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# Seniors Join the Party as the Big Guns Warm Up



*All smiles at the Seniors' Opening Ceremony*

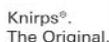
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|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>10.30</b>                |            |
| Italy - Cyprus              | BBO 1      |
| Scotland - France           | BBO 2      |
| England - Germany (Women)   | BBO 3      |
| Israel - Russia             | BBO 4      |
| Bulgaria - Iceland          | VG - BBO 5 |
| <b>13.30</b>                |            |
| Austria - England (Seniors) | BBO 1      |
| Turkey - Poland (Seniors)   | BBO 2      |

| Today's Schedule |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>10.30</b>     | <b>Open &amp; Women Teams, Round 10</b> |
|                  | <b>Seniors Teams, Round 1</b>           |
| <b>13.30</b>     | <b>Seniors Teams, Round 2</b>           |
| <b>17.30</b>     | <b>50th Anniversary Celebration</b>     |

The Town Hall was the venue for the Opening Ceremony of the Seniors event at the 50th European Bridge Teams Championship last night and their event gets under way today.

Meanwhile in the Open Series **Iceland** continue to lead Group A from **Italy** while **Bulgaria** has moved into third place. In Group B it's still **Sweden**, now chased by **Poland** and **Estonia**. **Sweden** will replay their match against **England** as they played in the same direction yesterday.

The **Netherlands** has taken over at the top of the Women's table followed by **Germany** and **France**.



## OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

### GROUP A

#### ROUND 10 10.30

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

### GROUP B

#### ROUND 10 10.30

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

## WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

#### ROUND 10 10.30

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

## SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

#### ROUND 1 10.30

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

### Celebration

#### Of the 50th European Bridge Team Championships



The ceremony will be held today 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**

#### ROUND 2 13.30

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

# OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

## GROUP A

### ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | SERBIA    | FRANCE        | 26 - 84 | 4 - 25  |
| 2  | TURKEY    | CYPRUS        | 78 - 42 | 22 - 8  |
| 3  | ICELAND   | SWITZERLAND   | 52 - 43 | 17 - 13 |
| 4  | CROATIA   | LATVIA        | 59 - 35 | 20 - 10 |
| 5  | FINLAND   | HUNGARY       | 29 - 49 | 11 - 19 |
| 6  | WALES     | GERMANY       | 35 - 52 | 11 - 19 |
| 7  | SLOVAKIA  | LEBANON       | 47 - 75 | 9 - 21  |
| 8  | NORWAY    | ITALY         | 44 - 72 | 9 - 21  |
| 9  | SCOTLAND  | LITHUANIA     | 52 - 18 | 22 - 8  |
| 10 | BULGARIA  | BYE           |         | 18 - 0  |

### ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team   | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | CYPRUS      | SERBIA        | 29 - 66 | 7 - 23  |
| 2  | SWITZERLAND | TURKEY        | 17 - 35 | 11 - 19 |
| 3  | LATVIA      | ICELAND       | 35 - 51 | 12 - 18 |
| 4  | HUNGARY     | CROATIA       | 59 - 43 | 18 - 12 |
| 5  | BULGARIA    | FINLAND       | 44 - 25 | 19 - 11 |
| 6  | LITHUANIA   | WALES         | 28 - 76 | 5 - 25  |
| 7  | LEBANON     | FRANCE        | 12 - 39 | 9 - 21  |
| 8  | ITALY       | SLOVAKIA      | 76 - 15 | 25 - 3  |
| 9  | SCOTLAND    | NORWAY        | 5 - 89  | 0 - 25  |
| 10 | GERMANY     | BYE           |         | 18 - 0  |

### ROUND 9 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|-----------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | SERBIA    | SWITZERLAND   | 34 - 41 | 14 - 16 |
| 2  | TURKEY    | LATVIA        | 71 - 21 | 25 - 5  |
| 3  | ICELAND   | HUNGARY       | 54 - 19 | 22 - 8  |
| 4  | CROATIA   | BULGARIA      | 30 - 46 | 12 - 18 |
| 5  | FINLAND   | GERMANY       | 56 - 5  | 25 - 5  |
| 6  | CYPRUS    | LEBANON       | 23 - 79 | 4 - 25  |
| 7  | FRANCE    | ITALY         | 47 - 16 | 21 - 9  |
| 8  | SLOVAKIA  | SCOTLAND      | 90 - 35 | 25 - 4  |
| 9  | NORWAY    | LITHUANIA     | 44 - 19 | 20 - 10 |
| 10 | WALES     | BYE           |         | 18 - 0  |



## Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a 20% discount. Go to the mezzanine level close by the Lavazza coffee bar.

## GROUP B

### ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team   | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | ROMANIA     | ENGLAND       | 51 - 44 | 16 - 14 |
| 2  | DENMARK     | UKRAINE       | 50 - 38 | 17 - 13 |
| 3  | RUSSIA      | PORTUGAL      | 73 - 39 | 22 - 8  |
| 4  | SPAIN       | BELGIUM       | 38 - 31 | 16 - 14 |
| 5  | IRELAND     | GREECE        | 63 - 71 | 14 - 16 |
| 6  | ESTONIA     | ISRAEL        | 42 - 35 | 16 - 14 |
| 7  | MONACO      | POLAND        | 10 - 63 | 5 - 25  |
| 8  | LUXEMBOURG  | SAN MARINO    | 66 - 31 | 22 - 8  |
| 9  | NETHERLANDS | SWEDEN        | 14 - 66 | 5 - 25  |
| 10 | AUSTRIA     | BYE           |         | 18 - 0  |

### ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team  | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | UKRAINE    | ROMANIA       | 48 - 10 | 23 - 7  |
| 2  | PORTUGAL   | DENMARK       | 60 - 27 | 22 - 8  |
| 3  | BELGIUM    | RUSSIA        | 32 - 39 | 14 - 16 |
| 4  | GREECE     | SPAIN         | 55 - 79 | 10 - 20 |
| 5  | ISRAEL     | IRELAND       | 59 - 34 | 20 - 10 |
| 6  | POLAND     | ESTONIA       | 34 - 56 | 10 - 20 |
| 7  | SAN MARINO | ENGLAND       | 23 - 58 | 8 - 22  |
| 8  | SWEDEN     | LUXEMBOURG    | 57 - 19 | 23 - 7  |
| 9  | AUSTRIA    | NETHERLANDS   | 29 - 60 | 9 - 21  |
| 10 | MONACO     | BYE           |         | 18 - 0  |

### ROUND 9 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team   | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|-------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | ROMANIA     | PORTUGAL      | 43 - 43 | 15 - 15 |
| 2  | DENMARK     | BELGIUM       | 54 - 34 | 19 - 11 |
| 3  | RUSSIA      | GREECE        | 65 - 50 | 18 - 12 |
| 4  | SPAIN       | ISRAEL        | 34 - 33 | 15 - 15 |
| 5  | IRELAND     | POLAND        | 15 - 42 | 9 - 21  |
| 6  | ESTONIA     | MONACO        | 62 - 35 | 21 - 9  |
| 7  | UKRAINE     | SAN MARINO    | 40 - 40 | 15 - 15 |
| 8  | ENGLAND     | SWEDEN        |         | 12 - 12 |
| 9  | LUXEMBOURG  | AUSTRIA       | 25 - 57 | 8 - 22  |
| 10 | NETHERLANDS | BYE           |         | 18 - 0  |

## VuGraph

The closed room VuGraph has a camera making it possible to treat the closed table in the same way as the open room. The commentators may switch to the closed room if they consider this useful for the presentation, giving preference to the open VuGraph room.

Ton Kooijman

## Oh No! Not the Three!

by Barry Rigal

Somewhere in a Monty Python sketch someone exclaims 'Oh no! Not the comfy chair!'. As you play this deal, the same thought may occur to you.

The normal result on Board 14 round 6

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Was to play 5♦. but a few players were carried away by an excess of zeal and attempted slam, on an auction such as:

|      |          |         |       |
|------|----------|---------|-------|
| West | North    | East    | South |
|      |          | Pass    | Pass  |
| 1♦   | 2♣       | 3♠(fit) | Pass  |
| 4♣   | Pass     | 4♥      | Pass  |
| 4NT  | Pass     | 5♠      | Pass  |
| 6♦   | All Pass |         |       |

A lot of bidding but as usual if you can justify your over-bidding by over-playing the cards too, all will be forgiven.

