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# The Heat is On



Don't forget the Bookshop on the mezzanine level

With temperatures due to reach the 90's today the pressure is mounting on the teams hoping to qualify for the 2011 World Championships.

In the *Open Series* **Israel** is on top, followed by **Italy** and **Iceland**. **Sweden**, **Poland** and **Russia** hold the other qualifying spots.

In the *Women's Series* **France**, has moved clear of the chasing pack pursued by the **Netherlands** and **England**. **Germany**, **Sweden**, **Poland** and **Italy** occupy the other Venice Cup berths.

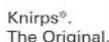
In the *Seniors*, **Israel**, lead from **Italy**, with **Austria** third. **Poland**, **Sweden** and **Denmark** are the other potential qualifiers.

Congratulations to **Giorgio Duboin**, **Krzysztof Martens**, **Sylvie Willard & Doris Fischer** who have been elected to serve on the WBF Players Commission.

<b>10.30</b>	
Norway - Poland	BBO 1
France - Germany (Women)	BBO 2
Israel - France	BBO 3
Iceland - Sweden	BBO 4
Russia - Italy	VG - BBO 5
<b>14.15</b>	
Italy - Denmark	BBO 1
Portugal - France	BBO 2
Netherlands - Bulgaria	BBO 3
Germany - Israel	BBO 4
Poland - Turkey	VG - BBO 5
<b>17.35</b>	
Italy - Netherlands	BBO 1
England - France	BBO 2
Iceland - Poland	BBO 3
Turkey - Israel	BBO 4
Bulgaria - Sweden	VG - BBO 5

## Today's Schedule

- 10.00 Transnational Pairs Registration
- 10.30 Open Teams F.R., Round 3  
Women Teams, Round 22  
Seniors Teams, Round 15
- 14.15 Open Teams F.R., Round 4  
Women Teams, Round 23  
Seniors Teams, Round 16
- 14.30 Transnational Pairs Qualification
- 17.35 Open Teams F.R., Round 5  
Women Teams, Round 24  
Seniors Teams, Round 17



## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

### ROUND 3 10.30

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

### ROUND 4 14.15

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

### ROUND 5 17.35

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

## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 1 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 ITALY	PORTUGAL	54 - 50	16 - 14
2 DENMARK	ICELAND	40 - 27	18 - 12
3 FRANCE	ESTONIA	26 - 28	15 - 15
4 ENGLAND	BULGARIA	34 - 41	14 - 16
5 TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	24 - 66	6 - 24
6 POLAND	SWITZERLAND	53 - 28	20 - 10
7 NORWAY	RUSSIA	39 - 48	13 - 17
8 SWEDEN	GERMANY	45 - 45	15 - 15
9 LATVIA	ISRAEL	33 - 78	6 - 24

### ROUND 2 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 BULGARIA	RUSSIA	34 - 51	11 - 19
2 SWEDEN	TURKEY	37 - 44	14 - 16
3 SWITZERLAND	ISRAEL	31 - 35	14 - 16
4 PORTUGAL	NORWAY	41 - 70	9 - 21
5 GERMANY	DENMARK	7 - 39	8 - 22
6 ESTONIA	LATVIA	52 - 31	19 - 11
7 ITALY	ENGLAND	52 - 38	18 - 12
8 NETHERLANDS	ICELAND	16 - 33	11 - 19
9 FRANCE	POLAND	21 - 51	9 - 21

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We wish you a pleasant stay in Ostend, your City by the Sea.

## 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.

**WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 22 10.30**

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

**WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	NORWAY	54 - 29	20 - 10
2	FINLAND	HUNGARY	43 - 60	11 - 19
3	ISRAEL	WALES	82 - 24	25 - 4
4	PORTUGAL	FRANCE	14 - 65	4 - 25
5	DENMARK	POLAND	19 - 13	16 - 14
6	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	17 - 98	0 - 25
7	NETHERLANDS	RUSSIA	60 - 34	20 - 10
8	LEBANON	CZECH REP.	26 - 37	13 - 17
9	BULGARIA	BELARUS	58 - 10	25 - 5
10	ENGLAND	SWEDEN	51 - 33	19 - 11
11	SCOTLAND	CROATIA	37 - 33	16 - 14
12	IRELAND	SPAIN	22 - 67	6 - 24
13	AUSTRIA	GREECE	38 - 41	14 - 16
14	BELGIUM	TURKEY	31 - 16	18 - 12

**ROUND 23 14.15**

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

**ROUND 20 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	HUNGARY	GERMANY	26 - 52	10 - 20
2	WALES	NORWAY	37 - 74	7 - 23
3	FRANCE	FINLAND	46 - 5	23 - 7
4	POLAND	ISRAEL	71 - 42	21 - 9
5	ITALY	PORTUGAL	60 - 37	20 - 10
6	RUSSIA	DENMARK	72 - 35	23 - 7
7	CZECH REP.	SWITZERLAND	56 - 54	15 - 15
8	BELARUS	NETHERLANDS	23 - 47	10 - 20
9	SWEDEN	LEBANON	77 - 47	21 - 9
10	CROATIA	BULGARIA	44 - 46	15 - 15
11	SPAIN	ENGLAND	17 - 45	9 - 21
12	GREECE	SCOTLAND	36 - 30	16 - 14
13	TURKEY	IRELAND	40 - 41	15 - 15
14	BELGIUM	AUSTRIA	41 - 49	14 - 16

