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France's Grand Slam



The Victorious French Women Team

In a breath taking finish **France, Veronique Bessis, Bénédicte Cronier, Catherine D'Ovidio, Daniele Gaviard, Joanna Neve, Sylvie Willard, José Damiani Npc, Thomas Bessis Coach**, finished 1 VP ahead of the **Netherlands, Laura Dekkers, Marion Michielsen, Jet Pasman, Anneke Simons, Martine Verbeek, Wietske van Zwol, Alex van Reenen Npc, Hans Kelder Coach**, to secure their thirteenth *European Women's Team* title.

Third place went to **Sweden, Pia Andersson, Jessica Larsson, Cecilia Rimstedt, Sandra Rimstedt, Sara Sivelind, Emma Sjoberg, Henrik Noberius Npc, Simon Bech Coach**.

Carrying the European banner with them into the *Venice Cup* will be **Germany, England, Poland & Italy**.

09.30	
England - Germany (Seniors)	BBO 1
France - Switzerland (Seniors)	BBO 2
Italy - Denmark (Seniors)	VG - BBO 3
12.15	
Italy - Israel	BBO 1
Russia - Iceland	BBO 2
Germany - Poland	BBO 3
Sweden - France	BBO 4
VuGraph one of the BBO Matches	
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Italy - France (Seniors)	BBO 1
Poland - Austria (Seniors)	BBO 2
Bulgaria - Israel (Seniors)	BBO 3
to be decided	BBO 4
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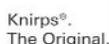
Today's Schedule

- 09.30 Seniors Teams, Round 21
- 10.00 Transnational Pairs Final
- 12.15 Open Teams F.R., Round 9
- Seniors Teams, Round 22
- 14.30 Transnational Pairs Final
- 15.15 Seniors Teams, Round 23
- 19.00 Closing Ceremony

Today's Playing Rooms

All tables in the Senior and Open Teams will be placed on the second floor (Open Room, Erhal) today.

The final B pairs is played in the Delvaux room (third floor).



WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 25 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	RUSSIA	85 - 55	21 - 9
2	ITALY	CZECH REP.	77 - 30	24 - 6
3	POLAND	BELARUS	102 - 60	24 - 6
4	FRANCE	SWEDEN	53 - 84	9 - 21
5	WALES	CROATIA	62 - 53	17 - 13
6	HUNGARY	SPAIN	44 - 76	8 - 22
7	NORWAY	GREECE	77 - 37	23 - 7
8	FINLAND	TURKEY	14 - 65	5 - 25
9	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	51 - 44	16 - 14
10	PORTUGAL	AUSTRIA	24 - 67	6 - 24
11	DENMARK	IRELAND	46 - 53	14 - 16
12	SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND	31 - 62	9 - 21
13	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	34 - 34	15 - 15
14	LEBANON	BULGARIA	61 - 34	21 - 9

ROUND 26 - 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 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	BELARUS	59 - 24	22 - 8
2	CZECH REP.	SWEDEN	25 - 72	6 - 24
3	RUSSIA	CROATIA	38 - 25	18 - 12
4	ITALY	SPAIN	43 - 25	19 - 11
5	POLAND	GREECE	45 - 48	14 - 16
6	FRANCE	TURKEY	102 - 14	25 - 0
7	WALES	BELGIUM	15 - 45	9 - 21
8	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	23 - 70	6 - 24
9	NORWAY	IRELAND	77 - 37	23 - 7
10	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	44 - 37	16 - 14
11	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	19 - 42	10 - 20
12	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA	49 - 26	20 - 10
13	DENMARK	LEBANON	96 - 32	25 - 3
14	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	28 - 98	2 - 25

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

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	ENGLAND	65 - 24	23 - 7
2	POLAND	LATVIA	91 - 2	25 - 0
3	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	49 - 24	20 - 10
4	ISRAEL	ICELAND	22 - 55	8 - 22
5	FRANCE	RUSSIA	53 - 53	15 - 15
6	SWEDEN	ITALY	27 - 47	11 - 19
7	TURKEY	PORTUGAL	100 - 46	25 - 2
8	ESTONIA	SWITZERLAND	27 - 42	12 - 18
9	BULGARIA	DENMARK	36 - 27	17 - 13

ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	FRANCE	DENMARK	32 - 33	15 - 15
2	ESTONIA	ITALY	14 - 74	3 - 25
3	ICELAND	PORTUGAL	45 - 18	21 - 9
4	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	53 - 34	19 - 11
5	BULGARIA	POLAND	16 - 49	8 - 22
6	ENGLAND	TURKEY	24 - 37	12 - 18
7	LATVIA	SWEDEN	53 - 53	15 - 15
8	ISRAEL	NORWAY	44 - 28	18 - 12
9	GERMANY	RUSSIA	60 - 61	15 - 15

ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN	40 - 67	9 - 21
2	ISRAEL	BULGARIA	46 - 32	18 - 12
3	TURKEY	RUSSIA	42 - 27	18 - 12
4	DENMARK	LATVIA	39 - 44	14 - 16
5	NORWAY	ESTONIA	46 - 44	15 - 15
6	PORTUGAL	GERMANY	9 - 69	3 - 25
7	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	26 - 82	4 - 25
8	POLAND	ITALY	14 - 20	14 - 16
9	ICELAND	ENGLAND	28 - 31	14 - 16

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 9**

12.15

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

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 21 09.30**

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

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 18 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	POLAND	SPAIN	47 - 31	19 - 11
2	NORWAY	IRELAND	31 - 71	6 - 24
3	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	7 - 44	6 - 24
4	GERMANY	BULGARIA	62 - 12	25 - 4
5	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND	26 - 50	9 - 21
6	FINLAND	WALES	51 - 39	18 - 12
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY	34 - 56	10 - 20
8	AUSTRIA	ITALY	42 - 37	16 - 14
9	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	41 - 17	21 - 9
10	TURKEY	FRANCE	35 - 57	10 - 20
11	DENMARK	SWEDEN	37 - 13	21 - 9
12	ENGLAND	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 22 12.15

