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OLD CONTENDERS YOUNG PRETENDERS



You are assured of a warm welcome at the Hospitality Desk

After two days play the leader boards contain a mixture of old and new contenders. In Group A of the *Open Series* **Iceland** continues to top the table ahead of **Italy** while **Latvia** occupy third place. In Group B **Sweden** replaces second placed **Ireland** at the summit with **Israel** next in line. In the *Women's Championship* **Germany** retain the lead with **Netherlands** second and **Bulgaria** third.

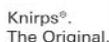
Round 7	
Norway - Italy	BBO 1
Serbia - France	BBO 2
Netherlands - Sweden	BBO 3
Romania - England	BBO 4
Germany - Austria (Women) VG	BBO 5
Round 8	
Italy - Slovakia	BBO 1
Lebanon - France	BBO 2
Austria - Netherlands	BBO 3
Denmark - Sweden (Women)	BBO 4
Israel - Ireland VG	BBO 5
Round 9	
Ireland - Poland	BBO 1
Poland - France (Women)	BBO 2
England - Sweden	BBO 3
Croatia - Bulgaria	BBO 4
France - Italy VG	BBO 5

Playing Times

Don't forget that today and on Monday play starts at 09.30am.

Today's Schedule

09.30	Open & Women Teams, Round 7
10.00	Seniors Teams Registration
13.00	Open & Women Teams, Round 8
16.00	Seniors Teams Captain's Meeting
16.15	Open & Women Teams, Round 9
19.30	Seniors & NBO Officers Welcome



OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

GROUP A

ROUND 7 09.30

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

ROUND 8 13.00

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

ROUND 9 16.15

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

Butler Scores

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

Ton Kooijman

GROUP B

ROUND 7 09.30

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

ROUND 8 13.00

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

ROUND 9 16.15

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

Thanks

The Lebanese Bridge Federation wishes to express their warm gratitude to Bank Audi and Nissan Cars for their support of their teams in this Championship.

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A

ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SCOTLAND	SERBIA	39 - 35	16 - 14
2	NORWAY	TURKEY	53 - 28	20 - 10
3	SLOVAKIA	ICELAND	32 - 44	13 - 17
4	FRANCE	CROATIA	23 - 47	10 - 20
5	CYPRUS	FINLAND	17 - 57	7 - 23
6	LATVIA	WALES	41 - 28	18 - 12
7	HUNGARY	GERMANY	27 - 82	4 - 25
8	LITHUANIA	BULGARIA	40 - 73	8 - 22
9	LEBANON	ITALY	28 - 74	6 - 24
10	SWITZERLAND	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SERBIA	NORWAY	35 - 36	15 - 13
2	TURKEY	SLOVAKIA	56 - 33	20 - 10
3	ICELAND	FRANCE	38 - 19	19 - 11
4	CROATIA	CYPRUS	90 - 36	24.5 - 3.5
5	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND	48 - 60	13 - 17
6	WALES	HUNGARY	42 - 24	19 - 11
7	GERMANY	BULGARIA	46 - 35	16 - 12
8	SCOTLAND	LEBANON	80 - 26	25 - 4
9	ITALY	LITHUANIA	90 - 21	25 - 2
10	LATVIA	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SLOVAKIA	SERBIA	48 - 26	20 - 10
2	FRANCE	TURKEY	51 - 18	22 - 8
3	CYPRUS	ICELAND	3 - 89	0 - 25
4	SWITZERLAND	CROATIA	44 - 29	18 - 12
5	LATVIA	FINLAND	79 - 23	25 - 4
6	BULGARIA	WALES	36 - 19	19 - 11
7	LITHUANIA	GERMANY	55 - 71	12 - 18
8	LEBANON	NORWAY	10 - 47	7 - 23
9	ITALY	SCOTLAND	58 - 34	20 - 10
10	HUNGARY	BYE		18 - 0



Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount.

GROUP B

ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	AUSTRIA	ROMANIA	32 - 19	18 - 12
2	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	36 - 42	14 - 16
3	LUXEMBOURG	RUSSIA	68 - 39	21 - 9
4	ENGLAND	SPAIN	48 - 27	19 - 11
5	UKRAINE	IRELAND	5 - 52	6 - 24
6	PORTUGAL	ESTONIA	34 - 38	14 - 16
7	BELGIUM	MONACO	29 - 56	9 - 21
8	GREECE	POLAND	16 - 71	4 - 25
9	SAN MARINO	SWEDEN	28 - 51	10 - 20
10	ISRAEL	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ROMANIA	NETHERLANDS	26 - 73	6 - 24
2	DENMARK	LUXEMBOURG	30 - 33	14 - 16
3	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	31 - 35	14 - 16
4	SPAIN	UKRAINE	56 - 14	24 - 6
5	IRELAND	PORTUGAL	24 - 30	14 - 16
6	ESTONIA	BELGIUM	52 - 42	17 - 13
7	MONACO	GREECE	51 - 39	17 - 13
8	POLAND	ISRAEL	26 - 69	6 - 24
9	AUSTRIA	SAN MARINO	51 - 26	20 - 10
10	SWEDEN	BYE		18 - 0

ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	LUXEMBOURG	ROMANIA	66 - 28	23 - 7
2	ENGLAND	DENMARK	42 - 67	10 - 20
3	UKRAINE	RUSSIA	16 - 74	4 - 25
4	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	56 - 44	17 - 13
5	BELGIUM	IRELAND	58 - 27	21 - 9
6	GREECE	ESTONIA	36 - 41	14 - 16
7	ISRAEL	MONACO	30 - 31	15 - 15
8	SAN MARINO	NETHERLANDS	17 - 47	9 - 21
9	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	79 - 29	25 - 5
10	POLAND	BYE		18 - 0

Senior Teams



The Opening Ceremony for the Senior Teams will be held at the Town Hall, 500 meters down Leopold II Laan, today the 25th at 7.30 pm, for their presentation.