**ROUND 24 17.35**

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

**ROUND 21 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	WALES	57 - 46	17 - 13
2	HUNGARY	FRANCE	12 - 111	0 - 25
3	NORWAY	POLAND	40 - 64	10 - 20
4	FINLAND	ITALY	40 - 72	8 - 22
5	ISRAEL	RUSSIA	42 - 48	14 - 16
6	PORTUGAL	CZECH REP.	69 - 22	24 - 6
7	DENMARK	BELARUS	50 - 24	20 - 10
8	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN	17 - 92	1 - 25
9	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA	61 - 14	24 - 6
10	LEBANON	SPAIN	57 - 47	17 - 13
11	BULGARIA	GREECE	32 - 38	14 - 16
12	ENGLAND	TURKEY	50 - 17	22 - 8
13	SCOTLAND	BELGIUM	38 - 31	16 - 14
14	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	26 - 61	8 - 22

**SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 15 10.30**

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

**SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 12 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	55 - 28	21 - 9
2	ITALY	IRELAND	73 - 23	25 - 4
3	WALES	BELGIUM	31 - 67	7 - 23
4	SCOTLAND	ENGLAND	38 - 25	18 - 12
5	BULGARIA	NORWAY	21 - 51	6 - 22
6	SWITZERLAND	POLAND	12 - 47	7 - 23
7	GERMANY	FRANCE	40 - 24	19 - 11
8	ESTONIA	SWEDEN	8 - 28	10 - 20
9	FINLAND	DENMARK	32 - 55	10 - 20
10	CZECH REP.	TURKEY	10 - 44	7 - 23
11	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	31 - 33	15 - 15
12	HUNGARY	BYE		18 - 0

**ROUND 16 14.15**

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

**ROUND 13 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	ITALY	23 - 73	4 - 25
2	IRELAND	HUNGARY	55 - 56	15 - 15
3	BELGIUM	SCOTLAND	11 - 30	11 - 19
4	ENGLAND	BULGARIA	21 - 50	8 - 22
5	NORWAY	POLAND	39 - 52	11 - 18
6	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	25 - 42	11 - 19
7	FRANCE	ESTONIA	27 - 31	14 - 16
8	SWEDEN	FINLAND	34 - 17	19 - 11
9	DENMARK	CZECH REP.	44 - 30	18 - 12
10	TURKEY	AUSTRIA	11 - 48	6 - 24
11	ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND	32 - 24	16 - 13
12	WALES	BYE		18 - 0

**ROUND 17 17.35**

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

**ROUND 14 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	HUNGARY	SPAIN	14 - 9	16 - 14
2	WALES	IRELAND	10 - 41	8 - 22
3	BULGARIA	BELGIUM	47 - 39	17 - 13
4	POLAND	ENGLAND	27 - 21	16 - 14
5	SWITZERLAND	NORWAY	20 - 22	15 - 15
6	GERMANY	ITALY	31 - 21	17 - 13
7	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS	42 - 35	16 - 14
8	FINLAND	FRANCE	24 - 36	12 - 18
9	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWEDEN	22 - 19	16 - 14
10	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	24 - 19	16 - 14
11	ISRAEL	TURKEY	33 - 18	18 - 12
12	SCOTLAND	BYE		18 - 0

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 2 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	ISRAEL	183
2	ITALY	182
3	ICELAND	178
4	SWEDEN	171
5	POLAND	168
6	RUSSIA	166
7	FRANCE	164
8	NETHERLANDS	150
9	BULGARIA	148.5
10	DENMARK	141
11	TURKEY	140
12	ENGLAND	137
13	ESTONIA	136
	NORWAY	136
15	SWITZERLAND	133
16	PORTUGAL	123
17	GERMANY	120.5
18	LATVIA	113

## SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

after 14 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	ISRAEL	259
2	ITALY	257
3	AUSTRIA	254
4	POLAND	251
5	SWEDEN	244
6	DENMARK	235
7	BULGARIA	234.5
8	FRANCE	234
9	GERMANY	231
10	IRELAND	226
11	HUNGARY	224
12	TURKEY	223.5
13	NETHERLANDS	213
14	BELGIUM	209
15	CZECH REPUBLIC	193
16	ENGLAND	187
17	SCOTLAND	186
18	NORWAY	181.5
19	FINLAND	180
20	SPAIN	166
21	ESTONIA	158
	WALES	158
23	SWITZERLAND	131

## WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 21 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	FRANCE	405	15	TURKEY	305
2	NETHERLANDS	393	16	BULGARIA	300
3	ENGLAND	390	17	PORTUGAL	298
4	GERMANY	382	18	SCOTLAND	289
5	SWEDEN	377	19	CROATIA	285
6	POLAND	370	20	HUNGARY	280
7	ITALY	363	21	LEBANON	268
8	RUSSIA	360	22	IRELAND	267
9	DENMARK	341	23	BELARUS	256
10	ISRAEL	334		FINLAND	256
11	BELGIUM	331	25	SPAIN	252
12	AUSTRIA	320	26	SWITZERLAND	249
13	NORWAY	316	27	CZECH REPUBLIC	238
14	GREECE	311	28	WALES	209

# A Tale of One City

*'It was the best of declarers, it was the worst of declarers...'*

by Mark Horton

A Tale of Two Cities is a novel by Charles Dickens, set in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution. With 200 million copies sold, it is the most printed original English book, and among the most famous works of fiction.