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

ROUND 19 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	NORWAY	35 - 25	17 - 13
2	IRELAND	ENGLAND	21 - 32	13 - 17
3	POLAND	GERMANY	44 - 9	23 - 7
4	BULGARIA	ESTONIA	61 - 15	25 - 5
5	SCOTLAND	FINLAND	53 - 26	21 - 9
6	WALES	CZECH REP.	39 - 11	22 - 8
7	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	7 - 21	12 - 18
8	ITALY	ISRAEL	34 - 16	19 - 11
9	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	32 - 16	19 - 11
10	FRANCE	DENMARK	16 - 42	9 - 21
11	SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	13 - 37	9 - 21
12	BELGIUM	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 23 15.15

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

ROUND 20 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ENGLAND	SPAIN	47 - 24	20 - 10
2	BELGIUM	IRELAND	31 - 39	13 - 17
3	GERMANY	NORWAY	58 - 8	25 - 4
4	ESTONIA	POLAND	31 - 20	17 - 13
5	FINLAND	BULGARIA	33 - 62	8 - 22
6	CZECH REP.	SCOTLAND	22 - 21	15 - 15
7	AUSTRIA	WALES	73 - 19	25 - 3
8	ISRAEL	HUNGARY	13 - 40	9 - 21
9	TURKEY	ITALY	21 - 64	5 - 25
10	DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	35 - 17	19 - 11
11	SWEDEN	FRANCE	5 - 32	9 - 21
12	SWITZERLAND	BYE		18 - 0

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

after 8 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	304
2	POLAND	297
3	ISRAEL	284.5
4	ICELAND	270
5	NETHERLANDS	255
	SWEDEN	255
7	RUSSIA	252
8	BULGARIA	240.5
9	FRANCE	235.5
10	GERMANY	234.5
11	ENGLAND	232
12	TURKEY	230
13	NORWAY	214
14	DENMARK	213
15	ESTONIA	195
16	SWITZERLAND	193
17	PORTUGAL	189
18	LATVIA	188

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

after 20 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	ITALY	376
2	POLAND	359
3	DENMARK	352
4	AUSTRIA	349
5	FRANCE	347
6	GERMANY	345
7	BULGARIA	339.5
8	HUNGARY	330
9	ISRAEL	328
10	IRELAND	316
11	NETHERLANDS	315
12	SWEDEN	314
13	BELGIUM	301
14	ENGLAND	299
15	TURKEY	298.5
16	SCOTLAND	293
17	NORWAY	253.5
18	SPAIN	246
19	CZECH REPUBLIC	245
20	ESTONIA	232
21	FINLAND	230
22	WALES	224
23	SWITZERLAND	217

WOMEN TEAMS FINAL RANKING

1	FRANCE	505	15	GREECE	395
2	NETHERLANDS	504	16	BULGARIA	387
3	SWEDEN	500	17	SCOTLAND	377
4	GERMANY	495	18	PORTUGAL	372
5	ENGLAND	492	19	HUNGARY	370
6	POLAND	481	20	CROATIA	356
7	ITALY	469	21	SPAIN	352
8	AUSTRIA	453	22	IRELAND	340
9	NORWAY	442	23	LEBANON	323
10	RUSSIA	441	24	FINLAND	320
11	DENMARK	438	25	BELARUS	310
12	ISRAEL	434	26	SWITZERLAND	300
13	BELGIUM	416	27	WALES	284
14	TURKEY	402	28	CZECH REPUBLIC	278

Open Series Final Round 4 Review

by Jos Jacobs

The opening boards of yesterday afternoon's round were very lively, with double-figure swing occurring all over the place. In this review, I will concentrate on Italy-Denmark (a little), Portugal-France and Netherlands-Bulgaria only.

On the first board, Portugal unexpectedly took the lead against France when Vinciguerra found an imaginative bid:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Cruzeiro</i>
3♥	Pass	1♠	3♦
	Pass	5♥	All Pass

One down. Portugal +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
	Pass	1♠	4♦
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

No problems here. Portugal another +420 and a surprise 10 IMPs to them.

Board 2 proved problematic in all our featured matches:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Cruzeiro</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The wrong choice of games. One down on the lead of the ♣J. France +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The right contract. You would lose just two spades and a club. France +620 and 12 IMPs back straight away.

In the Italy-Denmark match, this board started a rout of the Danish:



Paul Chemla, France

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>	<i>Madala</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Made easily, as we already saw. Italy +620.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Røn</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Blakset</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♣ showed diamonds but this did not influence the outcome. 3NT proved the wrong choice. Italy another +100 and their first big swing (12 IMPs) of the match. There were many to follow.

In our third featured match, the Dutch did better than the Bulgarians:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Batov</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bonev</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Vasil Batov, Bulgaria

Netherlands +620.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
		Pass	1♣
1♠	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Netherlands another +100 and 12 IMPs to them too.

It is curious that in all three matches, one NS pair was in the proper contract and the other was not.

The next board was basically a defensive problem:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Both Eric Eisenberg for France and Simon de Wijs for The Netherlands could open 3♥ on the West hands and thus were able to score a perfect par of +140. At all four of our other featured tables West opened 1♥ after which EW invariably got to 4♥, albeit along vastly diverging routes. Look at the various auctions:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Cruzeiro</i>
			Pass
3♥	All Pass		

France +140.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Lévy led the ♣5 from his doubleton, which declarer won

with dummy's ace, Chemla contributing the six, his lowest, to show an odd number. Next came a losing heart finesse and Lévy continued the ♠A, Chemla following with the ♠10 this time, clearly an encouraging signal. However, when Lévy continued with a spade to partner's King, how was Chemla to know that a diamond now was necessary rather than a club...

