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# Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose



Excitement on the 'Q' Beach outside the Kursaal

With all four competitions in the 50th European Bridge Teams Championship now under way there was little change at the top. In Group A of the *Open Series* its still **Iceland** ahead of **Italy** with **France** moving into third. In Group B there is no change – **Sweden** from **Poland** and **Estonia**. In the *Women's Series* **Netherlands** increased their lead over **Germany** as **Russia** took over third place. In the *Seniors* **Belgium** is followed by **Sweden** and **Germany**.

A full report on the Anniversary celebrations will appear in tomorrow's Bulletin.

<b>10.30</b>	
Switzerland - Italy	BBO 1
France - Norway	BBO 2
Iceland - Germany	BBO 3
Russia - Poland	BBO 4
England - Netherlands	VG - BBO 5
<b>14.15</b>	
Italy - Latvia	BBO 1
Slovakia - France	BBO 2
Sweden - Belgium	BBO 3
Poland - Denmark	BBO 4
Wales - Iceland	VG - BBO 5
<b>17.35</b>	
Hungary - Italy	BBO 1
Poland - France (Seniors)	BBO 2
Serbia - Germany	BBO 3
Netherlands - Bulgaria (Women)	BBO 4
Russia - Estonia	VG - BBO 5

## Today's Schedule

- 10.00 EBL General Assembly
- 10.30 Open Teams, Round 11  
Seniors Teams, Round 3
- 14.15 Open Teams, Round 12  
Women Teams, Round 11  
Seniors Teams, Round 4
- 17.35 Open Teams, Round 13  
Women Teams, Round 12  
Seniors Teams, Round 5

# OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

## GROUP A

### ROUND 11 10.30

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

### ROUND 12 14.15

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

### ROUND 13 17.35

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



## 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 11 10.30

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

### ROUND 12 14.15

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

### ROUND 13 17.35

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

## Butler Scores

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

*Ton Kooijman*

## OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

### GROUP A

#### ROUND 10 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	LATVIA	SERBIA	54 - 39	18 - 12
2	HUNGARY	TURKEY	19 - 28	13 - 17
3	BULGARIA	ICELAND	21 - 43	10 - 20
4	GERMANY	CROATIA	39 - 35	16 - 14
5	WALES	FINLAND	15 - 24	13 - 17
6	LEBANON	SWITZERLAND	2 - 46	6 - 24
7	ITALY	CYPRUS	47 - 12	22 - 8
8	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	41 - 41	15 - 15
9	NORWAY	SLOVAKIA	43 - 43	15 - 15
10	LITHUANIA	BYE		18 - 0

### GROUP B

#### ROUND 10 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	BELGIUM	ROMANIA	44 - 21	20 - 10
2	GREECE	DENMARK	47 - 39	16 - 14
3	ISRAEL	RUSSIA	26 - 57	9 - 20
4	POLAND	SPAIN	47 - 7	23 - 7
5	MONACO	IRELAND	50 - 16	22 - 8
6	SAN MARINO	PORTUGAL	23 - 38	12 - 18
7	SWEDEN	UKRAINE	45 - 28	19 - 11
8	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	60 - 21	23 - 7
9	NETHERLANDS	LUXEMBOURG	58 - 27	21 - 9
10	ESTONIA	BYE		18 - 0

## WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

#### ROUND 11 14.15

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

#### ROUND 12 17.35

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

## WOMEN TEAMS RESULTS

#### ROUND 10 - subject to official confirmation

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	ENGLAND	GERMANY	46 - 38	16 - 14
2	BULGARIA	SCOTLAND	33 - 49	12 - 18
3	LEBANON	IRELAND	44 - 34	17 - 13
4	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	47 - 14	22 - 8
5	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	19 - 45	10 - 20
6	DENMARK	TURKEY	27 - 35	14 - 16
7	PORTUGAL	GREECE	17 - 28	13 - 17
8	ISRAEL	SPAIN	62 - 9	25 - 5
9	FINLAND	CROATIA	24 - 15	17 - 13
10	NORWAY	SWEDEN	24 - 91	2 - 25
11	HUNGARY	BELARUS	36 - 34	15 - 15
12	WALES	CZECH REP.	40 - 47	14 - 16
13	FRANCE	RUSSIA	15 - 39	10 - 20
14	POLAND	ITALY	62 - 11	25 - 5