However my story concerns only one of these two great capitals and two of its most distinguished declarers. In Round 14 of the Women's series France met Belgium.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>De Grave</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Topiol</i>
2♣*	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦*	Pass

South led the nine of spades which ran to declarer's king (putting up dummy's jack works very well when you look at the spade pips). She played a heart to the ace and a club to the jack. South won with the queen and the defenders cashed their spade tricks, declarer discarding a heart from both her hand and dummy as South parted with a diamond. North exited with the queen of hearts and declarer won in dummy, played a club to the ace and took the marked club finesse. When she cashed the king of clubs North, down to ♥J ♦QJ9 was squeezed in the red suits. She parted with the nine of diamonds so declarer took the last three tricks with the ♦AK10.

At the other table the same contract finished two down, -200 so 13 IMPs for France.

As it happens on that same day another world famous declarer from Paris found himself in 3NT:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q J 9 3 ♥ J 3 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ 7 6 4 3		♠ 8 6 ♥ 9 6 5 4 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ J 10 9 8 ♠ 10 7 5 4 2 ♥ K 10 7 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ Q 5 ♠ A K ♥ A Q 8 ♦ K 8 6 5 4 ♣ A K 2
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West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the jack of spades and declarer won in hand with the king.

With no dummy entry this is clearly a poor proposition. A winning line is to cash the top clubs. When the queen obliges declarer has an entry to dummy and after cashing a fourth club plays the jack of diamonds. If that is covered all round then declarer wins the spade return and in 3NT tries the combination play of a diamond to the ten, falling back on the heart finesse if the nine fails to appear. (Notice that you can make 6NT by taking a second diamond finesse.)

However, declarer has an alternative line that involves playing the king of diamonds. If the queen falls under it then declarer will be able to reach dummy to take the club finesse and if that holds, take the heart finesse.

(You suspect West has at least three of ♠QJ109. You know spades are not 9-0. And if they are 8-1, then East does not have a singleton ♠10 or ♠9.

So we give West ♠QJ and at least one of ♠10 or ♠9.

Declarer has five top tricks and needs four more from the minors.

Cash ♣AK and hope the ♣Q falls in two rounds; then all you need is a singleton or doubleton ♦Q inside and West to have ♦D9 - about 1.97%. You can add a small amount for West ♠QJ109 with East having five spades, the ♦Q and diamonds 3-2. This takes it up to 2.03%!

Play ♦K this succeeds if the ♦Q is singleton. This gives you seven tricks. Now you need either ♣Q singleton inside or both the ♣Q & ♥K inside (East doesn't cover with ♣Qx) - about 1.64%

Playing the king of diamonds led to only eight tricks.

By not revealing the name of the unfortunate declarer, *'It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known.'* (Mind you, you could always buy him a cigar.)

## Play your Cards Right

You can buy the WBF symmetrical playing cards at fifty cents a deck from the Jannersten bookstall on the mezzanine level.

## Game Force

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

This freak deal from Round 16 of the Open was exciting at most tables, but Frangos Philippos of Cyprus, in their match against Switzerland achieved a most unusual coup. Second to speak, at adverse vulnerability, he picked up:

♠ — ♥ A J 9 8 3 2 ♦ A K Q 8 3 2 ♣ A

He opened an artificial game-forcing Two Diamonds. Rather to his surprise there was a double on his left passed back to him. He knew Two Diamonds doubled was not a game contract, so he conceived the idea of removing himself from this into Three Diamonds. Again it went double, pass, pass. Now he was in game so he was able to Pass. The full deal was:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 2 ♥ — ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ J 9 7 6 5 3	♠ — ♥ A J 9 8 3 2 ♦ A K Q 8 3 2 ♣ A 	♠ A K J 9 ♥ Q 10 6 5 ♦ — ♣ K Q 10 8 2	♠ 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ 4
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Frangos managed 11 tricks for a score of 1070 to Cyprus. As East-West are cold for Six Clubs this was a good result. Of course, East thought his doubles were for take-out whilst West, having assumed the first one showed diamonds, saw no reason to disturb the later one.

At the other table the popular contract of Six Hearts doubled was reached. Most declarers ruffed the opening spade lead and laid down the heart ace. When they showed 4-0 some declarers tried the ace of diamonds next. East ruffed and came to a second trump later.

Alain Levy of France was one of the few to succeed when at trick three he played a low trump. This gave East a difficult decision. If declarer has solid diamonds and a losing club to ruff it is necessary for East to play low (if he splits, declarer can ruff his club with the small trump and give up a trump). But when East did play low Levy was home. He put in the seven of trumps and led a diamond. When they also proved to be 4-0 he still had the trump king as entry for the diamond finesse. He conceded only one trump trick.

Suffice it to say that Switzerland in Six Hearts doubled failed by one trick. Cyprus had scored a 15 IMP gain. But the match went to Switzerland 19-11 VP.

## Balancing by Bomhof

by Jan van Cleeff

Last year, on the road to the Sao Paulo World Champions, the Dutch Seniors had to cancel their trip due to financial reasons. England replaced them and did an excellent job by winning the Ernesto d'Orsi Seniors Bowl. Another good reason to watch the match England versus The Netherlands in the seniors series here in Oostende:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 2 ♥ — ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ J 9 7 6 5 3	♠ — ♥ A J 9 8 3 2 ♦ A K Q 8 3 2 ♣ A 	♠ A K J 9 ♥ Q 10 6 5 ♦ — ♣ K Q 10 8 2	♠ 8 7 6 5 4 3 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ 10 9 5 ♣ 4
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In the closed room Nico Englander from The Netherlands played 6♦ from North and due to bad breaks failed by one trick. In fact, declarer managed to lose one heart only, when he played a low heart to the seven (East had bid both majors in the process).

In the open room the spotlight was on West, Jan-Willem Bomhof, a player who, due to his spectacular style of bidding and play, is a frequent and welcome guest to bridge columns.