A heart lead appears to remove an entry from dummy but allows you to win the ace, play spade ace and ruff a spade (but not with the three) cash the diamond ace and lead a low diamond (but not the three) to the queen, ruff a spade (but not with the three) then give up a heart. You can win the club return and ruff a heart, ruff a spade (but... you've guessed it!) and finally lead that carefully preserved diamond three to the four in dummy to cash your spade winner and discard the heart loser.

On an initial club lead the same approach of using the heart ace diamond queen and diamond four as the three entries necessary to ruff out and enjoy the long spade will see you home.

In total of the 64 tables in play six bid the slam; Ugis Jansons for Latvia, Max Khven of Russia, Jorje Cruzeiro of Portugal, and Teresa Rigney for Irish ladies all came home with their slam. Our sympathy to the Welsh ladies who also reached slam...but they tried Seven Diamonds...

## WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

### ROUND 7 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team  | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | GERMANY    | AUSTRIA       | 42 - 35 | 16 - 14 |
| 2  | BELGIUM    | IRELAND       | 92 - 14 | 25 - 1  |
| 3  | TURKEY     | SCOTLAND      | 45 - 54 | 13 - 17 |
| 4  | GREECE     | ENGLAND       | 41 - 55 | 12 - 18 |
| 5  | SPAIN      | BULGARIA      | 47 - 56 | 13 - 17 |
| 6  | CROATIA    | LEBANON       | 45 - 15 | 21 - 9  |
| 7  | SWEDEN     | NETHERLANDS   | 17 - 23 | 14 - 16 |
| 8  | BELARUS    | SWITZERLAND   | 33 - 59 | 10 - 20 |
| 9  | CZECH REP. | DENMARK       | 36 - 13 | 20 - 10 |
| 10 | RUSSIA     | PORTUGAL      | 46 - 61 | 12 - 18 |
| 11 | ITALY      | ISRAEL        | 68 - 44 | 20 - 10 |
| 12 | POLAND     | FINLAND       | 52 - 28 | 20 - 10 |
| 13 | FRANCE     | NORWAY        | 51 - 33 | 19 - 11 |
| 14 | WALES      | HUNGARY       | 33 - 49 | 12 - 18 |

### ROUND 8 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team   | Visiting Team | IMPs     | VPs     |
|----|-------------|---------------|----------|---------|
| 1  | IRELAND     | GERMANY       | 30 - 10  | 19 - 11 |
| 2  | SCOTLAND    | AUSTRIA       | 34 - 61  | 9 - 21  |
| 3  | ENGLAND     | BELGIUM       | 65 - 15  | 25 - 5  |
| 4  | BULGARIA    | TURKEY        | 40 - 55  | 12 - 18 |
| 5  | LEBANON     | GREECE        | 46 - 71  | 10 - 20 |
| 6  | NETHERLANDS | SPAIN         | 40 - 36  | 16 - 14 |
| 7  | SWITZERLAND | CROATIA       | 31 - 51  | 11 - 19 |
| 8  | DENMARK     | SWEDEN        | 58 - 52  | 16 - 14 |
| 9  | PORTUGAL    | BELARUS       | 78 - 17  | 25 - 2  |
| 10 | ISRAEL      | CZECH REP.    | 45 - 54  | 13 - 17 |
| 11 | FINLAND     | RUSSIA        | 26 - 61  | 8 - 22  |
| 12 | NORWAY      | ITALY         | 18 - 56  | 7 - 23  |
| 13 | HUNGARY     | POLAND        | 17 - 43  | 10 - 20 |
| 14 | WALES       | FRANCE        | 35 - 101 | 2 - 25  |

### ROUND 9 - subject to official confirmation

|    | Home Team  | Visiting Team | IMPs    | VPs     |
|----|------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | GERMANY    | SCOTLAND      | 50 - 30 | 19 - 11 |
| 2  | IRELAND    | ENGLAND       | 45 - 32 | 18 - 12 |
| 3  | AUSTRIA    | BULGARIA      | 37 - 16 | 19 - 11 |
| 4  | BELGIUM    | LEBANON       | 55 - 22 | 22 - 8  |
| 5  | TURKEY     | NETHERLANDS   | 26 - 57 | 9 - 21  |
| 6  | GREECE     | SWITZERLAND   | 18 - 45 | 9 - 21  |
| 7  | SPAIN      | DENMARK       | 32 - 54 | 10 - 20 |
| 8  | CROATIA    | PORTUGAL      | 26 - 27 | 15 - 15 |
| 9  | SWEDEN     | ISRAEL        | 38 - 14 | 20 - 10 |
| 10 | BELARUS    | FINLAND       | 26 - 42 | 12 - 18 |
| 11 | CZECH REP. | NORWAY        | 20 - 38 | 11 - 19 |
| 12 | RUSSIA     | HUNGARY       | 43 - 44 | 15 - 15 |
| 13 | ITALY      | WALES         | 64 - 42 | 20 - 10 |
| 14 | POLAND     | FRANCE        | 11 - 44 | 8 - 22  |

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 9 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

|    |             |       |
|----|-------------|-------|
| 1  | ICELAND     | 180   |
| 2  | ITALY       | 173   |
| 3  | BULGARIA    | 160.5 |
| 4  | FRANCE      | 158   |
| 5  | WALES       | 154   |
| 6  | GERMANY     | 152.5 |
| 7  | TURKEY      | 150   |
| 8  | NORWAY      | 146   |
| 9  | CROATIA     | 144   |
| 10 | SERBIA      | 141   |
| 11 | LATVIA      | 139   |
| 12 | SWITZERLAND | 132   |
| 13 | SLOVAKIA    | 130   |
| 14 | FINLAND     | 128   |
| 15 | LEBANON     | 116   |
| 16 | SCOTLAND    | 115   |
| 17 | HUNGARY     | 112   |
| 18 | LITHUANIA   | 75    |
| 19 | CYPRUS      | 54    |

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 9 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

|    |             |     |
|----|-------------|-----|
| 1  | SWEDEN      | 177 |
| 2  | POLAND      | 166 |
| 3  | ESTONIA     | 161 |
| 4  | ISRAEL      | 160 |
| 5  | ENGLAND     | 158 |
| 6  | IRELAND     | 146 |
| 7  | DENMARK     | 144 |
| 8  | NETHERLANDS | 140 |
| 9  | AUSTRIA     | 138 |
|    | SPAIN       | 138 |
| 11 | RUSSIA      | 135 |
| 12 | PORTUGAL    | 130 |
| 13 | LUXEMBOURG  | 125 |
| 14 | BELGIUM     | 117 |
| 15 | GREECE      | 115 |
| 16 | MONACO      | 113 |
| 17 | ROMANIA     | 106 |
| 18 | SAN MARINO  | 105 |
| 19 | UKRAINE     | 98  |

## WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 9 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

|    |             |     |
|----|-------------|-----|
| 1  | NETHERLANDS | 168 |
| 2  | GERMANY     | 165 |
| 3  | FRANCE      | 164 |
| 4  | ITALY       | 156 |
|    | RUSSIA      | 156 |
| 6  | BELGIUM     | 155 |
| 7  | ENGLAND     | 153 |
| 8  | POLAND      | 150 |
| 9  | BULGARIA    | 148 |
| 10 | DENMARK     | 146 |
| 11 | NORWAY      | 144 |
| 12 | SWEDEN      | 143 |
| 13 | PORTUGAL    | 142 |
|    | TURKEY      | 142 |

|    |                |     |
|----|----------------|-----|
| 15 | ISRAEL         | 138 |
| 16 | IRELAND        | 136 |
| 17 | AUSTRIA        | 134 |
| 18 | HUNGARY        | 125 |
| 19 | CROATIA        | 122 |
| 20 | FINLAND        | 119 |
|    | GREECE         | 119 |
|    | SCOTLAND       | 119 |
|    | SWITZERLAND    | 119 |
| 24 | LEBANON        | 110 |
| 25 | SPAIN          | 108 |
| 26 | BELARUS        | 98  |
| 27 | CZECH REPUBLIC | 97  |
| 28 | WALES          | 88  |

## 50th Anniversary Ceremony

The Celebration Ceremony for the Gold Jubilee of the European Team Championships will take place tonight starting at 17.30 hrs, in the Theatre of Kursaal – where the Opening Ceremony took place.

Medals will be awarded to NBOs and individuals who are part of the Championships' history, because they won titles, or organized events, or took part in whatever capacity in the past. As we need to seat awardees in a convenient way for the smooth running of the ceremony, we ask all the following to arrive at the Theatre no later than 17.00 hrs. Sylvia Valentini will guide them to their pre-assigned seats and will advise them on the procedure.