Portugal +620 and another surprise 10 IMPs to them. After 3 boards, the score stood at 20-12 to them.

Netherlands v. Bulgaria:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Batov</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bonev</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			2♠
3♥	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Drijver led the ♠A and continued the suit to Brink's ♠K and a trump came back. Rather than trying a finesse, declarer cashed the ♥AK and tried to get rid of his diamond loser on the 4th club. When Drijver could ruff the 3rd round of clubs, Batov was one down. Netherlands +100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
			Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Well done and just made. Netherlands another +140 and 6 IMPs.

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>	<i>Madala</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Dble	Redble	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

Bocchi made the defence look ridiculously easy. Guided by the auction he led ♠A and continued the ♠Q. When this held, he cashed ♦A as well and leant back...Italy +100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Røn</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Blakset</i>
			Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Jacob Røn led the ♠A and continued the suit to partner's

King. A trump came back and this time, declarer did take the losing finesse. North then fell from grace as he tried to cash the ♠Q rather than the ♦A first...Italy another +620 and 12 more IMPs.

Reaching the correct game contract was again the issue on board 4:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Cruzeiro</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

One down on the obvious diamond lead, as declarer cannot get rid of all his losing diamonds. France +100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	2♥
3♦	4♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

No problem here, declarer losing two hearts and a club when East, upon winning a low heart to declarer's ♥J, returned a trump rather than a forcing diamond. Declarer could win the ♥K now and simply concede a club. France +620 and 12 IMPs back to them to regain the lead.

On the same board, this time the Dutch were in the wrong denomination:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Batov</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bonev</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	1♣	INT	2♥
3♠	Dble	4♦	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♥ by South showed spades but after North's 4♥ the 5-5 or better was not obvious for South. One down, Bulgaria +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
Pass	1♥	Dble	1♠
2♦	3♣	3♦	4♥
All Pass			

East led a diamond, ruffed by declarer who unblocked the ♣K and led a trump to his Jack and East's ace. Muller now went for the forcing defence but declarer ruffed again and then threw his losing diamond on the ♣J. West could win his ♣Q but that was the end of the defence as dummy's trumps could now take care of a diamond return. If East were able to ruff a club with the ♥10, declarer then would simply finesse the ♥Q through West. Bulgaria +620 and 12 IMPs to them to trail by 12-21 now.

In the Italy-Denmark match, we saw a slight deviation:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

A fine save by the Danes: Italy +500 only.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Røn</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Blakset</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

This might have been a different story had North's methods allowed him to bid an immediate 3♥ over 3♣. As it was, 4♦ went just one down but Italy had gained another 9 IMPs rather than losing 3.

On board 7, the NS scores ranged from +630 to -800 and, what is more, in the same final contract:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Italy-Denmark match, these were the auctions:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>	<i>Madala</i>
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Askgaard led a normal ♣J, won by Madala with the ♣K. The ♥J came next, followed by a low heart to dummy's Queen and a hasty claim...Italy +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Røn</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Blakset</i>
Pass	1♠	2♠	1♣
3♠	All Pass		Pass

Though 1♠ was a relay rather than a psychic, this did not

affect East's overcall. When Duboin made a tactical preemptive raise, North understandably felt he could not move again so there it rested. The contract went down two, Denmark +200 but 9 more IMPs to Italy.

Bulgaria earned themselves a game swing when Batov found an effective lead against The Netherlands' normal no-trump game:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Batov</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bonev</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Batov found the spectacular lead of the ♠K. Down three, Bulgaria +300.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
			INT
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

No aggressive raise by North who opted to defend 2♠ for an easy one down. Bulgaria another +100 and 9 IMPs to take the lead: 29-21.

In the Portugal-France match, the old adage about NT players who don't have spades once again proved right when East could double for a spade lead:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Eisenberg</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Vinciguerra</i>	<i>Cruzeiro</i>
			INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When West, who had led a natural enough ♣J, played back a low club after winning the second round of hearts, Cruzeiro even had an overtrick: Portugal +630.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Palma</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Barbosa</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
			INT
Pass	3NT	Dble	All Pass

The classic convention of doubling INT-3NT for an unexpected major suit lead proved very effective here when Palma could more than obey Barbosa's request by putting the ♠K on the table. That was +800 to Portugal and a juicy 16 IMPs.

Leading partner's suit led to an adverse game swing for Bulgaria on this one:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Batov</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bonev</i>	<i>Brink</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When West led the ♠10, his partner's suit, North could cover with the Jack, leaving a tenace position when declarer ducked the ♠Q. East returned the ♣Q which ran to dummy's King, immediately giving declarer his 9th trick. Netherlands +600.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Marashev</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Tsonchev</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	Dble	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

South decided to sell out to 2♥, which proved a good decision as this contract was just made. Bulgaria +110 but 10 IMPs to The Netherlands.

Two boards later, the Dutch conjured up another game swing:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Batov</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Bonev</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When South led a normal low heart, the defence was bound to prevail. Netherlands +50.

Closed Room

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Marashev</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Tsonchev</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♣ was Strong Club and 1♥ showed spades. As 2♣ did not show clubs, North had nothing to guide him once West had bid no-trump first, forced by the system. When the ♣Q came out, nine tricks were there because declarer played the hand very well. The ♣K won the first trick and the ♣7 went to North's ♣J. Back came the ♥9 to South's King but South now shifted to the ♠9. Declarer went up with his ace and now had time to cross to dummy and set up his clubs. South, on lead with the ♣A, returned a low spade but De Wijs made no mistake: he put in the ♠10. When this forced the King from North, nine tricks were there. Netherlands a fine +400 and 10 more IMPs to them. They were in the lead again: 41-36.