West	North	East	South
<i>Bomhof</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Niemeijer</i>	<i>Harper</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
2♣	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
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In the 'balancing position' by now Bomhof was pretty sure that his partner was void in diamonds. So he gave it a shot in 6♣, duly doubled by North, who was convinced he had enough defense. Not so.

**SENIORS TEAMS**

**Round 12**

**France v Germany**

by Mark Horton

When France and Germany faced off in Round 12 of the Seniors they were both looking for a good result that would move them closer to one of the qualifying spots.

hand for his intervention at the three level, but even so it seems to be asking an awful lot for game to have a play. Perhaps South thought East/West might sacrifice?

Declarer lost two clubs, a spade and a diamond, -200.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Marsal	Leenhardt	Wenning
2♥	3♦	1♥	Pass
All Pass		3♥	5♦

South obviously expected his partner to have a very good



Philippe Vanhoutte, France

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Strater	Grenthe	Kratz	Vanhoutte
1♠	2♦	1♥	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3♦

I leave you to decide on the merits of the respective responses made in the two rooms. North/South were left to play at a comfortable level and they lost the same four tricks as at the other table, +110 and 7 IMPs to France.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piganeau	Marsal	Leenhardt	Wenning
Dble	Pass	3♣	3♦
3♠	Dble	Pass	3♥
		All Pass	

There is an old Russian Proverb that says 'Having said A you have to say B' but you can readily understand why West preferred to introduce his spades rather than double 3♥.

If South is allowed to overcall with the type of hand he held then North's double of 3♠ is open to question.

North led the three of hearts for the queen and ace and South switched to the six of spades. Declarer took that, cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart. He cashed the ace of clubs, pitching a diamond and played a diamond to the queen.

At this point declarer can secure an overtrick by exiting

with the ten of spades, neatly endplaying North on this trick or later if he exits with the king of clubs.

That would not risk the contract, even if the spades were 3-2. When declarer cashed the king of spades he had to be content with +530.

Closed Room

West Strater	North Grenthe	East Kratz	South Vanhoutte
	Pass	1♣	2NT*
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

2NT Red suits

This time the pressure was on but North's diamond lead simplified matters. Declarer took the jack with the queen and played a heart to the queen and ace. He won the trump switch, cashed the king of hearts and ruffed a heart. A diamond went on the ace of clubs and then a diamond to the ten saw North ruff with the eight of spades. There was only one more trick for the defenders, +590 and 2 IMPs to Germany.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West Piganeau	North Marsal	East Leenhardt	South Wenning
Pass	2♦*	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

2♦ ♥+♠ at least 4-4, 4-10

West led the nine of hearts, entirely reasonable, but the first missed opportunity to lead a trump. East won with the jack and continued with the king – second opportunity to play a trump gone by. Declarer ruffed and exited with the queen of diamonds. West took that and switched to the queen of clubs, spurning yet another chance to lead a trump. When East followed with the three, declarer had

only to win and cross ruff to get home. (If East overtakes the queen of clubs this line fails as West can discard a diamond on one of the heart ruffs and then ruff in twice with the six and seven of spades. That way East's ten of spades comes into the game.) However, declarer ducked and West continued with the jack of clubs. Declarer took the ace and started cross ruffing. When West failed to dispose of a diamond declarer scored all his trumps separately.

Now you see why playing a trump at some point would have been a good idea.

Closed Room

West Strater	North Grenthe	East Kratz	South Vanhoutte
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♣*	2♠	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

East led the ace of hearts and found the essential switch to a spade. However, when declarer played his diamond East went in with the king and West could not afford to overtake to play a second trump. This time the cross ruff was good enough for nine tricks, +140 but 7 IMPs for Germany.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West Piganeau	North Marsal	East Leenhardt	South Wenning
			1♣*
1♠	Dble*	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ Precision

The trouble with bidding only 3♠ at your second turn on the West hand is that you then have to decide what to do over 4♥. Bidding 4♠ immediately sometimes sees the opponents bid on (or possibly not double). When West elected to pass he found that with no entry to the East hand the game was cold. Declarer lost to the black aces and a trump, +420.

Closed Room

West Strater	North Grenthe	East Kratz	South Vanhoutte
2♠	3♥	4♠	1♥ All Pass

The play record is somewhat mysterious but it appears declarer managed to make nine tricks, -50 and 9 IMPs for Germany.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West Piganeau	North Marsal	East Leenhardt	South Wenning
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

I think you want to be in 6NT here, which obviously has excellent chances assuming a reasonable diamond break. South led the four of clubs and declarer put up the king, cashed the king of diamonds, crossed to the king of spades and played ace of diamonds, jack of diamonds, pitching a spade and a heart from dummy. North returned a heart and declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of clubs, played a club to the queen and cashed two diamonds, discarding dummy's hearts. North was squeezed in the majors, +490.

Closed Room

West Strater	North Grenthe	East Kratz	South Vanhoutte
1♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

South led the two of clubs and declarer put up the ace, cashed the king of diamonds, came to hand with the queen of clubs and played diamonds, pitching a spade and a heart from dummy. He won the heart switch with dummy's ace, crossed to the king of hearts and cashed two diamonds, discarding a heart and the eight of clubs. Now a club to the king squeezed

North as before. +990 and 11 IMPs to Germany.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West Piganeau	North Marsal	East Leenhardt	South Wenning
Pass		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

Two Diamonds proved to be a comfortable spot – for East/West, who managed to defeat it by no less than four tricks when declarer played low from dummy on West's opening lead of the five of diamonds and subsequently failed to exploit a slight defensive mistake. Obviously North is badly placed when South rebids 2♦ - perhaps a non forcing 2♠ would be the lesser of evils. Whatever, that was -200.