## 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.

**SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM****ROUND 3 10.30**

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

**SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS****ROUND 1 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	19 - 22	14 - 16
2	IRELAND	GERMANY	1 - 33	7 - 23
3	BELGIUM	FINLAND	35 - 18	19 - 11
4	ENGLAND	CZECH REP.	15 - 37	10 - 20
5	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	18 - 54	7 - 23
6	POLAND	ISRAEL	32 - 22	17 - 13
7	BULGARIA	TURKEY	14 - 18	14 - 16
8	SCOTLAND	DENMARK	9 - 5	16 - 14
9	WALES	SWEDEN	14 - 31	11 - 19
10	HUNGARY	FRANCE	22 - 28	14 - 16
11	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	24 - 11	18 - 12
12	ESTONIA	BYE		18 - 0

**ROUND 4 14.15**

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

**ROUND 2 - subject to official confirmation**

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	GERMANY	SPAIN	54 - 46	17 - 13
2	ESTONIA	IRELAND	22 - 55	5 - 23
3	CZECH REP.	BELGIUM	14 - 50	7 - 23
4	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	37 - 24	18 - 12
5	ISRAEL	NORWAY	56 - 29	21 - 9
6	TURKEY	POLAND	21 - 40	11 - 19
7	DENMARK	BULGARIA	34 - 21	18 - 11.5
8	SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	54 - 23	22 - 8
9	FRANCE	WALES	52 - 33	19 - 11
10	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	38 - 33	16 - 14
11	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	28 - 59	8 - 22
12	FINLAND	BYE		18 - 0

**ROUND 5 17.35**

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

**Belgian Rugby Championships**

On the beach in front of the Wellington Hippodrome today. 25° and more.....so enjoy the beach!

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP A

after 10 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	ICELAND	200
2	ITALY	195
3	FRANCE	173
4	BULGARIA	170.5
5	GERMANY	168.5
6	TURKEY	167
	WALES	167
8	NORWAY	161
9	CROATIA	158
10	LATVIA	157
11	SWITZERLAND	156
12	SERBIA	153
13	FINLAND	145
	SLOVAKIA	145
15	SCOTLAND	130
16	HUNGARY	125
17	LEBANON	122
18	LITHUANIA	93
19	CYPRUS	62

## OPEN TEAMS RANKING GROUP B

after 10 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	SWEDEN	201
2	POLAND	189
3	ESTONIA	179
4	ISRAEL	169
5	ENGLAND	166
6	AUSTRIA	161
	NETHERLANDS	161
8	DENMARK	158
9	RUSSIA	155
10	IRELAND	154
11	PORTUGAL	148
12	SPAIN	145
13	BELGIUM	137
14	MONACO	135
15	LUXEMBOURG	134
16	GREECE	131
17	SAN MARINO	117
18	ROMANIA	116
19	UKRAINE	109

## WOMEN TEAMS RANKING

after 10 rounds - *subject to official confirmation*

1	NETHERLANDS	190	15	IRELAND	149
2	GERMANY	179	16	NORWAY	146
3	RUSSIA	176	17	AUSTRIA	142
4	BELGIUM	175	18	HUNGARY	140
	POLAND	175	19	SCOTLAND	137
6	FRANCE	174	20	FINLAND	136
7	ENGLAND	169		GREECE	136
8	SWEDEN	168	22	CROATIA	135
9	ISRAEL	163	23	SWITZERLAND	129
10	ITALY	161	24	LEBANON	127
11	BULGARIA	160	25	BELARUS	115
	DENMARK	160	26	CZECH REPUBLIC	113
13	TURKEY	158		SPAIN	113
14	PORTUGAL	155	28	WALES	102



# Attention! World Grand Masters



The World Bridge Federation has decided to create a Players Commission following a recommendation by the International Olympic Committee.