To this end, would the following please present themselves at the Theatre at 17.00 hrs and report to Sylvia Valentini:

### One representative of each of the following NBOs

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Italy        | Portugal    |
| France       | Switzerland |
| Austria      | Greece      |
| Sweden       | Malta       |
| Poland       | Finland     |
| Denmark      | Lebanon     |
| Hungary      | Spain       |
| Norway       | Turkey      |
| Netherlands  | Belgium     |
| Germany      | Ireland     |
| England (GB) | Israel      |

|                 |             |               |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| ANDERSSON       | Pia         | (Sweden)      |
| ARNIM           | Daniela von | (Germany)     |
| AUKEN           | Sabine      | (Germany)     |
| BALICKI         | Cezary      | (Poland)      |
| BASARAN         | Emin        | (Turkey)      |
| BESSIS          | Veronique   | (France)      |
| BLANKEN-BURGERS | Marijke     | (Netherlands) |
| BOCCHI          | Norberto    | (Italy)       |
| BROCHOT         | Claude      | (France)      |
| BROCK           | Sally       | (England)     |
| BROGELAND       | Boye        | (Norway)      |
| BRUNNER         | Michelle    | (England)     |
| CRONIER         | Philippe    | (France)      |
| CRONIER         | Benedicte   | (France)      |
| DENNISON        | Maureen     | (England)     |
| DHONDY          | Heather     | (England)     |
| DUBOIN          | Giorgio     | (Italy)       |
| DUHEYNE         | Elly        | (Netherlands) |
| EKINCI          | Orphan      | (Turkey)      |
| ENDICOTT        | Grattan     | (England)     |
| FAILLA          | Giuseppe    | (Italy)       |
| FALAY           | Falk        | (Turkey)      |
| FALCO           | Dano de     | (Italy)       |

|            |                 |               |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| FALLENIOUS | Bjorn           | (Sweden)      |
| FISCHER    | Doris           | (Austria)     |
| FLODQVIST  | Sven-Olov       | (Sweden)      |
| FUCIK      | Jan             | (Austria)     |
| GAVIARD    | Daniele         | (France)      |
| GULLBERG   | Tommy           | (Sweden)      |
| HOOGWEG    | Femke           | (Netherlands) |
| KITABGI    | Anne-Marie      | (France)      |
| KLUKOWSKI  | Julian          | (Poland)      |
| KORKUT     | Ergun           | (Turkey)      |
| KRATZ      | Ulrich          | (Germany)     |
| LANDY      | Sandra          | (England)     |
| LASOCKI    | Krzysztof       | (Poland)      |
| LASSERRE   | Guy             | (France)      |
| LAURIA     | Lorenzo         | (Italy)       |
| LEBEL      | Michel          | (France)      |
| LEENHARDT  | Francois        | (France)      |
| LOUWERSE   | Jan             | (Netherlands) |
| LUND       | Peter           | (Denmark)     |
| MARI       | Christian       | (France)      |
| MATTSSON   | Goran           | (Germany)     |
| McGOWAN    | Liz             | (Scotland)    |
| MOLLER     | Kirsteen Steen  | (Denmark)     |
| MOLLER     | Steen           | (Denmark)     |
| MORATH     | Anders          | (Sweden)      |
| MOSCA      | Carlo           | (Italy)       |
| NEVE       | Joanna          | (France)      |
| ORTENSI    | Massimo         | (Italy)       |
| OVIDIO     | Catherine d'    | (France)      |
| PAS        | Marijke van der | (Netherlands) |
| PASMAN     | Jet             | (Netherlands) |
| POIZAT     | Philippe        | (France)      |
| RUSSYAN    | Jerzy           | (Poland)      |
| SCHALTZ    | Lizzle          | (Denmark)     |
| SCHROEDER  | Dirk            | (Germany)     |
| SEMENTA    | Antonio         | (Italy)       |
| SERF       | Marianne        | (France)      |
| SIMONS     | Anneke          | (Netherlands) |
| SINISCALCO | Guglielmo       | (Italy)       |
| SMITH      | Nicola          | (England)     |
| STOPPA     | Jean-Louis      | (France)      |
| STRATER    | Bernhard        | (Germany)     |
| SUNDELIN   | Per-Olov        | (Sweden)      |
| SZAPPANOS  | Geza            | (Hungary)     |
| TERRANEO   | Franz           | (Austria)     |
| VENTURINI  | Mavi            | (Italy)       |
| VERSACE    | Alfredo         | (Italy)       |
| VRIEND     | Bep             | (Netherlands) |
| WALA       | Wlodzimierz     | (Poland)      |
| WEIGKRICHT | Terry           | (Austria)     |
| WILLARD    | Sylvie          | (France)      |
| ZMUDZINSKI | Adam            | (Poland)      |
| ZWOL       | Wietske van     | (Netherlands) |

Anna Maria Torlontano

## EBL General Assembly

### Fabiola Room, Thermae Palace Hotel

### Sunday 27 June 2010, 10.00 hrs

The 2010 General Assembly of the European Bridge League will be held in Ostend. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday 27 June 2010, at 10.00 hrs, at the Fabiola Room, on the ground floor of the Thermae Palace Hotel.

The General Assembly will start with ordinary business, which includes the election of the new President of the League and the entire Executive Committee, consisting of 12 people, for the next term. Examination and approval of financial documents, as well as other business will follow.

In accordance with EBL Statutes, all member countries may take part in the General Assembly. Voting power is vested in the member countries in accordance with their membership; participation in EBL events, or lack thereof, also affects the number of votes or the right to vote altogether.

The EBL member countries eligible to vote and their number of votes are:

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Albania              | 1 |
| 2. Austria              | 3 |
| 3. Belarus              | 1 |
| 4. Belgium              | 3 |
| 5. Bosnia & Herzegovina | 1 |
| 6. Bulgaria             | 2 |
| 7. Croatia              | 3 |
| 8. Cyprus               | 1 |
| 9. Czech Republic       | 2 |
| 10. Denmark             | 5 |
| 11. England             | 5 |
| 12. Estonia             | 1 |
| 13. Faroe Islands       | 1 |
| 14. Finland             | 3 |
| 15. France              | 7 |
| 16. Georgia             | 1 |
| 17. Germany             | 6 |
| 18. Greece              | 4 |
| 19. Hungary             | 3 |
| 20. Iceland             | 2 |
| 21. Ireland             | 3 |
| 22. Israel              | 4 |
| 23. Italy               | 6 |
| 24. Latvia              | 1 |
| 25. Lebanon             | 2 |
| 26. Liechtenstein       | 1 |
| 27. Lithuania           | 1 |
| 28. Luxembourg          | 1 |
| 29. Malta               | 1 |
| 30. Monaco              | 1 |
| 31. Montenegro          | 1 |
| 32. Netherlands         | 7 |
| 33. Norway              | 4 |
| 34. Poland              | 4 |

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 35. Portugal    | 2 |
| 36. Romania     | 2 |
| 37. Russia      | 3 |
| 38. San Marino  | 1 |
| 39. Scotland    | 3 |
| 40. Serbia      | 1 |
| 41. Slovakia    | 1 |
| 42. Slovenia    | 1 |
| 43. Spain       | 3 |
| 44. Sweden      | 5 |
| 45. Switzerland | 3 |
| 46. Turkey      | 4 |
| 47. Ukraine     | 1 |
| 48. Wales       | 2 |

Countries are entitled to be represented to the General Assembly by one delegate who can be the NBO President or his proxy. The names of the delegates and any proxies carried must be given to the EBL Secretary before the opening of the General Assembly.

NBOs in arrears with the EBL, must settle with the EBL Treasurer before the General Assembly.

For any further information or clarification, delegates are invited to visit the EBL Office, on the 4th floor of Kursaal (the venue).

All NBOs are urged to ensure their presence at the EBL General Assembly tomorrow.

*Panos Gerontopoulos - EBL Secretary*

### 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 6**

**Germany v Belgium**

by Mark Horton

Regular followers of the European Championships will be aware that Germany's women traditionally make a slow start and then spend the rest of the tournament playing catch up – a strategy that has tended to work, but carries a certain degree of risk.

This time they have come out of the blocks like Usain Bolt which might be bad news for the rest of the field. They went to the top of the table in Round 2 and have stayed there ever since.

In Round 6 they faced the hosts in what proved to be an exciting encounter.