All NBOs are also invited to attend the Ceremony and also to the Welcome Reception that will follow.

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 7** 09.30

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

ROUND 8 13.00

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

ROUND 9 16.15

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

WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 4 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GREECE	GERMANY	59 - 53	16 - 14
2	TURKEY	SPAIN	52 - 14	23 - 7
3	BELGIUM	CROATIA	43 - 39	16 - 14
4	AUSTRIA	SWEDEN	21 - 45	10 - 20
5	IRELAND	BELARUS	49 - 44	16 - 14
6	SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.	32 - 17	18 - 12
7	ENGLAND	RUSSIA	17 - 50	8 - 22
8	BULGARIA	ITALY	54 - 28	20 - 10
9	LEBANON	POLAND	19 - 65	6 - 24
10	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	35 - 51	12 - 18
11	SWITZERLAND	WALES	31 - 43	13 - 17
12	DENMARK	HUNGARY	65 - 51	18 - 12
13	PORTUGAL	NORWAY	29 - 83	4 - 25
14	ISRAEL	FINLAND	60 - 21	23 - 7

ROUND 5 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	TURKEY	46 - 27	19 - 11
2	GREECE	BELGIUM	14 - 52	7 - 23
3	SPAIN	AUSTRIA	31 - 42	13 - 17
4	CROATIA	IRELAND	16 - 72	4 - 25
5	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	68 - 68	15 - 15
6	BELARUS	ENGLAND	30 - 27	16 - 14
7	CZECH REP.	BULGARIA	28 - 84	4 - 25
8	RUSSIA	LEBANON	63 - 33	21 - 9
9	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	1 - 60	4 - 25
10	POLAND	SWITZERLAND	62 - 20	24 - 6
11	FRANCE	DENMARK	28 - 51	10 - 20
12	WALES	PORTUGAL	29 - 78	5 - 25
13	HUNGARY	ISRAEL	32 - 66	8 - 22
14	NORWAY	FINLAND	64 - 50	18 - 12

ROUND 6 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	BELGIUM	GERMANY	28 - 47	11 - 19
2	AUSTRIA	TURKEY	25 - 57	8 - 22
3	IRELAND	GREECE	38 - 25	18 - 12
4	SCOTLAND	SPAIN	14 - 32	11 - 19
5	ENGLAND	CROATIA	59 - 31	21 - 9
6	BULGARIA	SWEDEN	50 - 23	21 - 9
7	LEBANON	BELARUS	56 - 22	22 - 8
8	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.	83 - 41	24 - 6
9	SWITZERLAND	RUSSIA	12 - 28	12 - 18
10	DENMARK	ITALY	30 - 55	10 - 20
11	PORTUGAL	POLAND	48 - 19	21 - 9
12	ISRAEL	FRANCE	41 - 50	13 - 17
13	FINLAND	WALES	74 - 24	25 - 5
14	NORWAY	HUNGARY	40 - 52	13 - 17

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 6 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	ICELAND	123
2	ITALY	118
3	LATVIA	112
4	GERMANY	110
5	BULGARIA	105
6	CROATIA	100
	SERBIA	100
	WALES	100
9	SLOVAKIA	93
10	NORWAY	92
	SWITZERLAND	92
12	FRANCE	91
13	SCOTLAND	89
14	TURKEY	84
15	FINLAND	81
16	HUNGARY	67
17	LEBANON	61
18	LITHUANIA	52
19	CYPRUS	35

OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 6 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	SWEDEN	117
2	IRELAND	113
3	ISRAEL	111
4	POLAND	110
5	ENGLAND	109
6	ESTONIA	104
7	DENMARK	101
8	NETHERLANDS	96
9	AUSTRIA	89
10	LUXEMBOURG	88
11	SPAIN	87
12	PORTUGAL	85
13	MONACO	81
14	RUSSIA	79
15	BELGIUM	78
16	GREECE	77
17	SAN MARINO	74
18	ROMANIA	68
19	UKRAINE	47

WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 6 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	GERMANY	119	15	ITALY	94
2	NETHERLANDS	115	16	PORTUGAL	84
3	BULGARIA	108	17	FINLAND	83
4	NORWAY	107		LEBANON	83
	RUSSIA	107	19	HUNGARY	82
6	ISRAEL	104		SCOTLAND	82
7	BELGIUM	103	21	AUSTRIA	80
8	POLAND	102	22	GREECE	78
	TURKEY	102	23	BELARUS	74
10	DENMARK	100	24	SPAIN	71
11	ENGLAND	98	25	CROATIA	67
	FRANCE	98		SWITZERLAND	67
	IRELAND	98	27	WALES	64
14	SWEDEN	95	28	CZECH REPUBLIC	49

New European Master Points

After years of planning and deliberations, the new European Master Points (EMPs) have now been launched and are available through the EBL website (DEPARTMENTS/Master Points).

The new classification takes into account EBL and WBF (and IMSA) competitions, held since 1980, for which detailed information is available in the system. Two separate records are provided, in which members of European NBOs only are included:

- The Historic Record contains all competitions since 1980, and lists all players awarded EMPs, including the deceased ones.
- The Current Record takes into account competitions held over the past decade, and lists living players only.

Each of the two records allows separate listings for the various categories (open, women, youth, seniors). It is possible to see an analysis of the EMPs won by any player in all competitions, as well as the EMPs awarded to all players in any competition. Further filtering allows singling out a particular nationality, players with the same or similar names, etc.

