruffed a diamond, and played ace of clubs and a club. East won and played the king of diamonds, but declarer ruffed, and played the ace of spades. East ruffed, but declarer could claim the rest, +620 and 14 IMPs.

Both NS pairs missed a very good slam with ♠ - ♥ K Q 10 9 3 2 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A J 9 3 2 opposite ♠ A 9 5 4 ♥ A 8 ♦ K Q J 2 ♣ K 8 6 and with Zimmermann ahead 80-60 came:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10 4 3 ♥ 10 9 7 6 4 2 ♦ Q 7 ♣ J 5 ♠ K J 9 8 5 ♥ K ♦ 9 8 6 4 3 ♣ 9 7	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 7 6 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ J 5 ♣ A K 6 4 3 ♠ Q 2 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ A K 10 2 ♣ Q 10 8 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Dble
Rdbl	3♥	Dble	All Pass

East led the ace of clubs, West following with the seven. Now the strongest defence is for the defenders to cash two spades and then go back to clubs, securing a trick for West's king of hearts, which would lead to +800.

However, East switched to the jack of diamonds and declarer won with the queen and played a heart to the ace. His losing club went away on the top diamonds and although East could ruff the third round declarer had escaped for -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Black</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
2♠*	Pass	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

East cashed his top clubs and then played the ace of spades and a spade, West winning with the king and returning the three of diamonds. That was four down, -1100.

If East had played a third club the penalty would have been 1400, but even so Black had 14 IMPs and with only 6 IMPs separating the two teams the last set was a mouth watering prospect.



**THE TIME MACHINE**by **Mark Horton**

At the end of an event, with time running out, it becomes difficult to report on the action.

If a match is already decided for practical purposes this is not serious, but when a match is close it is annoying.

As the last set of the Zimmermann Cup unfolded it became clear that it would most likely go down to the wire, but reporting on it would be problematical.

On Board 3 EW held

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

♠ A Q J 9 ♥ A 6 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ J 8 5 4

and Helgemo and Helness made 4♠ for +620.

In the other room EW never found their spade fit, playing in 3NT doubled. South held

♠ K 7 4 ♥ Q 10 7 4 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ K 10 9

and led a heart, but the defenders muddled their discards, giving declarer a chance to make, but he relied on the spade finesse and was one down, -200 and 13 IMPs to Zimmermann.

On the next board Multon made an uncharacteristic error playing 4♠ and Black picked up a surprise 13 IMPs and then Helgeness had another accident, losing 800 in 5♥ doubled, the 12 IMPs that cost handing Black the lead, 99-95.

The next two deals saw Zimmermann collect three overtrick IMPs, 99-95.

Two boards later the lead changed hands once more as Zimmermann defeated 4♠ in one room and 4♥ in

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TEAM ZIMMERMANN

the other to pick up 6 IMPs - 104-99, but an extra undertrick in a hopeless 2NT -

♠ Q 7 ♥ A J 9 4 ♦ A K J ♣ A Q 5 3 opposite

♠ 9 6 ♥ 7 3 2 ♦ 10 7 5 3 2 ♣ 9 8 6,

-400 v -300 gave Black 3 IMPs to reduce the gap to 2 IMPs.

Ten deals to go - and the organisers had already dealt the extra deals that might come into play.

On Board 11 NS held

♠ A 10 9 7 6 3 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ Q 2 facing

♠ Q 8 5 4 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A K J 4 ♣ 10 7 4.

Martens was one down in 4♠ - he took a diamond finesse into West's

♠ J ♥ A 10 8 7 6 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A J 8 5 3 and was one down, but in the other room NS were in 5♠ doubled and that cost 300, 110-102.

Over the next three deals Black recovered an overtrick IMP, but then lost 5 on a double part score swing, 115-103.

A ridiculous 3NT-4 by Multon-Martens cost 3 IMPs, 115-106 with just four deals to go.

Helgemo-Helness avoided a hopeless 3NT to pick up 6 IMPs and with 18 being a flat game the lead was up to 15 with only three deals to play.

When 19 proved to be a dull game it was clear that the Zimmermann Cup would remain in Monaco.

