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Eyes on Eindhoven



Only another million boards to go!!!

As the initial round robins in the *Open Series* came to a close the excitement centred on Group A where **Wales, Latvia, Hungary** and **Croatia** vied for the final qualifying spot. All four of them found a way into ninth place as the last round unfolded but in a dramatic finish it was **Latvia** who emerged from a three-way tie.

In Group B **Austria** made a gallant attempt to overtake **Portugal**, for the ninth spot but they had left themselves with too much to do.

In the *Women's Series* the race for the medals is now wide open as **France**, has overtaken the **Netherlands**, with **England** and **Germany** right behind.

In the *Seniors*, **Israel**, lead from **Austria**, with **Italy & Poland** tied for third.

10.30	
Switzerland - Italy (Women)	BBO 1
Germany - France (Seniors)	BBO 2
Belgium - Turkey (Women)	BBO 3
Austria - Israel (Seniors)	BBO 4
England - Sweden (Women)	VG - BBO 5
14.15	
Italy - Portugal	BBO 1
France - Estonia	BBO 2
Israel - Sweden (Seniors)	BBO 3
England - Bulgaria	BBO 4
Denmark - Iceland	VG - BBO 5
17.35	
Netherlands - Iceland	BBO 1
France - Poland	BBO 2
Sweden - Turkey	BBO 3
Germany - Italy (Seniors)	BBO 4
Italy - England	VG - BBO 5

Today's Schedule

- 10.30 Women Teams, Round 19
Seniors Teams, Round 12
- 13.30 Open Qualified Teams Captain's Meeting
- 14.15 Open Teams F.R., Round 1
Women Teams, Round 20
Seniors Teams, Round 13
- 14.30 Transnational Pairs Registration
- 17.35 Open Teams F.R., Round 2
Women Teams, Round 21
Seniors Teams, Round 14



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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A

ROUND 17 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SERBIA	CROATIA	57 - 32	20 - 10
2	TURKEY	ICELAND	46 - 25	19 - 11
3	FINLAND	LEBANON	36 - 78	6 - 24
4	WALES	SCOTLAND	63 - 32	21 - 9
5	GERMANY	NORWAY	57 - 43	18 - 12
6	BULGARIA	SLOVAKIA	63 - 51	17 - 13
7	HUNGARY	FRANCE	33 - 69	8 - 22
8	LATVIA	CYPRUS	56 - 48	16 - 14
9	SWITZERLAND	LITHUANIA	81 - 54	21 - 9
10	ITALY	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ICELAND	SERBIA	49 - 59	13 - 17
2	LITHUANIA	TURKEY	22 - 82	3 - 25
3	LEBANON	CROATIA	41 - 53	13 - 17
4	ITALY	FINLAND	38 - 12	20 - 10
5	NORWAY	WALES	56 - 20	22 - 8
6	SLOVAKIA	GERMANY	46 - 88	6 - 24
7	FRANCE	BULGARIA	25 - 38	12 - 18
8	CYPRUS	HUNGARY	21 - 92	2 - 25
9	SWITZERLAND	LATVIA	44 - 48	14 - 16
10	SCOTLAND	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SERBIA	TURKEY	42 - 30	17 - 13
2	ICELAND	LEBANON	43 - 31	17 - 13
3	CROATIA	ITALY	90 - 37	25 - 5
4	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	76 - 27	25 - 5
5	WALES	SLOVAKIA	54 - 51	16 - 14
6	GERMANY	FRANCE	25 - 61	8 - 22
7	BULGARIA	CYPRUS	65 - 61	16 - 14
8	HUNGARY	SWITZERLAND	43 - 33	17 - 13
9	LATVIA	LITHUANIA	74 - 43	21 - 9
10	NORWAY	BYE		18 - 0



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 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ROMANIA	SPAIN	103 - 39	25 - 3
2	DENMARK	RUSSIA	30 - 58	9 - 21
3	IRELAND	SAN MARINO	46 - 56	13 - 17
4	ESTONIA	SWEDEN	35 - 55	11 - 19
5	MONACO	AUSTRIA	66 - 45	19 - 11
6	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	75 - 31	24 - 6
7	ISRAEL	LUXEMBOURG	105 - 2	25 - 0
8	GREECE	ENGLAND	48 - 41	16 - 14
9	BELGIUM	UKRAINE	72 - 16	25 - 4
10	PORTUGAL	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA	ROMANIA	62 - 20	24 - 6
2	SAN MARINO	SPAIN	11 - 91	0 - 25
3	SWEDEN	IRELAND	55 - 32	20 - 10
4	AUSTRIA	ESTONIA	32 - 65	8 - 22
5	NETHERLANDS	MONACO	68 - 37	21 - 9
6	LUXEMBOURG	POLAND	37 - 70	8 - 22
7	ENGLAND	ISRAEL	8 - 60	5 - 25
8	UKRAINE	GREECE	36 - 67	9 - 21
9	PORTUGAL	BELGIUM	49 - 5	24 - 6
10	DENMARK	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ROMANIA	DENMARK	40 - 65	10 - 20
2	RUSSIA	SAN MARINO	77 - 5	25 - 2
3	SPAIN	SWEDEN	70 - 60	17 - 13
4	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	26 - 76	5 - 25
5	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS	53 - 42	17 - 13
6	MONACO	LUXEMBOURG	29 - 56	9 - 21
7	POLAND	ENGLAND	39 - 23	18 - 12
8	ISRAEL	UKRAINE	53 - 28	20 - 10
9	GREECE	PORTUGAL	42 - 49	14 - 16
10	BELGIUM	BYE		18 - 0

Open Teams Captain's Meeting



This will be at 13.30 on the third floor of the Kursaal.