The EMP plan provides titles (European Grand Master, European Master) according to the total of EMPs won. Other titles are given to those winning a European Championship of a certain category (Open, Women, Seniors, Juniors, Mixed). It is possible to see when any of these titles was achieved. All EMP information (points and titles) is also listed analytically in each person's personal information card (under PEOPLE).

The EMP scheme is fully automatic. From now on, EMP awards will be calculated and posted minutes after the end of any EBL or WBF competition (provided that an accurate list of participants is available).

In the Open the Italians are clearly leading the current standings. But in the Womens the French are chasing Sabine

Auken and can takeover the lead if there is a big gap in the final standings here in Ostend. In the Seniors Russyan from Poland and Leenhardt from France can fight it out for first place. The standings (first 15 in each category) follow below.

EGM: European Grand Master

EM: European Master

European Champion:

Open / Women / Seniors / Juniors / Mixed

	Name (OPEN)	Country	EMPs	Title
1	Lorenzo LAURIA	Italy	5034	EGM / O
2	Alfredo VERSACE	Italy	4595	EGM / O, J, M
3	Giorgio DUBOIN	Italy	4098	EGM / O, M
4	Sabine AUKEN	Germany	4010	EGM / W, M
5	Norberto BOCCHI	Italy	3882	EGM / O
6	Sylvie WILLARD	France	3461	EGM / W
7	Daniela von ARNIM	Germany	3408	EGM / W
8	Cezary BALICKI	Poland	3366	EGM / O
9	Bep VRIEND	Netherlands	3327	EGM / W, M
10	Paul CHEMLA	France	3320	EGM / O, M
11	Adam ZMUDZINSKI	Poland	3274	EGM / O
12	Catherine D'OVIDIO	France	3121	EGM / W, M
13	Tor HELNESS	Norway	3098	EGM / J, M
14	Nicola SMITH	England	2982	EGM / W
15	Geir HELGEMO	Norway	2934	EGM / O, J

	Name (SENIORS)	Country	EMPs	Title
1	Pierre ADAD	France	1274	EGM / S
2	Maurice AUJALEU	France	1185	EGM / S
3	F. LEENHARDT	France	1025	EGM / S
4	Christian MARI	France	1022	EGM / S, M
5	Jerzy RUSSYAN	Poland	866	EM / S
6	Claude DELMOULY	France	850	EM / S
7	Andrzej WILKOSZ	Poland	760	EM / S
8	Julian KLUKOWSKI	Poland	750	EGM / O
9	Nissan RAND	Israel	735	EM
10	Aleksander JEZIORO	Poland	697	EGM / O
11	W. STOBIECKI	Poland	687	EM / S
12	Hans-Olof HALLEN	Sweden	652	EM
13	Franco BARONI	Italy	606	EM / S
14	Stefan SZENBERG	Poland	601	EM
15	Marco RICCIARELLI	Italy	576	EM / S

	Name (WOMEN)	Country	EMPs	Title
1	Sabine AUKEN	Germany	4010	EGM / W, M
2	Sylvie WILLARD	France	3461	EGM / W
3	Daniela von ARNIM	Germany	3408	EGM / W
4	Bep VRIEND	Netherlands	3327	EGM / W, M
5	Catherine D'OVIDIO	France	3121	EGM / W, M
6	Nicola SMITH	England	2982	EGM / W
7	Veronique BESSIS	France	2904	EGM / W, M
8	Benedicte CRONIER	France	2894	EGM / W
9	Pony B. NEHMERT	Germany	2731	EGM
10	Marijke van der PAS	Netherlands	2341	EGM / W, M
11	Daniele GAVIARD	France	2337	EGM / W
12	Sandra LANDY	England	2274	EGM / W
13	Pat DAVIES	England	2097	EGM / W
14	Anneke SIMONS	Netherlands	1986	EGM / W
15	Jet PASMAN	Netherlands	1946	EGM / W

Nordic Battle

by Micke Melander

Already in Yokohama 1991 Jon Baldursson showed the world of bridge that Iceland was a serious threat in all kind of tournaments. In one of Iceland's Nordic battles against Norway Mr Baldursson showed that he still is a force to be counted with.

Dealer East. E-W Vul

♠ Q 9 7 6 4 ♥ 9 6 5 4 ♦ A 9 5 ♣ 7	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	♠ 10 ♥ Q J 8 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ K Q 10 8 4 2	♠ A J 8 2 ♥ A K 10 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ A 5 3
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Baldursson</i>	<i>Svendsen</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	1♥*	Dbl
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

*1♣ was strong, 1♥ promised 2-4 hearts and a 5+minor.

Svendsen decided to lead his longest and strongest from the top, ♣K, which certainly didn't work out well when dummy arrived with jack-third and declarer held the ace. Baldursson quickly advanced the ♦K and led a small diamond to dummy's ♦Q both smoothly ducked by Brogeland. If not the hand would had been over easily.

Baldursson now counted his tricks. With most probably two guaranteed tricks in every suit he just had to set up another trick and therefore took the percentage play (78.6%) in spades. So a spade to the ace, and a spade to the king (noting that East discarded a club) meant that he could play a now "safe" low spade towards the jack to set up his ninth trick.

That was 6 IMPs to Iceland when their Norwegian opponents decided to rest in a peaceful 2♦ contract.

West	North	East	South
<i>Sigurjonsson</i>	<i>Ekren</i>	<i>Ingimarsson</i>	<i>Berset</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

*1♣ promised at least two playing with five card majors.

Ekren most probably should have bid a little bit more, or tried to make an invitational call by 2NT or something similar. Our Norwegian titleholders from Pau didn't manage to climb above the two level with a combined 26 HCP's.

