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For Whom the Bell Tolls



You get a better cup of coffee in the Kursaal

For the teams in the *Open Series* the first major hurdle is reached today. Once again it is 'as you were' in Group A, **Iceland** ahead of **Italy** and **France**. It is the same story in Group B, **Sweden** from **Poland** with **Israel** third.

As the *Women's Series* passes the half way mark **Netherlands** continue to dominate ahead of **England** and **France**.

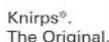
In the *Seniors* **Italy** is now followed by **Israel** and **Poland**.

There are four candidates for the *WBF Players Commission*: **Giorgio Duboin**, **Krzysztof Martens**, **Sylvie Willard** & **Doris Fischer**.

	10.30	
Italy - Ireland (Women)		BBO 1
Hungary - France		BBO 2
Turkey - Iceland		BBO 3
Germany - Norway		BBO 4
Poland - Netherlands		VG - BBO 5
	14.15	
Italy - Finland		BBO 1
England - Israel		BBO 2
Sweden - Ireland		BBO 3
Norway - Wales		BBO 4
France - Bulgaria		VG - BBO 5
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Croatia - Italy		BBO 1
Germany - France		BBO 2
Poland - Netherlands (Women)		BBO 3
Estonia - Netherlands		BBO 4
to be decided		VG - BBO 5

Today's Schedule

- 10.30 Open Teams, Round 17
Women Teams, Round 16
Seniors Teams, Round 9
- 14.15 Open Teams, Round 18
Women Teams, Round 17
Seniors Teams, Round 10
- 17.35 Open Teams, Round 19
Women Teams, Round 18
Seniors Teams, Round 11



OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

GROUP A

ROUND 17 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SERBIA	CROATIA
2	TURKEY	ICELAND
3	FINLAND	LEBANON
4	WALES	SCOTLAND
5	GERMANY	NORWAY
6	BULGARIA	SLOVAKIA
7	HUNGARY	FRANCE
8	LATVIA	CYPRUS
9	SWITZERLAND	LITHUANIA
10	BYE	ITALY

ROUND 18 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ICELAND	SERBIA
2	LITHUANIA	TURKEY
3	LEBANON	CROATIA
4	ITALY	FINLAND
5	NORWAY	WALES
6	SLOVAKIA	GERMANY
7	FRANCE	BULGARIA
8	CYPRUS	HUNGARY
9	SWITZERLAND	LATVIA
10	SCOTLAND	BYE

ROUND 19 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SERBIA	TURKEY
2	ICELAND	LEBANON
3	CROATIA	ITALY
4	FINLAND	SCOTLAND
5	WALES	SLOVAKIA
6	GERMANY	FRANCE
7	BULGARIA	CYPRUS
8	HUNGARY	SWITZERLAND
9	LATVIA	LITHUANIA
10	BYE	NORWAY



Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Go to the mezzanine level close by the Lavazza coffee bar.

GROUP B

ROUND 17 10.30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	ROMANIA	SPAIN
12	DENMARK	RUSSIA
13	IRELAND	SAN MARINO
14	ESTONIA	SWEDEN
15	MONACO	AUSTRIA
16	POLAND	NETHERLANDS
17	ISRAEL	LUXEMBOURG
18	GREECE	ENGLAND
19	BELGIUM	UKRAINE
20	PORTUGAL	BYE

ROUND 18 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	RUSSIA	ROMANIA
12	SAN MARINO	SPAIN
13	SWEDEN	IRELAND
14	AUSTRIA	ESTONIA
15	NETHERLANDS	MONACO
16	LUXEMBOURG	POLAND
17	ENGLAND	ISRAEL
18	UKRAINE	GREECE
19	PORTUGAL	BELGIUM
20	BYE	DENMARK

ROUND 19 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
11	ROMANIA	DENMARK
12	RUSSIA	SAN MARINO
13	SPAIN	SWEDEN
14	IRELAND	AUSTRIA
15	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS
16	MONACO	LUXEMBOURG
17	POLAND	ENGLAND
18	ISRAEL	UKRAINE
19	GREECE	PORTUGAL
20	BELGIUM	BYE

Butler Scores

Butler scores will be posted on the championship website, updated per day. To get on the list a pair must have played at least one third of the boards.

Ton Kooijman

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A

ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	WALES	SERBIA	37 - 32	16 - 14
2	FINLAND	ICELAND	24 - 43	11 - 19
3	LITHUANIA	CROATIA	82 - 30	25 - 5
4	LEBANON	GERMANY	18 - 66	5 - 25
5	ITALY	BULGARIA	30 - 33	14 - 16
6	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	50 - 38	17 - 13
7	NORWAY	LATVIA	49 - 39	17 - 13
8	SLOVAKIA	SWITZERLAND	12 - 42	9 - 21
9	FRANCE	CYPRUS	25 - 14	17 - 13
10	TURKEY	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 15 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	FINLAND	52 - 31	19 - 11
2	ICELAND	CROATIA	59 - 36	20 - 10
3	WALES	LEBANON	37 - 32	16 - 14
4	GERMANY	ITALY	22 - 57	8 - 22
5	BULGARIA	SCOTLAND	61 - 51	17 - 13
6	HUNGARY	NORWAY	53 - 37	18 - 12
7	LATVIA	SLOVAKIA	28 - 42	12 - 18
8	SWITZERLAND	FRANCE	35 - 29	16 - 14
9	CYPRUS	LITHUANIA	23 - 70	6 - 24
10	SERBIA	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FINLAND	SERBIA	77 - 14	25 - 3
2	CROATIA	TURKEY	18 - 64	6 - 24
3	LITHUANIA	ICELAND	18 - 55	7 - 23
4	ITALY	WALES	58 - 17	23 - 7
5	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	31 - 55	10 - 20
6	NORWAY	BULGARIA	51 - 45	16 - 14
7	SLOVAKIA	HUNGARY	36 - 37	15 - 15
8	FRANCE	LATVIA	45 - 36	17 - 13
9	CYPRUS	SWITZERLAND	53 - 71	11 - 19
10	LEBANON	BYE		18 - 0