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 19 10.30**

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

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	PORTUGAL	GERMANY	1 - 77	1 - 25
2	ISRAEL	DENMARK	39 - 55	12 - 18
3	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	32 - 13	19 - 11
4	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	53 - 22	21 - 9
5	HUNGARY	LEBANON	84 - 40	24 - 6
6	WALES	BULGARIA	21 - 41	11 - 19
7	FRANCE	ENGLAND	57 - 34	20 - 10
8	POLAND	SCOTLAND	68 - 58	17 - 13
9	ITALY	IRELAND	39 - 5	22 - 8
10	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA	42 - 33	17 - 13
11	CZECH REP.	BELGIUM	66 - 60	16 - 14
12	BELARUS	TURKEY	57 - 69	13 - 17
13	SWEDEN	GREECE	56 - 53	16 - 14
14	CROATIA	SPAIN	47 - 62	12 - 18

ROUND 20 14.15

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

ROUND 17 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	ISRAEL	22 - 23	15 - 15
2	PORTUGAL	FINLAND	74 - 9	25 - 3
3	DENMARK	NORWAY	72 - 20	25 - 5
4	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY	83 - 26	25 - 4
5	NETHERLANDS	WALES	59 - 23	22 - 8
6	LEBANON	FRANCE	25 - 32	14 - 16
7	BULGARIA	POLAND	33 - 15	19 - 11
8	ENGLAND	ITALY	38 - 18	19 - 11
9	SCOTLAND	RUSSIA	25 - 55	9 - 19
10	IRELAND	CZECH REP.	45 - 66	11 - 19
11	AUSTRIA	BELARUS	39 - 59	11 - 19
12	BELGIUM	SWEDEN	14 - 84	2 - 25
13	TURKEY	CROATIA	53 - 62	13 - 17
14	GREECE	SPAIN	26 - 33	14 - 16

ROUND 21 17.35

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

ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FINLAND	GERMANY	12 - 71	4 - 25
2	NORWAY	ISRAEL	23 - 35	13 - 17
3	HUNGARY	PORTUGAL	54 - 14	23 - 7
4	WALES	DENMARK	51 - 38	18 - 12
5	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND	59 - 6	25 - 5
6	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	50 - 12	23 - 7
7	ITALY	LEBANON	40 - 55	12 - 18
8	RUSSIA	BULGARIA	71 - 27	24 - 6
9	CZECH REP.	ENGLAND	20 - 88	2 - 25
10	BELARUS	SCOTLAND	13 - 39	10 - 20
11	SWEDEN	IRELAND	49 - 16	22 - 8
12	CROATIA	AUSTRIA	28 - 31	14 - 16
13	SPAIN	BELGIUM	21 - 63	6 - 24
14	GREECE	TURKEY	90 - 14	25 - 1

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 12 10.30**

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

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 9 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	DENMARK	59 - 54	16 - 14
2	IRELAND	SWEDEN	35 - 24	17 - 13
3	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	72 - 27	25 - 5
4	ENGLAND	ITALY	39 - 48	13 - 17
5	NORWAY	HUNGARY	47 - 27	20 - 10
6	POLAND	WALES	48 - 30	19 - 11
7	BULGARIA	SCOTLAND	50 - 14	23 - 7
8	TURKEY	GERMANY	18 - 43	9 - 21
9	ISRAEL	ESTONIA	82 - 11	25 - 1
10	AUSTRIA	FINLAND	44 - 45	15 - 15
11	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND	59 - 22	24 - 6
12	FRANCE	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 13 14.15

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

ROUND 10 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SWEDEN	SPAIN	41 - 17	21 - 9
2	FRANCE	IRELAND	21 - 44	10 - 20
3	ITALY	BELGIUM	23 - 32	13 - 17
4	HUNGARY	ENGLAND	26 - 35	13 - 17
5	WALES	NORWAY	47 - 23	21 - 9
6	SCOTLAND	POLAND	24 - 35	13 - 17
7	SWITZERLAND	BULGARIA	33 - 53	10 - 20
8	GERMANY	DENMARK	5 - 33	8 - 22
9	ESTONIA	TURKEY	16 - 66	4 - 25
10	FINLAND	ISRAEL	31 - 49	11 - 19
11	CZECH REP.	AUSTRIA	30 - 67	6 - 24
12	NETHERLANDS	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 14 17.35