A string of more quiet boards followed but near the end, we saw the Bulgarians miss two games in succession of which this was the second. The board also was a swing to Portugal when Palma found an elegant way to make his doubled game contract.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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Open Room

West <i>Eisenberg</i>	North <i>Pereira</i>	East <i>Vinciguerra</i>	South <i>Cruzeiro</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♦
2♠	All Pass		

On the lead of the ♥K, Eisenberg made two overtricks. France +170.

Closed Room

West <i>Palma</i>	North <i>Lévy</i>	East <i>Barbosa</i>	South <i>Chemla</i>
		1♣	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Palma took the bull by its horns when he immediately bid game when Barbosa could open the bidding. His declarer play was a joy to watch. He won the ♥K lead and ran the ♠9. The next spade went to the ten in hand and a low club came next. North went up with his ace and cashed his heart trick before exiting with the ♦J. Palma finessed the ♦Q, cashed the ♣K and ruffed a club in hand. Next came the ♦A and a heart ruffed in hand. Down to just ♠AQ now, Palma simply exited in diamonds and claimed. Portugal +590 and 9 IMPs back.

The final score in this match became 57-52 or 16-14 V.P. to France.

For the sake of completeness, here are the auctions from the Netherlands v. Bulgaria match:

Open Room

West <i>Batov</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Bonev</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	1NT
2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
3♠	All Pass		

One overtrick, Bulgaria +170.



Jorge Cruzeiro, Portugal

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Marashev	Muller	Tsonchev
4♥	Dble	INT 4♠	Pass All Pass

Muller played the hand in exactly the same way as Palma but as he was not doubled, he received just a few benevolent nods rather than a big round of applause. Netherlands +420 but a valuable 6 IMPs to them to bring the score in this match to 60-36.

The last board of this match was a worthy apotheosis, in view of all the good things both teams had shown us before in their match:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Batov	Drijver	Bonev	Brink
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♦
4♠	5♣	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	Dble	Pass
Pass	Redble	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

2♦ by South showed hearts, of course. In view of the vulnerable overcall, bidding the grand on a finesse looked better than a 50% chance. Netherlands +2210.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Marashev	Muller	Tsonchev
Pass	1♠	2♣	3♥
5♣	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

The board was a push when the Bulgarians, after some good 5- and 6-level cuebidding, also reached the grand. Well done by them as well, +2210 and a great push to end the match.

The final score: 60-36 or 20-10 VP to the Netherlands.

PRIZE GIVING - CLOSING CEREMONY



Will take place today the 3rd in the Auditorium at 19.00
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WOMEN TEAMS

France v Germany

by Mark Horton

Round 22

These great rivals, who have contested more than one Venice Cup Final, can usually be relied upon to produce some great bridge.

carding another diamond from hand and claimed nine tricks, +140 and 1 IMP.

Clearly both North/South pairs had a good result but is it possible to bid the heart game? One easy way is for East to open the bidding (in The Mysterious Multi we describe a 2♥ opening – a limited three-suiter always including four hearts – that would be one way).

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J ♥ Q 9 8 5 2 ♦ Q 8 3 ♣ A 9 6 5	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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 8 7 6 ♥ A K 6 4 ♦ K 10 9 2 ♣ 4	♠ A K 10 5 2 ♥ 7 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ K Q 8 2
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Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ J 9 7 5 3 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ J 10 5 4 3	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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 3 ♥ 10 8 4 ♦ A Q 8 5 2 ♣ 9 6 2	♠ A 10 8 7 6 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ A Q
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W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
All Pass	Pass	Pass	2♠

West led the five of hearts and East won and tried to cash a second heart. Declarer could ruff and was not seriously inconvenienced by the 4-1 trump break, +110.

Perhaps West should have doubled 2♠ when no doubt East would have bid the heart game.

Facing a passed partner there are two possibilities with the West hand. Bid 2NT or pass, hoping partner has enough to reopen. West's choice would have delivered an excellent penalty, but when East decided to pass it looked as if the swing would go the other way, as 3NT is clearly easy. 2♠ finished four down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	3♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Dble	2♥*	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
All Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble

Although East/West managed to push North/South to the three level it is surprising that they did not aspire to 4♥, which cannot be defeated.

East won the first heart with the king and returned the six, ruffed by declarer, who cashed the ace of spades, played a spade to the queen (West discarding a heart) and the jack of clubs. (Once West has discarded a heart declarer can afford to draw trumps and play on clubs.) West won with the ace and when she returned the eight of hearts all chance of defeating the contract had vanished. East had to play the king and declarer discarded a diamond. Declarer ruffed the next heart in dummy, dis-

2♥ Hearts and a minor, 4-9

Over 2♥ South could choose from a natural non forcing 2♠, a relay of 2NT (weak or FG) or 3♣, invitational for a minor or a pass. It looked as if she had taken a brilliant decision when East/West ended up in 4♠ (over 3♦ why not

bid 3NT) but amazingly the contract cannot be defeated! North led the jack of clubs and declarer won with the queen and made the natural looking, but fatal play of a spade to the king. Now there was no way to avoid the loss of a heart and three trumps, -200.

It is hard to estimate how difficult it is for declarer to envisage the 6-0 break but while you are contemplating that is it possible that West should have retreated to 4NT when 4♠ was doubled?

A sensational result for Germany, worth 9 IMPs.

If declarer never touches trumps, simply arranging to ruff a club in hand then the defenders can never take more than three tricks whatever they do.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 5 4 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ 10 6 ♣ Q 9 7 5 4	♠ A K J ♥ A J 10 6 3 ♦ 2 ♣ 10 6 3 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 10 3 ♥ Q 9 ♦ K 9 5 4 3 ♣ A J 8
♠ 8 7 6 2 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ A Q J 8 7 ♣ K			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	Dble	I♦ All Pass	Pass

Should West leave I♦ doubled in, given that it might have been based on a 3 card suit?