GROUP B

ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	MONACO	ROMANIA	12 - 35	10 - 20
2	ESTONIA	DENMARK	6 - 55	5 - 25
3	IRELAND	RUSSIA	15 - 40	10 - 20
4	SAN MARINO	POLAND	18 - 40	10 - 20
5	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	31 - 22	17 - 13
6	AUSTRIA	GREECE	71 - 27	24 - 6
7	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	69 - 10	25 - 4
8	LUXEMBOURG	PORTUGAL	28 - 45	11 - 19
9	ENGLAND	UKRAINE	52 - 19	22 - 8
10	SPAIN	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 15 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ROMANIA	ESTONIA	36 - 10	20 - 10
2	DENMARK	IRELAND	48 - 28	19 - 11
3	RUSSIA	SPAIN	54 - 37	19 - 11
4	MONACO	SAN MARINO	52 - 39	18 - 12
5	POLAND	SWEDEN	22 - 38	12 - 18
6	ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	78 - 20	25 - 4
7	GREECE	NETHERLANDS	46 - 49	14 - 16
8	BELGIUM	LUXEMBOURG	54 - 30	20 - 10
9	PORTUGAL	ENGLAND	28 - 60	8 - 22
10	UKRAINE	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	IRELAND	ROMANIA	48 - 51	14 - 16
2	SPAIN	DENMARK	43 - 58	12 - 18
3	SAN MARINO	ESTONIA	20 - 108	0 - 25
4	SWEDEN	MONACO	50 - 26	20 - 10
5	AUSTRIA	POLAND	36 - 52	12 - 18
6	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	15 - 46	9 - 21
7	LUXEMBOURG	GREECE	30 - 61	9 - 21
8	ENGLAND	BELGIUM	67 - 21	24 - 6
9	UKRAINE	PORTUGAL	28 - 56	8 - 21
10	RUSSIA	BYE		18 - 0

Calling All Journalists; Press Trip

Members of the International Bridge Press Association are invited on a Press Trip on Wednesday, 30th June. Numbers are restricted. You must register in the Press Room on the 3rd Floor of the Kursaal near the VuGraph Theatre.

The coach will leave the Kursaal at 10.30 and return at 15.30. The trip will include lunch and a boat trip. Dress casual.

IBPA is a club of the world's leading bridge journalists. The principal service to members is a monthly Bulletin sent e-mail edited by John Carruthers of Canada containing material for members' columns. Membership also includes use of the Press Room at major championships. There is an Annual Award scheme for members made at the World Championships when the AGM is held.

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 16 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	PORTUGAL	GERMANY
22	ISRAEL	DENMARK
23	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND
24	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS
25	HUNGARY	LEBANON
26	WALES	BULGARIA
27	FRANCE	ENGLAND
28	POLAND	SCOTLAND
29	ITALY	IRELAND
30	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA
31	CZECH REPUBLIC	BELGIUM
32	BELARUS	TURKEY
33	SWEDEN	GREECE
34	CROATIA	SPAIN

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 13 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	15 - 37	10 - 20
2	LEBANON	SWITZERLAND	25 - 43	11 - 19
3	BULGARIA	DENMARK	20 - 63	6 - 24
4	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL	22 - 27	14 - 16
5	SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	12 - 74	3 - 25
6	IRELAND	FINLAND	40 - 51	13 - 17
7	AUSTRIA	NORWAY	39 - 25	12 - 12
8	BELGIUM	HUNGARY	21 - 54	8 - 22
9	TURKEY	WALES	69 - 9	25 - 3
10	GREECE	FRANCE	23 - 21	15 - 15
11	SPAIN	POLAND	23 - 51	9 - 21
12	CROATIA	ITALY	34 - 19	18 - 12
13	SWEDEN	RUSSIA	75 - 9	25 - 2
14	BELARUS	CZECH REP.	44 - 24	19 - 11

ROUND 17 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	GERMANY	ISRAEL
22	PORTUGAL	FINLAND
23	DENMARK	NORWAY
24	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY
25	NETHERLANDS	WALES
26	LEBANON	FRANCE
27	BULGARIA	POLAND
28	ENGLAND	ITALY
29	SCOTLAND	RUSSIA
30	IRELAND	CZECH REPUBLIC
31	AUSTRIA	BELARUS
32	BELGIUM	SWEDEN
33	TURKEY	CROATIA
34	GREECE	SPAIN

ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	30 - 62	8 - 22
2	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	64 - 55	17 - 13
3	PORTUGAL	LEBANON	34 - 57	10 - 20
4	ISRAEL	BULGARIA	46 - 30	18 - 12
5	FINLAND	ENGLAND	19 - 60	7 - 23
6	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	34 - 30	16 - 14
7	HUNGARY	IRELAND	45 - 47	15 - 15
8	WALES	AUSTRIA	28 - 73	6 - 24
9	FRANCE	BELGIUM	49 - 19	21 - 9
10	POLAND	TURKEY	52 - 42	17 - 13
11	ITALY	GREECE	56 - 10	24 - 6
12	RUSSIA	SPAIN	58 - 35	20 - 10
13	CZECH REPUBLIC	CROATIA	36 - 47	13 - 17
14	BELARUS	SWEDEN	32 - 38	14 - 16

ROUND 18 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
21	FINLAND	GERMANY
22	NORWAY	ISRAEL
23	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL
24	WALES	DENMARK
25	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND
26	POLAND	NETHERLANDS
27	ITALY	LEBANON
28	RUSSIA	BULGARIA
29	CZECH REPUBLIC	ENGLAND
30	BELARUS	SCOTLAND
31	SWEDEN	IRELAND
32	CROATIA	AUSTRIA
33	SPAIN	BELGIUM
34	GREECE	TURKEY