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

ROUND 11 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	FRANCE	12 - 41	8 - 22
2	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	49 - 36	18 - 12
3	BELGIUM	HUNGARY	9 - 46	6 - 24
4	ENGLAND	WALES	33 - 18	18 - 12
5	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	54 - 13	24 - 6
6	POLAND	BULGARIA	11 - 10	15 - 15
7	SWEDEN	GERMANY	36 - 26	17 - 13
8	DENMARK	ESTONIA	48 - 24	21 - 9
9	TURKEY	FINLAND	37 - 20	19 - 11
10	ISRAEL	CZECH REP.	55 - 22	23 - 7
11	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	43 - 6	24 - 6
12	ITALY	BYE		18 - 0

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 19 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	ICELAND	358
2	ITALY	350
3	FRANCE	343
4	TURKEY	338
5	BULGARIA	332.5
6	GERMANY	316.5
7	SWITZERLAND	311
8	NORWAY	302
9	LATVIA	290
	HUNGARY	290
	WALES	290
12	CROATIA	289
13	FINLAND	269
14	SERBIA	259
15	SLOVAKIA	243
16	SCOTLAND	241
17	LEBANON	229
18	LITHUANIA	211
19	CYPRUS	163

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 19 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	ISRAEL	363
2	SWEDEN	362
3	POLAND	361
4	RUSSIA	334
5	ESTONIA	323
6	NETHERLANDS	318
7	ENGLAND	304
8	DENMARK	297
9	PORTUGAL	290
10	AUSTRIA	288
11	BELGIUM	269
12	IRELAND	265
13	SPAIN	264
14	ROMANIA	257
15	GREECE	255
16	MONACO	248
17	LUXEMBOURG	243
18	UKRAINE	208
19	SAN MARINO	182

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 18 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	FRANCE	332	15	GREECE	263
2	NETHERLANDS	329	16	PORTUGAL	260
3	ENGLAND	328	17	HUNGARY	251
4	GERMANY	325	18	CROATIA	250
5	SWEDEN	320	19	BULGARIA	246
6	POLAND	315	20	SCOTLAND	243
7	RUSSIA	311	21	IRELAND	238
8	DENMARK	298	22	SWITZERLAND	233
9	ITALY	296	23	BELARUS	231
10	ISRAEL	286	24	FINLAND	230
11	BELGIUM	285	25	LEBANON	229
12	NORWAY	273	26	SPAIN	206
13	TURKEY	270	27	CZECH REPUBLIC	200
14	AUSTRIA	268	28	WALES	185

SENIORS TEAMS RANKINGafter 11 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	ISRAEL	210
2	AUSTRIA	199
3	ITALY	194
	POLAND	194
5	FRANCE	191
	SWEDEN	191
7	BULGARIA	189.5
8	IRELAND	185
9	DENMARK	183
10	TURKEY	182.5
11	GERMANY	176
12	HUNGARY	175
13	NETHERLANDS	167
14	BELGIUM	162
15	CZECH REPUBLIC	158
16	ENGLAND	153
17	FINLAND	147
18	SPAIN	139
19	NORWAY	133.5
20	SCOTLAND	131
21	WALES	125
22	ESTONIA	116
23	SWITZERLAND	96

**OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 1**

14.15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ITALY	PORTUGAL
2	DENMARK	ICELAND
3	FRANCE	ESTONIA
4	ENGLAND	BULGARIA
5	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS
6	POLAND	SWITZERLAND
7	NORWAY	RUSSIA
8	SWEDEN	GERMANY
9	LATVIA	ISRAEL

ROUND 2

17.35

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	BULGARIA	RUSSIA
2	SWEDEN	TURKEY
3	SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL
4	PORTUGAL	NORWAY
5	GERMANY	DENMARK
6	ESTONIA	LATVIA
7	ITALY	ENGLAND
8	NETHERLANDS	ICELAND
9	FRANCE	POLAND

Carry Over*subject to official confirmation*

1	ITALY	148
2	ICELAND	147
3	ISRAEL	143
4	SWEDEN	142
5	FRANCE	140
6	RUSSIA	130
7	POLAND	127
8	BULGARIA	121,5
9	TURKEY	118
10	NETHERLANDS	115
11	ENGLAND	111
12	SWITZERLAND	109
13	NORWAY	102
14	ESTONIA	102
15	DENMARK	101
16	PORTUGAL	100
17	GERMANY	97,5
18	LATVIA	96

OPEN TEAMS

Round 15

**Germany v Italy
Sweden v Poland**

by Jos Jacobs

In the two previous rounds, Italy had registered two defeats whereas Germany had scored two big wins. So the question before this match was very simple: would Germany continue its winning streak or would Italy be able to stop their succession of lost matches?

The first four boards were quiet but on board 5, Germany missed a great chance:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♠	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Only a diamond lead would enable the defenders to beat 4♠ as West can lead a heart through at trick two or three. As the Germans were not doubled, losing just 100 looked a fine result for them as 5♣ is a make in EW. The alternative contract of 5♥ in EW cannot stand the defensive club ruff(s) but would the defence find them?