Well, 2♣ would be no picnic (-800) and redoubling did not work well in the match between Belgium and Bulgaria as it was passed out for -2200.

Declarer did not panic and careful play saw here record the four tricks she was entitled to, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	Dble	I♦ Pass	Pass
Rdble	Pass	I♠ Pass	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Here West did redouble – and look at the trouble she found.

Notice North's choice of double at both tables – bidding I♥ let's East off the hook and South's pass over I♠, which

suggested interest in a penalty as an immediate double would have been for takeout.

South led a spade and North took the king, cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the jack, covered by the queen and king. Declarer ruffed the next heart and exited with the queen of spades. North won, cashed the jack of spades and declarer was booked for five down, -1400. That gave Germany 12 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J 7 ♥ J 9 7 6 5 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ 10 8 7	♠ Q 9 4 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 10 8 6 ♣ A K Q J 4	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 10 8 6 3 ♥ 10 3 2 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ 6 5
♠ K 5 2 ♥ A K 8 ♦ A K J 3 ♣ 9 3 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	I♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	4NT



Cristina Giampietro, Germany

West led the six of hearts for the queen, three and eight. Declarer decided to play the four of spades at trick two and when East made the strange looking play of going in with the ace declarer was home, +990.

(As an aside, on general grounds, assuming East plays low perhaps West should unblock the jack of spades on the first round of the suit, although it is not essential on this layout.)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
		Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

- 1♣ Strong Club
- 2♠ Artificial, one 5/6 card minor, balanced
- 2NT Relay
- 3♦ clubs, 11+

Here West led the five of hearts and after winning with dummy's queen declarer cashed the ace of clubs, came to hand with a heart and played a spade. The queen lost to the ace and there was no way to generate a twelfth trick, -50 and 14 IMPs to France.

Once you decide to place the heart length on your left, if anyone is going to be short in spades it will be West. A singleton ace would be good news for declarer but with any other holding West would withhold the ace of spades and now it would be a brave declarer who rejected the diamond finesse in favour of the strip squeeze and throw in.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
1♣	Dble	1♥	Pass
2♣	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Cronier</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
1♣	Dble	1♥	Pass
2♣	Dble	3♣	All Pass

Obviously a club contract is straightforward and ten tricks were made in both rooms. So why mention this deal?

Well, as you can see, 4♥ is easy and a vulnerable game is not to be sneezed at. If West bids 2♥ on the second round the East hand is at least worth a try (the fifth heart is an important card) and I confess I would simply bid 4♥. There is a strong case for raising hearts directly even if there is no double from North.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>D'Ovidio</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Gaviard</i>
Pass	2♣*	Pass	INT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

West led the jack of clubs, covered in turn by the queen, king and ace. Declarer played a diamond to the king and a heart to the jack, West discarding the two of spades. With no real hopes declarer played a club and West took the trick and exited with a club. (Cashing the ace of spades is one alternative that works, as does exiting with a diamond.) Declarer won and discarded a spade (difficult to see, but that is a losing line, as I will explain in a moment). When she continued with a winning club East ruffed in with the eight of hearts (the winning defence is to discard the jack of diamonds then simply ruff the next club). Declarer overruffed, crossed to dummy with a diamond and played the last club, leaving East with no good move. +420.

If declarer had discarded a diamond on the third round of clubs she can play a heart for the queen and ace then exit with a spade. West wins and returns a diamond (as good as anything). Declarer wins in dummy and plays a club, ruffed and overruffed. After cashing the king of spades declarer

ruffs a diamond with the nine of hearts.

Closed Room

West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Auken</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Von Arnim</i>
1♠	Dble*	2♠	1♣*
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the eight of diamonds and Declarer won in dummy and played a heart to the jack getting the bad news. She played a heart back to the nine and East's queen. The spade switch saw West take the ace and there was no way for declarer to avoid two more losers, -50 and 10 IMPs to France.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	♠ 10 7 4	
	♥ J 10 9 5	
	♦ 7 4	
	♣ A J 9 4	

N		
W		E
	S	



Catherine D' Ovidio, France

Open Room

West <i>Nehmert</i>	North <i>D'Ovidio</i>	East <i>Giampietro</i>	South <i>Gaviard</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Although this is not exactly an exciting deal it does raise one or two interesting issues.

For my money West should rebid INT rather than 2♦, not that it would have worked particularly well here.

By a remarkable coincidence we were discussing a deal where the East/West players held identical hand patterns over dinner the night before and decided that (minus any systemic issues) East should not pass 2♦, nor give false preference to 2♥. That leaves 2♠, hoping that one of three things might happen; that you find partner with a doubleton spade, or that partner was planning to support spades (having a powerful hand with three card support) or that partner might bid 2NT when you can try 3♣.

Anyway, 2♦ was a poor spot and declarer finished three down, -300.

Closed Room

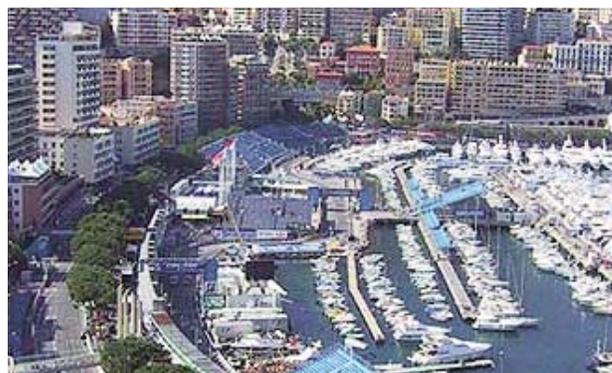
West <i>Willard</i>	North <i>Auken</i>	East <i>Cronier</i>	South <i>Von Arnim</i>
1♥	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♦	All Pass		

Once North has doubled I see no merit in bidding 1♠ with the East hand – after all didn't North just indicate something in that suit?