Slam Guess

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Two of the early leaders in Open Pool B, England and Ireland, met in the third round. Peter Pigot, East for Ireland on this deal, faced this trick-one guess in a slam:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A Q J 9 8 ♥ A 4 ♦ K J 10 ♣ K J 8	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <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	♠ 10 7 6 3 ♥ K ♦ A Q 8 7 6 4 ♣ 7 3	♠ — ♥ Q J 8 7 6 5 2 ♦ 3 2 ♣ Q 9 5 4
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W E						
S						

West	North	East	South
<i>BJ O'Brien</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Pigot</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
			Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♦	All Pass

4♦ was natural, 4♥ a cue, 4NT keycard, and 5♦ showed 0 or 3 keys.

Tom Townsend led ♣2.

Pigot put in the jack to find Gold winning with the queen and returning a club to Townsend's ace. One down and 11 IMPs to England.

This was well done by Townsend. His spade king was badly placed, partner would have at most a queen and had not doubled the heart cue.

But should North have doubled the response to Key-card? And was the fact that North had not doubled Five Clubs a possible clue to the winning decision for declarer?

At the other table the contract was 5♠ making 12 tricks.

Despite this setback Ireland won the match 16-14 to overtake England by a point.

OPEN TEAMS

Round 2

Portugal v Poland

by Mark Horton

When someone whose opinion you respect tells you unequivocally 'Poland will win the Open' you have to sit up and take notice. I decided to check out their form in what proved to be an entertaining match from the second round.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Cruzeiro</i>	North <i>Balicki</i>	East <i>Pereira</i>	South <i>Zmudzinski</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	INT	Dble
2♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

East led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit (it would have been better to cash the ace of hearts first, although that it perhaps hard to see). When West won and played a third round declarer elected to ruff with the six of spades and East was able to overruff. He switched to a heart, leaving declarer with no winning play, -100.

Declarer can make the contract by discarding a heart on the third round of diamonds (and on the fourth round too) but that relies on East having started life with the ace of hearts – and West had opened the bidding, albeit third in hand.

Closed Room

West <i>Kalita</i>	North <i>Pessoa</i>	East <i>Kotorowicz</i>	South <i>Castanheira</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

North led the four of hearts and South won with the king and switched to the king of spades. The defenders were quick to cash their black suit winners for one down, +50 and 4 IMPs to Portugal.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Cruzeiro</i>	North <i>Balicki</i>	East <i>Pereira</i>	South <i>Zmudzinski</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣*	Dble	3♦
All Pass			

3♣ Diamond raise

Three Diamonds was a comfortable spot and with perfect timing declarer can make eleven tricks. He was content with ten, +130.



Sofia Pessoa, Portugal

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Castanheira</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

3♣ Diamond raise

West led the two of hearts and declarer took East's queen with the king, played a diamond to the ace and spade to the jack. When that held he only needed a 3-3 spade break to reach his target, +600 and 10 IMPs for Portugal.

I guess you could credit most of those IMPs to Pereira as his double of 3♣ saw North/South steer clear of no trumps at his table.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruzeiro</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	5♣*	Pass	3♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	5♦*

5♣ Exclusion Blackwood

East led the three of diamonds and declarer won in hand and played the five of hearts to the ten and ace. When three rounds of spades saw West unable to ruff declarer discarded a diamond on the ace of clubs and another on a spade, East's king of hearts being the only trick for the defence. +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Castanheira</i>
Pass	4♥	All Pass	INT*

INT 11-14, five card major possible

On the lead of the king of clubs declarer made all the tricks but lost 12 IMPs.

North's jump to game looks precipitous – looking at the convention card he had available 2♦, a game forcing relay or more simply 3♥, a slam invitation.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruzeiro</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦*
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			5♦

2♣ Fourth suit forcing

West led the six of clubs and declarer won with the ace, drew trumps and got the spades wrong, +400.



Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Poland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Castanheira</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦*	Pass	4NT*
All Pass			6♦

West kept his side in the game by leading the seven of clubs and declarer won with the ace, drew trumps and exited with a club. West won and switched to the three of hearts and declarer ruffed East's queen. A club ruff was followed by a heart ruff, a spade to the king and the jack of spades, which ran to West's queen. Unlucky. One down, -50 and 10 IMPs to Poland.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruzeiro</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the seven of hearts for the two, ten and king. A spade to the ace was followed by a diamond to the king and a second spade to the queen and king. South switched to the jack of clubs, ducked to dummy's king. Declarer unblocked the diamonds and took the heart finesse but South won and played a club, North winning and returning a club for South to ruff. With the jack of spades to come that was two down, +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Castanheira</i>
	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

- 1♣ Polish
- 2♦ Game forcing
- 2♠ 10+, four spades

North led the ace of clubs and switched to the three of spades. Declarer put up dummy's ace, crossed to hand with a diamond and played a spade, the queen losing to the king as North discarded the three of clubs. South exited with a club to the king and declarer played another trump. South went up with the jack and exited with his last trump but declarer could claim the rest, +420 and 11 IMPs for Poland.

As an aside this deal demonstrates the skill level of the players – both declarers were right on the ball with their play in the trump suit.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruzeiro</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Pereira</i>	<i>Zmudzinski</i>
		INT*	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

INT 11-14
2♣ Majors

Declarer won the trump lead with the ace and played the eight of clubs, which lost to West's ace. A trump was taken by the king, and after drawing the last one declarer cashed the king of clubs and played a diamond to the queen. He ran the jack of clubs, pitching a heart, so he lost three tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Pessoa</i>	<i>Kotorowicz</i>	<i>Castanheira</i>
		1♣*	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East's club lead simplified declarer's task and it was easy enough to arrive at eleven tricks, +650. That gave Portugal 10 IMPs.

It was the Poles who won this well-played encounter 44-34 IMPs, 17-13 VP.