ROUND 15 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	DENMARK	24 - 43	11 - 19
2	SWITZERLAND	PORTUGAL	25 - 91	2 - 25
3	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	44 - 14	21 - 9
4	LEBANON	FINLAND	37 - 35	15 - 15
5	BULGARIA	NORWAY	60 - 55	16 - 14
6	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	110 - 11	25 - 0
7	SCOTLAND	WALES	66 - 49	19 - 11
8	IRELAND	FRANCE	34 - 67	8 - 22
9	AUSTRIA	POLAND	53 - 66	12 - 18
10	BELGIUM	ITALY	17 - 35	11 - 19
11	TURKEY	RUSSIA	39 - 32	16 - 14
12	GREECE	CZECH REP.	60 - 24	22 - 8
13	SPAIN	BELARUS	41 - 63	10 - 20
14	CROATIA	SWEDEN	42 - 66	10 - 20

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 9 10.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	SPAIN	DENMARK
42	IRELAND	SWEDEN
43	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS
44	ENGLAND	ITALY
45	NORWAY	HUNGARY
46	POLAND	WALES
47	BULGARIA	SCOTLAND
48	TURKEY	GERMANY
49	ISRAEL	ESTONIA
50	AUSTRIA	FINLAND
51	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWITZERLAND
52	BYE	FRANCE

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	ESTONIA	17 - 48	8 - 22
2	IRELAND	FINLAND	110 - 13	25 - 0
3	BELGIUM	AUSTRIA	25 - 25	15 - 15
4	ENGLAND	ISRAEL	35 - 24	17 - 13
5	NORWAY	TURKEY	13 - 38	8.5 - 20.5
6	POLAND	DENMARK	54 - 41	18 - 12
7	BULGARIA	SWEDEN	42 - 36	16 - 14
8	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	12 - 44	7 - 23
9	WALES	NETHERLANDS	31 - 51	10 - 20
10	HUNGARY	ITALY	15 - 45	8 - 22
11	GERMANY	SWITZERLAND	51 - 34	19 - 11
12	CZECH REPUBLIC	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 10 14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	SWEDEN	SPAIN
42	FRANCE	IRELAND
43	ITALY	BELGIUM
44	HUNGARY	ENGLAND
45	WALES	NORWAY
46	SCOTLAND	POLAND
47	SWITZERLAND	BULGARIA
48	GERMANY	DENMARK
49	ESTONIA	TURKEY
50	FINLAND	ISRAEL
51	CZECH REPUBLIC	AUSTRIA
52	NETHERLANDS	BYE

ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	ISRAEL	33 - 52	11 - 19
2	IRELAND	TURKEY	25 - 56	8 - 22
3	BELGIUM	SWEDEN	14 - 58	5 - 25
4	ENGLAND	FRANCE	24 - 28	14 - 16
5	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	13 - 61	4 - 25
6	POLAND	ITALY	42 - 20	20 - 10
7	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	16 - 31	12 - 18
8	SCOTLAND	WALES	48 - 33	18 - 12
9	AUSTRIA	GERMANY	41 - 26	18 - 12
10	CZECH REP.	ESTONIA	53 - 21	23 - 7
11	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	70 - 9	25 - 2
12	DENMARK	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 11 17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
41	SPAIN	FRANCE
42	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS
43	BELGIUM	HUNGARY
44	ENGLAND	WALES
45	NORWAY	SCOTLAND
46	POLAND	BULGARIA
47	SWEDEN	GERMANY
48	DENMARK	ESTONIA
49	TURKEY	FINLAND
50	ISRAEL	CZECH REPUBLIC
51	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND
52	BYE	ITALY

ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY	SPAIN	37 - 16	20 - 10
2	DENMARK	IRELAND	17 - 81	2 - 25
3	FRANCE	BELGIUM	21 - 17	16 - 14
4	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	52 - 32	20 - 10
5	ITALY	NORWAY	42 - 41	15 - 15
6	HUNGARY	POLAND	27 - 25	15 - 15
7	WALES	BULGARIA	33 - 79	5 - 25
8	SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND	6 - 62	3 - 25
9	GERMANY	ISRAEL	36 - 40	14 - 16
10	ESTONIA	AUSTRIA	33 - 44	13 - 15
11	FINLAND	CZECH REP.	38 - 34	16 - 14
12	SWEDEN	BYE		18 - 0

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 16 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	ICELAND	317
2	ITALY	307
3	FRANCE	287
4	BULGARIA	281.5
5	TURKEY	281
6	GERMANY	266.5
7	SWITZERLAND	263
8	NORWAY	250
9	WALES	245
10	HUNGARY	240
11	CROATIA	237
	LATVIA	237
13	FINLAND	228
14	SLOVAKIA	210
15	SCOTLAND	209
16	SERBIA	205
17	LITHUANIA	190
18	LEBANON	179
19	CYPRUS	133

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 16 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	SWEDEN	310
2	POLAND	297
3	ISRAEL	293
4	NETHERLANDS	278
5	ENGLAND	273
	ESTONIA	273
7	RUSSIA	264
8	DENMARK	250
9	AUSTRIA	244
10	IRELAND	237
11	PORTUGAL	232
12	BELGIUM	220
13	SPAIN	219
14	ROMANIA	216
15	LUXEMBOURG	214
16	MONACO	211
17	GREECE	204
18	UKRAINE	185
19	SAN MARINO	163

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 15 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	NETHERLANDS	291	15	AUSTRIA	214
2	ENGLAND	274	16	IRELAND	211
3	FRANCE	271	17	GREECE	210
4	POLAND	264	18	CROATIA	207
5	GERMANY	260	19	FINLAND	204
6	SWEDEN	257	20	BULGARIA	202
7	ITALY	251	21	SCOTLAND	201
	RUSSIA	251	22	HUNGARY	200
9	BELGIUM	245	23	SWITZERLAND	192
10	DENMARK	243	24	LEBANON	191
11	ISRAEL	242	25	BELARUS	189
12	TURKEY	239	26	SPAIN	166
13	PORTUGAL	227	27	CZECH REPUBLIC	163
14	NORWAY	218	28	WALES	148