Closed Room

West Strater	North Grenthe	East Kratz	South Vanhoutte
1♥		Pass	Pass
All Pass	2♥*	Dble	3♠

2♥ Michaels

I confess I fail to see the point of 3♠ - was South hoping West might bid 4♥?

West led the queen of hearts and declarer won with the king and ran the ten of clubs to East's king. When East switched to the queen of diamonds West took the ace and returned the seven to dummy's king. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club, West deciding to discard his remaining diamond, rather than overruff and play a spade.

Declarer cashed the ace of hearts and played a diamond. Now West must put in the five or six of spades. When he discarded declarer ruffed and ruffed dummy's last club and the defenders were helpless, +140 giving France 8 IMPs.

Germany had much the better of things, winning 41-22 IMPs, 19-11 VP.

**WOMEN TEAMS**

**Round 18**

**Poland v Netherlands**

by Jos Jacobs

In the Women's Series, The Netherlands had been leading the field for several days after their good win over their eternal rivals from Germany. On Tuesday late afternoon, they had to play Poland, who have been a strong contender in the Women's Series for many years now. So we could expect an interesting match and some good bridge too. In these two respects, we were not at all disappointed. Though the boards were not particularly spectacular, there was a lot of interesting stuff in them, especially for the connoisseurs. Take for example the first board:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Harasimowicz	Verbeek	Sawicka
Pass	2♣	3♥	Dble
	4♠	Dble	All Pass

How do you fancy the ideal defence? ♥A by East and a low heart to partner's Queen to put her in for the club ruff? That's what Verbeek did (and had to do, in fact) to beat the contract. Netherlands +100 and 6 IMPs for a brisk start as they were in 3♠ just making at the other table.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Harasimowicz	Verbeek	Sawicka
Pass	2♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led a trump and declarer won and cashed the other top trump, carefully unblocking dummy's ten. Next came a spade to the ten and ace. The diamond return was won by the ace and two rounds of spades followed, West scoring her queen and returning a low club. South had been there before and thus called for dummy's king. When it held, she had made her contract. Poland +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Pasman	Brewiak	Simons
Pass	4♥	All Pass	1♥

At the other table, South found herself in game even more quickly and got a favourable diamond lead. Instead of eliminating the diamonds (throwing a spade), drawing trumps and playing a club, thus keeping all the options open even if she misguessed the first round of clubs, she went on to cash the ♦A, throwing a club from dummy and



Ewa Harasimowicz, Poland

then ruffed the last diamond. Two top trumps followed and then a spade to the ten which East allowed to hold. As declarer had not unblocked dummy's trumps she could not cross to her hand and thus decided to play a spade from dummy to West's queen. When a club came back and she misguessed by calling for the jack, she had to concede one down.

On BBO, it looked as if West had followed with the nine to the first spade but I cannot believe this. If this were true, declarer could have exited in clubs, losing two tricks in the suit but she would then have been sure to pick up the spades later for one loser. Or would East have ducked the ♠Q?

Anyway, Poland another +100 and 12 IMPs back to take the lead.

A few boards later, we saw a slam swing:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ K J 10 7 ♦ 9 8 5 2 ♣ Q J 10 3 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ 9 5 3 ♥ A 8 6 3 ♦ A K J 7 ♣ A 7	♠ K 8 7 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ K 9 8 5
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E							
S							

Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Sawicka</i>	
	INT	Pass	2♥	
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠	
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠	
All Pass				

The Poles play 4♠ in this sequence as a mild slam try so Harasimowicz had the perfect hand to make a positive move, with all the first-round side controls.

On a diamond lead, the contract was never in danger as declarer could simply play trumps from the top but suggestions for the best line on a rounded suit lead will be welcomed. If trumps are 2-1, cashing the ♠A followed by three rounds of diamond to get rid of the first loser looks best; the second loser will go on the 4th diamond. A defender may ruff with the King whenever she likes. As diamonds need to be 5-2 or better if the ♠K does not fall, this line looks about 70%.

The recommended line will fail in this case, however;

whereas the probably much inferior line of a straightforward trump finesse (about 50%) works.

Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Simons</i>	
	INT	Pass	4♥	
Dble	4♠	All Pass		

When North made no positive move over the strong transfer, the slam was missed and Poland had scored 12 more IMPs.

Both teams had a chance to score a slam swing in their favour but both failed on this delicate hand:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A K 9 ♥ A Q 9 6 ♦ A 6 5 2 ♣ A 9	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ J 5 4 3 ♥ 5 3 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ Q 5 4 2	♠ Q 8 7 ♥ K J 10 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ K 7 6 3
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S							

Open Room				
West	North	East	South	
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Sawicka</i>	
		Pass	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♥	All Pass			

Closed Room				
West	North	East	South	
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Simons</i>	
		Pass	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass	
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4♥	All Pass			

Identical puppet Stayman auctions at both tables. If West makes an advanced cuebid of 4♣, East will have no really safe cuebid available. 3NT by West is no option as it would show spades. Insoluble?

Classic Stayman would have worked much better. If West responds 3♥, East can then freely bid 4♣ (assuming this to be a cue-bid not a natural call) on which West can even raise to 6♥ straight away. This was the auction we saw from

Brink-Drijver for the Netherlands Open Team v. Estonia. In that match, the board was also flat as the Estonians too got to six, be it after a prolonged relay auction.

Both teams were in the slam zone again on board 17:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Sawicka</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♣	All Pass

If there is anyone at all to blame on this auction, who would it be? I would not like to be the judge this time...Anyway, another slam chance gone. Netherlands +480.