Before we get down to the serious business I'll mention that on Board 3 someone overcalled an opening bid of 1♥ with 2♦ holding ♠103 ♥85 ♦KQ762 ♣A1076. It proved to be a winning decision as her partner held ♠A976 ♥A103 ♦3 ♣J9852 and was able to double responder's raise to 2♥ which located the club fit. Germany scored +110 in 3♣ and +110 in 2♥ in the other room for a 6 IMP gain.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

|                |                |                   |               |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| West           | North          | East              | South         |
| <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>DeGrave</i> | <i>Giampietro</i> | <i>Topiol</i> |
| Pass           | Pass           | 1♠                | 5♦            |
| All Pass       |                |                   |               |

The text books are not exactly full of advice about the best way to handle the South hand. 5♦ is a practical choice, hoping partner might deliver just one useful card. You might try a flashy 3♠, asking for a spade stopper (and trusting your luck as to the clubs) which would work well enough this time.

West led the four of spades, covered by the queen and king and East decided to switch to the six of hearts, which handed declarer the contract.

I don't think that stands up to a close analysis. If you credit declarer with say one spade and eight diamonds then a club switch can never cost though might West try to give her partner the club ruff?. Maybe a trump is safest of all.

That was +600 for Belgium.

Closed Room

|                 |              |                 |                  |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| West            | North        | East            | South            |
| <i>Angelini</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Couteaux</i> | <i>Von Arnim</i> |
| Pass            | Pass         | 1♠              | Dble             |
| 2♠              | 3♣           | 3♠              | 4NT              |
| Pass            | 5♣           | Pass            | 5♦               |
| Pass            | 5NT          | Pass            | 6♦               |
| Pass            | 6♥           | Pass            | 7♦               |
| All Pass        |              |                 |                  |

I could invite you to work out what went wrong here, but with limited space at our disposal I (having been brave enough to ask) will spare you the effort.

South's decision to double is a matter of taste, but the real problems started on the next round. With no suit agreed 4NT was intended to be old fashioned Blackwood, but of course North thought it agreed clubs and responded accordingly. That meant that South's attempt to play in 5♦ was interpreted as a request for the trump queen and North's 5NT showed it (the extra length compensating for its absence). When South bid 6♦ North had no real idea of what was going on and bid 6♥ in case South happened to have an extreme red two suiter.

I have no idea why West, facing a partner who had opened the bidding did not double, but it did not matter much, declarer finishing two down to lose 200 and 13 IMPs.



Daniela von Armin, Germany

I can think of many pairs who might be unsettled by a result like that, but not this one. On the very next deal they saw their opponents have a monumental misunderstanding.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

|                |                 |                   |               |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| West           | North           | East              | South         |
| <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>DeGrave</i>  | <i>Giampietro</i> | <i>Topiol</i> |
|                | 2♦*             | Pass              | 2♠*           |
| 3♣             | All Pass        |                   |               |
| 2♦             | Multi           |                   |               |
| 2♠             | Pass or correct |                   |               |

East did not have much of a hand, but four card support and the ten of hearts was just enough. North cashed two spades and switched to the eight of hearts, which speeded up the play, +110.



Yael Topiol, Belgium

Closed Room

|                 |                 |                 |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| West            | North           | East            | South            |
| <i>Angelini</i> | <i>Auken</i>    | <i>Couteaux</i> | <i>Von Arnim</i> |
|                 | 2♦*             | Pass            | 2♠*              |
| Dble            | Pass            | 3♣              | Pass             |
| 3♠              | All Pass        |                 |                  |
| 2♦              | Weak in a major |                 |                  |
| 2♠              | Pass or correct |                 |                  |

I fear that East has not read a copy of The Mysterious Multi as she passed an obviously forcing bid. 3♣ was a comfortable spot – for North/South. North drew trumps and switched to the jack of diamonds. South took that and now does best to exit with a club, which should lead to five down. That is hardly obvious and so declarer ‘escaped’ for -200 and a loss of 7 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

|                |                |                   |               |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| West           | North          | East              | South         |
| <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>DeGrave</i> | <i>Giampietro</i> | <i>Topiol</i> |
|                |                |                   | Pass          |
| Pass           | 1♣             | Pass              | 1♦            |
| 1♥             | 1♠             | Pass              | 2♣            |
| All Pass       |                |                   |               |

Perhaps North should have bid out her shape by trying 2♦, which might have seen South bid 2NT. East led the ace of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer won in hand and played the two of clubs, East going in with the queen and switching to the four of hearts (low from a doubleton). West won with the queen and tried to cash the ace, but declarer ruffed. When declarer laid down the ace of clubs she got the bad news and conceded one down, -100.

Closed Room

|                 |              |                 |                  |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| West            | North        | East            | South            |
| <i>Angelini</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Couteaux</i> | <i>Von Arnim</i> |
|                 |              |                 | Pass             |
| Pass            | 1♠           | Pass            | 1NT              |
| Pass            | 2♣*          | Pass            | 2NT              |
| Pass            | 3NT          | All Pass        |                  |

2♣ possible canapé



# European Championships Report (in name only)

by Barry Rigal



This deal did not feature in the 2010 European Championships but careful scrutiny may suggest it is not entirely irrelevant to proceedings.

We are watching Vugraph. Sitting North and South are a married couple. They are a model of marital harmony – the husband is the senior of the two, and the more talented. Hubby sitting South is a friendly guy who chats to his teammates, laughing and joking, and he has never knowingly underbid. Watching him extract a quart out of a pint pot is worth the price of admission.

Here, having opened his hand of power and quality he soon finds himself in slam.

Dealer East, Love all

|   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <p>♠ J 10 8 2<br/>♥ 6<br/>♦ Q 3 2<br/>♣ Q 7 6 5 4</p> | <p>♠ A Q 5<br/>♥ K 9 5 2<br/>♦ A K 9<br/>♣ A 8 3</p> | <p>♠ —<br/>♥ J 10 8 4<br/>♦ J 10 7 6 5<br/>♣ K J 10 9</p> | <p>♠ —<br/>♥ J 10 8 4<br/>♦ J 10 7 6 5<br/>♣ K J 10 9</p> |
|---|--|---|---|

|      |       |          |       |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| West | North | East     | South |
| Pass | 2NT   | Pass     | 1♠    |
| Pass | 3♠    | Pass     | 3♣    |
| Pass | 6♠    | All Pass | 4♠    |

When the screen goes up and dummy is revealed South can see he needs the card gods to grant him no more than a couple of favourable breaks to make 13 tricks. Small slam seems close to a claim, in fact declarer may be burning up inside for having missed a good grand slam though he thanks his partner courteously. However, today everything is wrong; have the Fates landed him with too much to do? Can declarer cope with the 4-0 trump break and other sundry misfortunes to make even 12 tricks?

South seems to be short one trick. When he wins the diamond to play a top spade and finds the bad split he shields his face from his screen-mate but is barely able to conceal his pleasure. A 4-0 break might seem to some like a punch

in the stomach but maybe this will be a golden opportunity for brilliance?

If hearts do not split South realizes it may be a grave situation. He goes into a brown study, his nicotine fingers curl the tips of his moustache as he thinks, then plays three more rounds of spades. East is squeezed as West wins the fourth trump to exit with a second diamond. Declarer crosses to hand with the heart king and a second heart to reach this ending:

|  |                                       |                                      |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <p>♠ —<br/>♥ —<br/>♦ Q<br/>♣ Q 7 6</p> | <p>♠ —<br/>♥ J 10<br/>♦ J<br/>♣ K</p> | <p>♠ —<br/>♥ 9<br/>♦ 9<br/>♣ A 8</p> | <p>♠ —<br/>♥ J 10<br/>♦ J<br/>♣ K</p> |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|

South is all set to go, lingering a second for dramatic effect. He is on the brink of triumph. When he cashes the spade, pitching a heart from dummy, East cannot pitch a diamond or West is squeezed in the minors on the heart winner. If East pitches a club then there is a finesse in the club suit.

Note that if the defenders lead and continue clubs at trick one and trick six the parallel situation is created with a guard squeeze operating around the diamond suit. A double guard squeeze; a thing of beauty.

*Don't worry if you miss the point of this article. All will be revealed in tomorrow's Bulletin.*

## Line Up

Captains are reminded to line up their players for the next round within 15 minutes after the end of the present round. Penalties will be given in accordance with the conditions of contest. If a team lines up too late allow its opponent to prepare for the match it has to line up first, after which its opponent is allowed to use this information for its own line up. If necessary the TD will allow extra time for the preparations.