**FMB BAM TROPHY - RESULTS****FINAL A**

1	ERA	112.80	VAINIKONIS, ARLOVICH, ZATORSKI, PACHTMAN, DRIJVER, BRINK
2	NETHERLANDS B	108.40	VAN OVERBEEKE, POLAK, SCHOLLAARDT, MACURA, MAAS, BAKKEREN
3	NONAME TUR	106.10	DINC, KOLATA, KANDEMIR, GUR, YILMAZ
4	YOUNG SWEDES	105.30	EKENBERG, HULT, RIMSTEDT, RIMSTEDT
5	MAHAFFEY	104.90	LEV, MAHAFFEY, GAWRYS, VOLCKER, BESSIS, KLUKOWSKI
6	PAUNCZ	104.20	PAUNCZ, FOSSI, BURATTI, MARIANI
7	DE KNIJFF	103.95	DE KNIJFF, FREDIN, BLAKSET, BLAKSET
8	AJ DIAMENT	101.90	JASZCZAK, ZAWADA, STRZEMECKI, JANISZEWSKI, PILCH, SZTYRAK
9	SALAMA	101.50	SALAMA, STAMATOV, DANAILOV, AMIRY, SAMIR, NABIL
10	MAROSAMITAWA	101.43	SADEK, GROMOELLER, REHDER, AUKEN, WELLAND, EL AHMADY
11	MORAN	101.30	MORAN, BOLAND, HANLON, McGANN, CARROLL, GARVEY, BARTON
12	NETHERLANDS W	97.40	DRIJVER, NAB, MOLENAAR, VERBEEK, MAAS, BAKKEREN
13	DE BOTTON	96.20	DE BOTTON, TOWNSEND, CHARLSEN, HOFTANISKA, SANDQVIST, PADON
14	TESSIERES	94.10	FRANCESCHETTI, ROBERT, DE TESSIERES, LHUISSIER
15	VYTAS	93.40	VAINIKONIS, OLANSKI, GIERULSKI, SKRZYPCZAK, LAURIA, VERSACE
16	FORMIDABLES	93.27	TEWARI, SHIVDASANI, CHOKSHI, ANKLESARIA, MUKHERJEE, SATYANARAYANA
17	NETHERLANDS R	92.70	VAN DEN BOS, VAN LANKVELD, RITMEIJER, TICHA, MAAS, BAKKEREN
18	EMERALD	92.40	BAREKET, LENGY, ROLL, BAREL, LEVIN
19	DRACULA	88.60	MARINA, COLDEA, STEGARO, IONITA
20	LATVIA	86.70	ROMANOVSKA, RUBINS, JANSONS, NEIMANIS, MATISONS, LORENCIS
21	ESTONIA	79.60	LEVENKO, SESTER, OJA, MARIPUU, LAANEMAE, KARPOV
22	FRANCE JUNIOR	79.20	ROUANETLABE, COMBESCURE, BERNARD, DEHEEGER, CHARIGNON, LALOUBEYRE
23	TALMAT	66.65	BERGER, GUENOLE, ASTIER, TALMAT
24	CONNECTOR	36.60	SEREK, PUCZYNSKI, BIZON, KAZMUCHA, KOWALSKI, ARASZKIEWICZ

FINAL B

1	BELL	77.51	BELL, GOLD, ROBERTSON, CASTNER
2	BLUE CHIP SWE	73.59	GULLBERG, SAFSTEN, STOKKA, ANDERSSON
3	POLAND	70.23	MAZURKIEWICZ, JASSEM, GOLEBIEWSKI, STARKOWSKI
4	LUPO VELOCE	70.23	FRANZEL, LAUSS, BERGER, KRIFTNER, KASIMIR
5	NEMESIS	68.50	SAKR, HADDAD, CIESLAK, NAWROCKI, WIANKOWSKI
6	NONAME	68.09	DINC, CIVGINER, IMAMOGLU, GUNDOGDU, PEYRET, ERBIL
7	FRANCE SENIOR	67.31	CABANES, GAUTRET, DECHELETTE, IONTZEFF, KASLER, SAPORTA
8	CHINA LADIES	66.37	WANG, SHEN, LIU, CHEN, LI, ZHAO, WANG
9	PACIFIC	63.34	TACIUC, FRANCES, SABATIER, STANCESCU, VAN CUYK, DOLLA
10	CUNEO	62.66	MINERO, ROSTI, GUERMANI, GAGLIARDO, MUSSO, PARRELLA
11	MARILL	62.46	MARILL, TOFFIER, LASSERRE, ABECASSIS, PALAU, GUILLAUMIN
12	BRENO	62.17	MANNO, ZALESKI, FRANCHI, LANZAROTTI, CRONIER
13	GOVINDACHARI	58.80	SHAH, RAY, KIRUBAKARAMOORTHY, BAPAT, KUSHARI, MAJUMDAR, GOVINDACHARI
14	BRUNET	53.94	FISSORE, LASSERRE, COURRIAS, BARNE, VIENNOIS, HASSAN, BRUNET
15	HARRIS	46.40	HARRIS, HARRIS, SKORCHEV, MALAKOVA

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ZIMMERMANN CUP KO

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

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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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BLACK	31	43	35	109
ZIMMERMANN	36	44	51	131

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