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Women set for Dramatic Finale



The stage is set for the Paul Magerman Cup

As the Women's Series reaches its climax the race for the title promises to go all the way. **Netherlands** hold a slender lead over **France**, with **England** also in hot pursuit. These three are followed by **Sweden**, **Poland**, **Germany** and **Italy** and these seven teams look certain to qualify for the Venice Cup.

In the *Open Series* **Italy** is seeking another title chased by **Israel** and **Poland**. These three are well clear of **Iceland**, **Russia** and **Sweden**.

In the *Seniors*, **Italy** leads from **Poland** and **France**, while **Denmark**, **Austria** and **Bulgaria** hold the other qualifying positions.

	10.30	
Sweden - Italy		BBO 1
France - Russia		BBO 2
Austria - Italy (Seniors)		BBO 3
Netherlands - England (Women)		BBO 4
Israel - Iceland		VG - BBO 5
	14.15	
Estonia - Italy		BBO 1
France - Denmark		BBO 2
to be decided		BBO 3
Sweden - Italy (Women)		BBO 4
to be decided		VG - BBO 5
	17.35	
Israel - Bulgaria		BBO 1
Sweden - France		BBO 2
to be decided		BBO 3
to be decided		BBO 4
Poland - Italy		VG - BBO 5

Today's Schedule

10.00	Transnational Pairs Qualification
10.30	Open Teams F.R., Round 6 Women Teams, Round 25 Seniors Teams, Round 18
11.00	EBL President Press Conference
14.15	Open Teams F.R., Round 7 Women Teams, Round 26 Seniors Teams, Round 19
14.30	Transnational Pairs Final
17.35	Open Teams F.R., Round 8 Women Teams, Round 27 Seniors Teams, Round 20



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OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 6 10.30**

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

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 3 - subject to official confirmation**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 NORWAY	POLAND	19 - 84	3 - 25
2 NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	47 - 40	16 - 14
3 LATVIA	ENGLAND	25 - 54	9 - 21
4 RUSSIA	ITALY	19 - 54	8 - 22
5 ICELAND	SWEDEN	30 - 24	16 - 14
6 ISRAEL	FRANCE	27 - 19	15.5 - 13.5
7 BULGARIA	ESTONIA	49 - 17	22 - 8
8 DENMARK	TURKEY	37 - 43	14 - 16
9 SWITZERLAND	PORTUGAL	22 - 68	6 - 24

ROUND 7 14.15

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

ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 ICELAND	ESTONIA	40 - 41	15 - 15
2 PORTUGAL	FRANCE	52 - 57	14 - 16
3 ITALY	DENMARK	118 - 8	25 - 0
4 POLAND	TURKEY	70 - 57	18 - 12
5 SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND	57 - 66	13 - 17
6 NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	60 - 36	20 - 10
7 GERMANY	ISRAEL	52 - 64	13 - 17
8 RUSSIA	LATVIA	55 - 76	11 - 19
9 NORWAY	SWEDEN	50 - 55	14 - 16

ROUND 8 17.35

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

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 TURKEY	ISRAEL	14 - 89	1 - 25
2 RUSSIA	SWITZERLAND	84 - 24	25 - 3
3 BULGARIA	SWEDEN	63 - 23	23 - 7
4 ESTONIA	GERMANY	13 - 56	6 - 24
5 LATVIA	PORTUGAL	56 - 52	16 - 14
6 DENMARK	NORWAY	35 - 32	16 - 14
7 ICELAND	POLAND	2 - 58	4 - 25
8 ENGLAND	FRANCE	58 - 22	22 - 8
9 ITALY	NETHERLANDS	28 - 26	15 - 15

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'S TOURNAMENTS ONLINE

The "Women's tournaments on line organized by the EBL and WBF Women's Committees and BBO are suspended for the Holiday Season.

They will start again in September with new exiting proposals and series of tournaments.

Please read all information on our website: www.wbf-womensbridgeclub.org starting from September the 1st Be with us, you will enjoy!!

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 25 10.30**

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

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 22 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FRANCE	GERMANY	30 - 34	14 - 16
2	POLAND	WALES	86 - 32	25 - 4
3	ITALY	HUNGARY	29 - 64	8 - 22
4	RUSSIA	NORWAY	27 - 37	13 - 17
5	CZECH REP.	FINLAND	33 - 51	11 - 19
6	BELARUS	ISRAEL	29 - 53	10 - 20
7	SWEDEN	PORTUGAL	72 - 21	25 - 5
8	CROATIA	DENMARK	55 - 44	17 - 13
9	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	54 - 22	20 - 8
10	GREECE	NETHERLANDS	18 - 48	9 - 21
11	TURKEY	LEBANON	59 - 30	21 - 9
12	BELGIUM	BULGARIA	58 - 57	15 - 15
13	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	39 - 49	13 - 17
14	IRELAND	SCOTLAND	41 - 21	19 - 11

ROUND 26 14.15

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

ROUND 23 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	POLAND	48 - 22	20 - 10
2	FRANCE	ITALY	12 - 78	2 - 25
3	WALES	RUSSIA	62 - 70	14 - 16
4	HUNGARY	CZECH REP.	58 - 18	23 - 7
5	NORWAY	BELARUS	65 - 38	21 - 9
6	FINLAND	SWEDEN	46 - 74	9 - 21
7	ISRAEL	CROATIA	75 - 24	25 - 5
8	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	32 - 103	2 - 25
9	DENMARK	GREECE	62 - 55	16 - 14
10	SWITZERLAND	TURKEY	37 - 58	11 - 19
11	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	47 - 22	20 - 10
12	LEBANON	AUSTRIA	27 - 77	5 - 25
13	BULGARIA	IRELAND	86 - 28	25 - 4
14	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	47 - 37	17 - 13

ROUND 27 17.35

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

ROUND 24 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ITALY	GERMANY	57 - 21	22 - 8
2	RUSSIA	POLAND	15 - 58	6 - 24
3	CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE	5 - 56	5 - 25
4	BELARUS	WALES	25 - 47	10 - 20
5	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	22 - 43	11 - 19
6	CROATIA	NORWAY	20 - 55	8 - 22
7	SPAIN	FINLAND	55 - 23	22 - 8
8	GREECE	ISRAEL	37 - 19	19 - 11
9	TURKEY	PORTUGAL	31 - 38	14 - 16
10	BELGIUM	DENMARK	30 - 30	15 - 15
11	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	48 - 5	24 - 6
12	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	35 - 34	15 - 15
13	SCOTLAND	LEBANON	93 - 25	25 - 2
14	ENGLAND	BULGARIA	42 - 30	17 - 13