Declarer did a trick better, -200 giving France 3 IMPs.

Despite a terrific display from Auken-Von Arnim Germany had won only 34-30, 16-14, not really enough to give them a chance of the title.

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Elegant Criss-Cross squeeze

by Micke Melander

In the match between Germany and Russia (R15 - Open), Smirnov from the Russian team executed a really nice piece of declarer play. The Criss-Cross squeeze he made is one of the most elegant that we have seen so far in Ostende. And for sure it wasn't obvious to play it the way he did it.

Dubinin started off with three rounds of hearts, the third one ruffed by Gromov in East, who immediately returned the jack of trumps, won by Smirnov with the ace. He then continued pulling the last trump from East, and got the knowledge that West was 2-6 in the majors vs East's 3-1. It was obvious that he needed the queen of clubs to be on-side to have a chance of getting the remaining tricks. Smirnov continued with a club to dummy's ace and then a club to the jack, which held the trick, arriving at the following position:

Board 15. Dealer East. N-S Vul

♠ 5 3 ♥ A K J 4 3 2 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ 10 9	♠ 8 7 6 ♥ 10 8 5 ♦ A J 6 ♣ A 6 4 2	♠ Q J 9 ♥ 7 ♦ K 10 8 5 3 ♣ Q 8 7 3	♠ A K 10 4 2 ♥ Q 9 6 ♦ Q 9 ♣ K J 5
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♠ — ♥ J 2 ♦ 7 4 2 ♣ —	♠ 8 ♥ — ♦ A J 6 ♣ 6 4	♠ — ♥ — ♦ K 10 8 5 ♣ Q 8	♠ 10 4 2 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 ♣ K
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West <i>Dubinin</i>	North <i>Piekarek</i>	East <i>Gromov</i>	South <i>Smirnov</i>
			INT
Dbf*	Rdbf**	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

* One-suiter
 ** Ready for business

In this situation you could play for clubs 3-3, and if that didn't work you could try for the diamond finesse. However playing like that probably won't get you into the daily bulletin.

Smirnov next played his three spades, taking note of two hearts and one diamond from West. Declarer followed suit on the first one from dummy and then discarded the jack and six of diamonds. East who was in great trouble, discarded the five and eight of diamonds and then chose to discard his eight of clubs. But even if East had pitched a diamond the criss-cross squeeze would have brought home the game.

On the king of clubs the queen fell from East which cleared the suit, so dummy's six could score the last needed trick. Well done Smirnov!



Josef Piekarek, Germany

Championship Diary

May be held over, as there is not mushroom in this issue.

There was a sensation at yesterday's Press Conference when there was no question from 'Patrick Jourdain, Daily Telegraph, London, 1,000,000 readers.'

Overheard as a team scored up at the end of Round 25, 'Stevie Wonder would have seen that defence miles away'.

Vier Belgische paren naar de finale van de Paul Magerman Cup

Colette Grosfils & Jan Serras

De drie kwalificatieronden van de Paul Magerman Cup (transnationals) zitten er op. Van de 102 deelnemende paren zijn de eerste 28 rechtstreeks geplaatst voor de finaleronde. Bij die 28 paren zijn er 4 paren waarbij minstens één landgenoot betrokken is. Het zijn de paren Somers – Vermeiren, De Smet - Van de Ven, Magerman – Van de Poppel en Maasakkers – Cambre.

Inmiddels zijn de Europese kampioenschappen voor teams (open, dames en seniores) in de eindfase getreden. Bij zowel de open teams als de seniorteam lijkt het voor wat betreft de titel op een duel tussen Italië en Polen af te stevenen. Bij de dames komen er nog meerdere landen in aanmerking, met Nederland, Engeland en Frankrijk in de beste uitgangspositie. Voor de Belgische teams – het open team was reeds in een eerder stadium uitgeteld – zijn de ambities herleid tot het behalen van een plaats bovenaan de middenmoot.

Un incident « technique » ne nous a pas permis de publier les deux donnes suivantes dans le Daily Bulletin n° 9. Ce ne sera sans doute plus d'actualité mais faisons contre mauvaise fortune bon cœur.

A la séance 19 et à la donne 12, nos représentantes ont demandé et réussi ce chelem.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Couteaux		Angelini	
1♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

Entame du ♦6 pour le Roi de la déclarante. qui rejoue petit ♣ pour la Dame de sa partenaire. Angela Couteaux joue l'As de ♦ sur lequel elle se débarrasse de son ♠2. Elle revient alors du Valet de ♦ qu'elle abandonne à la Dame de Nord. Cette dernière retourne le ♥5 pour le 7, la Dame et l'As d'Ouest qui présente son As de ♣ sur lequel Nord dé-

fausse un petit ♠ et ensuite le Roi de ♣ pour l'écart d'un autre ♠ en Nord. Elle revient alors du ♥4 pour le Roi de sa partenaire et encaisse les deux ♦ restants. A ce moment, Nord est squeezé entre ses ♥ et ses ♠ et se défait d'un ♠ et d'un ♥ sur ces deux ♦. La déclarante réclame ensuite le solde des levées.

La première séance d'hier matin nous a donné bien des émotions.

Quelques mauvais esprits se gausseront sans doute d'un « 2200 » perdu par nos joueuses, mais quelle forme doivent-elles tenir pour arriver à décrocher le match nul contre les Bulgares après cet accident.