Congratulations to Estonia's Guido Kobolt who today celebrates his 80th birthday



His impressive CV includes 5 Estonian Team Championships

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

after 8 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	146
2	ISRAEL	143
	POLAND	143
4	FRANCE	141
5	SWEDEN	140
6	AUSTRIA	135
7	GERMANY	134
8	NETHERLANDS	132
9	BULGARIA	131.5
10	IRELAND	130
11	TURKEY	129.5
12	HUNGARY	128
13	DENMARK	126
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	121
15	BELGIUM	114
16	FINLAND	110
17	SPAIN	106
18	ENGLAND	105
	SCOTLAND	105
20	ESTONIA	103
21	WALES	81
22	NORWAY	80.5
23	SWITZERLAND	74



The Norwegian Bridge Festival 2010

The festival takes place from July 31st – August 7th 2010, and includes all the Norwegian Championships and several side events like Patton Teams, IMP Pairs and Matchpoint Pairs every session. Social bridge every evening at the bridge hotel (Radisson BLU Lillehammer Hotel).

The tournaments take place at the Haakons Hall. Radisson BLU Lillehammer Hotel offers fine accommodation at reasonable prices. Phone: +47 6128 6000 – please refer to the Bridge Festival for special offer.

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Table Presence

by Mark Horton

This sometimes mysterious art is an 'indefinable something' that denotes just about every attribute of an expert player: 'instinct'; 'the drawing of correct inferences from any departure of rhythm by the opponents'; 'the ability to coax maximum performance from partner'; a 'poised demeanour that does not give away anything ... and so on.

In the Round 9 match between Israel and Sweden Matilda Poplilov demonstrated that she has a sharp eye for what is going on.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levit-Parat</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Sivelind</i>

		2♦*	Pass
2♠*	All Pass		

2♦ Multi
2♠ Pass or correct

When the tray came through with West's bid of 2♠ East noticed a reaction from North before she passed, so she decided to try an unusual move by passing! (When Jan van Cleeff and I were writing *The Mysterious Multi* we decided against mentioning this type of gambit, as we want to encourage players in North America to use the method and this type of thing might be frowned on by some lawmakers!) Declarer managed 3 tricks, -250, which looked quite a decent result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Larsson</i>	<i>Tal</i>	<i>Andersson</i>	<i>Tal</i>

		2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass		
4♥*	All Pass		

2♦ Multi
2♠ Pass or correct
3♥ Minimum
4♥ Maybe they can make a lot of tricks in spades

Although 4♥ was one down North/South could indeed make a lot of tricks in spades, so West's excellent decision did not prevent a serious loss, it brought in 5 IMPs.

(Only passing we recommend that with this type of hand North should bid 3♠ to avoid the problems that arose at both tables.)



Sara Sivelind, Sweden

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ 10 8 6 4 ♦ 10 8 7 5 4 2 ♣ 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ A Q 2 ♥ A K ♦ A K 9 3 ♣ A Q 6 4</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Levit-Porat	Rimstedt	Popilov	Sivelind
		2♣*	Dble
Redble*	All Pass		
Redouble	0-4		

2♣ redoubled looked like a decent place to play, so East took her second exciting view of the match.

South led the jack of diamonds and declarer, although being disappointed to note that 6♦ was easy, concentrated on the task in hand. She won and played back the king of diamonds, South ruffing and switching to the two of hearts. Declarer won with the king and returned the queen of spades. South won and had to play a trump to prevent a spade ruff. Declarer won, cashed the ace of clubs and played a third club. South won and there was no way to prevent declarer scoring four more tricks for +760.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Larsson	Tal	Andersson	Tal
			Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Dble	Redble	2♠
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the two of hearts and declarer did not have to break a sweat to record 11 tricks, +660, but 3 IMPs for Israel.

The WBF and the NBB sign the contract for the 2011 World Championships in Eindhoven.



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The Terror of Ostend

by Herman De Wael

Jos already wrote about the following hand in Round 11 of the Open, Round 3 of the Seniors.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

This deal has one very particular property: all four suits are divided 7-6 between the two pairs; we really need a name for that particularity.

Jos already told us about the auction in three matches, and it also featured on the Belgian pages of the same Bulletin (nr 5 from Monday). Let's examine the full set of results:

At 30 tables EW played a diamond contract (18 at the five-level and 12 at six) Only 6 defenders allowed this to go undoubled, while 2 declarers were confident enough to redouble. 13 defenders selected a trump lead, 7 chose spades (5 times the ace), 6 went for hearts (twice the ace). Six declarers were restricted to 6 tricks, 10 made 7, 11 made 8, and Egidius Petryla (LIT) and Boris Shukhmeyster (UKR) managed to arrive at nine tricks.

A further 18 East-West pairs played in clubs, ranging from the three-level to six. Six declarers escaped undoubled (including two at the six-level!). 14 declarers made seven tricks, four managed an eighth one.

Only 4 pairs ended up playing a contract in North/South, every one of them in spades, and all doubled. Peter Magnussen (DEN sr) was the luckiest, buying the contract at the 3-level, but maybe this is more a compliment to Krzysztof Lasocki and Jerzy Russyan who did not bid their minors to the four-level. Two South players went all the way to 6♠X. The field was split 2-2 in making 6 tricks or seven.

Finally, one East player, David Jackson (IRL sr) got stuck in 3♠, undoubled. He made only 5 tricks, but emerged with one of the better scores for his direction (-150). That score was equalled by Frans Borm (NED sr) who passed out his partner's unusual 2NT.

That made a total of 18 different contracts on the 58 tables. A Butler average for the board would be +510.

Mike Vandervorst relates his experience on the board. When the tray came to his side with 1♠ - 2NT, he tried the psychological trick of bidding 5♦ with great confidence. He was successful when South did indeed bid 5♠. Sadly, and despite the screen, his partner sensed the same confidence and she raised the bar to 6♦, too high for their particular North/South.