Russian two-way squeeze

by Micke Melander

One of the highlights of Round 1 in the Open series was the match between Russia and Sweden. Peter Fredin was making a welcome return to the Swedish team and he was in the spotlight on this deal:

Dealer East. E-W Vul

<p>♠ K 3 ♥ Q 7 5 4 ♦ K Q J 6 3 ♣ 9 2</p>	<p>♠ A J 9 8 4 ♥ K 3 ♦ 9 7 4 2 ♣ K 6</p> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 60px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div> <p>♠ 5 ♥ A 10 8 6 2 ♦ 10 5 ♣ J 10 8 5 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 7 6 2 ♥ J 9 ♦ A 8 ♣ A Q 7 4</p>	
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West	North	East	South
		1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Fredin lead a diamond won by dummy's ♦A. Dubinin then opted to cash his diamond winners before deciding where to get his missing tricks hoping that the defenders would give away some clues about how to play.

When Dubinin went for this line he also squeezed himself, so-to-say in the dummy. Declarer decided to discard clubs, relying on his spades to produce the missing tricks.

Fredin, sitting North, had also realized that he would be terribly squeezed upon the fifth diamond and carefully decided that he should smoothly discard a low club as soon as he got the chance. If he had discarded a spade declarer could easily set up the tricks he needed in that suit.

Declarer discarded the queen of clubs on the last diamond and went one off when the spades didn't bring in the tricks needed in what was an unbeatable contract if playing double dummy.

Fredin didn't look that happy at the comparison realizing that Bertheau at the other table had managed to buy the contract in 2♠, going two down! So, 2 IMPs to Russia from an unusual two-way squeeze.

Championship Diary

During Wednesday's World Cup encounter between England and Slovenia Maureen Dennison enquired 'Are England in red or white?'

'Yes' was the inevitable reply.

You might have noticed the name of Rita Ghosn, a member of the Lebanon women's team. Her husband, also a fine player is none other than Carlos Ghosn, the President of Renault and Nissan. Rita, used to manage a bridge club in Tokyo when she and her husband lived there.

The Bulletin staff was temporarily thrown into confusion when one of their number admitted making a mistake.

You don't only have to be in Ostend to see some top class bridge over the next few days. Apart from the small matter of the US Team Trials that are taking place in Chicago there is a new major event in Australia this coming weekend, the Watermark 2010 Bridge Classic. It's an 8 team invitational event with \$15,000 prize money - \$8000 alone going to the winning team.

According to the calendar, the opening day of the Championships was the longest day of the year, as it was mid-summer. But John Isner and Nicolas Mahut, along with everybody else watching their match on Court 18, might disagree.

After their match was suspended for bad light on Tuesday, they arrived to start the concluding set at lunchtime on Wednesday - and were still there as the sun went down, having broken all known records but not the deadlock. Wimbledon's modern-day gladiators returned to battle it out for a third day to finish the longest tennis match ever played, with Isner eventually securing the fifth set 70-68.

We hear that some teams are badly in need of scorers (Bulgaria for one). If you can help out, or know someone who can, report to the hospitality desk.

Celebration Of the 50th European Bridge Team Championships



The ceremony will be held on Saturday the 26th of June at 17:30 in the Kursaal Auditorium, followed by a reception in the entry hall. All Officials, NBO's and players are kindly invited.

As this is a very special ceremony, with a very rich programme, where all the Championships' winners and officers will be celebrated:

PLEASE DON'T MISS IT

OPEN TEAMS

Round 3

Russia v Netherlands

by Jos Jacobs

The Netherlands, no doubt one of the favourites for another good result in European Championships, had a terrible start this time. They lost 6-24 to Ireland in the opening match and 11-19 to Spain in the next match. What had happened to them? In the last match of the day, they had to face Russia, another strong performer over the last decade.

After 7 boards and well over an hour's play, the score stood at 5-4 to The Netherlands but then, things finally began to happen.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 5 ♥ J 10 9 6 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ A 8 7 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	♠ K 10 8 7 4 2 ♥ A 8 7 5 ♦ J 6 ♣ 6	♠ Q J 6 ♥ 3 ♦ Q 9 7 5 4 ♣ Q 10 9 3
	♠ 9 3 ♥ K Q 4 2 ♦ A K 8 ♣ K J 4 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Playing in 4♥ you would lose a spade and a club apart from the inevitable trump loser, due to the favourable position of the ♠A. In 4♠, two trump losers are the minimum so you have to get rid of your possible heart loser by taking the right view in clubs. Apart from that, there are squeeze chances.

How would you fancy your chances in 4♠ with Simon de Wijs as a defender in West? He led the ♠J which declarer won with the King in hand to play a trump. Simon rose with the Ace and continued...the ♥6 (his lowest heart) for Bauke Muller to ruff. After some consideration, Bauke did indeed return a low club and thus, the second heart ruff defeated the contract. Very well defended indeed!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khven</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rudakov</i>	<i>Brink</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the other room, the Dutch avoided this trap and duly reached 4♥ to register 10 IMPs.

Making 4♥ might not be as easy as it looks, however. A diamond went to the Jack, Queen and Ace and a spade was led, the King winning. The next spade went to the Ace and at this point, West cashed the ♣A before continuing a diamond. This gave declarer an easy ride. He won the ♦K, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade, West overruffing. Now, West has only clubs left apart from his trumps, so cashing the ♣A early on does not seem to have mattered at all.

On the next board, the Dutch struck again.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q J 2 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ K 9 5 4 ♣ J 9 7	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">W</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	♠ A K 8 7 6 3 ♥ 10 6 ♦ J 10 7 ♣ 10 5	♠ 10 5 4 ♥ K Q ♦ 8 6 2 ♣ A K Q 6 2
		♠ 9 ♥ J 9 7 4 3 2 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ 8 4 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After the weak two, EW had just enough room to make a bid so reaching game was no longer a problem. Netherlands +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khven</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Rudakov</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	3♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, Drijver kicked off at a slightly higher preemptive level. All of a sudden, the Russians found out they had no room left to bid anything at all. One down for +50 to Russia but 11 IMPs to The Netherlands.