La donne 19 leur a rapporté pas mal de points puisque nos compatriotes ont marqué, tour à tour, dans leur colonne.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

En salle ouverte,

Après l'ouverture d'1 SA suivie d'un 2♣ Stayman, Nicole Maréchal joue 4♥ et réussit son contrat pour la marque de 420.

En salle fermée :

West	North	East	South
Angelini	Pancheva	Couteaux	Yanevat
2♦*	2NT	3♠	INT
			All Pass

* 2♦ promet une longue à ♠

Entame d'un petit ♦ pour l'As et Roi de ♦. ♣2 pour l'As de Sud qui revient d'un petit ♣ pour le 10 d'Ouest qui tient. Le petit ♦ qui suit est coupé du 8 et surcoupé du 9. Le Roi de ♥ est avancé pour l'As de Sud et coupé. La déclarante revient d'un ♦ coupé du ♠6 en Est. La Dame de ♥ réalise la levée suivante et un ♣ est défaussé en Ouest. La déclarante perd encore le Roi de ♠ et réclame le solde des levées.

+ 140 + 420 rapportent 11 IMPs à nos compatriotes qui comblent leur retard grâce à cette donne et à la suivante. Belgique-Bulgarie 15-15.

Ce matin, à la donne 3 de la séance 18, David Johnson, assis en Est a enchéri d'une manière peu académique mais, il avait ses raisons.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West <i>Stas</i>	North	East <i>Johnson</i>	South
2NT	Pass	3NT	2♠ All Pass

Après une mûre réflexion, David Johnson se décide pour l'enchère de 3 SA car il craint des coupes à ♠. Il espère aussi que son partenaire détient l'As de ♥. La plupart des



Jacques Stas, Belgium

joueurs jouent le contrat à ♥.

Nord entame du ♦10 pour la Dame du déclarant. Jacques Stas rejoue le ♥5 pour le Roi du mort qui tient. Il rejoue la Dame de ♥ pour l'As de Nord. Le déclarant ne possède qu'une rentrée aléatoire au mort, le Valet de ♣, mais pour cela, il faut un peu de chance. Il rejoue donc le 6 de ♣ et le Roi, bien placé, en Nord réalise la levée. Nord débloque alors son Roi de ♠ pris par l'As d'Ouest qui rejoint le mort grâce à son « magic » Valet de ♣ et réclame le solde des levées. 3 NT + 2 : 660.

En salle fermée, Hubert Janssens a l'envie de faire « bouger la table » et joue 5 ♦ contrés moins 4 pour - 800. La différence, heureusement, n'est pas énorme en face d'une manche certaine chez l'adversaire.

Tijdens de 25e ronde van de damesteams volgden we de wedstrijd Israël – België.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q J 8 2 ♥ K J 10 9 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ 10	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10 7 5 ♥ 6 ♦ J 10 7 5 ♣ A Q 6 4 3	♠ — ♥ A Q 8 7 5 3 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ 9 8 7 5
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Zoals je kan merken hebben OW 6♥ binnen bereik. In de gesloten zaal bleven Degreve - Marechal (OW) steken in 4♥. In de gesloten zaal bood het Israëlsche OW paar Tal - Tal wel dit klein slam, zodat België bij dit spel 13 IMP's moest toestaan.

Het spel daarop (board 7) werd dit verlies grotendeels gerecupereerd toen Degreve Marechal 3ZT boden en lukten, terwijl het Israëlsche OW-paar in de gesloten zaal het hield bij 1ZT.

In de open zaal werd als volgt geboden:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

1 IONITA - FLORIN	ROM - ROM	60.21	15 OIKONOMOPOULOS - ANASTASIADIS	GRE - GRE	49.11
2 GOTARD - GOTARD	GER - GER	59.91	16 COLDEA - ROTARU	ROM - ROM	48.67
3 DE SMET - VAN DE VEN	BEL - BEL	58.14	BIANCHI - CATELLANI	ITA - MON	48.67
4 JOURDAIN - DUNCAN	WAL - SCO	55.47	18 MAGERMAN - VAN DE PEPPEL	BEL - NET	48.52
5 SPANGENBERG - SPANGENBERG	NED - NED	55.33	19 SCHOLLAARDT - WORTEL	NED - NED	47.63
6 MATTSSON - KOCH	GER - GER	55.18	20 SOMERS - VERMEIREN	BEL - BEL	47.04
7 VERSLUIS - DAEMEN	NED - NED	54.73	21 BARENDREGT - NAB	NED - NED	46.30
WINKEL - VAN HOOIJDONK	NED - NED	54.73	22 LANKVELD - BOS	NED - NED	45.27
RYBNIKOV - KYCHANOV	UKR - UKR	54.73	23 VERBEEK - DRIJVER	NED - NED	44.23
10 LOUCHART - CRESTEY	FRA - FRA	53.99	24 PISAK - OZUMERZIFON	TUR - TUR	43.79
11 GRANSTROM - PATANA	FIN - FIN	53.11	25 CHEBELEU - OJOGA	ROM - ROM	43.34
12 RITMEIJER - BRANTSMA	NED - NED	52.66	26 CINAR - MIZRAHI	TUR - TUR	41.86
13 KOISTINEN - ELSINEN	FIN - FIN	50.30	27 TAMMINEN - LESKELA	FIN - FIN	41.72
ASH - GOODMAN	SCO - SCO	50.30	28 MAASAKKERS - CAMBRE	NED - BEL	35.06