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 18 10.30**

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

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 15 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	WALES	24 - 30	14 - 16
2	IRELAND	SCOTLAND	33 - 16	19 - 11
3	BELGIUM	POLAND	25 - 19	16 - 14
4	ENGLAND	NORWAY	22 - 10	18 - 12
5	HUNGARY	GERMANY	8 - 54	5 - 25
6	ITALY	ESTONIA	29 - 24	16 - 14
7	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	38 - 12	21 - 9
8	FRANCE	CZECH REP.	60 - 13	25 - 4
9	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	32 - 25	16 - 14
10	DENMARK	ISRAEL	45 - 18	21 - 9
11	TURKEY	SWITZERLAND	15 - 32	11 - 19
12	BULGARIA	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 19 14.15

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

ROUND 16 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SCOTLAND	SPAIN	35 - 22	18 - 12
2	BULGARIA	IRELAND	45 - 17	22 - 8
3	NORWAY	BELGIUM	40 - 26	18 - 12
4	SWITZERLAND	ENGLAND	28 - 41	12 - 18
5	GERMANY	WALES	48 - 13	23 - 7
6	ESTONIA	HUNGARY	23 - 68	5 - 25
7	FINLAND	ITALY	36 - 75	6 - 24
8	CZECH REP.	NETHERLANDS	16 - 43	6 - 21
9	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	36 - 47	13 - 17
10	ISRAEL	SWEDEN	19 - 39	10 - 20
11	TURKEY	DENMARK	33 - 35	15 - 15
12	POLAND	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 20 17.35

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

ROUND 17 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	BULGARIA	34 - 27	16 - 14
2	IRELAND	POLAND	22 - 46	9 - 21
3	BELGIUM	ENGLAND	24 - 50	9 - 21
4	SCOTLAND	GERMANY	44 - 18	21 - 9
5	WALES	ESTONIA	15 - 52	6 - 24
6	HUNGARY	FINLAND	78 - 0	25 - 0
7	ITALY	CZECH REP.	51 - 24	21 - 9
8	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	49 - 23	21 - 9
9	FRANCE	ISRAEL	41 - 15	21 - 9
10	SWEDEN	TURKEY	15 - 47	7 - 23
11	DENMARK	SWITZERLAND	33 - 13	20 - 10
12	NORWAY	BYE		18 - 0

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 5 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	ITALY	244
2	ISRAEL	240.5
3	POLAND	236
4	ICELAND	213
5	RUSSIA	210
6	SWEDEN	208
7	BULGARIA	203.5
8	FRANCE	201.5
9	NETHERLANDS	201
10	ENGLAND	197
11	PORTUGAL	175
12	GERMANY	171.5
13	DENMARK	171
14	TURKEY	169
15	NORWAY	167
16	ESTONIA	165
17	LATVIA	157
18	SWITZERLAND	155

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

after 17 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	ITALY	318
2	POLAND	304
3	FRANCE	297
4	DENMARK	291
5	AUSTRIA	290
6	BULGARIA	288.5
7	GERMANY	288
8	ISRAEL	287
	SWEDEN	287
10	HUNGARY	278
11	NETHERLANDS	276
12	TURKEY	272.5
13	IRELAND	263
14	BELGIUM	246
15	ENGLAND	244
16	SCOTLAND	236
17	NORWAY	229.5
18	CZECH REPUBLIC	212
19	SPAIN	208
20	ESTONIA	201
21	FINLAND	195
22	WALES	187
23	SWITZERLAND	172

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 24 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	NETHERLANDS	449	15	BULGARIA	353
2	FRANCE	446		GREECE	353
3	ENGLAND	441	17	HUNGARY	344
4	SWEDEN	434	18	SCOTLAND	338
5	POLAND	429	19	PORTUGAL	321
6	GERMANY	426	20	SPAIN	319
7	ITALY	418	21	CROATIA	315
8	RUSSIA	395	22	IRELAND	305
9	ISRAEL	390	23	FINLAND	292
10	DENMARK	385	24	BELARUS	285
11	AUSTRIA	382	25	LEBANON	284
12	NORWAY	376	26	SWITZERLAND	274
13	BELGIUM	371	27	CZECH REPUBLIC	261
14	TURKEY	359	28	WALES	247

Championship Diary



Wednesday was the IBPA outing. I asked Tacchi if it was interesting. 'It was a trip to nowhere to see nothing' It involved a journey on a ship. 'What type of boat did you go on?' 'I don't know, but I think it was used at Dunkirk.'

It has come to our attention that disgruntled activists staying at hotels that are not on the Bulletin delivery list have been getting up early to raid nearby breakfast rooms. They were also carrying towels to secure seating rights in the VuGraph theatre.

Tacchi, whilst attempting to retain his breakfast on the sea voyage (q.v.), engaged in badinage with Simon Cochemé concerning little known bridge rules. Simon explained that should you hold A 6 4 2 in a suit and partner is good enough to lead it, you should win with the ace and return the six, partner will then put you in again to fire back the four, give you the lead again in order that you can lead the two. This is known as the law of diminishing returns.

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PRIZE GIVING PAUL MAGERMAN CUP (Transnational Pairs)

Prizes for the pairs classified from the 4th to the 12th in the FINAL A and from the 2nd to the 10th in the FINAL B will be awarded, immediately after the end of the play (at about 14.30) in the entry hall.

Prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd classified pairs in the FINAL A and the 1st classified pair in FINAL B will be awarded at the FINAL PRIZE GIVING which will take place during the "Closing Ceremony" in the Auditorium on Saturday the 3rd

EBL Press Conference

The President of the European Bridge League Gianrri-go Rona will host a press conference today Friday at 11 am in the room in front of the View Graph Auditorium.

The President of the World Bridge Federation José Damiani and the President elect of the EBL Yves Aubry will attend the press conference. All three officials will answer questions on current developments, future events as well as any other subject raised by the journalists.

At the end of the press conference there will be a short presentation of Poznan, Poland, the venue of the European Open Championships in June 2011.

*Panos Gerontopoulos
Press Liaison*

Game force revisited

by Jean-Paul Meyer

IBPA President, Daily Telegraph, Bridge correspondent, Patrick Jourdain is the author of many bridge books and has been representing Wales several times in international competitions.

So when he brings an article to The Bulletin, we publish it without much proof reading of the technical aspect of the hand he describes.

Yesterday, at least, we were wrong (game force, page 7 bulletin 8) he wrote that East defending against Alain Levy, declarer in Six Hearts, had a difficult decision after Ace of Hearts and a small one towards King 7.

"If declarer has solid diamonds and a losing club it is necessary to play low"

OBJECTION: playing the ♥10 insures two tricks for the defence!

Locked in the dummy declarer cannot do better than to ruff a spade in hand reducing his trumps to two cards, he ruffs his club loser but he has to come to hand either suffering a diamond ruff or reducing his trump holding to one while East has two.