Another swing board was to follow soon:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K ♥ K Q 4 3 2 ♦ J 9 8 7 4 ♣ Q 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ 8 7 6 5 ♥ J 10 7 ♦ A K 2 ♣ 8 6 4	
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Please note that after East's 2♥ and 3♠ (in the Strong Club auction) EW were close to reaching 3NT which would have been very difficult to beat...

Closed Room

West <i>Khven</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Rudakov</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
		Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

No ambition in the Closed Room. With the same play of the top clubs, Khven managed to make or less than 11 tricks for another +210 to Russia and 7 much needed IMPs back.

The preemptive level again made the difference on this one:

Open Room

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Khiuppenen</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Kholomeev</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Well, the problem with this contract is that you don't have enough entries in dummy to take all the useful finesses. You might have had a chance on a top heart lead and a low spade from hand but after a diamond lead, Simon de Wijs had to concede one down in spite of playing the clubs from the top successfully. Russia +100.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A K ♥ J 10 5 ♦ 9 3 ♣ Q 10 9 8 5 2	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ 5 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ Q 8 7 4 ♣ K J 7 3	
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Open Room

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Khiuppenen</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Kholomeev</i>
		1♦	3♠
5♦	All Pass		

One overtrick on a spade lead and continuation (no club ruff), Netherlands +420.

Closed Room

West <i>Khven</i>	North <i>Drijver</i>	East <i>Rudakov</i>	South <i>Brink</i>
		1♦	4♠
5♦	5♠	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, it was Brink's turn this time to preempt at a higher level. This again proved a success as Drijver's raise to 5♠ now was automatic. One down, not even doubled, so just +50 to Russia and 9 IMPs to The Netherlands who were leading 38-11 at this stage.



Evgeni Rudakov, Russia

At this point, the Closed Room had about 40 minutes left

for the last six boards. This should have been more than enough had both pairs speeded up from here but this was not to be. On board 17, for example, it took NS a lot of time to go down in a pretty impossible 3NT. On the other hand, Muller-De Wijs had been living up to their reputation as well.

So at about 20.35 hrs. the penultimate board came up:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Even more so when you know that you are well behind, 6♣ is a reasonable shot as there are many chances as long as the breaks are not too unfriendly. West cheers you up with a heart lead to your Queen and what now? Kholomeev made the unluckiest choice of all by leading a low diamond to the Jack, Queen and King. Though East returned a spade rather than a diamond for immediate defeat, the contract still proved unmakeable, of course, as Bauke Muller knew, and it eventually went two down. Netherlands +100.

Closed Room

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

No such experiments in the other room and a solid +490 for The Netherlands to gain another 11 IMPs.

Open Room

West <i>De Wijs</i>	North <i>Khiuppenen</i>	East <i>Muller</i>	South <i>Kholomeev</i>
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

After a flat final board the score thus became 54-14 to The Netherlands which should have converted into a big 23-7 V.P. win. However, the play had been so terribly slow (more than half an hour late) that both teams had to accept a fine of no less than 3 VP to make the match result an odd-looking 20-4 V.P. win to the Dutch. I wonder how the two teams will look at these 3 VP lost any time next week...



Sjoert Brink, Netherlands

Calling All Journalists; Press Trip



Members of the International Bridge Press Association are invited on a Press Trip on Wednesday, 30th June. Numbers are restricted. You must register in the Press Room on the 3rd Floor of the Kursaal near the VuGraph Theatre. The coach will leave the Kursaal at 10.30 and return at 15.30. The trip will include lunch and a boat trip. Dress casual.

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

OPEN TEAMS

Round 4

England v Spain

by Jos Jacobs

On Thursday morning, England, who had done quite well on the opening day, had to face Spain, who had enjoyed the pleasure of beating The Netherlands on their opening day to reach an over-average position as well. For those who were hoping for a lively match, the boards of this set must have been a slight disappointment. Still, there was more than enough that drew my attention:

clarer decided to run the ♠9. When this held, the ♦A was still there in dummy to enjoy the ♠J as well. Just made, +120 and 6 IMPs to Spain.

Two boards later, the compliments were returned:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Basabe</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Basabe</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

From time to time, 15+9 is by no means enough for 3NT. This was such a case, due to the absence of intermediates and shape. Spain +100.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Jason H.</i>	<i>Goded F</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Goded G.</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	2NT

As always, the Hackett twins will be referred to as Jason and Justin.

Spain showed a more subtle approach to this 15+9 case and were rewarded when eight tricks were the maximum. To get as far as that on a heart lead, declarer had to win the second round of the suit and play ♠A and another to the Queen and King. The defenders cashed their hearts, West shedding a diamond as did declarer and dummy, after which East exited in clubs. After cashing three clubs, de-



Jason Hackett, England

After North's pre-empt, reaching 4♥ was virtually impossible for NS as raising partner's suit was about the only thing South could reasonably do over 3♠. When declarer prematurely used up a diamond entry to dummy to unsuccessfully run the ♣J, the defenders could return a diamond each time they got the lead, so the contract went one down. Spain +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jason H.</i>	<i>Goded F</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Goded G.</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♥	4♥	4♠	All Pass

When North did not preempt, his side duly reached the cold vulnerable game but the twins were so quick to save that they escaped undoubled. So Spain another +100 and just 5 IMPs to them.