*Ton Kooijman*

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 7**

**Netherlands v Sweden**

by Micke Melander

The Netherlands declared war against Sweden already some 400 years ago. Even though no-one died in that war, (they managed to make some kind of peace treaty to get out of it where by Sweden had to pay a lot of money for the Dutch ships they confiscated), the feeling was the Dutch had lined up Sweden again for another battle yesterday morning, taking care of both Women and Open at the same time. The Dutch managed to create a small win in the women series (16-14) but were hurt really badly in the Open.

10 IMPs to Sweden.

On board 2,3 and 4 there were some chances of IMPs but both tables bid two solid games and played INT on the third for three pushes.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| Open Room | West          | North          | East             | South        |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
|           | <i>Fredin</i> | <i>Drijver</i> | <i>Fallenius</i> | <i>Brink</i> |
|           |               | 1♣             | 1♦               | 1♥           |
|           | 4♦            | Pass           | Pass             | 4♥           |
|           | All Pass      |                |                  |              |

| Closed Room | West           | North          | East          | South           |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
|             | <i>De Wijs</i> | <i>Nyström</i> | <i>Muller</i> | <i>Bertheau</i> |
|             |                | INT            | Pass          | 2♣              |
|             | Pass           | 2♥             | Pass          | 4♥              |
|             | All Pass       |                |               |                 |

Nyström-Bertheau blasted off into 4♥ after a simple Stayman action getting North as declarer, protecting the diamond suit if the King was on the wrong hand.

At the other table Drijver-Brink got South as declarer in the same contract and when Fredin led partner's suit the contract was doomed. Brink went up with the ♦A and cashed the ♥A, noting the fall of the queen from West. A spade to the ten and jack followed. When the defence now cashed out their minor suit winners they could just relax and wait for their heart trick setting the contract.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West          | North            | East             | South        |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Fredin</i> | <i>Drijver</i>   | <i>Fallenius</i> | <i>Brink</i> |
|               | 1♦               | 1♥               | 3♦           |
| Dble<br>4♠    | Pass<br>All Pass | 4♦               | Pass         |



Peter Fredin, Sweden

| Closed Room |         |        |          |
|-------------|---------|--------|----------|
| West        | North   | East   | South    |
| De Wijs     | Nyström | Muller | Bertheau |
|             | 1♦      | 1♥     | Pass     |
| 1♠          | Pass    | 2♦     | Pass     |
| 2♥          | Pass    | 4♥     | All Pass |

Muller got quite an easy ride in 4♥, on a club lead. He simply cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond and discarded a diamond on the ♣K. Declarer then made sure of cashing his ♠A before exiting with a low spade towards dummy. Bertheau won and had to give declarer help. In the end, he tried a club on which declarer could discard his last spade. Muller only lost one trick in each major scoring 11 tricks.

Fredin had a much harder declaring time at the other table when he was put to play in 4♠. The ♦J was led, Fredin now won with the Ace, cashed the ♣A and ducked a spade. Drijver continued with diamonds to put maximum pressure on Fredin, he ruffed in hand and ruffed a club in dummy, leaving the following position:

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

Fredin played a heart to the queen, taken by Drijver's King, who immediately returned a heart forcing Fredin to decide to finesse or rely on the clubs. Declarer finally decided upon taking the finesse in hearts, which clearly saved IMPs for the Swedes. After all, the Dutch team scored their first IMP of the match when they got 11 tricks at the other table. Leaving the score at 10-1 to Sweden.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

| Open Room |          |           |       |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| West      | North    | East      | South |
| Fredin    | Drijver  | Fallenius | Brink |
|           |          | 1♣        | 1♦    |
| 1♥        | 2♦       | 2♠        | 4♦    |
| 6♣        | Pass     | Pass      | 6♦    |
| Dble      | All Pass |           |       |

| Closed Room |         |        |          |
|-------------|---------|--------|----------|
| West        | North   | East   | South    |
| De Wijs     | Nyström | Muller | Bertheau |
|             |         | 2♣     | 2♦       |
| Dble        | 3♦      | 5♣     | 5♦       |
| 6♣          | Pass    | Pass   | 6♦       |
| Pass        | Pass    | Dble   | All Pass |

Neither team let their opponents play the nice club slam, both teams chose to sacrifice for 500. Well judged.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

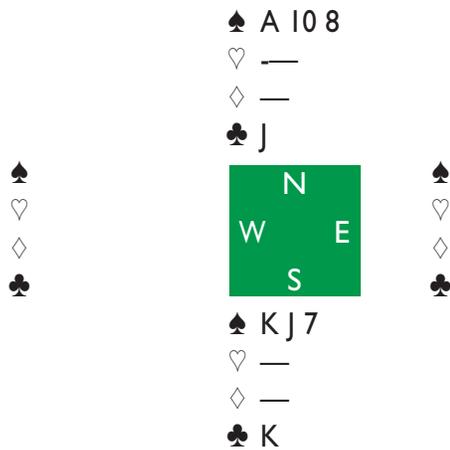
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|--------------|----------------|-----------|
|              | ♠ A 10 8       |           |
|              | ♥ K 9 7        |           |
|              | ♦ 3            |           |
|              | ♣ Q J 10 7 6 2 |           |
| ♠ Q 9 4      | N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

| Open Room |         |           |       |
|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|
| West      | North   | East      | South |
| Fredin    | Drijver | Fallenius | Brink |
|           |         |           | 1♣    |
| 1♥        | 2♠      | 3♥        | 3♠    |
| Pass      | 4♦      | Dble      | Pass  |
| Pass      | 4♥      | Pass      | 5♣    |
| All Pass  |         |           |       |

| Closed Room |         |          |          |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------|
| West        | North   | East     | South    |
| De Wijs     | Nyström | Muller   | Bertheau |
|             |         |          | Pass     |
| 1♥          | 2♣      | 3♥       | 4♥       |
| Pass        | 5♣      | All Pass |          |

Against Nyström, Muller led the ♥Q won by De Wijs's Ace. He now cashed the ace of diamonds and tried to get a second diamond trick which Nyström ruffed. Declarer now crossruffed and pulled trumps coming down to the

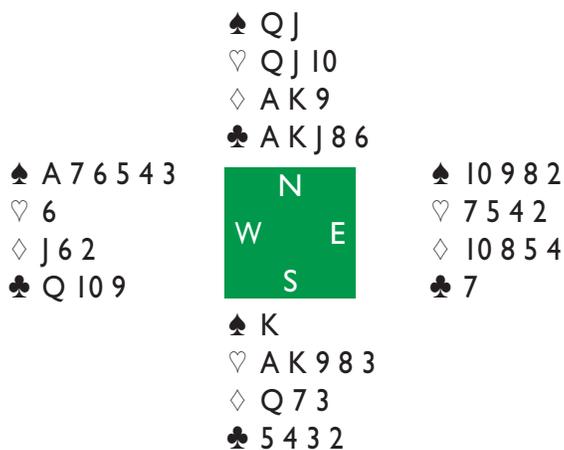
following position



Nyström now had an easy guess when the elimination of the red suits put East with at least 6 HCPs in those suits, leaving West with only 10. West had opened the bidding which made him a strong candidate for having the missing ♠Q. Nyström made no mistake finessing that suit. At the other table Brink opened the bidding and only had an overcall to work with, which left the positions more open. Brink played it down to the same position, but then for unknown reasons decided to cash the ♠A, losing another trick to Fredin's ♠Q.

That was the second swing of the game, 12 IMPs to Sweden. Another minor one arrived on the next board when the Swedes decided to play a cold 3♦ contract making an overtrick while the Dutch decided to practise in 2NT going two off. 6 more imps to Sweden pushing up the score to 28-1. The Swedes got another 5 imps on deal 11 when a 2♦ multi opening by Fredin created problems for the Dutch pair putting them in 2NT while the Swedes bid their game at the other table for another 5 imps. 33-1.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



| Open Room     |                |                  |              |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| West          | North          | East             | South        |
| <i>Fredin</i> | <i>Drijver</i> | <i>Fallenius</i> | <i>Brink</i> |
| 2♦            | Dble           | 4♦               | 4♥           |
| Pass          | 6♥             | All Pass         |              |

Closed Room

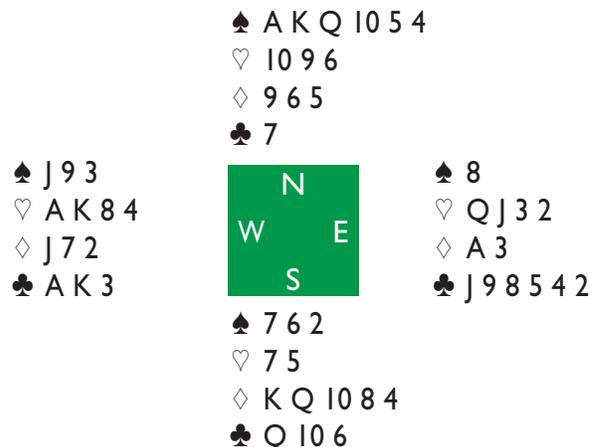
| West           | North          | East          | South           |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>De Wijs</i> | <i>Nyström</i> | <i>Muller</i> | <i>Bertheau</i> |
| 2♠             | Dble           | 4♠            | 4NT             |
| Pass           | 5♣             | All Pass      |                 |

Nyström - Bertheau were not given much space as the Dutch quickly took away all the bidding space up to 4NT. Eventually they came to rest in 5♣. The play was more interesting at the other table where Drijver-Brink had managed to reach the excellent contract of 6♥.