Win the Board, Not Match

by Sviatlana Badrankova

The Belarus Women's team has its first appearance at the Euro Bridge stage (Bravo! Editor) so we are here looking for experience not for results, definitely. That's why each 'lucky' board played vs. well-known opponents brings huge excitement. In Round 21, Denmark – Belarus, we were lucky enough to find Dorte Cilleborg and Dorthe Schultz playing 4♥, not an easy 4♠ on this deal.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	2♦	2♥
4♦	4♥	All Pass	

After the start of the diamond ace, declarer ruffed and played a small heart to the queen in her hand. When the ace didn't appear she ruffed her second and last diamond and returned to hand with the ♠K to play a heart honour to East's ace. Now spade return nailed declarer to the table and the defense continuation was as easy as it was evident either East ruffs the third spade and waits for 2 club tricks (easy), or, after a club lead from the table, East must follow the straightforward reasoning: only if partner has ♣J do the defenders have a chance (evident). We scored 5 IMPs in this board (+100 at our table and +100 from the Closed Room where our team-mates beat 5♦).

The winning line for declarer – difficult to see – is to play two rounds of spades ending in hand and only then play a heart. This 'dentist's coup' extracts East's second spade after which there is no defence.

The remainder of the match was not so easy and only the last board with plus scores in both rooms allowed us to finish with 'a two digit record' – 10-20 VP for Denmark. As the phrase about battle and war has become proverbial, I'd like to find one more meaning for it: we lost a lot of matches here, but we won our two weeks of splendid bridge competition.

Ce n'est qu'en au revoir

As I take my leave of the EBL Executive Committee, I would like to thank the President, Gianarrigo Rona, and all my colleagues for the help they gave me for my task.

As chairman of the TD's Committee I would like to congratulate all the EBL team, one of the best in the world, headed by Antonio and Max.

As Chairman of the Championships' Committee, I would like to say how much I appreciated working with the technical team (Main Office, Scoring team, VuGraph, Daily Bulletin, Duplication, Secretariat, Hospitality, etc...)

All these highly professional teams widely contributed to the success of the organization of all the championships. A special thank to Armand, always present, and to Marina whose perfect knowledge of French was of great help to me.

I cannot close without mentioning our General Manager, Ton Kooijman. I've been working with Ton since 1990 in Geneva and so appreciate his great professionalism. Thank you Ton for all that you gave to our sport. And as you too decided to quit, I would like here to wish good luck to your successor, Maurizio Di Sacco.

The page is not completely turned, I hope to see all of you (officials, workers and players) in the next championships.

Jean-Claude Beineix

Carry Forward

by Richard Fleet

It seems to me that it is unfair to carry forward only the scores against qualifiers. All teams will experience sets which are suitable for their methods and ones which favour their opponents, and it is a matter of luck whether teams are fortunate in this respect against qualifiers or non-qualifiers.

I note that, had Hungary won the Group A tie break and qualified instead of Latvia, Italy would have been 12 VP worse off in the final, having scored 10 against Hungary and 22 against Latvia. And the only reason Hungary didn't qualify was a 2 VP penalty, nothing to do with what happened at the table. It seems to me that this sort of random effect is undesirable.

Similarly, in Group B, Israel would have done better to beat Austria 23-7 than 25-4: Austria would have qualified instead of Portugal thus improving Israel's carry forward by 7 VP.

Finally, you can have a situation where matches are meaningless, where a team which has enough VP to qualify is playing against a team which cannot possibly qualify. The result of such a match is literally irrelevant to the competition - why bother playing it?

I suggest that all scores should be carried forward. Alternatively, one could carry forward (say) half the score against teams which failed to qualify.



Barry and Beth Wennell's 38th Wedding Anniversary was yesterday (1st July). Beth is on the Welsh Ladies team whilst Barry is the team's coach/scorer. Beth is playing with Sheila Shea. "I'm glad I'm playing with Sheila. If I'd been playing with Barry in an event this long we would have been at each other's throats by now!" said Beth.

Appeal No. 5 Israel v Russia

Appeals Committee: Jens Auken (Chairman, Denmark), Herman De Wael (Scribe, Belgium), Ata Aydin (Turkey), Chris Dixon (England), Grattan Endicott (England), David Harris (England), PO Sundelin (Sweden)

Women Teams Round 21

Board 12. Dealer West. North/South Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Chubarova</i>	<i>Poplilov</i>	<i>Vorobey'a</i>	<i>Levit Porat</i>
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Dble	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♦	All Pass

Comments:

1NT	15-17
2NT	transfer to diamonds
3♣	good support for diamonds
3♥, 3♠	natural or values
4♣, 4♥	cue♦
4NTRKCB	5♠ 2KC + ♦Q
5NT Kings	6♦ ♦K or ♠K & ♥K

Contract: Seven Diamonds, played by West

Result: 13 tricks, NS -1440

The Facts: South called the Director while West was thinking before 6♦, complaining about the general slowness of East/West, and then again when East bid 7♦.

The Director: Established that there had been a break in tempo. He estimated the pause to be of around 1 minute in duration.

The Director showed the East hand and the bidding to several players, who all bid 7♦. He ruled that passing 6♦ was not a Logical Alternative and allowed the result to stand.

Ruling: Result Stands

Relevant Laws: Law 16A

North/South appealed.

Present: All players and the Captain and Coach of North/South

The Players:

North/South, through their captain, explained why they believed East/West ought not have bid seven:

- West had not been certain of what answer to give to 5NT. She had not alerted 5NT or 6♦ and had given an incorrect answer;

- They have an answer which precisely shows the kings she had (6♥);

- The long hesitation passed a message

North told the committee she realized that she should have been the one to complain about the long pause before the return with 6♦, but her partner had beaten her to it. She used the time to have East write down the answers. These were:

6♣ = 0/3 kings; 6♦ = ♣K or ♠K & ♥K; 6♥ = ♥K or ♠K & ♣K; 6♠ = ♠K or ♥K & ♣K

South explained that she had called the Director about the slow play (in general, not just on this board). South said that West had been very precise on alerting and explaining, but she had not alerted 5NT or 6♦, and had been very hesitant on explaining them. She had seemed desperate before bidding 6♦.

When asked what West could have had for her bidding so far, South explained "we are not World Champions, so we do not bid perfectly".

East explained her bidding. After 5♠, she was afraid West had 10 points in the red suits, ♠QJ and ♣QJ, so she really needed the ♣K to be certain of the grand slam. When West showed the ♣K by her bid of 6♦, the values that had been promised in spades had to be ♠QJ, and the double showed where the ♠K should be. That also meant 13 tricks were available. East told the committee that she would have bid 6NT if the answer had been 6♠.

West explained why she had departed from system. She had considered that on the previous bidding it would be unlikely for her to be having 0 or 3 kings, so she downgraded the answers of 6♦ and 6♥, and was intending to show the ♥K or the two black ones, with her bid of 6♦.