The Ladies were spared this coruscating board.

BRIDGE MAGAZINE IMP

Aanbod voor Vlaamse bridgetspelers



Op 1 september aanstaande verschijnt de IMP Oostende Special met alle ins en outs van het EK bridge. In het brandpunt staan de prestaties van de vertegenwoordigende teams uit Nederland en België. Bridge Magazine IMP is in Oostende aanwezig met de redacteurs Jan van Cleeff (ver-
slaggeving) en Joost

Prinsen (interviews). Bovendien verzamelt Hans Kelder, trainer/coach van de succesvolle Nederlandse vrouwen, mooie spellen uit de vrouwencompetitie. Verzekert u zich van het beste dat bridge heeft te bieden en neem een abonnement op Bridge Magazine IMP. VBL leden krijgen korting bij het aangeven van hun VBL lidmaatschapsnummer. Kijk op www.imp-bridge.nl voor alle details.

In de perskamer (derde verdieping van het Casino) ligt een inlijkexemplaar van IMP.

Gegadigden kunnen zich als abonnee aanmelden bij Jan Swaan, de manager van de perskamer. Zij ontvangen daar als welkomstgeschenk het laatst verschenen nummer. Wacht met betalen tot ontvangst van de factuur. Meer informatie bij Jan van Cleeff (Vugraphzaal en perskamer).

ANOTHER FAIR PLAY GESTURE



A member of Spanish ladies team came to the Bulletin room anxious to see her message published. She wanted to pay tribute to the fair play of their opponents in the match against Wales when opponents pointed they had lost 200 and not 100 as entered by her partner.

Carry-forward, a prediction

by Herman De Wael

The table below lists the current prediction of the carry-forward that the teams are likely to take with them to the next round..

The calculation is as follows: we have added the points the teams have scored against the current top six of their groups, and half the points they scored against the next six, extrapolated to 8 matches.

Teams marked * are not currently lying in the top 9, but their predicted carry-forward is higher than that of some teams that are in a qualifying spot now. (at the end of round 16)

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FINLAND	106*
IRELAND	101*
PORTUGAL	101*
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6:30pm
OPENING CEREMONY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2

- **MIXED PAIRS**
Qualifying 1 & 2

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

- Mixed Pairs
Qualifying 3 & Final 1
- Mixed Pairs Plate 1

MONDAY OCTOBER 4

- Mixed Pairs - Final 2 & 3
- Mixed Pairs Plate 2 & 3

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- **ROSENBLUM / MCCONNELL (RR)**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6

- Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

- Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8

- Rosenblum (64) / McConnell (32)
- Swiss Plate**
- **SENIORS TEAMS**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

- **OPEN AND LADIES PAIRS**
Qualifying 1 & 2
- Rosenblum (32) / McConnell (16)
- Seniors Teams

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

- **WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
RR (5 matches)***
- Rosenblum (16) / McConnell (8)
- Open and Ladies Pairs
Qualifying 3 & 4
- Seniors Teams

MONDAY OCTOBER 11

- Rosenblum (8) / McConnell (4)
- Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying (5) / Semi Final [pairs from the Rosenblum (32/16) or McConnell (16/8) may drop into the semi finals]
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TUESDAY OCTOBER 12

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- **IMP PAIRS** - Qualifying 1 & 2**
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- Rosenblum Final
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- Seniors Pairs - Qualifying 3 & 4
- World Youth Bridge Teams Championships RR (2 matches) & QF(40)*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14

- **MIXED SWISS TEAMS** – Qualifying 1 & 2
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- Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs - Final 1 & 2 (pairs from the QF/SF & F of the Rosenblum and SF/F of the McConnell may drop into the finals)
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FRIDAY OCTOBER 15

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- Mixed Teams Qualifying 3 & Final 1 & Swiss Cup (1)
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- World Youth Bridge Individual Championship*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16

- Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 5
 - Mixed Teams - Final 2 & Swiss Cup (2)
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 - World Youth Bridge Individual Championship*
- 5.00 pm: CLOSING CEREMONY**

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England v Germany

by Mark Horton

With Tony Gordon (the traditional reporter of this encounter) 'in Bruges' for the day it fell to me to cover this clash between two of the teams that are regarded as certainties to qualify for the 2011 World Championships. (As an aside I'm typing this on the day that the countries meet in the World Cup and have developed a tendency to type England as it is chanted by football supporters – Engalund, Engalund, Engalund – luckily the spell checker comes to the rescue.)

North led the ten of clubs and declarer won in hand with the ace and played ace of spades and a spade. South won, cashed another spade and went back to clubs. There was no way to arrive at more than 7 tricks, -100.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Brock</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass



Pony Nehmert, Germany

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
1♠	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The English pair had a misunderstanding – one thinking 3♦ was a mixed raise, the other an invitational bid. The defence followed that at the other table, but declarer went wrong in the heart suit and a further error resulted in five down, -500 and 9 soft IMPs for Germany.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Brock</i>
2♣*	2♦	INT	Pass
5♥	All Pass	3♥	5♦

South picked an excellent moment to put the pressure on with her jump to 5♦. Reasonably enough West went on in search of the vulnerable game bonus and in one sense it was unlucky that declarer had some useless diamond values.

South led the five of diamonds and North won and switched to the three of hearts. Declarer won in hand and made the natural looking but fatal play of ruffing a diamond. A spade to the ace was followed by a heart to the ace and a second spade. Declarer ruffed her last diamond and tried to cash the queen of spades but North could ruff and that spoiled the party, one down, -100.