As you will see below the membership of this commission shall be comprised of representatives of each zone – 4 for Europe of which at least one must be a woman.

As you all know the players were always our main concern. So we believe that it is important for some of you to stand for election and for every World Grand Master to vote. (Europe currently has 34 men and 27 women WGM.)

Notice of intended Candidacy will be accepted until 18.00 Monday evening (you may nominate yourself) and should be lodged in the Press Room or by email to: markhorton007@hotmail.com.

The names of the candidates will be posted in Tuesday mornings Daily Bulletin.

Votes should be delivered on Tuesday to the Press Room by those WGMs present in Ostend (until 20.30) and by email (to markhorton007@hotmail.com) for those who are not. Voting will close at 18.00 noon on Wednesday.

You may vote for up to four candidates.

*José Damiani, President, World Bridge Federation  
Gianarrigo Rona, President, European Bridge League*

## World Bridge Federation Proposed By-Law Amendments

Add Article 8.13 to read as follows:

***"In accordance with Article 8. 1, the High Level Players Commission is established. This Commission shall advise the Executive on matters related to site selection for the conduct of the World Championships, the WBF's anti-doping policy and administration of it, possible additional events, rankings of players, and such other duties as assigned by the Executive. "***

Delete Article 4.4.1 and replace it with the following:

***"4. 4. 1 High Level Players Commission: The membership of this Commission shall be comprised of representatives of each Zone as follows:***

Zone 1	4 members of which at least one must be a woman
Zone 2	3 members of which at least one must be a woman
Zone 3	1 member
Zone 4	1 member
Zone 5	1 member
Zone 6	2 members of which one must be a woman
Zone 7	1 member
Zone 8	1 member

*Upon formation of the High Level Players Commission, it shall two of it's members to serve as members of the Executive with full voting rights. It shall also elect an alternate for each to act in place of said representative to the Executive who must be of the same gender as the representative. The High Level Players Commission shall determine the terms of its two representatives to the Executive. At all times the two representatives must be of opposite genders.*

*Additionally, the members appointed by Zones 1, 2, 3 and 6 shall have attained the WBF ranking of World Grand Master. Each of the other Zones shall appoint one of its highest ranked players. "*

## World Bridge Federation Proposed Constitution Amendments

*Amend Article 9 a) to read as follows:*

***"a) Members.*** The Executive shall consist of as many zonal representatives as are authorised by the By-Laws, plus the President of the WBF, who shall for his term be elected from the members of the Executive and, once elected, shall resign as a zonal representative. Additionally, two members of the High Level Players Commission shall also be members of the Executive. Each member of the Executive, including the President, shall be entitled to one vote on all matters within the Executive's jurisdiction."

*Amend Article 10 to read as follows:*

### **"ARTICLE 10 - COMMITTEES.**

Standing or special committees of the WBF, including a Management Committee, may be constituted from time to time and, subject to applicable law and the By-Laws, such committees may be vested with such powers as the Executive may see fit. The members of all committees, other than the High Level Players Commission, shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive."

**WOMEN TEAMS**

**Round 7**

**Germany v Austria**

by Mark Horton

In Round 7 of the women's series Germany met Austria. Remarkably it took place exactly 28 years to the day on which one of the most infamous games in World Cup history - which forced a radical overhaul of the rules for future tournaments - was completed.

Burly West Germany striker Horst Hrubesch scored the only goal of the 1982 World Cup clash against Austria in the north-western Spanish city of Gijon. With progress to the next round suddenly assured for both sides, the teams each went into their shell - often kicking the ball around aimlessly, showing no attacking intent whatsoever, seemingly satisfied with the result.

Nothing was formally proven, but it was difficult not to suspect the two teams had colluded to get the result. The game is known, in German, as the Nichtangriffspakt von Gijon (non-aggression pact of Gijon).