North/South pointed out that this downgrading of the bids of 6♦ and 6♥ may have been understood by East because of the hesitation

The Committee: Started by reminding the players that any hesitation should be brought up by the screen-mate of the player receiving the possibly unauthorized information, rather than by the partner of the hesitator. However, it was clear from the timing that there had been unauthorized information.

However, the Committee was satisfied with the reasoning given by East for her bid of seven, and agreed with the Director that there had been no Logical Alternative to it.

The Committee's decision: Director's ruling upheld.

Deposit: Returned

OPEN TEAMS

Round 1 - Final

**Italy v Portugal
Norway v Russia**

by Jos Jacobs

On Wednesday afternoon, the final stages of the Open Series got underway. All 18 qualified teams will meet the nine qualifiers from the other group now to decide which six teams will join The Netherlands at next year's Bermuda Bowl in De Koningshof at Veldhoven (an Eindhoven suburb).

For my report on the first round, I chose the matches at random as the carryover need not necessarily reflect the variations in strength between the teams once they joined to play the finals.

Board 1 was a play problem once North opened the bidding:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dubinin</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♦
2♠	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

In view of his double, wouldn't you play North for the ♠AQx(x)? That's what Dubinin did. One down, Norway +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Berset</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Ekren</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Berset also made only nine tricks but this was worth +140 and 6 IMPs to Norway as he was not in game.

In the Italy-Portugal match, both Wests were in game. Versace went down when he took the finesse in the second round of spades, North having put up his ace in the first round.

Castanheira made his contract by playing a spade up to the king when North played low. That meant first blood to Portugal: 10 IMPs.

On the next board, Norway extended their lead whereas Italy hit back immediately:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Castanheira</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Madala</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

Bocchi led a club to the King and ace and Castanheira next ran the ♦Q which was of course allowed to hold. A club now was won by South's jack and Madala exited in clubs. Locked in hand, declarer could cash the remaining club but then had to play away from his tenaces. He went for the ♥K which Bocchi took with the ace to return a diamond. Declarer won the ace and led the ♠9 but Madala went up with the ace and could cash the ♦K and ♥Q now to put the contract one down. Italy +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palma</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

A normal auction to an unplayable contract that nobody could double. Down four was a popular score around the room. Italy another +400 and 11 IMPs back in no time.

In the Norway-Russia match, the Russians balanced themselves into a decent enough contract which duly made:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Russia +110.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Berset</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Ekren</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

The same story here as in the other match's Closed Room. Norway +400 and 7 more IMPs to them.

On board 4, it was not immediately clear who held which suit:



Andrey Gromov, Russia

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Castanheira</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Madala</i>
2♦	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Bocchi quickly found out that it was West who held his suit. Down two, Portugal +500.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palma</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Dble	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

After Lauria's GF 2♣ response, the Italians could no longer stay out of game. Once North could double 3♠, South had an easy enough double of 3NT as well.

Had South led a heart sooner or later, this might have been very painful for the Italians but when he obligingly led his spade and shifted to a diamond after winning the ♣Q, Versace escaped with one down and -200. Still, the Portuguese had gone plus at both tables, good for another 12 IMPs to them.

In the other match, Hoftaniska tried to equal Bocchi's experience:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
2♦	2♠	All Pass	

When nobody had anything to add to North's overcall, Russia chalked up a quiet +200.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Berset</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Ekren</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
2♠	All Pass		

The Norwegian EW do not play Multi so Berset did not create any doubt at all about who was actually holding the spades. He lost just 100 for his efforts. Russia + 7 IMPs.

What would you do with the promising North hand on the board below?

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Castanheira</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Madala</i>
All Pass			2NT

Well, Bocchi was one out of many to just do nothing but...collect a quiet +120.



Ola Berset, Norway

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Palma</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			3♠

The spade break was not what Barbosa must have been hoping for. Down two, +200 to Italy and 8 more IMPs.

In our other featured match, there was more action:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Dubin</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Gromov</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
2♠	Pass	Pass	2♣
All Pass			Dble

Once again, North was right in not entering the bidding. Down two, Norway +500.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Berset</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Ekren</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			3NT

3NT proved a better contract than 3♠ on this deal but Kholomeev still could not avoid going down one. Another +100 to Norway and 12 IMPs.

Time now to turn our attention to the five-level and higher again:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Castanheira</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♠	Dble	3♦
5♣	Dble	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Well judged by Castanheira to take the save for a possible -300. This loss even turned into a plus score of 100 when Bocchi bid on.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Barbosa	Lauria	Palma
Pass	1♠	Dble	2NT
3♣	4♣	All Pass	

When Versace did not take the save, Portugal added another +620 to their tally for another 12 IMPs to them. They were leading 50-28 at this point.

Two boards later, we saw an old-fashioned Norway slam:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinín	Hoftaniska	Gromov	Charlsen
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Nothing special and the proper contract too. Russia +480 when the diamonds happened to behave very well for declarer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Berset	Khiuppenen	Ekren	Kholomeev
		1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Dble
4♦	5♣	Pass	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Berset's shot at slam paid off when the diamonds happened to behave very well at this table too. Norway +980 and 11 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Castanheira	Bocchi	Pessoa	Madala
			1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

The unpleasant duplication on the NS hand meant that 5♥ was already in great danger. All problems for Madala were solved, however, when East played the ace rather than the seven to partner's lead of the ♠3. Italy +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Barbosa	Lauria	Palma
			1♥
Pass	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♥	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

As the Portuguese could not find a way to stop short of slam, the defensive inaccuracy at the other table suddenly proved quite costly, though the Italian defenders exactly matched it. Italy another +100 and 13 IMPs back to them. They were only 5 IMPs down now.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dubinín	Hoftaniska	Gromov	Charlsen
			1♥
Pass	2♣	2♦	Pass
4♦	6♥	All Pass	

North must have been disappointed to see his partner's good values in diamonds after the raise to slam. On a diamond lead, the contract had to go two down, as it should. Russia +200.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Berset	Khiuppenen	Ekren	Kholomeev
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

The Russians quite correctly assessed their slam prospects as gloomy and therefore stayed on very firm ground. When West led his singleton club, it quickly turned out they had done the right thing. Russia another +620 and 13 IMPs back to reduce their deficit to 4.

When neither of our featured four pairs reached a slam on the last board, these two matches had ended quite close. Italy came back in the end to win 54-50 or 16-14 VP. whereas Russia overtook Norway to win 48-39 or 17-13 VP.