The winning line is to unblock the spades, then cross to dummy with a trump and play a club. Say North ducks, you win with the king, go back to dummy with a heart and cash

the queen of spades pitching a club. Then you exit with a club and North is fixed. Quite tough to find I'm sure you will agree.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Auken	Senior	Von Arnim
2♣*	2♦	INT	Pass
4♥	All Pass	2♥	Pass

Here declarer was under no pressure and once she had drawn trumps and unblocked the spades she simply played the two of clubs from hand for the jack and queen and claimed ten tricks and 12 IMPs. Credit those to Sally Brock.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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



Nicola Smith, England

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nehmert	Smith	Giampietro	Brock
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With North as declarer 3NT is untouchable. East led the three of diamonds for the king and ace and she finished up with ten tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dhondy	Auken	Senior	Von Arnim
Pass	1♣*	Pass	INT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With South as declarer 3NT is hopeless. West led the five of spades and East won with the eight, thoughtfully cashed the ace of hearts and then went back to spades for a rapid one down, -50 and 10 slightly random IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nehmert	Smith	Giampietro	Brock
1♠	2♠*	Pass	1♥
All Pass		Pass	3♥

With an awkward lead West went for the four of spades. Some play that with a high honour in spades East can double 2♠ so if you had that agreement you would try something else. Still, you would never find the double dummy diamond lead that is required to defeat 3♥. When dummy's queen held declarer ran the jack of hearts to West's king, took the club switch with dummy's king and drew trumps. Declarer was in no danger and soon claimed nine tricks and +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
		Pass	INT
2♦*	Dbf*	Pass*	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♦ Spades and another

INT was 10-12, but North misread the vulnerability and embarked on an invitational sequence facing '14-16'.

West led the eight of clubs and declarer won in dummy, ran the jack of hearts to the ace and with it being impossible for West to find the essential diamond switch declarer was able to score four club tricks via the finesse which provided a discard for one of her diamonds. A very lucky +420 and 7 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Brock</i>
			Pass
Pass	2♣*	Dble	2♦
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♣ weak in diamonds or 23+ balanced or any game force

West took the lead of the jack of hearts with dummy's ace and played the two of clubs, taken by South's ten. She won the return of the queen of hearts in dummy and ruffed a club. The winning line now is to embark on a cross ruff. Even though at some point South can overruff and play a trump declarer will still score ten tricks. However, there was no real reason to suppose trumps would be 4-0 but when a spade went to the ten and king South's spade return left declarer a trick short, -50. Since declarer still has to be careful if North has a small singleton spade (in some layouts having at some point to endplay North with a heart) then I'm inclined to think that playing a trump was a mistake – but perhaps a forgivable one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦*	Dble	1♠
2♠*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♠ at least five spades
4♦ splinter

West's bid is the classical way to cope with a possible psyche by South. Of course, the spades were now known to be 4-0 so declarer did not play trumps. She won the heart lead, crossed to the ace of diamonds and played a club for the queen and ace. She won the heart return in dummy, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and when the king fell only now did she play a trump to dummy's ace. She cashed the jack of clubs and claimed ten tricks, +420 and 10 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Brock</i>
			1♦
Dble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the king of clubs and switched to the queen of diamonds. Declarer won in dummy, drew trumps and eliminated the diamonds before exiting with the queen of clubs. South won and fatally returned the ten of clubs. Now declarer could play a heart to the ten and queen, endplaying North, or +620 when declarer put in the jack on North's heart exit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
			1♦*
Dble	1♥	2♠	2NT*
4♠	All Pass		

Same lead and switch here, declarer drawing trumps and then exiting at once with the jack of clubs. Did that make it harder for South to find the essential heart switch? At any rate when she continued with a diamond declarer could win in dummy, ruff a diamond, cash a club for a heart discard and play a heart to the ten and king. However, when North exited with a heart declarer went wrong by playing the three and was one down when the eight forced the ace.

Remember that South had opened the bidding at both tables and at this one North had responded 1♥. Combine that with the fact that players open very light these days (not only strong clubbers) and you will see that declarer's decision at both tables was not a simple one. Giampietro's winning guess gave Germany 12 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 6 3 ♥ A 10 9 8 4 ♦ K 10 6 5 4 ♣ 8	♠ J 10 2 ♥ K Q 7 6 2 ♦ Q 7 ♣ K 10 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px;"> N W E S </div> ♠ A Q 7 ♥ J 5 ♦ A J 8 2 ♣ Q 9 5 4	♠ K 9 8 5 4 ♥ 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A J 7 6 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Brock</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

When East showed no interest in getting into the auction South were left to play in a comfortable spot. West led the eight of clubs and declarer went up with dummy's king and advanced the jack of spades. East went in with the ace and returned a low club for West to ruff. Two rounds of diamonds put East on play and she tried the queen of clubs. With West out of trumps declarer ace held and a heart towards dummy saw West take the ace, the last trick for the defence as either red suit would give access to the dummy for the marked trump finesse.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♠
2♦	All Pass		

England won the bidding battle and reached a very good spot. North led the jack of spades for the queen and king and declarer took the heart switch with dummy's ace and played a trump to the ace and another to the ten and queen. That was +110 and 6 IMPs to England who had won 46-38 IMPs, 16-14 VP.

Championship Diary

We begin this issue with a reference to Harry Potter (the Editor still hopes to write Harry Potter and the Wizard of Bridge).



The primary mode of transportation to Hogwarts School is the Hogwarts Express that students take at the start of each school year. Students board the train from Platform 9¾ at King's Cross station in London. The train leaves at 11:00 am and arrives at Hogsmeade Station, near Hogwarts, some time after nightfall.

What, you may ask is the relevance of this? Well, yesterday the first meeting of the new EBL Executive

Committee took place. Several members of the Executive came to the Bulletin Room (there is this great misconception that we know absolutely everything) and asked where the meeting room was located. Believe it or not it is on floor 2½! Where might that be? Well, Ron Tacchi found it once by accident when he got lost trying to find team bye. Jos Jacobs (clearly psyching) claims he knows exactly where it is. He explained that you use the forbidden staircase to reach it. When Michelle Meyer ('listen very carefully, I will say this only once') tried to use the stairs she was told 'you are not allowed to go this way'.

Our co-ordinator reports that five members of the Committee were last seen following President elect Yves Aubry through a small door near the VuGraph theatre.