West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Versace</i>
	1♠	2♣	2♠
3♣	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

On this auction, with clubs having been bid and supported, Versace had no trouble in putting the ♣A on the table. Lauria duly played a red card so the contract was just one

off when Lauria wisely (?) did not try the spade underlead after getting his ruff...

Italy another +100 and 5 IMPs .

In the Sweden v. Poland match, the swing came in its proper way:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Buras</i>
	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♠	3♦	3♥	4♠
5♣	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Fredin doubled the final contract alright but Fallenius led a normal ♣K rather than a diamond so a heart loser disappeared and the Swedes had to be content with +200.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
	1♠	1NT	Pass
2NT	3♠	4♣	4♠
5♣	All Pass		



Björn Fallenius, Sweden

Balicki's INT showed four hearts and a longer minor so EW managed to reach game in the right denomination. Being able to postpone the heart decision, Balicki elected to play the ♥8 rather than the Jack at the second round of the suit, bringing down the doubleton King for no loser and thus chalking up his contract. Poland +400 and 5 IMPs.

A few boards later, we again saw big swings in both these two matches:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Piekarek	Sementa	Smirnov
2♥	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	Dble	3♣	4♠
	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Nobody doubled this, so Germany registered +200. With 4♠ by South beatable on a club ruff, one could not tell if this would be a good or a bad result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kirmse	Lauria	Gromöller	Versace
2♥	1♣	Pass	1♠
3♥	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♠	4♥	4♠
	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Probably, Gromöller's double did not specifically ask for an unusual lead, though it may have suggested one. Anyway, when Kirmse led a normal ♥K, ten tricks were quickly made when the trump finesse worked for declarer. Italy +590 and 9 IMPs to them.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Piekarek	Sementa	Smirnov
2♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass

Against 3NT, Smirnov turned up with an inspired ♦7 which quickly led declarer astray. Sementa won North's Jack with the Ace, crossed to the ♣K and finessed the ♣J, losing to South's Queen. South exited safely in clubs, establishing two tricks in the process. A heart went to North's Queen and his return of the ♦9 was allowed to hold the trick. With three tricks already in the bag, North could now play ♠A and another, leaving it to declarer which defender would get the setting trick. Germany +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kirmse	Lauria	Gromöller	Versace
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass	INT	Pass



Grzegorz Narkiewicz, Poland

When Versace led a more orthodox low club into declarer's tenace, nine tricks were no longer a problem. Germany +600 and 12 IMPs back.

On the next board, EW were on the verge of the slam zone:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Piekarek</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Smirnov</i>
			Pass
1♣	INT	Dble	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Warned by the threesuited overcall, the Italians did not experiment but settled for game. Eleven tricks on a diamond lead from South: Italy +450.

Closed Room

West <i>Kirmse</i>	North <i>Lauria</i>	East <i>Gromöller</i>	South <i>Versace</i>
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Given a free run after Kirmse's weak NT, the Germans reached slam in an auction of controlled optimism. If the trumps behave, all should be well but if they don't, you will probably go down. The latter clearly was the case here: Italy +50 and 11 IMPs back to extend their lead to 13.

Board 14 was a matter of combining your chances:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Duboin</i>	North <i>Piekarek</i>	East <i>Sementa</i>	South <i>Smirnov</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

How do you play this on the lead of the ♠2 by North? Duboin's approach was logical and easy. He won the King and simply returned the suit, keeping the heart chances intact and also getting a better view on the actual spade distribution. South won the Queen and shifted to a diamond rather than continuing spades. This is all Duboin wanted to know: he won the ♦A, crossed in hearts and ducked a club to North. With the spades obviously breaking 4-4, nothing could go wrong. Italy +400.



Italy v Germany in the Vugraph

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Versace</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At the other table, Kirmse also won the ♠K and immediately went after the hearts, apparently unsure about North's promised spade length. When the suit did not break 3-3, he could not afford any more to duck a club so he had to accept one down. Italy +50 and 10 IMPs.

Near the end, we saw an interesting defensive problem:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
		1♥	Dble
INT	2♣	2♦	Pass
2♥	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Smirnov led the ♣A, which declarer ruffed. Next came three rounds of diamonds, according to the principle that one should establish the side suit first, before drawing trumps. North, however, ruffed his partner's winning ♦J and returned a low spade, South winning his Jack when Sementa played low. From here, there was no defence as declarer's third spade would go on the ♣K. Of course Sementa had little trouble now in locating the missing trump Queen in the South hand...Italy +420.

It might have been a different story had Piekarek returned the ♠10. The defenders can now play three rounds of the suit, forcing dummy to ruff. After that, declarer should ruff himself back to his hand to first run the ♥J through South, followed by high diamonds. If South first discards his last club and then ruffs low, declarer will be stranded in dummy once again as dummy has only clubs left and South will score his ♥Q after all...

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kirmse</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Versace</i>
		1♥	Dble
Redble	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

At the other table, Versace led the ♦J against the same contract and soon found himself back on lead in the 3rd round of diamonds, Lauria discarding the ♠4. Knowing declarer to be 5-5 now, Versace simply returned a trump away from his ♥Q. He knew declarer would have to get rid of three spades by ruffing the third so he would always remain a tempo ahead. One down, Italy +50 and 10 more IMPs to ultimately win the match 57-22 or 22-8 V.P. Their streak had ended and so had the German one...