Denmark were one of the few to bid the slam on the last board of the set, so here it is:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Jónsson	Ron	Baldursson	Blakset
5♣	All Pass		

Maybe, West is a trifle strong for 5♣ in first position but these hands do not obey to fixed rules, of course. Iceland +620 when North led two rounds of spades.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Haraldsson	Bjarnarson	Magnusson
2♣	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

On this auction, Haraldsson knew a second spade would not survive so he tried a diamond at trick two instead. This gave declarer some nervous moments but in the end, all was well for Askgaard when the hearts were friendly to him. Denmark +1370 and thus the 12 IMPs needed to win their match against the overnight runners-up 40-27 or 18-12 VP.

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.

In the first rows of the auditorium seats will be reserved for the medal winning Senior, Women's and Open Teams and for the first three pairs in both the A & B Finals of the Magerman Cup.

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

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

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Nice Declarer Play

by Micke Melander

On Thursday morning Iceland was taking on Sweden in one of many Nordic battles during these championships. Only 54 IMPs were shared between the teams in this very close match, which ended 16-14 in Icelandic favour.

In the closed room Jonsson had no problem making his 11 tricks after a diamond lead. Declarer simply made sure of his game establishing his clubs then squeezed Fallenius as South for his last overtrick.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Dbl	3NT	All Pass

Things were very much more difficult in the open room where Nyström probably managed to make one of this championship's best plays by a declarer. He got the three of clubs as the opening lead, won with the ace. A spade to the ace and a club towards dummy, on which Haraldsson decided to discard the four of diamonds. Nyström then ruffed a club on the way back with the jack of spades and continued with his third trump to dummy's king. Another club was ruffed with his last trump, establishing the suit.

Leaving the following situation:

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

Nyström now played a diamond to dummy's king and continued with his clubs. Magnusson could ruff when he wanted but was then thrown in to give away a trick in hearts. Excellent play for a flat board.

The first real swing of the match arrived on board 10.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul

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



Peter Bertheau, Sweden

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
		1♦	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

A lot ofimps were distributed in all matches on this board. Haraldsson chose to overcall with 1♥, rather than making a take-out double of 1♦. After bidding their game, the Icelandic pair could write down a smooth 11 tricks on their scorecard when declarer had few problems knowing where to place the missing keycards.

Far more action happened in the closed room.

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
		1♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	1♠	Dbl
2♣	Dbl	All Pass	Pass

When Fredin chosed to double, Baldursson tried to escape through an SOS redouble, when it was passed round to him. The Icelandic pair finally decided to play in their best common suit. 2♣ wasn't probably that fun to play, knowing that everything probably was as bad as it already had sounded.

Fredin lead the three of clubs, Baldursson ducked and Fallenius won the trick with his singleton king. Fallenius played back a spade to Fredin's king, who then continued attacking the trump suit. Baldursson unblocked the jack of clubs from dummy and tried the queen of hearts, which Fallenius won with his king. He then continued with a spade to the ace after which Fredin could cash his two good hearts. The defence still had two diamond tricks to collect, setting the contract by four tricks. 1100 for the Swedish pair meant 10 IMPs.

Iceland had a good chance of scoring many IMPs a little later on.

Board 14. Dealer South. E-W Vul

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

Open room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Haraldsson</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Closed room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>	<i>Fallenius</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Fredin got a diamond as the opening lead, telling him where the queen was most probably located (i.e West). If the ace of spades would have been with Baldursson as well, he then could be endplayed and thrown in with the ace of spades later, since he couldn't go up with the ace if declarer played a low spade towards the queen.

Fredin therefore went up with the ace of diamonds and played a spade to the queen and Jonsson's ace. The only hope (in reality), was now to set up a spade-diamond squeeze. That was not the case and when Jonsson continued attacking diamonds Fredin won with the king. He cashed all his winners ending up in his hand and with the three card ending he had to give up. One off.

In the open room, Bertheau thought and thought and thought about what to lead. Finally he decided on the six of spades. This was clearly a gift for the Icelandic declarer who couldn't believe whether that was true or not. The six of spades went to a small, jack and queen. Declarer then cashed one club, played a diamond to the king and a heart to the queen. With nothing special appearing he cashed out his hearts discarding a diamond from his hand. Four more rounds of clubs were played, leaving the following position:

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

Jonsson cashed his last club, and after some thinking decided to throw away a spade from dummy. Declarer was obviously aiming to throw West in with the ace of spades, to receive a gift in diamonds. When that wasn't the case it was curtains for the contract, and we could note that "another uninteresting flat board" had been played.

Transnational Cup Paul Magerman van start gegaan

Jan Serras

Gisterennamiddag startte de eerste zitting van de transnational pairs.

De EBL (European Bridge League) heeft dit drie dagen durend evenement de naam "Paul Magerman Cup" gegeven, als eerbetoon aan Paul Magerman, die in de herfst van 2007 overleed. Een eerbetoon om meer dan één reden.

Paul Magerman was de stichter-voorzitter van de VBL (Vlaamse Bridge Liga) in 1977. Van bij het begin slaagde hij erin een structuur uit te bouwen met aandacht voor de opleiding van leraars en wedstrijdleders een noodzakelijke basis om het bridgespel toegankelijk te maken voor eenieder. Hierbij aanleunend was hij trouwens de initiatiefnemer voor de hervorming van de BBF (Belgische Bridge Federatie) waarvan hij gedurende drie jaar voorzitter was.

Maar er is veel meer dan dat. Zo mag men ronduit stellen dat er in ons land sinds de Europese Kampioenschappen van 1973 in Oostende, geen enkel internationaal toernooi naar België werd gehaald of het was op aangeven van Paul Magerman. Er waren niet alleen de jeugkampen, er waren ook de Europese Kampioenschappen voor junioren (velen zullen zich Hasselt 1984 herinneren), de Channel Trophy, maar vooral de diverse kampioenschappen van de toenmalige "Marché Commun". Bij de uitbreiding van de Marché Commun drong een integratie in de EBL zich onvermijdelijk op. Eén grote Europese koepel werd noodza-

kelijk. Paul Magerman nam onmiddellijk het initiatief om, gesteund door de EBL vooral de jongeren tot bridge te motiveren en in een afzonderlijke geleding te begeleiden en te ondersteunen. En ook de geregelde uitwisselingen met andere bridgebonden, in het bijzonder Polen, Duitsland en Nederland, lagen hem nauw aan het hart.

Paul Magerman lag ook aan de basis van de internationale universitaire kampioenschappen.

Paul Magerman wist zich als geen ander te omringen met enthousiaste medewerkers, mensen op functies plaatsen overeenstemmende met hun capaciteiten; kortom de hoedanigheden die een echte organisator kenmerken.

De bezorgdheid voor bridge en de (al dan niet internationale) organisaties, beheersten zijn hele leven. Het was ook Paul Magerman die Marc De Pauw wist ervan te overtuigen de continuïteit in de internationale bridgestructuren te verzekeren. Iets wat inmiddels met succes is gebeurd.