Fredin won the first trick with the ♠A and then tried a low diamond. Brink won with the ace, pulled trumps noting that West only had one heart, which most surely put West with either 6-1-3-3 or 6-1-4-2. Brink then played a club to the ace and later on correctly took the club finesse for 13 IMPs to the Netherlands, making the score 33-14. Well done!

The next dramatic board arrived three deals later on.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Open Room

| West          | North          | East             | South        |
|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Fredin</i> | <i>Drijver</i> | <i>Fallenius</i> | <i>Brink</i> |
|               |                |                  | Pass         |
| INT           | Pass           | 2♣               | Pass         |
| 2♥            | Pass           | 4♥               | All Pass     |

Closed Room

| West           | North          | East          | South           |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>De Wijs</i> | <i>Nyström</i> | <i>Muller</i> | <i>Bertheau</i> |
|                |                |               | Pass            |
| 1♣             | Pass           | 1♦            | Pass            |
| INT            | Pass           | 2♣            | Pass            |
| 2♥             | Pass           | 4♥            | All Pass        |

Both tables arrived in 4♥, which was a very good contract. De Wijs was probably so surprised by not getting a

diamond switch at trick two that he forgot that he could simply pull trumps and give away a trick to the queen of clubs. Instead he mixed it all up and managed to let Nyström get a club ruff with his last heart, going one down.

Fredin at the other table got a spade lead and diamond shift which for sure was the best defence. Nevertheless, he went up with the  $\diamond A$ , pulled trumps and then gave away a trick in clubs for 10 tricks. Another 10 IMPs to Sweden

The Swedes managed to score an overtrick more in a cold 3NT on deal 16. 44-14.

The last huge swing arrived on deal 17.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| <p>♠ 8 7<br/>♥ A J 8 6 5 3<br/>♦ 6 5 2<br/>♣ J 10</p>   | <p>♠ 9 2<br/>♥ 10 4<br/>♦ Q J 4 3<br/>♣ K Q 8 5 3</p> | <p>♠ A K<br/>♥ K 9 7 2<br/>♦ A K 10 9 8 7<br/>♣ 2</p> | <p>♠ Q J 10 6 5 4 3<br/>♥ Q<br/>♦ —<br/>♣ A 9 7 6 4</p> |   |   |   |   |  |  |
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| W   | N   | E   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| S   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |



Bauke Muller, Netherlands

| Open Room              |                         |                          |                          |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| West<br><i>Fredin</i>  | North<br><i>Drijver</i> | East<br><i>Fallenius</i> | South<br><i>Brink</i>    |
|                        | Pass                    | 1 $\diamond$             | 4 $\spadesuit$           |
| Pass                   | Pass                    | Dble                     | Pass                     |
| 5 $\heartsuit$         | Pass                    | Pass                     | Dble                     |
| All Pass               |                         |                          |                          |
| Closed Room            |                         |                          |                          |
| West<br><i>De Wijs</i> | North<br><i>Nyström</i> | East<br><i>Muller</i>    | South<br><i>Bertheau</i> |
|                        | Pass                    | 1 $\clubsuit$            | 4 $\spadesuit$           |
| Dble                   | All Pass                |                          |                          |

Fredin-Fallenius got doubled in 5 $\heartsuit$ . Brink made a Lightner double guiding partner to give him the ruff in diamonds, which he duly got. When the defence only had one more trick to win, it was an ice cold +650 to the Swedes in the Open Room.

At the other table West chose to double 4 $\spadesuit$ , which, as East most probably thought, could never be made. But with that wild distribution in South, this contract too was cold as ice. So +590 more to the Swedes on this table made it a total of 15 IMPs on the deal, putting the score at 59-14.

Sweden got another 7 IMPs on the last three deals ending the war at 66-14 to the Swedes. Since both teams are favourites to qualify for the next stage, 25-5 is a very nice carry-over for the Swedish team.

### Championship Diary

Scotland's Jim Hay is making his first appearance in the European Open Championships. To improve his stamina he trained twice a week for ten weeks with the Scottish Premiership football club Aberdeen.

They have no plans to sign him.

If you read the feature on Masterpoints in yesterday's bulletin you might like to check out the current standings based on the performance over the last decade. Go to [www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org) then departments/masterpoints/classification/current record (past decade). Simple. (For the uninitiated visit <http://www.comparethemeerkat.com/home>)

Hans Secelle is the man who delivers the Bulletins to your hotel every morning (at an ungodly hour). We told him that he had to deliver 10 copies to the Prado – but it was in Madrid. 'No problem' he said, 'Just give me a bike and I'm there.'

After witnessing one dreadful piece of play we were reminded of the following observation: 'My wife (who doesn't play) has already forgotten more than you know.'

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 8**

**Israel v Ireland**

by Jos Jacobs

Both Ireland and Israel had done well over the opening days of these Championships, so even though they both narrowly lost their morning match yesterday, there was still very much at stake for them when their head-to-head encounter got underway in the afternoon. The line-up for this match was remarkable: how often have we seen two pairs of brothers playing each other at a European Teams Championship?

Ireland struck first blood when the Herbst brothers missed a game on the opening board:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Pdraig O'Brian, Ireland

Open Room

| West              | North           | East              | South           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>O Briain M</i> | <i>Herbst O</i> | <i>O Briain P</i> | <i>Herbst I</i> |
|                   | 1♣              | Pass              | 1♥              |
| INT               | 2♣              | Pass              | Pass            |
| 2♦                | 2♥              | All Pass          |                 |

In the Open Room, it looked as if Ilan Herbst was expecting only three-card support in hearts; I do not see any other valid reason for passing 2♥. Eleven tricks, Israel +200.

Closed Room

| West            | North        | East            | South            |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Ginossar</i> | <i>Walsh</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>O' Gorman</i> |
|                 | 1♣           | Pass            | Pass             |
| Dble            | 1♥           | Pass            | 2♥               |
| Dble            | 3♥           | Pass            | 4♥               |
| All Pass        |              |                 |                  |

In the Closed Room, South passed 1♣ but when West reopened he eventually could show his supermaximum fit for both his partner's suits. Just made and +420 to Ireland for 6 IMPs to them.

A few boards later, we saw a double strike by Israel:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West              | North           | East              | South           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>O Briain M</i> | <i>Herbst O</i> | <i>O Briain P</i> | <i>Herbst I</i> |
|                   |                 |                   | 1♥              |
| 2♠                | Dble            | Pass              | 3♠              |
| Pass              | 4♥              | All Pass          |                 |

When Ophir quite rightly made no move over his brother's 3♠, the Israelis reached a sound enough contract. Though Micheál led his singleton club and echoed in

trumps, he never got his ruff. Twelve tricks when declarer won the lead in dummy and led a low trump through East first, Israel +480.

Not that it mattered much as this is what happened at the other table:

| Closed Room     |              |                 |                  |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| West            | North        | East            | South            |
| <i>Ginossar</i> | <i>Walsh</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>O' Gorman</i> |
|                 |              |                 | 1♥               |
| 1♠              | Dble         | 2♠              | 4♣               |
| Pass            | 4NT          | Pass            | 5♦               |
| Pass            | 6♣           | All Pass        |                  |

This contract depended on finding the doubleton ♥A somewhere. As Ginossar had overcalled 1♠, declarer had every reason to put his money on him. He thus went one down for another +50 to Israel and 11 IMPs to them.

And:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

|             |   |             |   |   |   |  |   |       |
|-------------|---|-------------|---|---|---|--|---|-------|
| ♠ 10 4 3    |   | ♠ K 7 5     |   |   |   |  |   |       |
| ♥ A 8 5     |   | ♥ K 9 7     |   |   |   |  |   |       |
| ♦ K 10 4 3  |   | ♦ A Q 8 7 6 |   |   |   |  |   |       |
| ♣ Q 9 4     |   | ♣ 7 5       |   |   |   |  |   |       |
| ♠ Q J 9 8 2 | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table> | N           |   | E | W |  | S | ♠ A 6 |
| N           |   |             | E |   |   |  |   |       |
| W           |   |             | S |   |   |  |   |       |
| ♥ Q 10 4 2  |   | ♥ J 6 3     |   |   |   |  |   |       |
| ♦ 5 2       |   | ♦ J 9       |   |   |   |  |   |       |
| ♣ 8 6       | ♣ A K J 10 3 2  |             |   |   |   |  |   |       |

Open Room

| West              | North           | East              | South           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>O Briain M</i> | <i>Herbst O</i> | <i>O Briain P</i> | <i>Herbst I</i> |
| Pass              | Pass            | 1♦                | INT             |
| Pass              | 3NT             | All Pass          |                 |

Something strange happened here in defence. Micheál led a club which was OK. Declarer won and presented the ♦J. Pdraig took his queen and correctly shifted to a low spade. West won the jack and returned the suit to the king and ace. Next came the ♦9 which East, after some consideration, elected to duck, only to see declarer run home with a lot more club tricks than East had expected. Israel a surprise +600.

Closed Room

| West            | North        | East            | South           |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Ginossar</i> | <i>Walsh</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>O'Gorman</i> |
| Pass            | Pass         | 1♦              | 2♣              |
| Dble            | 3♣           | All Pass        |                 |

In the other room, the Irish correctly avoided the NT trap, only to find out that making 3♣ had cost them 10 more IMPs.

Israel handed back a bushel of IMPs when Ilan Herbst took a save out of the blue:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

|                |   |            |   |   |   |  |   |         |
|----------------|---|------------|---|---|---|--|---|---------|
| ♠ J            |   | ♠ 10 8 5   |   |   |   |  |   |         |
| ♥ Q 10 7 5 4 3 |   | ♥ K 9 6    |   |   |   |  |   |         |
| ♦ A 8 6 4      |   | ♦ K J 5 3  |   |   |   |  |   |         |
| ♣ 10 7         |   | ♣ K Q 3    |   |   |   |  |   |         |
| ♠ K Q 9 7 6 3  | <table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>S</td></tr> </table> | N          |   | E | W |  | S | ♠ A 4 2 |
| N              |   |            | E |   |   |  |   |         |
| W              |   |            | S |   |   |  |   |         |
| ♥ A J 8 2      |   | ♥ —        |   |   |   |  |   |         |
| ♦ Q            |   | ♦ 10 9 7 2 |   |   |   |  |   |         |
| ♣ A 4          | ♣ J 9 8 6 5 2   |            |   |   |   |  |   |         |

Open Room

| West              | North           | East              | South           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>O Briain M</i> | <i>Herbst O</i> | <i>O Briain P</i> | <i>Herbst I</i> |
|                   |                 | 1♦                | Pass            |
| 2♠                | Pass            | 4♠                | 5♣              |
| Pass              | Pass            | Dble              | All Pass        |

When West did not lead a trump, the costs were a mere



Derek O'Gorman, Ireland

800. Down four.

“Not that it mattered much as this is what happened in the other room:”

| Closed Room     |              |                 |                  |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| West            | North        | East            | South            |
| <i>Ginossar</i> | <i>Walsh</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>O' Gorman</i> |
|                 |              | 1♦              | Pass             |
| 1♠              | 3♥           | Pass            | Pass             |
| 4♠              | All Pass     |                 |                  |

This is a very normal contract but when North led a heart, South would always get two ruffs and thus set it by one trick. Ireland another +100 and 14 IMPs back to level the scores.

A few boards later, the Israelis regained the lead when they proved themselves the better guessers:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

| Open Room         |                 |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| West              | North           | East              | South           |
| <i>O Briain M</i> | <i>Herbst O</i> | <i>O Briain P</i> | <i>Herbst I</i> |
|                   | Pass            | Pass              | 1♠              |
| Pass              | INT             | 2♣                | 2♠              |
| 3♣                | 4♠              | All Pass          |                 |

A completely normal contract against which West led a club. East won and continued the suit, so declarer ruffed, played a trump to dummy's queen getting the interesting news and now had to tackle diamonds sooner or later. Ilan Herbst's next move was a low diamond to the nine. End of defence as West is out of clubs in time. Israel +420.

| Closed Room     |              |                 |                  |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| West            | North        | East            | South            |
| <i>Ginossar</i> | <i>Walsh</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>O' Gorman</i> |
|                 | Pass         | 3♣              | 3♠               |
| Pass            | 4♠           | All Pass        |                  |

The same start of play here but O'Gorman continued trumps, West scoring his king and returning his last club. O'Gorman too now had to ruff and do something useful in diamonds. He cashed the ace and led low to the...queen which meant one down. Israel another +50 and 10 IMPs to them.

Another big swing to Israel came three boards later:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West              | North           | East              | South           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>O Briain M</i> | <i>Herbst O</i> | <i>O Briain P</i> | <i>Herbst I</i> |
| INT               | Pass            | 2♠                | Pass            |
| 3♣                | Pass            | 3♦                | Pass            |
| 3♥                | Pass            | 3NT               | All Pass        |

Ophir Herbst was not impressed by West's known four-card heart suit so the contract had no chance at all: heart to the king, heart to the jack, spade to the ace and another heart. Down three. Israel +150.

Closed Room

| West            | North        | East            | South            |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Ginossar</i> | <i>Walsh</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>O' Gorman</i> |
| INT             | Pass         | 2♣              | Pass             |
| 2♥              | Pass         | 2♠              | Pass             |
| 2NT             | Pass         | 3NT             | All Pass         |

Walsh was impressed by the known heart suit on his right and therefore tried the effect of leading the ♣8. As you can see, the effect was not quite what he must have been hoping for. Nine easy tricks when South won the ♠A in the first round of the suit to return another club. Needless to say

## Small Federations' Meeting

A meeting of the Small Federations will take place today at 14.00 near to the VuGraph Room.

that even after this unlucky start, a low heart by South instead would just have been in time to set 3NT...

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West              | North           | East              | South           |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <i>O Briain M</i> | <i>Herbst O</i> | <i>O Briain P</i> | <i>Herbst I</i> |
| Pass              | 1♣              | 1♥                | 2NT             |
| 4♥                | 5♣              | Pass              | Pass            |
| 5♥                | 6♣              | Pass              | Pass            |
| Dble              | All Pass        |                   |                 |

I wonder what the outcome of 5♠ would have been. Double dummy, it should be made but in the Open Room, EW never mentioned the suit. The defensive prospects against 5♥, on the other hand, seem much better as South's AJ85 will eventually play a prominent role.

Anyway, the save thus tended to be OK against par and the contract went the obvious one down as there is no way to avoid a diamond loser. Ireland +100.

Closed Room

| West            | North        | East            | South            |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Ginossar</i> | <i>Walsh</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>O' Gorman</i> |
| Pass            | 1♣           | 2NT             | Dble             |
| 3♥              | 4♣           | Pass            | 5♣               |
| Dble            | All Pass     |                 |                  |

In the Closed Room as well, spades were never mentioned, more understandably so as East started off by showing his twosuit. When West did not jump in hearts and doubled 5♣ at his next turn, East called it a day but quickly found out it was not his day...

So Ireland registered even an overtrick here as the ♠K disappeared on the ♥A when East led the suit.

The 13 IMPs thus scored reduced the Irish deficit to 20.

Not very much happened on the last four boards and Israel thus won a comfortable enough 59-34 or 20-10 V.P. victory.

## Survival Story

by Mark Horton

Germany has made a cracking start in the women's championship and with all three pairs in good form they may take some stopping.

Pony Nehmert was one of the few declarers to survive on this deal from Round 3:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

| West           | North                 | East              | South          |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Criado Del Ray</i> | <i>Giampietro</i> | <i>Muruaga</i> |
| INT            | 2♥*                   | Pass              | Pass           |
| 3♠             | Pass                  | Dble              | 3♥             |
|                |                       | 4♣                | All Pass       |

2♥ Hearts and a minor

North led the king of hearts and declarer won with the ace and played three rounds of diamonds, disposing of her losing heart. She ran the eight of spades to North's king and ruffed the return of the queen of hearts.

(North missed a difficult chance here – a diamond, offering up a ruff and discard allows South to discard a club. Then, if declarer plays a trump off dummy South can go up with the ace and play a heart which secures trump control.)