A few boards later, the preempt was very effective indeed:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 7 3
♥ J 2
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ 10 9 6 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Basabe</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

It's an ugly double with the North hand but that's why the preempt is a useful weapon at times. As neither East nor West held enough trumps and values to double 4♣, the costs were 50 per undertrick or a mere +200 to Spain.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jason H.</i>	<i>Goded F</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Goded G.</i>
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

At this table, North also made the ugly double rather than

bidding 3NT which looks a sound alternative. When South elected to bid his strongest suit first, East found himself with enough trumps and values to express a specific opinion on that. The contract only went down three but that was +500 and 7 IMPs to England to extend their lead to 11.

On the last board, Spain missed what looked like an easy vulnerable game:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Basabe</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>McIntosh</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The English were given a free run to one easy overtrick and +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jason H.</i>	<i>Goded F</i>	<i>Justin H.</i>	<i>Goded G.</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, Justin found an innocent enough opening bid in his cards, completely in accordance with their style. This, however, brought trouble to the Spaniards as North could not find a constructive action any more over his partner's vulnerable overcall. Spain +200 but 10 IMPs more to England who thus won the match 48-27 or 19-11 VP.



Famous Belgians

by Mark Horton



Adolphe Sax



Leo Baekeland



Audrey Hepburn



Eddy Merckx



Georges Lemaitre

Every country in the world has shaped history in some way. However, there seems to be a misconception that Belgium is an exception to this rule? It is a common question to pose 'I bet you can't name me 10 famous Belgians'.

What is behind this world-wide perception that there are no famous Belgians? In most cases, people have heard of the names but will swear to you that they are either French or Dutch. Other people remain convinced that Belgium has never produced anyone significant. They will tell you that Belgium is famous for its products, rather than its people, and therefore they will tend to be more enthusiastic about Belgian beer, waffles and chocolates.

Just to give you an idea here are the names of just a few 'famous' Belgians:

Eddy Merckx - cyclist and 5-time winner of the Tour de France

Adolphe Sax - inventor of the saxophone

Herge (George Remi) - the creator of "Tin Tin" (Kuifje)

Audrey Hepburn - actress and special ambassador to UNICEF

Plastic Bertrand - punk/rock singer of 'Ca Plane Pour Moi' fame

Peter Paul Rubens - Painter

Rene Magritte - painter and theorist of surrealism

Georges Lemaitre - astronomer who discovered the Big Bang theory

Albert Claude - biochemist who was the first to isolate a cancer cell

Leo Baekeland - inventor of the synthetic resin known as "bakelite"

To demonstrate that they are just the tip of the Belgian iceberg here is my personal top 10:

Jean-Marc Bosman – who changed the face of football
Boudewijn, King of the Belgians (1930-1993) the eldest son of King Leopold III and Queen Astrid.

César Auguste Franck (1822-1890) was a Belgian composer and organist

Justine Henin is the most successful Belgian tennis player of all time

Jacky Ickx was born on 1 January 1945 in Brussels. The Belgian Formula 1 racing driver won many races, but will probably be best remembered for his hat-trick of wins in the yearly Le Mans 24 Hours endurance race.

Georges Simenon (1903-1989) was a Belgian writer whose works were among the world's most widely read. A prolific novelist, his detective fictions include one of the world's most famous sleuths, Inspector Jules Maigret of the Paris police.

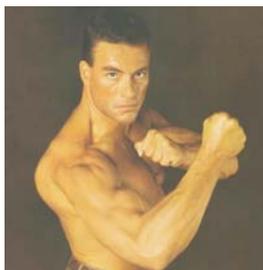
Jeanne Deckers (1933-1985) is famous all over the world as 'The Singing Nun' and for her massive hit 'Dominique', which reached number 1 all over the world and sold more than 1.5 million copies.

Jean-Claude Van Damme (born Jean-Claude Camille François Van Varenberg, 18 October 1960) is a Belgian actor who is best known for martial arts and action movies, the most successful being *Timecop* and *Universal Soldier*.

Sir Anton van Dyck (1599-1641), the famous Flemish painter, was noted primarily for his portraits and religious canvases.

Hercule Poirot, the Belgian detective created by Dame Agatha Christie (1890-1976) has solved dozens of murders since the appearance of the first Poirot book, 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles', in 1920.

And finally one **Herman De Wael**, one of the world's leading Vexillologists!



Jean-Claude Van Damme



Jeanne Deckers



Herman De Wael



Jacky Ickx



Justine Henin

Belgian Ladies Outstanding

Jan Serras & Colette Grosfils

L'équipe belge des dames a connu une excellente première journée, où elle a successivement battu la Pologne, la Russie et le Belarus, ce qui leur donna pas mal d'aplomb pour la suite des évènements.

Cette impression ne fit que se confirmer dans le match 4 qu'elle joua contre la Croatie.

C'est de cette session que sont tirées les donnes suivantes.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

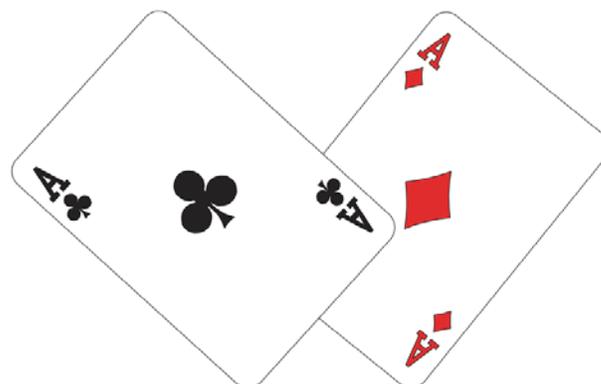
En salle ouverte, la paire croate composée de Tihana Brkljacic - Slavica Martinovic, en Est-Ouest, demanda le contrat de 6 SA, joué en Est. L'entame du 8 de Carreau fut prise par l'As. A la 2ème levée, la déclarante présenta le 7 de Trèfle pour le 6 de Nord et le Roi de sa main qui tint. A la 3ème levée, Est joua à nouveau Carreau et prit la bonne décision en mettant le Roi. Comme le Valet s'écrasa sur le Roi, la déclarante n'avait plus de souci à se faire. 6 SA réussis.