In het eerbetoon door de internationale bridge-instanties zit dan ook een "dank u Paul" vervat.

Wat zou Paul overigens blij zijn geweest indien hij had kunnen aanschouwen dat zijn inzet voor bridge ook internationaal naar waarde wordt geschat. En fier dat de ganse familie Magerman, niet alleen de echtgenote en kinderen maar ook de kleinkinderen hun beste beentje hebben voorgezet om de Europese kampioenschappen in Oostende te helpen slagen. En hoe zoon Bart zich van de zware en slopende taak als voorzitter van het Organisatiecomité heeft gekweten.

De uitslag van de eerste zitting van de Paul Magerman Cup kan u elders in het bulletin vernemen.

Ondertussen naderen ook Europese kampioenschappen voor teams (open, dames en seniores) stilaan hun ontdekking.

Tijdens de 15e zitting van de E.K. seniores teams volgende we de wedstrijd Polen – België

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Mw. Hedwig Magerman midden de kleinkinderen
Louis (links) en Nicolas (rechts) Leconte

De bieding in de open zaal:

west	noord	oost	zuid
A. Kowalski	A. Kaplan	J. Romanski	B. Bollack
	pas	pas	1♠
pas	2♠	DBL	pas
4♥	a.p.		

Alvast een mooie actie van de Polen in OW.

Alain Kaplan, noord, startte met schoppenvier voor de heer in zuid. Bollack speelde harten terug, klein in west, noord legde de tien in en deze werd genomen met de heer in dummy. Vanuit dummy werd de ruitenkleur aangetrokken; zuid legde klein, leider west legde de vrouw op tafel, genomen door noord met het aas. Noord speelde hartendrie na, in dummy volgde de vier, zuid gooide ♠2 af en de leider liet de slag aan dummy. In slag vijf werd vanuit dummy schoppen gespeeld, ingetroefd door de leider. Hierna deed de leider de snit op ruitenboer; de snit mislukte. Ruitenboer werd de derde slag voor de flank.

Zuid speelde schoppen na door de leider ingetroefd met hartenegen. Dummy werd in ruiten aan slag gebracht, waarna nogmaals schoppen werd gespeeld ingetroefd met hartenvrouw. De leider incasseerde klaverenaas waarna hij klaveren introefde in dummy. Met harten naas werd de laatste troef van noord er uitgehaald en ruitennegen zorgde voor contractwinst; 420 voor de Polen in OW;

In de gesloten zaal werd het contract 3♠ te leiden in zuid. Dit contract ging 1 down, 50 voor OW.

De Polen hielden aan dit spel 370 over, goed voor 9 IMP's.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In de open zaal werd als volgt geboden:

west	noord	oost	zuid
A. Kowalski	A. Kaplan	J. Romanski	B. Bollack
pas	pas	1♣	pas
1♠	pas	2♣	pas
2ZT	pas	6♣	a.p.

Gezien de sterke klaverenoppositie in zuid was dit contract kansloos; 100 voor de Belgen in NZ.

In de gesloten zaal werd de Pool Klukowski in noord leidend in 2♦ gedoubleerd. Na start klaverenheer ging dit contract maar liefst 3 down. 800 voor de Belgen in OW. Dit board leverde ons senioresteam 14 IMP's op, waarmee het aan de leiding kwam.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ Q 9 4										
	♥ Q 4										
	♦ 10 8 6										
	♣ A K Q J 4										
♠ J 7	<table border="1"> <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		♠ A 10 8 6 3
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♦ Q 5 4	♦ 9 7 2										
♣ 10 8 7	♣ 6 5										
	♠ K 5 2										
	♥ A K 8										
	♦ A K J 3										
	♣ 9 3 2										

De bieding in de open zaal:

west	noord	oost	zuid
A. Kowalski	A. Kaplan	J. Romanski	B. Bollack
		pas	1♣
pas	2♣	pas	3ZT
a.p.			

West startte met ♥6 genomen door de vrouw in dummy. In slag 2 ondernam de leider de snit in ruiten. West won de slag met ruitenheer en zette schoppenboer voor. In dummy werd ♠4 gelegd en ♠H in zuid maakte de slag. Met drie slagen in ruiten, drie in harten, vijf in klaveren en één in schoppen werden twaalf slagen gemaakt: 480 voor Belgen in NZ. Mits geleid in noord hebben NZ klein slam in klaveren binnen bereik.

Bang afwachten dus wat het zou worden in de gesloten zaal. En jawel: de Polen in NZ bereikten zes klaveren. Gelukkig voor de Belgen diende zuid dit contract te leiden. Onze landgenoot, Jacques Stas, in west startte schoppenboer. Gezien ruitenvrouw ongunstig zat voor de leider werd het één down, 50 voor de Belgen in OW. Op dit spel scoorde het team 530 punten, goed voor 11 IMP's.

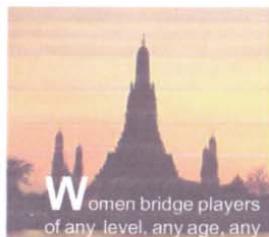
Hiermee kwam ons team zowaar aan de leiding. Uiteindelijk won België de wedstrijd met 6 IMP's verschil. Goed voor een 16-14 (VP) winst.

Na 15 ronden hadden onze seniores 225 VP bijeengesprokkeld, exact een gemiddelde van 15 VP per match.



THAILAND

Since the political situation in Thailand is completely recovered the WBF Women's Committee is pleased to present to you the "Women players", a wonderful bridge programme that will be held in Bangkok on January 2011.



Women bridge players of any level, any age, any rank come and enjoy 5 unforgettable days where you will all enjoy good bridge, visit exciting sites of Bangkok and the surrounding countryside, guided by our warm hospitality in the "Land of Smiles". This Festival is transnational and we do invite you to bring your spouses and friends who can play in side games, or we can organize a game of golf and other activities.

January is the best time to visit Bangkok, "The City of Angels". We have organised activities which even those who have visited previously will enjoy. The Montien Hotel, Surawongse where all accommodation and bridge events will be held, is right in the heart of Bangkok, within walking distance of shops, restaurants and the sky trains for easy transportation.

The Montien Hotel,

Surawongse Road, Bangkok is a five star hotel, right in the heart of Bangkok's commercial district, easily accessible to any parts of the city.



Hospitality and Registration : The Secretariat will be open from 09.00 - 18.00 on Saturday 22nd 2011, on the Mezzanine floor of the hotel for Registration. Payment of the balance of the package cost, payment of entry fees to the tournaments and receive hospitality files, and badges. We will also be pleased to give all information on the excursions and help you with any additional needs.

THAILAND WOMEN'S BRIDGE FESTIVAL BANGKOK, THAILAND. January 22-27, 2011



Prizes :

Cups and gifts will be awarded to the first three placings in each event, as well as 6 prizes for the best accumulated scores in all events. There will also be prizes in the overall category for The youngest, The oldest and many others!