The same problem occurred in our other match:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>	<i>Buras</i>
		1♥	Dble
Redble	1♠	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Buras led the ♠A after which declarer could afford to lose a trump trick. Sweden +420.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>
		1♥	Dble
2♥	2♠	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Bertheau also led the ♦J but now, rather than returning the suit, declarer went after the spades himself. He knew the ♠A would be wrong so he simply played for the ♥Q to be with North once the 3rd spade had been successfully ruffed in dummy. One down, Sweden another +50 and 10 IMPs to them as well. The final result of that match thus became 38-22 or 18-12 V.P. to Sweden.

Calling All Seniors

An Open Forum for Seniors will be held in the Vu-Graph Theatre (3rd floor) at the end of the morning match on Thursday, 1st July i.e. approx 13.15. It will finish no later than 13.50.

Retiring Chairman: Guido Resta, Chairman EBL Seniors Committee; Secretary: Patrick Jourdain

Open Series Round 17 Review

by Jos Jacobs

When play got underway on Tuesday morning, there were just three rounds left in the Open Series before the decisive moment would arrive. Only the top nine of each group would qualify for the next stage so if there was to be any drama, one should expect it to occur in the matches involving 9th/10th place. Norway were in a far from safe 8th position in Group A and would have to face 6th-placed Germany, whereas Hungary, lying 10th, would have to beat 3rd-placed France in order to keep their chances alive. Here are some of my impressions from yesterday morning's matches.

In the Hungary-France match, the French found an extraordinary save on board 3:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mari</i>	<i>Szabo</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Barczy</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	3♣	Dble	Dble
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Mari could rebid his suit often enough to convince everyone he really held them. He was allowed to play in 5♦ and rightly so, as saving at the six-level might be a bit expensive. An overtrick was born when South did not hop up with his ♠A. France +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Gotthard</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>
4♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	Dble

In the Closed Room, Vinciguerra found the smallest of take-out doubles, giving Eisenberg a major problem. He made the obvious choice of his lower major and everyone allowed him to play there in peace. When declarer started drawing trumps, the defenders were able to do this work for him and thus put the contract seven down at 50 apiece: Hungary +350 but a loss of 7 IMPs to them.

Board 5 will be discussed separately elsewhere in this issue. Hungary did very well here as their NS pair were allowed no less than nine tricks in only 3♠ doubled. Their +730 thus was in sharp contrast with the popular -1400's all round the Kursaal.

Norway's EW pair had been among those who enjoyed a +1400 on this board no. 5 and the Norwegians seemed to be cruising along quite well with a 21-12 lead when board 13 arrived:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Svendesen</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
2NT	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass	5♦	Pass

Well, this sort of thing happens from time to time. As you can imagine, I cannot find a more explicit way of expressing myself here. Germany +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
4♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
	All Pass		

No problems for the doctors, Germany +650 and 13 IMPs to take over the lead.

Board 15 was the first of three successive double-figure swings to France, putting an end, at least temporarily, to Hungarian hopes:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mari</i>	<i>Szabo</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Barczy</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The normal contract was reached, like it was at nearly all tables in play. The hand is a defensive problem. If South leads his top clubs, how can he know that North can over-ruff the dummy?

At this table, North contributed the ♣2 and ♣4, duly showing an even number but what next? The actual spade chosen by South was not good enough...France +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Gotthard</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♠	2♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Vinciguerra found a good move. He too led the ♣A, partner playing the four (high-low even). He next played a spade to partner's ace and back came the ♣2. This message was not lost on him, so he duly played a third club to set the contract. Nice. France +50 and 10 IMPs.

Norway regained the lead by beating 4♥ out of hand by leading the top clubs and continuing the suit in one room, whereas Brogeland's mini-NT opening enabled his side to place the contract in the West hand. When North led a diamond, play was quickly over... 11 IMPs to Norway.

The next board was a slam, or was it?

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mari</i>	<i>Szabo</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Barczy</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Though the French were left alone in the bidding, they stayed out of this slam which, on paper, looks a very good proposition. On the ♠10 lead, declarer won the Queen, cashed the ♣A and played ♥A and another. South won the King and returned the suit but declarer overruffed, drew the last trump and advanced dummy's ♠J, pinning the nine and thus making an overtrick. France +620.



Eric Eisenberg, France

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Gotthard</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

On the same lead of the ♠10, declarer won the Queen but after one top trump, he tried to get a heart past South for a quick one down when South rose with the King and returned to suit for his partner to ruff. France another +100 and 12 more IMPs.

In the Poland v. Netherlands match, this hand too was one of the Dutch disasters:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Jansma</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Buras</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Paulissen also won the ♠10 lead with the Queen but from then on, he did not find the winning line either. Poland +100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♥
Pass	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Brink led the ♠9 which Balicki covered with dummy's Jack which won the trick. Two rounds of trumps and a spade to the Queen made it easy. Poland +1370 and 16 IMPs more.