Why was North forcing declarer to ruff?

Pony decided that there was a strong indication that trumps were 4-1, so rather than play a spade, relying on 3-2 trumps and a winning guess in clubs she cashed the top clubs, felling North's queen. She continued with the jack of clubs and when North declarer continued with a fourth club, ruffing with dummy's five of spades. South could overruff, but there was only one more trick for the defence.

Four Spades failed at the other table giving Germany 12 IMPs.

# Belgian Open Team in a battle for the average

Colette Grosfils & Jan Serras

En open, nos compatriotes ont enfin récolté leur premier succès. Quant à nos représentantes, elles continuent à faire forte impression. Deux victoires et une défaite sont venues sceller cette deuxième journée : au 5eme tour, elles ont battu la Grèce 23-7 et se sont finalement inclinées 11-19 face à l'Allemagne.

A la donne 20 du 5eme tour, les deux Nicole ont pris une sage décision en évitant de jouer un contrat qui chute et d'en laisser l'exclusivité à la paire adverse. Ce sont les Grecques qui ont subi une forte pénalité.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Nicole Marechal, Belgium

| West | North      | East     | South       |
|------|------------|----------|-------------|
|      | N. Degreve |          | N. Marechal |
| Pass | 1♣         | 2NT (1)  | Dble(2)     |
| 3♥   | Dble       | All Pass |             |

- (1) 2 SA promet les deux plus basses
- (2) Contre stipule pouvoir contrer une des deux couleurs

Sachant que Sud a la possibilité de contrer les Carreaux, Nord n'a aucune difficulté à contrer les Cœurs et deux de chute viennent sanctionner les Grecques, et un gain de 500 pour nos compatriotes.

En salle fermée, les Hellènes jouèrent 4♠ pour une de chute, 100 pour nos compatriotes et 12 IMPs dans l'escalier des Belges.

On revient à l'Open :

A la donne 17 de la 6eme session, Daniel Kurgan et Bernard Dehaye ont trouvée l'enchère « infallible » qui les même au contrat de 6♠ dans le silence adverse :

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

| West   | North    | East  | South |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|
|        | Pass     | 1♠    | Pass  |
| 2NT    | Pass     | 3♠(1) | Pass  |
| 3NT(2) | Pass     | 4♥(3) | Pass  |
| 4NT    | Pass     | 5♠(4) | Pass  |
| 6♠     | All Pass |       |       |

- (1) 3♠ promet une main forte et irrégulière
- (2) 3NT demande la nomination de la courte
- (3) 4♥ : la courte est en Cœur
- (4) 5♠ promet deux clés et la Dame d'atout

Le jeu de la carte est enfantin, le principal était d'arriver au bon contrat !

In round 7 diende het open Belgisch team het op te nemen tegen Spanje dat iets beter geklasseerd staat.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

| West            | North       | East          | South         |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Demarcin</i> | <i>Knap</i> | <i>Backès</i> | <i>Basabe</i> |
|                 |             | 1♣            | 1♦            |
| Dble            | pass        | 1♠            | 5♦            |
| Dble            | All pass    |               |               |

Eric Demarcin, west, startte met ♣A ingetroefd door de leider. De leider, Enrique Basabe, diende enkel hartenaas en drie slagen in schoppen af te staan. Aldus dienden de Belgen genoeg te nemen met 300. Enkel bij een start harten kan het contract, gelet op de mogelijke introever bij oost drie down. Door de sterke stooractie van de Spanjaarden misten de Belgen een klein slam in klaveren.

In de gesloten zaal bereikten de Spanjaarden Gonzalo en Federico Goded in OW wel dit klein slam, goed voor 1370, hetgeen hen een winst van 14 IMPs opleverde.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Na opening 2♦ multi (uit de bieding zou naderhand blijken dat dit een zwakke 2 in ♠ was) door Demarcin in west, en nadat NZ in 4♥ waren beland en noord met 4ZT op zoek ging naar slam, anticepeerde Backès met 6♠. Er restte de

Spanjaarden niet veel meer dan te doubleren. Het contract ging 6 down, 1400 voor de Spanjaarden. Tegenover een maakbaar slam in harten, waaraan 1430 punten kleven, is dit niet zo erg. Maar dan wel op voorwaarde dat dit slam wordt geboden en ook gemaakt (hetgeen een goede keuze in klaveren veronderstelt). Helaas voor de Belgen kwam het in de open zaal niet zo ver. Het contract werd 4♥... inderdaad gemaakt met twee overslagen, waardoor Spanje aan deze gift 9 IMPs won, waardoor haar voorsprong nu 25 IMPs bedroeg.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

In de open zaal bereikten de Belgen 4♥ te leiden door Backès in oost. Dit contract werd vlot gemaakt. In de gesloten zaal legde het Spaanse OW paar aan in 3ZT te leiden door Gonzalo Goded in oost. Bernard Dehaye, zuid, startte met ruitenvrouw. Zoals de kaarten verdeeld waren kan het



Jean Marie Backes, Belgium

contract enkel worden gemaakt via een squeeze in de rode kleuren tegen zuid. Het is niet evident hiervoor te opteren gezien winst ook mogelijk is indien hartenvrouw bij de korte harten zit.

Het werd 1 down zodat de Belgen op dit spel 12 IMPs terugnamen.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

In de open zaal bereikten de Belgen 4♥, moeiteloos gemaakt. In de gesloten zaal opteerden de Godeds voor 3NT. De Belg Daniel Kurgan, noord, mocht de eerste zes slagen binnenrijven en zo werd het twee down. Dit leverde de Belgen 11 IMPs op waardoor ze terug in de wedstrijd waren.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In de open zaal opende Backès in oost 1♦. De Spanjaard Basabe, zuid, gooide er meteen 4♠ tussen. west en noord pasten waarna oost doubleerde. Demarcin, west, bood hierop vijf harten. De bieding leek stil te vallen maar dat was zonder noord gerekend. Die gooide er een doublet tegen vermoedelijk bedoeld als een soort Ligthner. Noord startte met kleine ruiten. De leider ging lange tijd in trance maar besloot toch het aas in te leggen. Zuid troefde in met de vrouw waarna hij klaverenaas incasseerde. De leider diende nog een slag in ruiten af te staan en zo werd het 1 down. In de gesloten zaal werd hetzelfde contract gespeeld, eveneens gedubbeld maar gemaakt goed voor winst van 13

IMPs voor Spanje.

De Belgen kwamen op het einde van de westrijd nog wat terug maar dienden met 14-16 VIPs toch de overwinning aan de Spanjaarden te laten.

Entretemps chez les dames, la 3eme journée a débuté sur les chapeaux de roue puisqu'elles se sont défaits des Irlandaises 25-1.

De ce dernier tour, nous avons extrait une donne qui a donné bien des frissons à sa déclarante Nicole Maréchal assise en Sud. Il s'agit de la donne 6 :

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

| West | North<br><i>N. Degrève</i> | East | South<br><i>N. Maréchal</i> |
|------|----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
|      |                            | 1♣   | 3♦                          |
| Dble | 3♥                         | 4♠   | 5♦                          |
| Pass | Pass                       | 5♣!! |                             |

Le chariot revient chez Nicole Maréchal qui s'aperçoit aussi vite de l'enchère insuffisante de l'Irlandaise. Elle appelle l'arbitre qui lui signifie qu'une fois le chariot renvoyé de l'autre côté, ce retour équivaut à l'acceptation de l'enchère insuffisante. Puisqu'il n'y a pas de pénalité, les enchères peuvent reprendre. L'arbitre plonge dans le bidding box d'Ouest et en sort 5♦. Nicole accepte l'offre :

|      |          |    |    |
|------|----------|----|----|
|      |          |    | 5♦ |
| 6♣   | 6♦       | 6♠ | 7♦ |
| Dble | All Pass |    |    |

Ouest entame du ♦8 pour le Roi de la déclarante qui enlève le dernier atout. Elle rejoue le ♥3 pour la Dame qui tient. Elle présente le ♥4 pour l'As d'Ouest. Cette dernière retourne le ♣K coupé par Sud qui n'a plus qu'à rejoindre le mort avec son 3eme Cœur. Nicole Maréchal se débarasse alors de ses trois piques perdants sur les Cœurs affranchis et ne fait qu'une de chute.

Très bon résultat puisque leurs partenaires Yaël Topiol et Greet De Grave, en salle fermée, scorent 300 au contrat de 5♦X et nos compatriotes engrangent 5 nouveaux IMPs.