General Information:

Smoking : Smoking is prohibited inside all hotels and restaurants in Bangkok
Weather : Usually dry and pleasant summer weather
Shopping : Many, many shops and shopping centers nearby
Restaurants : Many, many restaurants of all nationalities within walking distance

Companions : Your husbands, friends and family are all welcome. Each can pay for the package and join in all activities and the Open and Social Pairs bridge events. The TWBF Pairs and Individual are reserved for women only.

Reservations : As January is our peak tourist season, it is important that all reservations and deposits come in by **December 1, 2010**. In case there is overwhelming response to this event, rooms will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to arrive earlier, or depart later and would like to visit other places in Thailand, please let us know and we will try to organise all this for you as well.

Cost of Package

(Includes 5 nights accommodation, Buffet Breakfast, all Tours and Meals mentioned in the Program)

Double Room	US\$ 740	per person
Single Room	US\$ 920	
Deposit :	US\$ 160	
Airport transfer to Hotel	: Baht 1,400	per 2 persons
	Baht 1,900	per 4-6 persons

Deposits of US\$ 160 to be transferred to :

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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS ; DECEMBER 1, 2010

Bridge Tournament Entry Fees

TWBF Pairs (3 Sessions)	US\$ 60	(per player)
S & P Open Pairs & Individual	US\$ 15	(per player)
Social Pairs	US\$ 5	(per player)

REGISTRATION FORM

THAILAND WOMEN'S BRIDGE FESTIVAL BANGKOK, THAILAND. January 22-27, 2011

Surname _____ First Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Country _____ Post Code _____
Arrival (Date/Time) _____ Flight number _____
Departure (Date/Time) _____ Flight number _____
E-mail _____ Fax _____
I will share my room with :
Surname _____ First Name _____

PROGRAM

Day 1: Sat. Jan 22

09.00 - 18.00 : Registration
19.00 : Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Sun. Jan 23

09.00 - 14.00 : Visit Jim Thompson Thai House (private sale and lunch)
15.00 - 18.00 : TWBF Pairs (1st Session)
18.00 - 19.00 : Informal dinner
19.30 - 22.30 : TWBF Pairs (2nd Session)

Day 3: Mon. Jan 24

09.00 - 14.00 : Visit Royal Palace, Temple of Emerald Buddha, lunch
15.00 - 18.00 : TWBF Pairs (3rd Session)
18.00 - 19.00 : Informal dinner
19.30 - 22.30 : Oriental Princess Social Pairs (open to all gender)

Day 4: Tues. Jan 25

08.00 - 18.00 : Suphan Buri Province, Sea Food Lunch, Buffalo Farm (ride buffalos, see how they work and learn how to plant rice etc.)
18.30 - 22.30 : Dinner and Show at Siam Niramit

Day 5: Wed. Jan 26

09.30 - 12.30 : S&P Open Pairs
14.00 - 17.00 : Individual Tournament
19.30 - 23.00 : Farewell Dinner and Prize Presentation

Organising Committee :

Contract Bridge League of Thailand, with the kind assistance of the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation and the WBF Women's Committee

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Magerman Cup - Qualification, Session I

1	CINAR - MIZRAHI	TUR - TUR	67.37	52	DE SCHEPPER - TOUTENEL ELS	BEL - BEL	49.32
2	GOTARD - GOTARD	GER - GER	65.60	53	MEIJS - SPEISER	NED - NED	49.13
3	MAASAKKERS - CAMBRE	NED - BEL	65.15	54	DANYLYUK - DANYLYUK	UKR - UKR	49.08
4	COLDEA - ROTARU	ROM - ROM	63.28	55	GAAST - MALYSA	NED - POL	48.96
5	DE SMET - VAN DE VEN	BEL - BEL	63.18	56	KARAMANLIS - PROTONOTARIOS	GRE - GRE	48.92
6	GRANSTROM - PATANA	FIN - FIN	61.40	57	FRIKKEE - ROERMUND	NED - NED	48.90
7	SPANGENBERG - SPANGENBERG	NED - NED	61.25	58	AKIN - SALDZIEVA	TUR - NED	48.56
8	KOISTINEN - ELSINEN	FIN - FIN	60.02	59	VERBEEK - DRIJVER	NED - NED	48.54
9	VANDYCK - VAN MOL	BEL - BEL	59.59	60	KRUIS - VAN DE LINDE	NED - NET	48.48
10	IONITA - FLORIN	ROM - ROM	59.40	61	VERHEES SR - ERICH	NED - NED	48.37
11	EGINTON - TELTSCHER	ENG - ENG	58.90	62	SCHAFFER - VAN DEN HOVE	BEL - BEL	48.33
12	LANKVELD - BOS	NED - NED	58.57	63	RITMEIJER - BRANTSMA	NED - NED	48.20
13	WAELE - TALOVA	NED - NED	57.43	64	STUURMAN - WACKWITZ	NED - NED	48.18
14	SCHOLLAARDT - WORTEL	NED - NED	57.06	65	LORENZINI - GROSSET	FRA - FRA	48.10
15	LOUCHART - CRESTEY	FRA - FRA	56.94	66	GOTTSCHEINER - FINAUT	BEL - BEL	47.95
16	PISAK - OZUMERZIFON	TUR - TUR	56.86	67	MEGLIO - PISCITELLI	ITA - ITA	47.94
17	BURMANIA - FLISIJN	NED - NED	56.63	68	CORNELIS - NIERINCK	BEL - BEL	47.55
18	CHEBELEU - OJOGA	ROM - ROM	56.63	69	NIMHAUSER - HIRTZ	FRA - FRA	47.48
19	RYBNIKOV - KYCHANOV	UKR - UKR	56.28	70	MESBUR - CARROLL	IRL - IRL	47.29
20	CHUMAK - ROVYSHYN	UKR - UKR	56.22	71	MAGERMAN - VAN DE PEPPEL	BEL - NET	47.26
21	SAUVAGE - BOGACKI	FRA - FRA	56.15	72	JAUNIAUX - BUSQUIN	BEL - BEL	47.25
22	TAMMINEN - LESKELA	FIN - FIN	55.03	73	RESTA - FERRARO	ITA - ITA	47.00
23	DEBUS - VAN MECHELEN	BEL - BEL	55.03	74	DEVOOGHT - RAES	BEL - BEL	46.55
24	VANDERVORST - NAELS	BEL - FRA	54.90	75	NUHOGLU - KURANOGLU	TUR - TUR	46.23
25	BARENDREGT - NAB	NED - NED	54.11	76	LAUER - SPALOVSKY	CZE - CZE	46.04
26	CLAEYS - LANKHORST	BEL - BEL	54.10	77	DARDENNE - POLETTO	BEL - BEL	45.99
27	HUYBRECHT - HERMANS	BEL - BEL	54.02	78	VALK - DEN HARTOG	NED - NED	45.82
28	MATTSSON - KOCH	GER - GER	53.94	79	MAYENCE - DELFORGE	BEL - BEL	45.28
29	SOMERS - VERMEIREN	BEL - BEL	53.75	80	SHUKHMEYSTER - KARLIKOV	UKR - UKR	45.16
30	PARNIS-ENGLAND - DIX	MLT - MLT	53.64	81	LANGHOUT - VAN NOORT	NED - NET	45.11
31	BLOCK - PEETERS	BEL - BEL	53.30	82	AGGELOPOULOS - KOUKOUSELIS	GRE - GRE	44.65
32	MARINI - CATA	ITA - ITA	53.18	83	MCGOWAN - LIGGAT	SCO - SCO	43.74
33	LAFOURCADE - HENRI	BEL - BEL	53.02	84	SEN - KETES	TUR - TUR	42.83
34	GILBOA - UZUMCU	ISR - TUR	52.74	85	DENNING - SHIELDS	WAL - WAL	42.78
35	VANTILBORGH - VANTILBORGH	BEL - BEL	52.17	86	DIAS - SOMERS	BEL - BEL	42.54
36	HEINRICHS - WENNING	GER - GER	52.12	87	KUZSELKA - BARTLEY	GER - GER	42.29
37	BIANCHI - CATELLANI	ITA - MON	52.07	88	MYERS - TODD	USA - USA	42.03
38	VERSLUIS - DAEMEN	NED - NED	52.06	89	PROIA - PALMARI	ITA - ITA	41.70
39	GESTE - OZOLS	LAT - LAT	52.00	90	GUR - SUT	TUR - TUR	41.61
40	DONKERSLOOT - DONKERSLOOT	NED - NET	51.95	91	TUSZYNSKI - INGIELEWICZ	POL - POL	41.43
41	HOMME - GEIR	NOR - NOR	51.45	92	HAY - FRAZER	SCO - SCO	40.49
42	KREUNING - OUDA	NED - NED	51.23	93	RUBENIS - GERMANIS	LAT - LAT	39.46
43	ASH - GOODMAN	SCO - SCO	50.84	94	HELMICH - HOP	NED - NED	39.16
44	CALAS - GELIBTER	BEL - BEL	50.71	95	VAN DEVELDE - DEMANDT	BEL - BEL	39.14
45	WINKEL - VAN HOOIJDONK	NED - NED	50.61	96	DOWNES - GORMALLY	IRL - IRL	39.12
46	KLEIN - TER ELST	NED - NED	50.39	97	VAN PRAET - BLOMME	BEL - BEL	39.01
47	JOURDAIN - DUNCAN	WAL - SCO	50.23	98	VANPARIJS - DOBBELS	BEL - BEL	38.76
48	JAGROOP - MEER	NED - NED	50.09	99	DE BLOCK - GOLDSZTAJN	BEL - BEL	38.24
49	BOON - CHIF	BEL - BEL	49.74	100	DISSARD - MARIE	MON - FRA	38.01
50	OIKONOMOPOULOS - ANASTASIADIS	GRE - GRE	49.65	101	PIPER - WILKINSON	SCO - SCO	36.72
51	AUDENAERT - HENDRICKX	BEL - BEL	49.64	102	MARCHESANO - ROMANO	ITA - ITA	35.09