On the next board, the French dealt their opponents another serious blow and a beautiful one too:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Mari</i>	<i>Szabo</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Barczy</i>
All Pass	1♣	Pass	3NT

When South bid what he thought he could make and when the spade suit agreed with his intentions, 11 tricks came in on a neutral club lead. Hungary +460.

The French had better ideas, however:

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Gotthard</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redble
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

A good bidding show saw the French end up in a dazzling Moysian fit at the slam level. The contract needs the trumps to behave a little and (probably) the diamond finesse to work or a good guess. Say they lead a spade and play a diamond back. Would you go for the finesse or play for a spade ruff as your 12th trick, hoping for the trumps to be 3-3?

At the table, Vinciguerra avoided this problem when Gotthard returned a spade at trick two. France +980 as the ♦A remained there as the entry to draw trumps. Please note that a club return (or lead, for that matter) would also face declarer with the said problem, in fact forcing him to put his money on the (losing) diamond finesse as there are only 11 tricks without a spade ruff.

So France got another 11 IMPs here to put the match out of reach for the Hungarians. The final score became 69-33 or 22-8 V.P. to France. It would be virtually impossible for the Hungarians to recover from this defeat and reach a qualification spot, though the last two boards of their last match saw them go out on a losing three-way tie.

In the Germany-Norway match, the decisive swings occurred on the next two boards of the set:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Svendson</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
		2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A perfectly normal auction to the proper spot and 12 tricks on a diamond lead. Norway +490.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
		1♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

After a Precision style 1♣, 2♦ showed a suit in a positive hand and 2NT was balanced, Unlimited. 4♦ over the 4♣ RKC showed 1 key card and that was all Dr Wladow needed to know. At this table too, South led a diamond so 12 tricks were easy enough. Germany +990 and 11 IMPs to regain the lead.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Svendson</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
			2♠
3♥	Pass	3♠	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Once Kirmse decided to show both his suits, he was left to play in one of them. As North had been able to show some preference, the costs were only -300 (two down)

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which looked a good score with a vulnerable game on for the opponents.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
			4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

At the other table, South opened an aggressive 4♠ which silenced everyone except East. Down four and +800, good for yet another 11 IMPs to Germany.

Norway hit back on the final board of the set:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>Svendson</i>	<i>Kirmse</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

At game all, the Norwegians judged very well to bid one more. One down, Germany +200.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ showed 10-14 hcp. Once West passed, the Germans were bound to let their opponents play whatever they liked. Norway +620 as there was no way of beating 4♠.

So these 9 IMPs reduced the Norwegian deficit to 14. The score of 57-43 made it an 18-12 V.P. win to Germany. Norway's chances of qualification thus would remain intact.

Nicely Played

by Barry Rigal

This deal comes from the match between Spain and Norway in Round 11 of the Women's series:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 8 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 7 6 5 4 3	<table style="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		♠ 7 ♥ K 10 9 5 3 ♦ K J 8 7 5 3 ♣ 8	♠ A 10 6 5 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ Q 4 2 ♣ 10 9 2
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W		E										
	S											
	♠ K Q 4 3 ♥ A J 2 ♦ A 10 6 ♣ A K J.											

West <i>Castells</i>	North <i>Harding</i>	East <i>Castells-Conrado</i>	South <i>Fuglestad</i>
		2♥*	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♥ Hearts and another
 4♠ was easy where declared by South (as indeed was the case in the other room) on a club lead into the tenace.

Harding received the singleton club lead and ran her four



Laura Castells-Conrado, Spain

rounds of trumps. East pitched two diamonds and a heart and declarer led a diamond to the ten.

When that held she cashed the ♦A and ♥A and exited with a heart to endplay West to lead clubs into the tenace.

Nicely done; could the defence have done better?

East does best to pitch two hearts and a diamond, coming down to five diamonds and three hearts, and when declarer leads a diamond towards the A10 she puts in her jack. now declarer cannot duck so she wins.

In this ending

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 10 9	<table style="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		♠ — ♥ K 10 9 ♦ K 8 7 5 ♣ —	♠ — ♥ Q 4 ♦ — ♣ Q 7 6 5 4
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	♠ — ♥ A J 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ K J											

South plays the heart ace, forcing West to decide whether to unblock or not. If she does not unblock she is endplayed with the ♥Q or East can overtake but only at the cost of a heart trick.

So West unblocks ♥Q and declarer cashes ♣K squeezing East. If East pitches a heart to come down to the bare K declarer establishes a heart. If East pitches a diamond declarer leads ♦10 from dummy. If East wins she must give declarer an entry to hand to build a heart trick, if she ducks she is endplayed with a diamond to concede trick 13 to ♥J.

9th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP Ege Palace Hotel, Izmir (Turkey) 11th – 14th November 2010

The 9th European Champions' Cup will be held at Ege Palace Hotel, Izmir, Turkey from Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th November 2010. The participation at the Champions Cup is reserved to the Defending Champion, the Host Team and the National Team Champions (i.e. the teams which won the title of National Open Team Champions in 2009) of the first ten ranked Countries in the 50th European Teams Championship. After the end of the Ostend Championship the invitation letters with all the details and useful information will be forwarded to the interested Federations.