Wietske Van Zwol, Netherlands

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Simons</i>
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♣	Dble
		6♠	All Pass

After South's double of 4♣ East knew two things: partner would not have wasted values in that suit and North might well lead a club. So her gamble paid off, even more so when West did in fact hold a heart control. Poland +980 and 11 more IMPs to lead by 36.

On the last board, it was all about the theory of empty spaces once North overcalled.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Zwol</i>	<i>Harasimowicz</i>	<i>Verbeek</i>	<i>Sawicka</i>
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Brewiak</i>	<i>Simons</i>
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Almost identical auctions at both tables and both Norths made the same lead of the ♣Q.

Wanting to keep South off the lead and taking into account that spades were at least 5-3, both declarers correctly (I assume) decided to finesse the ♥Q through South. When this failed and the ♦K was wrong as well (not unexpectedly after the losing trump finesse) they both had to accept defeat. Playing for the swing thus certainly would have created one for the most courageous team...

After this push, the final score stayed where it was: 50-12 or 23-7 VP to Poland. The Dutch had lost their position at the top of the table.

# Important win for England

by Micke Melander

Some interesting boards from the Wednesday morning game between England and Sweden (R18) in the woman series. Both teams, clearly in the race for the medals behind France and the Netherlands who had been leaders of the pack for a long time.

Board 1. Dealer South. None Vul

♠ A K 10 9 5 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 2
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♥ Q 7	♥ A K 2				
♦ 10 8	♦ A 7 5 2				
♣ A 4 3	♣ K J 10 9				
♠ 6 4					
♥ J 10 9 6 4					
♦ Q 6 3					
♣ Q 7 5					

West <i>Sivelind</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Rimstedt</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

In the closed room, the bidding went

West <i>Stockdale</i>	North <i>Sjöberg</i>	East <i>Brown</i>	South <i>Rimstedt</i>
1♠	Pass	1♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	INT	Pass
	All Pass		

Our ex-world champion in the junior pairs was richly rewarded when she decided to investigate if there were a slam to play or not. 2♦ were a two-way checkback stayman. Over 5♣ Cecilia Rimstedt had heard enough and jumped to the slam which didn't create many problems for Sivelind in the declaring.

Senior led the five of hearts, which was won with the queen. Four round of trumps followed, then ace of clubs and a club to the king. Sivelind then cashed out her ace and king of hearts discarding her clubs. She then played a club from dummy, and when the queen arrived she also could claim her 13 tricks. Well bid and played - not taking any unnecessary finesses.

Heather Dhondy got into trouble on board 4.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul

♠ K J	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 5
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W E					
S					
♥ Q J 4 3	♥ A 8 6				
♦ Q 9 3 2	♦ K 10 6				
♣ K J 8	♣ A 10 9 7 5 3				
♠ 5					

West <i>Sivelind</i>	North <i>Senior</i>	East <i>Rimstedt</i>	South <i>Dhondy</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥*	2♣
Pass	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

\* Promising ♠

Dhondy decided to open fire with the six of trumps which went to three, two and declarers ten. Rimstedt then played back the five of hearts, Dhondy winning the trick with her ace, noticing the seven appearing from partner. How to plan the defence now?



Heather Dhondy, England

Dhondy wrongly put all her eggs in one basket and played the five of spades.

The hand was:

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

With all the information from the bidding it would have been wise to try cashing out and get some hints on where partner had something to contribute with. After the shift to the five of spades, declarer simply pulled the last trump and discarded the losing diamonds from dummy. A club towards dummy gave Rimstedt 11 tricks. The same amount of tricks were captured at the other table, but Brown-Stockdale only played in 3♥. At that table the Swedish women refused to play diamonds even though they had several chances.

An initial spade lead would have made the defence much easier – as indeed would ANY lead suit except a trump or a small club.

Later on in the session after many imps had been given away from both sides, the following hand arrived:

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sivelind</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

In the closed room, the bidding went

West	North	East	South
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Sjöberg</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Both tables arrived in the same contract, in the open room with West as declarer and in the closed room with East. Both declarers could easily count to 11 tricks after setting up the diamond suit. Clubs being 3-3 or and a single or double squeeze combined would most probably somehow create the last needed one.

Let's say as West you get a spade lead that goes to the nine, jack and ace. A reasonable plan would be to unblock the king of diamonds, win the ace of clubs and continue with a club to dummy. With the actual lay out you are rewarded by getting the knowledge that clubs are 5-1. When you collect the ace of diamonds and clear that suit you might discard one card from each of the majors from your hand. North gets in again and probably plays back a heart (that is best for the defence), leaving the following position:

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

Win the heart return with the ace, play a spade to the king, cash the two diamonds discarding the ten of hearts and the eight of clubs. That will force North to keep her queen of spades and she will only be able to hold on to two of her hearts when a club is played to the king. Either a spade or a heart will be the last needed trick.

Both declarers in the match between England and Sweden misplayed the slam, going one off, by not timing the squeeze. Sivelind had a much harder task to succeed since Nevena Senior found the spade lead, and then shifted to the heart when she got in with the queen of diamonds. However it was not impossible to succeed even then.

England won the match 19-11 (51-33).

## Championship Diary



When someone asks 'Who does Fugelstad play for?' Tacchi is first to react – 'Chelsea'.

There have been two replayed matches so far. To allow one team to sit in the wrong direction may be regarded as a misfortune; to allow two looks like carelessness.