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 17th	-12.00/20.00 -20.00	- Mixed Teams Registration - Opening Ceremony
Saturday 18th	-10.30 -20.00	- Mixed Teams Qualification in Groups, 5 Rounds - Captains Meeting
Sunday 19th	-10.30 -12.00/20.00 -20.00	- Mixed Teams Qualification Swiss, 5 Rounds - Mixed Pairs Registration - Captains Meeting
Monday 20th	-08.30/10.00	- Mixed Pairs Registration - Mixed Teams (16 ^ Final)
Tuesday 21st	-15.00 -15.30	- Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 1 st Session) - Mixed Teams (8 ^ Final) - Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 2 nd Session)
Wednesday 22nd	-10.30 -10.30 -15.30 -14.45 -15.30	- Mixed Teams (4 ^ Final) - Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 3 rd Session) - Mixed Pairs (Qualifying 4 th Session) - Mixed Teams (Semi-final) - Mixed Teams (Final, 1 st Session) - Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 1 st Session) - Mixed Teams (Final 2 nd , 3 rd Sessions) - Mixed Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 2 nd Session)
Thursday 23rd	-10.30 -12.00/20.00 -20.00	- Mixed Pairs (Final A, 1 st Session) - O/W/S Teams Registration - Mixed Pairs (Final A 2 nd Session, Final B & C) - Mixed Championship Prize-giving Ceremony
Friday 24th	-10.00/19.00 -20.30	- O/W/S Teams Registration - Open Teams (Qualifying in Groups, 2 Rounds) - Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin
Saturday 25th	-10.30 -10.30 -17.00	- Open Teams (Qualifying in Groups, 3 Rounds) - Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin - Open Teams (Qualifying Swiss, 2 Rounds)
Sunday 26th	-10.30 -10.30 -12.00/20.00 -20.00	- Open Teams (Qualifying Swiss, 5 Rounds) - Women & Senior Teams Qualifying Round Robin - O/W/S Pairs Registration - Captains Meeting
Monday 27th	-09.00/10.00 -10.00 -10.30 -15.00 -16.30	- O/W/S Pairs Registration - Open Teams (16 ^ Final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 1 st Session) - Open Teams (8 ^ Final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 2 nd Session)
Tuesday 28th	-10.30 -10.30 -15.00 -16.00	- O/W/S Teams (4 ^ Final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 3 rd Session) - O/W/S Teams (Semi-final) - O/W/S Pairs (Qualifying 4 th Session)
Wednesday 29th	-10.30 -10.30 -14.45 -16.30 -20.30	- O/W/S Teams (Final 1 st Session) - O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 1 st Session) - O/W/S Teams (Final 2 nd & 3 rd Sessions) - O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 2 nd Session) - O/W/S Teams Prize-giving Ceremony
Thursday 30th	-10.30 -15.30	- O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 3 rd Session) - O/W/S Pairs (Semi-Final A & B 4 th Session)
Friday 1st	-10.30 -11.00 -15.30	- O/W/S Pairs (Final A, B & C 1 st Session) - EBL President Press Conference - O/W/S Pairs (Final A, B & C 2 nd Session)
Saturday 2th	-10.30 -15.30 -20.30	- O/W/S Pairs (Final A & B 3 rd Session) - O/W/S Pairs (Final A & B 4 th Session) - O/W/S Pairs Prize-Giving & Closing Ceremony

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