Championship Diary



One of the many impressive aspects of these championships is the terrific way in which bridge is being brought to the attention of the public in Ostend. It is almost impossible to walk down a street without spotting one of the many posters that are on display virtually everywhere.

We sat down outside our chosen restaurant and while waiting for food and drink to arrive Tacchi suggested a game of bridge. The first deck of cards he produced was defective (one short) so we played with jumbo sized cards, using a version where each bid may be adorned with the addition of one word 'reluctant pass' 'strong double' 'psychic spade' being just three of the bids that featured. As it was a busy thoroughfare we attracted a lot of attention – an idea for the future perhaps?

While discussing the plans for the completion of today's Bulletin a member of staff said 'A Greek told me we would get the information within five minutes of play finishing'.

Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes!

Barry Rigal, delivering another deal asked, 'Who or what is Stynen?' (The name of the room we are in.) 'He's the architect of this building', explained Herman. 'He's probably still trapped inside', added Tacchi.



16th Swedish Bridge Festival

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Will take place on Saturday the 3rd in the Auditorium at 19.00
 - Medals, trophies and flowers will be awarded to the Seniors, Women and Open Teams.
 - 4 invitations to Poznam (Poland) (entry fee+accommodation) for the European Open Pairs Championships 2011 will be awarded to the first 3 classified pairs in FINAL A and to the 1st classified pair in FINAL B competing in the Paul Magerman Cup (transnational pairs).

A Reception will follow in the entry hall.

A special "Closing Buffet Dinner" will be held after the Reception in the Delvaux Room (closed room).

The Captains are kindly requested to collect the "invitation cards" for their team members at the "Closing Ceremony Desk" (Hospitality)

If they wish to invite relatives or guests, extra invitation cards would be delivered at the cost of Euro 50 each.

Invitation cards must be collected NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 2nd at 14.00.

The Invitation card must be shown at the door of the restaurant.

Important: the ceremony will start at 19.00 precise. We kindly ask you to be punctual and present yourselves at least five minutes before.

Dress code: Uniform or Formal Dress

Fair Play

The n.pc. of the **Wales** Ladies team, Mike Close, thanks the **Spanish** team member for her tribute to his team in yesterday's Bulletin. He too has noticed the good spirit in the Women's event and has a story of his own.

In the match against Finland he discovered a scoring error where Wales was marked as losing 11imps when it had actually gained 3. Rushing to the scoring desk he found the Finland npc was already there pointing out the error.

"**Chwarae Teg!**" (Fair Play!) as they say in Wales.

No magic revival of the Belgian Open Team

Colette Grosfils & Jan Serras

A la donne 4 du 15ème tour, voici Eric Demarcin, assis en Ouest, au volant du contrat de 3 SA.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Nord entame du ♣4 en 4ème meilleure pour le Valet et la Dame du déclarant.

Eric Demarcin tire quatre coups de ♥ en terminant au mort. Nord défausse le ♦7 sur le 4ème ♥ alors que Sud qui s'est déjà débarrassé du ♠4 à la 3ème levée, écarte cette fois le ♣7. Il rejoue alors ♠ pour son Roi et ensuite le ♠2 pour l'As de son partenaire. Il revient ensuite d'un petit ♣ pour la remise en main de Nord. Celui-ci encaisse ses quatre ♣ et le retour obligé d'un petit ♦ apporte au déclarant ses 8ème et 9ème levées.

La Belgique bat le Luxembourg 20-10.

Dans le tour n°16, nos Dames connaissent un début très laborieux. Heureusement, elles reprennent des couleurs en 2ème partie de match et la dernière donne de la matinée, leur rapporte pas mal de points.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

En salle ouverte, les joueuses tchèques ne veulent pas que nos compatriotes jouent ni 4 ni 5 ♥ et demandent 5 ♠.

West	North	East	South
<i>De Grave</i>	<i>Ticha</i>	<i>Topiol</i>	<i>Fortova</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	3♣
3♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

3 ♣ est un bicolore

Apparemment, c'est une excellente défense puisque le contrat ne chute que d'une levée. +100 pour nos représentantes. En salle fermée, il en va tout autrement :

West	North	East	South
<i>Erdeova</i>	<i>Degrève</i>	<i>Tomcikova</i>	<i>Maréchal</i>
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥	3♥	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

3♥ est un jeu fort

Nicole Maréchal préfère annoncer ses beaux ♠ plutôt qu'un bicolore avec des ♦ médiocres.

Pas de grands problèmes sauf à ♦. Heureusement, quand la déclarante joue l'As de ♦, le Valet d'Est tombe et la déclarante ne perd que trois levées : une de ♦ et deux de ♣. 620 viennent s'ajouter à la marque de la salle ouverte et les Belges engrangent 12 IMPs.