Tacchi has been searching without success for a particular brand of tobacco favoured by Mrs.T. When he mentioned this last night our printer said 'That was the brand I used 10 years ago.' 'Got any left?' enquired Tacchi.

In sympathy with Wales, eliminated on Tuesday after a split tie, I tried the monkfish with leeks at the excellent Cromwell restaurant in the main square (next door to McDonald's). The Ch.Tour St. Bonnet 2003 was drinking well.

We were walking past the VuGraph theatre when we overheard one of the commentators say 'Well done, he has followed the line I suggested.' Not necessarily a sure fired recipe for success every time perhaps?

Today, July 1st sees the start of Belgium's Presidency of the European Union.

## Calling All Journalists



An Open Forum for Journalists will be held in the Press Room (3rd floor) at the end of the morning match on Friday 2nd July i.e. approx 13.15. It will finish no later than 13.50.

*Patrick Jourdain - President, IBPA*

## Eindhoven Qualifiers

Six Teams qualify for the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl. Netherlands qualifies as hosts for all three competitions. If the Netherlands occupies a qualifying position in any event in Ostend the team finishing seventh will qualify.

## PRIZE GIVING – CLOSING CEREMONY



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 to the "Closing Buffet Dinner", extra invitation cards would be delivered at the cost of Euro 50 each.

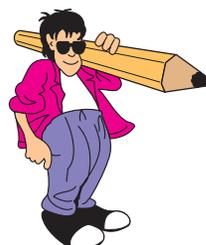
Invitation cards must be collected **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 2nd at 14.00.**

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

## Daily Bulletin Prize



The International Bridge Press Association has agreed to donate free membership of IBPA to the end of 2011 (normal cost to new members \$63) for the best contribution to the Daily Bulletin here by a named contributor who is not a member of the Bulletin staff.

The IBPA Awards Chairman, Barry Rignal, will determine how the winner is selected.

# Cover Story

by Mark Horton

When Germany faced Denmark in R15 of the Women's series the match started in

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ Q J 9 ♥ A J 8 4 2 ♦ 6 ♣ 10 4 3 2		♠ A K 4 ♥ K Q 7 6 5 ♦ Q J 9 8 5 ♣ —	♠ 8 7 ♥ — ♦ A 10 4 3 2 ♣ K Q J 9 6 5
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♠ 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ A 8 7
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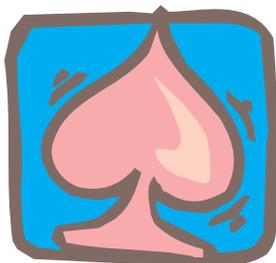
West <i>Bekkouche</i>	North <i>Auken</i>	East <i>Binderkrantz</i>	South <i>Von Arnim</i>
	1♥	2NT*	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♦ Spades and heart tolerance

According to my finessing friend 7 tricks is the limit in spades but the difference between theory and practice is frequently different.

East led the king of clubs and declarer ruffed in hand so as to retain control in the suit. She cashed the ace and king of spades and then played a diamond to the king. When that held she tried the three of hearts and when West played low she put on the five, East discarding a club. In itself West failure to play a higher heart was not fatal but on the next trick when declarer played the eight of diamonds East failed to cover and the contract could no longer be defeated.

That was a fast 10 IMPs for Germany, who lost 100 in 5♣ doubled at the other table.



# Not obvious at all

by Micke Melander

There are times where you simply have to make a guess about what do to. In the seniors R111 the following situation arrived.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul

♠ — ♥ 5 ♦ — ♣ —		♠ A Q 7 ♥ A K 10 8 6 4 ♦ 9 8 5 2 ♣ —	♠ K 10 3 2 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ K 10 ♣ Q 10 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Pass	2♣*	2♥	Dble
All Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

2♣ was precision style.

When you lead the ace of hearts you will see the two from partner and five from declarer. The two is based on upside down count and attitude, showing two cards or the queen or of course a singleton. The question is how are you going to get your partner on lead to get your club ruff to set the contract? Are there any possibilities to maximize your chances so you will be able to see what the situation is before deciding?

Playing a low heart might give away the contract if declarer has queen-second. Declarer is likely to have nine to ten cards in the black suits and because of the jump to 3♠, he is also almost sure to have the ace of diamonds. You wish that you would have been playing with standard signals on this particular board, it would have made life more easy.

The contract is also going down if partner has the jack of spades.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul

♠ 6 5 ♥ Q 2 ♦ Q 7 6 4 3 ♣ 7 6 5 4		♠ J 9 8 4 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A J ♣ A K J 9 8	♠ A Q 7 ♥ A K 10 8 6 4 ♦ 9 8 5 2 ♣ —
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♠ K 10 3 2 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ K 10 ♣ Q 10 3 2
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A certainly not obvious card to exit with at the second trick that would cover all situations is to play the seven of spades! Did you find it? A diamond would have worked as well if your intention was to pop up with the ace of trumps and then continue with a low heart to partner setting up the club ruff.

# Open team no longer in the running, ladies still fighting

Colette Grosfils & Jan Serras

Voor het open team zit het kampioenschap er op. In de drie ronden van de laatste dag in de round-robin werden 49 VPs geogst, maar onvoldoende om een plaats in de "final 9" te bemachtigen. Het werd een 11e plaats (op 19).

Voor onze dames is het nog enkele wedstrijden te gaan.

Tijdens de 18e (van de 27) ronde kreeg ons damesteam Spanje te bekampen. De volgende spellen komen uit deze wedstrijd.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Aan beide tafels werd het contract drie zonder troef, te leiden in oost. Bij een andere start dan harten is de leider, mits een goede keuze in klaveren (snit op de vrouw) in staat negen slagen te maken.