Magerman Cup - Final B, Session I

1 GAAST - MALYSA	NED - POL	65.33	32 GOTTCHEINER - FINAUT	BEL - BEL	50.29
2 HELMICH - HOP	NED - NED	62.38	33 VANTILBORGH - VANTILBORGH	BEL - BEL	50.11
3 STUURMAN - WACKWITZ	NED - NED	61.06	34 MAYENCE - DELFORGE	BEL - BEL	49.86
4 DEBUS - VAN MECHELEN	BEL - BEL	60.20	35 KLEIN - TER ELST	NED - NED	49.44
5 DANYLYUK - DANYLYUK	UKR - UKR	58.92	36 FRIKKEE - ROERMUND	NED - NED	48.82
6 LORENZINI - GROSSET	FRA - FRA	58.82	37 CALAS - GELIBTER	BEL - BEL	48.53
7 VANPARIJS - DOBBELS	BEL - BEL	57.79	38 PROIA - PALMARI	ITA - ITA	48.52
8 VALK - DEN HARTOG	NED - NED	57.16	39 HEINRICHS - WENNING	GER - GER	48.21
9 AGGELOPOULOS - KOUKOUSSELIS	GRE - GRE	56.47	40 SAUVAGE - BOGACKI	FRA - FRA	47.90
10 KRUIS - VAN DE LINDE	NED - NET	55.96	41 MEIJS - SPEISER	NED - NED	47.75
11 TUSZYNSKI - INGIELEWICZ	POL - POL	55.76	42 DIAS - SOMERS	BEL - BEL	47.59
12 AUDENAERT - HENDRICKX	BEL - BEL	55.64	43 MYERS - TODD	USA - USA	47.22
13 GUR - SUT	TUR - TUR	55.40	44 HAY - FRAZER	SCO - SCO	47.21
14 SHUKHMEYSTER - KARLIKOV	UKR - UKR	55.19	45 DEVOOGHT - RAES	BEL - BEL	47.05
15 SEN - KELES	TUR - TUR	54.99	46 KUZSELKA - BARTLEY	GER - GER	46.71
16 CORNELIS - NIERINCK	BEL - BEL	54.80	47 DARDENNE - POLETTI	BEL - BEL	45.80
17 HOMME - GEIR	NOR - NOR	54.73	48 MARCHESANO - ROMAN?	ITA - ITA	45.14
18 BURMANIA - FLISIJN	NED - NED	54.24	49 VANDYCK - VAN MOL	BEL - BEL	44.44
19 BOON - CHIF	BEL - BEL	54.00	50 SCHAFFER - VAN DEN HOVE	BEL - BEL	43.21
20 GESTE - OZOLS	LAT - LAT	53.81	51 DE BLOCK - GOLDSZTAJN	BEL - BEL	43.10
21 NIMHAUSER - HIRTZ	FRA - FRA	53.62	52 NUHOGLU - KURANOGLU	TUR - TUR	42.99
22 MARINI - CATA	ITA - ITA	53.56	53 AKIN - SALDZIEVA	TUR - NED	42.82
23 DE SCHEPPER - TOUTENEL ELS	BEL - BEL	53.19	54 VANDERVORST - NAELS	BEL - FRA	41.86
24 MCGOWAN - LIGGAT	SCO - SCO	52.70	55 MEGLIO - PISCITELLI	ITA - ITA	41.84
25 MESBUR - CARROLL	IRL - IRL	52.43	56 LAUER - SPALOVSKY	CZE - CZE	41.07
26 HUYBRECHT - HERMANS	BEL - BEL	52.12	57 EGINTON - TELTSCHER	ENG - ENG	38.93
27 JAGROOP - MEER	NED - NED	51.85	58 VAN PRAET - BLOMME	BEL - BEL	38.90
28 LAFOURCADE - HENRI	BEL - BEL	51.68	59 BLOCK - PEETERS	BEL - BEL	37.40
29 JAUNIAUX - BUSQUIN	BEL - BEL	51.23	60 DISSARD - MARIE	MON - FRA	36.66
30 WAELE - TALOVA	NED - NED	51.14	61 DOWNES - GORMALLY	IRL - IRL	34.20
31 RUBENIS - GERMANIS	LAT - LAT	50.95	62 DONKERSLOOT - DONKERSLOOT	NED - NET	33.98



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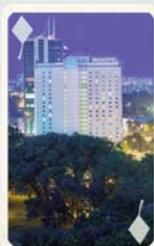
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Prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd classified pairs in the FINAL A and the 1st classified pair in FINAL B will be awarded at the FINAL PRIZE GIVING which will take place during the "Closing Ceremony" in the Auditorium today.

EBL Press Conference



It was standing room only at yesterday's packed Press Conference, hosted by EBL President **Gianarrigo Rona**. After a speech of welcome questions were invited from the floor.

Christian Wennerod, NPC of the Norwegian Open Team raised the topic of professionalism preventing some of Europe's best players from taking part in the Championships as they would prefer to compete in the Transnational event at the World Championships rather than appear in the Bermuda Bowl.

Jan Van Cleeff of IMP Magazine raised a number of points about the format, suggesting that their might be two groups, one for the top 20 ranking teams, with the remainder going into the other group.

Maureen Dennison, retiring IBPA Secretary raised a question about the length of the Championships.

Jean-Paul Meyer of Le Figaro Magazine asked President Elect **Yves Aubry** what his position would be if he faced a resignation from a member of his committee.

The President elect answered that some problems arose between himself and Armand Trippers but he had not received any resignation letter and furthermore Armand could certainly play an important role in the administration of European Bridge. He is confident that no real disputes will arise.

Per Jannersten asked the President Elect to outline his plans for the development of the EBL.

All these points were replied to in great detail by the President and the President elect.

After a short introduction by **Radek Kielbasinski**, President of the Polish Bridge Federation, there was a presentation by the Chairman of the City Council of Poznan **Grzegorz Ganowicz**, which clearly demonstrated that the City will provide a superb venue for the 2011 European Open Championships.

That was followed by an illustrated talk by **Armand Trippaers** about the magnificent venue for the 2011 World Bridge Championships.

2011 promises to be a wonderful year for Europe's bridge players!