Na 16 van de 19 ronden in de round-robin stond het Belgisch open team op de twaalfde plaats, met een achterstand van 24 VP's op Oostenrijk, dat de negende plaats (nodig voor de kwalificatie voor de eindronde) bezette.

Met nog 3 wedstrijden te gaan, waarvan nog één ronde bye, kwam het er op neer een knalprestatie neer te zetten tegen respectievelijk Oekraïne en Portugal.

Tegen Oekraïne liep het werkelijk gesmeerd.

Uit deze wedstrijd selecteerden we de volgende spellen:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

De bieding in de open zaal:

West	North	East	South
<i>Y. Chumak</i>	<i>J.M. Backes</i>	<i>O. Rovyshyn</i>	<i>E. Demarcin</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♦	3♣	Dble	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Tegen vier schoppen te spelen in oost startte Demarcin, zuid, met ruitenboer, voor de vrouw van leider oost. De leider speelde kleine schoppen en de heer in dummy mocht de slag maken. In slag drie stak de leider in harten over naar zijn aas. De leider speelde schoppenboer, genomen met het aas door Demarcin, zuid. Zuid bracht in klaveren zijn partner aan slag. Backes speelde ruiten terug, ingetroefd door Demarcin. Dit had niet alleen voor gevolg dat de flank reeds drie slagen had, maar ook en vooral dat de communicatie tussen leider en dummy volledig verbroken was. Of anders gezegd: dummy west had nog een kapitaal aan slagen in ruiten maar zijn partner kon hem niet meer bereiken. De leider diende nog twee slagen af te staan: twee down, 200 voor NZ.

In de gesloten zaal vonden onze landgenoten het optimale contract: vijf ruiten, te leiden in west. Bernard Dehaye had geen moeite om de elf slagen bijeen te spelen: 600 voor OW. Zodat België 800 scoorde, goed voor 13 IMP's.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In de open zaal werd als volgt geboden:

West	North	East	South
<i>Y. Chumak</i>	<i>J.M. Backes</i>	<i>O. Rovyshyn</i>	<i>E. Demarcin</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	5♦
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

Goed geboden van de Belgen in NZ, want vijf ruiten is lay-down. Maar ook een goede verdediging van de Oekraïners. Immers gaat vijf harten slechts één down. En een goede beslissing van Demarcin in zuid om het doublet niet uit te nemen. Vijf harten gedoubleerd ging inderdaad één down, 200 voor NZ.

In de gesloten zaal eindigden de Oekraïners in een hopeloze vijf schoppen, gedoubleerd, te leiden in noord. Daniel Kurgan, oost, startte met hartenaas. Het contract ging drie down, 800 voor OW en 14 IMP's voor België.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In de open zaal noteerden we volgend biedverloop:

West	North	East	South
<i>Y. Chumak</i>	<i>J.M. Backes</i>	<i>O. Rovyshyn</i>	<i>E. Demarcin</i>
			2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Twee schoppen beloofde naast de schoppenkleur ook nog een onbekende lengte mineur, en minder dan een opening. Met 3♣ suggereert Backes om in de mineure te spelen (dus voor pas of correctie naar 3♦ indien die kleur ruiten is). West heropende met drie ruiten waarop oost, met toch een stevig bezit in de door NZ beloofde kleur besloot tot 3 zonder troef.

Demarcin, zuid, startte met klaverentwee, bij noord kwam de 10 die de slag mocht houden. Noord speelde klaverenacht terug waarop zuid de heer nam, die mocht de slag houden. Voor Demarcin, zuid, was het een open boek. Gezien het bijspelen van noord in slag één, en het klaverenvervolg wist hij dat ook klaverenvrouw in oost huisde.

Toen de leider het onnoemelijk pech had dat de zes slagen in ruiten niet doorgingen volhardde hij toch in deze kleur. Noord nam en speelde klaveren terug voor één down; 100 voor NZ.

In de gesloten zaal bereikten Kurgan-Dehaye in OW een klein slam in ruiten, te leiden door west. Gezien het ruitenzitsel gaat dit contract normaliter down. Immers dienen OW naast een onafwendbare verliesslag in troef, ook in klaveren een slag af te staan. Bernard Dehaye had evenwel het geluk dat noord zijn singleton schoppen uitkwam, genomen met het aas in dummy. In slag twee en drie werden ruitenheer en ruitenaas gespeeld. Dat er in ruiten een slag diende te worden afgestaan nam Dehaeye er (op dat ogenblik wel te verstaan) met de glimlach bij. In slag vier incasseerde hij schoppenheer waarop de enige klaveren van de leider weggeparkeerd werd., waarna een cross-ruff kon starten. De enige keuze die de ongelukkige Rybnikov in noord restte was.... het ogenblik waarop hij zijn troefslag zou opnemen.

België won de wedstrijd bijgevolg met 25-4.

Dank zij deze overwinning kwam het Belgisch open team op 10 punten van de begeerde negende plaats.

Echter ging het feest niet door. Tijdens de volgende match dienden onze landgenoten het met ruim verschil af te leggen tegen Portugal, waardoor alle eventueel resterende ambitie werd stukgeslagen.



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