There was no lack of aggression on the part of our featured teams as they encountered a corruscating set of deals that tested everyone to the limit and beyond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
Redble	3♥	1♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♦
		Dble	All Pass

This time West did not come to the rescue. On a club lead declarer ruffed high, drew trumps and played on hearts. That was two down, -300 and 5 IMPs to Austria.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
		2♣	Dble
Redble	3♥	5♣	5♦
6♣	6♦	Dble	All Pass

I leave you to consider the merits of South's double, but I am prepared to question East's jump to 5♣. With partner presumably having shown support for clubs and East controlling all the other suits some forward going bid is in order. West saved the day by going on to slam and North/South took the save.

West led the three of spades so that was three down, -500.



Adele Gogoman, Austria

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	2♥*	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			5♣

The defenders led and continued diamonds, forcing declarer to ruff.

With no opposition bidding to help her she tried to find out as much as possible before playing spades, but with no substantial clue available she eventually got the suit wrong, one down, -100.

2♥ start of possible canapé

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
1♥	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♥

East led the queen of hearts and West went up with the ace and switched to the ace of diamonds. When East encouraged with the two the defenders cashed out for a flat board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
2♦	4♦*	1♦*	1♥
Pass	5♣*	5♦	Dble
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

4♦ splinter

With West contributing nothing useful in defence (not that she had suggested otherwise) there was no way to touch the contract, +850.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
1♦	4♥	1♣	Dble
All Pass		5♦	5♥

No double this time so Germany picked up 5 IMPs.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
2♠	Dble	5♠	Dble
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Once again a contract rested on the location of a missing queen. East led the ten of spades and West took the ace



Iris Grumm, Austria

and switched to the two of diamonds. Declarer won with the ace and cashed the top clubs, one down, -100.

In my simplistic way I might tend to think that the jump to 5♠ suggested just a little bit of distribution, but on the other hand East might have done it with a 4-4-3-2 shape. From declarer's point of view the fact that East passed over 6♣ without a moment's pause suggested that she was not in the least bit interested in the idea of saving, which she might have done with a singleton club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
3♠	Dble	4♠	5♥
All Pass			

North must have been tempted to go on to 6♥ but passing brought Austria 13 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
3♠	Dble*	2♠	3♣
All Pass			

West cashed the ace of spades and switched to the three of diamonds. For Von Arnim it was not a bridge too far as she put up dummy's king. Her remaining diamond went on the king of spades and there were no further problems in recording +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West cashed the ace of spades and switched to the three of diamonds. This time declarer put in the jack and the defenders were quick to cash out, +50 and 10 IMPs to Germany.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fischer</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Smederevac</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	4♠
5♥	All Pass	Dble	Pass

1♣ Strong Club

North led the two of spades and declarer won in dummy, drew trumps ending in hand and led a diamond to the ace. She claimed eleven tricks when South showed out, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Della Monta</i>	<i>Grumm</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Gogoman</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	4♠
5♥	Pass	Dble	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

I confess I would have been tempted to double 6♥ with the South hand. Something to do with getting partner to lead dummy's first bid suit. It didn't matter as declarer was not going to get the diamonds right – one down and 11 IMPs to Austria who led 35-28 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fischer	Auken	Smederevac	Von Arnim
Pass	2NT*	Pass	1♠
All Pass			4♠

2NT 12-13

West led the nine of diamonds and East won with the king and returned the suit. Declarer won in hand, drew trumps ending in dummy and took a ruffing heart finesse after cashing the ace, +450.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Della Monta	Grumm	Hackett	Gogoman
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	5♦*	Dble	5♣*
Pass	Redble*	Pass	Pass
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♥

No one did anything particularly silly, but there was simply not enough ammunition. When the only slim hope of finding West with ♥Kx failed to materialise the contract was one down, -50 and 11 IMPs to Germany who won the match 42-35 IMPs.