En salle fermée, Antonella Couteaux réalisa même une levée supplémentaire.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

In de open zaal legde west, Slavica Martinovic, ondanks de ongunstige kwetsbaarheid, vier harten op tafel. Nicole Degrève in noord doubleerde waarop iedereen paste. Na start ruitenaas door noord, volgde klaverenaas. Toen hierop geen aanmoedigend signaal kwam werd ruitenheer gespeeld, ingetroefd door de leider. De leider kon het in de hartenkleur niet verkeerd doen en het contract werd gemaakt, 790 voor Kroatië. In de gesloten zaal gebeurde net hetzelfde, maar de Belgische dames stonden nog steeds 11 IMPs achter.



Slavica Martinovic, Croatia

Tijdens het matcheinde lieten de Belgen echter nog een paar keer hun duivels los.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

En salle ouverte, Nicole Maréchal, en sud, fut la déclarante de 4♥.

Ouest entama d'un coeur. Comme cela, la déclarante avait déjà un problème en moins. En trois tours les atouts adverses étaient purgés.

A la quatrième levée, Nicole Maréchal joua ♦9, Ouest joua un petit, et le Roi du mort fit la levée. A la cinquième levée on joua encore une fois carreau, coupé



Nicole Degreve, Belgium

par la déclarante, après quoi suivait encore un tour d'atout. Puis la déclarante encaissa l'As de pique; ensuite elle joua un petit pique. Ouest fit la levée avec son Roi. Avec six levées en coeur, une en carreau, une en trèfle et deux en pique, les Belges scorèrent 420 en NS.

En salle fermée les dames Croates enchérèrent 3♥, juste fait. 7IMPs pour les Belges.

Het feest was nog niet ten einde..

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Nicole Maréchal, zuid, opende drie harten, gedoubleerd door west. Noord paste en oost besloot tot drie zonder troef.

Nicole Maréchal startte zeer geïnspireerd met schoppen negen. De leider, weliswaar met een stop in harten, echter niet wanneer die kleur vanuit noord aangetrokken wordt nam, begrijpelijk, geen risico en legde het aas in. In slag twee werd klaverenaas geïncasseerd, gevolgd van klaverenheer. Noord volgde niet meer en appeleerde voor schoppen.

In slag vier kwam de leider met klaverenvrouw aan slag. Het moment van de waarheid was aangebroken.

De leider zette ruitenboer voor: zuid speelde de vijf bij. Helaas voor de leider mislukte de snit. Noord incasseerde schoppenheer en zette het defilé in deze kleur verder. Toen de schoppenkleur uitgeput was werd harten voorgezet waarna Nicole Maréchal de resterende slagen voor haar rekening nam.

Zodat negen slagen in zonder troef werden gemaakt, maar niet door de partij die zich hiertoe had geëngageerd. Vijf down, en 500 voor de Belgen.

In de gesloten zaal zaten Antonella en Letizia in 5♣, twee down, zodat deze gift 7 IMPs opracht. De vierde overwinning op rij was zo binnen.

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Schedule of play

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1

6:30pm
OPENING CEREMONY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2

- **MIXED PAIRS**
Qualifying 1 & 2

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 4

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

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5

- **ROSENBLUM / MCCONNELL (RR)**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6

- Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

- Rosenblum / McConnell (RR)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8

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

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 11

- Rosenblum (8) / McConnell (4)
- Open and Ladies Pairs qualifying (5) / Semi Final [pairs from the Rosenblum (32/16) or McConnell (16/8) may drop into the semi finals]
- Seniors Teams
- World Youth Bridge Teams Championships
RR (5 matches)*

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12

- **SENIORS PAIRS** - Qualifying 1 & 2
- **IMP PAIRS** - Qualifying 1 & 2**
- Rosenblum (4) / McConnell (2)
- Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final 2 & 3
- World Youth Bridge Teams Championships
RR (5 matches)*

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13

- Rosenblum Final
- Open and Ladies Pairs Semi Final 4 & 5
- IMP Pairs - Qualifying 3 & 4
- Seniors Pairs - Qualifying 3 & 4
- World Youth Bridge Teams Championships RR (2 matches) & QF(40)*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14

- **MIXED SWISS TEAMS** – Qualifying 1 & 2
- **WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP ***
- Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs - Final 1 & 2 (pairs from the QF/SF & F of the Rosenblum and SF/F of the McConnell may drop into the finals)
- Seniors Pairs - Final 1 & 2
- World Youth Bridge Teams Championships - SF (48)*

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15

- Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 3 & 4
- Seniors Pairs - Final 3 & 4
- Mixed Teams Qualifying 3 & Final 1 & Swiss Cup (1)
- World Youth Bridge Teams Championships - F (48)*
- World Youth Bridge Individual Championship*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16

- Open and Ladies Pairs / IMP Pairs Final 5
 - Mixed Teams - Final 2 & Swiss Cup (2)
 - World Youth Bridge Teams Championships - F (16)*
 - World Youth Bridge Individual Championship*
- 5.00 pm: CLOSING CEREMONY**

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	McConnell	1500	1200
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	Senior Teams	1200	1000
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10 th	Ortiz-Patiño Trophy	1500	N/A
	Damiani Cup	1000	N/A
12 th	Senior Pairs	600	500
	IMP Pairs direct qualifications	300	250
14 th	IMP Pairs final	350	300
	Open & Ladies Pairs finals	350	300
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