We noticed that during the lunch interval many of the players are enjoying sandwiches wrapped in paper bearing the logo 'Panos'. Has the Hon. Secretary of the EBL by any chance developed a sideline?

The World Cup seems to be of some interest to a number of players and officials here in Ostend. The Hackett twins managed to complete the boards in their match against Luxembourg in under an hour and a half (they needn't have bothered). Bernardo Biondi was given time off to watch Italy go out of the tournament, then it was the turn of Max Bavin who watched England being defeated. Yesterday Head TD Antonio Riccardi told Jeanne Van Den Meiracker that she could watch the Netherlands – but not to blame him if they were eliminated. So maybe that's the secret – just don't watch your own team.

Today's matches are Paraguay v Japan and Spain v Portugal

Open Series Round 14 Review

by Jos Jacobs

In the opening round on Monday morning, it seemed as if the boards too knew it was Monday morning as they certainly did not make a very lively impression. For example, in the Seniors match between France and Norway I noticed a final IMP score of 10-8 over their allotted 16 boards of this same set.

Still, I found a few boards from two of the morning matches to present to you. The boards chosen were the main contributors to the scores of the four teams involved: Italy v. Bulgaria and Sweden v. Israel.

This was board 4:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q ♥ K Q 10 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 6</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 7 6 4 ♥ 9 4 ♦ A K ♣ A K J 4 3</p>	<p>♠ J 10 9 3 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q 9 7 5 4 2 ♣ —</p>
N						
W E						
S						
		<p>♠ K 8 5 ♥ A J 8 7 6 2 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 5 2</p>				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Nothing special, except that 3NT is not the place where you belong. Bulgaria +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	Dble
2♦	Dble	3♦	4♥
All Pass			

Trendafilov's double promised at least four hearts opposite what this time was the Strong Club version of 1♣. Opposite a strong balanced hand, 4♥ is where you want to be and indeed, at most of the other tables they also duly reached 4♥. Just made, 12 IMPs to Bulgaria.

And another odd result out for the Italians on the next board:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 10 9 8 7 3 ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♦ K 9 ♣ 5 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A K 5 ♥ K J ♦ 5 4 3 2 ♣ Q 8 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ A 3 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A K J 10 9 7 2</p>
N						
W E						
S						
		<p>♠ Q J 2 ♥ 10 9 8 7 4 ♦ A J 10 7 6 ♣ —</p>				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♣	2♣	Dble
All Pass	2♦	3♣	3♦

There is no reason to blame NS for this bidding performance but in the play, they soon found out 11 tricks were



Agustin Madala, Italy

there. Italy +150.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Karavonov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	3♣	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

1♥ by North showed the weak NT version of 1♣ and North then thought he had a nice dummy for partner's twosuit. Right he was: Bulgaria +600 and another 10 IMPs to them to lead by 22-6.

In our other featured match, Sweden v. Israel, this sort of problems did not exist:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
	1♦	3♦	Dble
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

3♦ showed a solid suit and 3NT promised the much-needed diamond stop. This did not deter NS from bidding on and eventually reaching game. Even though East could not believe all this, 11 tricks were always there on a correct heart guess. Sweden +750.



Ivan Tsonchev, Bulgaria

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Herbst O</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Herbst I</i>
	1♣	INT	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♣	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

Once Ophir Herbst could raise diamonds, the Israeli brothers would be in game as well. They also had to cope with some disbelief but on their auction too, the correct heart guess was easy enough. Israel +750 and no swing in this match, though both sides had done their best to create one...

A few boards later, there was a swing, however:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
1♣	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Normal procedure, one overtrick, Israel +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Herbst O</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Herbst I</i>
INT	Dble	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Barel had escaped the axe at the other table after opening 1♣ but Fredin's weak NT was an easier prey. On a heart lead, the defenders collected all their top tricks plus the club ruff for an 800 penalty and 8 IMPs to them to take the lead 11-2. It had been really low scoring there so far...

The Israelis returned the compliment a few boards later:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 3 ♥ A J 9 ♦ K J ♣ Q 10 9 8 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K Q 6 4 2 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ Q 10 7 4 ♣ 2	♠ 9 7 ♥ K Q 10 5 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ A J 5 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

On this layout, 4♠ makes but, certainly non vulnerable, you would not feel happy upon seeing the dummy, I assume. Israel +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Herbst O</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Herbst I</i>
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Dble	All Pass		

Once Ilan Herbst could not resist temptation, the brothers were in trouble. When the smoke cleared, they had lost 800, 12 IMPs and the lead in the match.

On the penultimate board, there were swings in both matches when game was reached only at one table in each match:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 7 3 ♥ A K 9 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ J 7 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 4 ♥ Q J 8 6 5 2 ♦ Q J 5 ♣ Q 10 6	♠ K 6 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 6 4 3 2 ♣ K 9 3
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W E						
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♠ A Q J 10 9 5
♥ 10 7
♦ 8 7
♣ A 8 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	3♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	3♥
All Pass			4♠

A bit high, certainly non vulnerable, as it needs the ♦A right and either diamonds 3-3 or trumps 2-2. Italy a much needed +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
Pass	2♠	All Pass	1♠

Bulgaria only +170 and 6 IMPs to Italy to close the gap. Bulgaria eventually won 33-29 or 16-14 V.P.

Sweden v. Israel:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Upmark</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Cullin</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3NT

The Swedes have the tools to describe this type of South hands and they were rewarded when the layout met with the requirements for success. Sweden +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Herbst O</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Herbst I</i>
Pass	2♠	All Pass	1♠

Too many losers in the South hand, one would say, even opposite a constructive single raise. Israel +200 when 11 tricks were made but the 6 IMP-swing to Sweden meant the Swedes had won 31-22 or 17-13 VP.

Carry Over

The carry over going into the final RR is the full result in VP's (IMPs) won against the other teams qualifying. Penalties received during the matches are considered to be part of the VP result and are also carried forward.

Penalties received in matches with opponents not playing in the final RR will be cancelled.