Maar zelfs bij een start harten is de situatie van de leider niet per se hopeloos. Alles hangt af welke kaart in harten zuid selecteert om uit te komen. Want indien zuid start met hartenheer of -vrouw zal de hartenkleur in NZ blokkeren. In dit geval volstaat het dat de leider tweemaal hartenaas ophoudt (tenzij zuid in slag twee zijn andere hartenhonneur voorziet, want dan kan de leider twee slagen in harten maken).

Bij een start kleine harten door zuid is de leider er hoe dan ook aan voor de moeite.

In de gesloten zaal koos onze speelster Antonella Courteaux in zuid voor de uitkomst hartenzes. Het werd een schot in de roos. In de derde ronde werd hartenaas er uit gespeeld. Toen de leider nog probeerde het contract te winnen via de klaverenkleur en de heer inlegde in de hoop dat klaverenaas in noord zit (de leider weet dat noord geen harten meer heeft) werd het zelfs 2 down: 200 voor NZ.

In de open zaal had de leider geen enkel probleem. Immers verkoos de Spaanse speelster in zuid voor de

uitkomst... schoppenvijf. Voor de leider, die na een eerste ruitenronde reeds verzekerd is van acht slagen kwam het er op aan goed te kiezen in klaveren. En dat deed Nicole Degrève. Ze ondernam de snit op klaverenvrouw. Contract gemaakt, 600 voor NZ. Dit spel leverde de Belgen 800 op, beloond met 13 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Merkwaardig bij dit spel is het feit dat er voor NZ een klein slam mogelijk is in om het even welke speelsoort, behalve ruiten. Dit geldt enkel met open kaarten, iets wat in de praktijk uiteraard niet het geval is.



Montserrat Mestres, Spain

In de gesloten zaal bereikten onze dames Letizia Angelini – Antonella Couteaux in NZ zes zonder troef, te leiden in zuid. Na start schoppentien werd het voor leider Couteaux een makkie; ze maakte zelfs een overslag: 1470 voor NZ.

In de open zaal kwam Spanje in NZ niet verder dan vier schoppen, gemaakt met twee overslagen en gehonoreerd met 680. Een batig saldo van 790 voor België, en nog eens 13 IMPs in de pocket.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10 4 ♥ J 9 2 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ Q J 9 8 2	♠ A K 6 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ A K J 7 6 3 ♣ A	♠ Q 9 8 7 5 2 ♥ K 8 6 ♦ 10 ♣ 7 5 4	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;">           N            W     E            S         </div> ♠ J 3 ♥ A Q 4 3 ♦ Q 8 5 ♣ K 10 6 3
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Zoals je kan merken hebben OW, mede dank zij het 3-3 zitsel van het ruitenresidu bij NZ, een klein slam in schoppen binnen bereik.

In de open zaal werd als volgt geboden:

west	noord	oost	zuid
<i>N. Degrève</i>	<i>M.E. Hernandez</i>	<i>N. Maréchal</i>	<i>M. Mestres</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Contract gemaakt met twee overslagen: 480 voor onze landgenoten in OW. Een gemist slam, dat wel.

Echter... in de gesloten zaal bleven de Spaanse dames in OW steken op 3♦, gemaakt met 3 overslagen: 170 voor OW. Een onverhoopte opsteker voor de Belgen (alvast voor het Belgische OW-paar) want dit betekende een winst van 7 IMPs voor onze landgenoten.

Het damesteam won de wedstrijd met 24-6 (VP) waarmee het toch een inhaalbeweging inzette.

Ook de volgende wedstrijd, tegen Turkije, werd gewonnen. Het werd 18 – 12 VPs. Daarmee rukte het team op naar de 11e rang, waarmee het de achterstand op de 7e wist te herleiden tot 18 VPs.

Onze seniors wonnen hun 12e wedstrijd met 23-7 tegen Wales. Na 12 ronden hebben zij een gemiddelde van iets minder dan 16 VPs per wedstrijd. Toch nog onvoldoende voor een plaats binnen de eerste 10.

## The 3rd Buffett Cup Europe v USA

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th  
September 2010  
**At the Miskin Manor Hotel,  
near Cardiff**



The inaugural Buffett Cup was held in Dublin in 2006, the week of the Ryder Cup golf match in the same city between Europe and the USA. The format of the two matches is similar with 12 players on each team and a non-playing captain.

In the bridge match there are three separate events, a Pairs event on Monday, a Teams event on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, and an Individual to finish where each player partners each other member of their team. Each team must contain at least two women.

Team Europe has been announced as:

Fulvio Fantoni & Claudio Nunes, Giorgio Duboin & Antonio Sementa, Geir Helgemo & Tor Helness, Boye Brogeland & Espen Lindqvist, Justin & Jason Hackett, Sabine Auken & Daniela von Arnim, with Paul Hackett as npc.

Team USA is:

Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell; Zia Mahmood & Bob Hamman; David Berkowitz & Alan Sontag; Bobbie Levin & Steve Weinstein; Fred Gitelman & Geoff Hampson; Jill Meyers & Jill Levin; n.p.c. Donna Compton.

These could well be the best two bridge teams ever to compete on the British soil.

For more details see the website and register for regular updates: [www.buffettcup.com](http://www.buffettcup.com)

All six tables will be shown on [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com)

Golf supporters should note that the first two Buffett Cups have gone the opposite way to the Ryder Cup. In 2006 USA won the bridge and Europe the golf; in Louisville 2008 Europe won the bridge and USA the golf.

## 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 today, 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*



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