Ton Kooijman

A dark Monday morning for the Belgian Teams

Jan Serras

Tijdens het weekend was het Belgisch Open Team opgeklommen naar een tiende plaats met 190VP uit 16 wedstrijden.

De Belgische dames waren er zelfs in geslaagd de 2de stek (gedeeld met Duitsland) in te nemen met een gemiddelde van net boven de 18 VP per wedstrijd.

Het senioresteam had de prestatie van de eerste dag niet kunnen bevestigen zij het dat 86 VP uit 5 wedstrijden nog perspectieven biedt.

De eerste zitting op maandag kregen de drie teams het echter hard te verduren.

Uit deze zitting, meer bepaald de wedstrijd tussen de damesteams van België en Hongarije, zijn de volgende handen genomen:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

In de open zaal werd als volgt geboden:

West	North	East	South
A. Zalai	N. Degrève	O. Hegedüs	N. Maréchal
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

In feite is het normaal dat OW geen verdere ambities hebben. Echter zaten de kaarten bij NZ bijzonder gunstig: Met het schoppenresidu 3-2 en een hartenlayout waarbij de leider het onmogelijk verkeerd kon doen lukten OW tien slagen: 170 voor OW.

In de gesloten zaal gingen onze Belgische dames, Couteaux-Angelini in OW wel door tot de manche. Gezien uiteraard ook voor hen de kaarten gunstig zaten leverde dit 420 op, een winst van 6 IMP's.

Toch wel een meevaller.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

De bieding in de open zaal:

West	North	East	South
A. Zalai	N. Degrève	O. Hegedüs	N. Maréchal
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	2NT	Dble	4♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Met 2ZT werd een lengte in de openingkleur weergegeven en het doublet van oost gaf een maximale pashand aan.

Tegen het manchecontract in harten startte zuid, Nicole Marechal, met schoppenaas, gevolgd van schoppenheer. Hierna werd klaveren gespeeld voor het aas in dummy (west). Vanuit dummy werd een kleine troef voorgezet, noord legde de 5 in. Toen de leider hartennegen op tafel legde en zuid hartentien mocht maken ging het contract onherroepelijk twee down, 200 voor NZ.



Agnes Zalai, Hungary

In de gesloten zaal verdedigde het Hongaarse damespaar K. Mezei – S. Csipka verder in ruiten. Vijf ruiten, te leiden in zuid ging één down: 100 voor OW. Dit spel leverde de Belgen 7 MP's op.

Spijtig genoeg vormden deze beide giften het hoogtepunt voor onze dames.

Er kwamen ook dieptepunten. Zoals het volgend board:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ K Q 2 ♦ A K J 9 7 ♣ K 6 4 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K J 10 8 3 ♥ A J 7 3 ♦ 2 ♣ A Q 8	♠ A 9 7 ♥ 10 9 5 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ J 10 5 3
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S						
	♠ Q 5 4 2 ♥ 8 6 4 ♦ 8 6 5 3 ♣ 9 7					

Open zaal:

West	North	East	South
A. Zalai	N. Degrève	O. Hegedüs	N. Maréchal
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♣	3♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Na start ruitenaas, naspel klaveren, met een voor de leider gelukte snit in klaveren, werd het contract zelfs gemaakt met een overslag. 170 voor de Belgen in NZ. Bij optimaal tegenspel is een manche in schoppen niet te



Orsolya Hegedus, Hungary

maken. Toch nog hoop voor de Belgen?

Neen, want in de gesloten zaal mocht de Hongaarse K. Mezei in noord 2 schoppen spelen, gedoubleerd en gere-doubleerd. Oost startte met hartennegen en het contract werd juist gemaakt: 840 voor de Hongaren in NZ. Dit board leverde de Hongaren 12 IMP's op.

De Hongaren wonnen de wedstrijd met een verschil van 33 IMP's, goed voor een 22 – 8 zege.

Maar ook het open team en het senioresteam hadden een slechte maandagmorgen.

Hopelijk herstelt elk van onze teams zich tijdens de volgende zittingen van deze opdoffer.

Le parcours de nos Dames est plein d'enseignements : le premier est certainement que nous possédons une équipe solide, ce que beaucoup ignoraient.. Le 2ème est que le «fighting spirit » qui l'anime est loin d'avoir porté tous ses fruits et que nos ladies nous apporteront encore beaucoup de succès.

Nos seniors ont flirté avec la moyenne et notre équipe open a réalisé une moyenne de 18 points.

C'est encore une donne de nos championnes qui viendra illustrer notre chronique d'aujourd'hui.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A K J 3 ♥ 5 4 2 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ 6 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 6 5 4 ♥ Q 10 8 7 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ 10 4 2	♠ 10 8 7 ♥ A K J 6 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K J 8 7
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ Q 9 2 ♥ 9 ♦ A Q J 8 4 ♣ A Q 9 5					

West	North	East	South
Greet De Grave		Yaël Topiol	
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♣
All Pass			2♦

Ouest entame du Roi de ♠ qui réalise la levée. Elle rejoue ensuite le ♥5 pour le Valet de sa partenaire qui tient. Après une courte hésitation, Yaël Topiol présente le Valet de ♣ pour l'As de la déclarante. La joueuse finlandaise joue l'As de ♦ et abandonne ensuite la Dame d'atout au profit du Roi d'Ouest. Cette dernière revient du ♥5 pour le Roi de sa partenaire et la coupe en Sud. La déclarante rejoue le Valet de ♦ et puis le ♣5 pour le Roi d'Est. L'As de ♥ qui suit (jolie obstination) n'est pas coupé et le retour du ♠8 revient au Valet d'Ouest. Greet joue alors le ♦10 pour enlever le dernier atout de la déclarante qui rend les armes en perdant les deux dernières levées.

Le bilan est lourd : quatre levées de chute et + 400.

En salle fermée, les joueuses finlandaises jouent le contrat de 4 ♠ et chutent d'une levée + 100 et 12 IMPs de plus pour nos compatriotes.

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