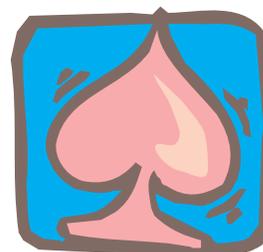


Annaig Della Monta, Germany

## SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

after 2 rounds - subject to official confirmation

1	BELGIUM	42
2	SWEDEN	41
3	GERMANY	40
	ITALY	40
5	AUSTRIA	39
6	POLAND	36
7	FRANCE	35
8	ISRAEL	34
9	DENMARK	32
10	IRELAND	30
11	FINLAND	29
12	HUNGARY	28
	NETHERLANDS	28
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	27
	SPAIN	27
	TURKEY	27
17	BULGARIA	25.5
18	SCOTLAND	24
	SWITZERLAND	24
20	ESTONIA	23
21	ENGLAND	22
	WALES	22
23	NORWAY	18



# VuGraph Moments

by Mark Horton

In the hope of overhearing a few words of wisdom Tacchi and I made our annual pilgrimage to the VuGraph theatre during Round 5. As the Russian proverb says 'It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive.'

Still I spotted this cracking deal from the women's match between Germany and Turkey:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 10 7 6 5 ♥ Q ♦ 10 8 7 5 ♣ K 9 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ A J ♥ 7 6 4 2 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ J 10 7 3	♠ K 8 4 3 2 ♥ K J 10 8 5 3 ♦ — ♣ 8 4
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Erdogan</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Kizikli</i>	<i>Della Monta</i>
1♠	Dble	4♠	4NT*
Pass	5♣	5♦	Pass*
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Pass Forcing

East led a spade and declarer won with the ace and mindful of East's bid of 5♦ rightly rejected the trump finesse, playing a club to the ace and a club. (If clubs are 4-1 then the winning line is to take a first round finesse, but with 6-6 in the majors East might have bid differently. If trumps were 4-1 then after a club to the ace and a club West has only to duck to leave declarer with an insoluble problem.) With trumps 3-2 declarer was in no danger, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nehmert</i>	<i>Ozan</i>	<i>Giampietro</i>	<i>Aluf</i>
4♠	Pass	2♦*	3♦
All Pass		Pass	Dble

2♦ Majors, 5-10 or 23-24 balanced

East had a gadget that came in handy and with 4♠ being unbeatable Germany added +590 to the score from the

other room for a handy 18 IMPs.

The next deal appeared innocuous but also attracted one or two sizeable swings:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K ♥ K Q 9 3 ♦ A K 10 ♣ 7 6 3 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ Q 10 8 5 3 ♥ A 7 5 ♦ Q J ♣ K J 4	♠ J 4 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 9
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Batov</i>	<i>Piekarek</i>	<i>Bonev</i>	<i>Smirnov</i>
1♣*	1♦*	Dble	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

1♣ Precision  
1♦ Spades

One of the VuGraph commentators thought North, who led the queen of diamonds, might be annoyed that his partner had not shown his support for spades. Perhaps, but he would be considerably happier than the players who attracted a raise and subsequently conceded 1400 and 1700 in 4♠ & 5♠ doubled!

Declarer recorded ten tricks in 3NT, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Elinescu</i>	<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Wladow</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>
1♣*	1♥*	Dble	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦	2♠
3NT	All Pass		Pass

1♣ 15+  
1♥ Spades

Here South did make a modest attempt to muddy the waters, but although it ensured a spade lead the result was an identical +630.

# European Championships Report (in name only)

by Barry Rigal



*The point of Barry Rigal's article that we published yesterday was that it contained the names of many of the players taking part in these championships. Here it is with the names shown in bold:*

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.

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 **nicotined** fingers **curlin** 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:

Dealer East, Love all

♠ J 10 8 2 ♥ 6 ♦ Q 3 2 ♣ Q 7 6 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">S</span> </div>	♠ — ♥ J 10 8 4 ♦ J 10 7 6 5 ♣ K J 10 9	♠ A Q 5 ♥ K 9 5 2 ♦ A K 9 ♣ A 8 3
	♠ K 9 7 6 4 3 ♥ A Q 7 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 2		

♠ — ♥ — ♦ Q ♣ Q 7 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">W</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">S</span> </div>	♠ — ♥ J 10 ♦ J ♣ K	♠ — ♥ 9 ♦ 9 ♣ A 8
	♠ 3 ♥ Q 7 ♦ — ♣ 2		

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

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.

When the **screen** goes up and dummy is revealed

**OPEN TEAMS**

**Round 9**

**France v Italy**

by Jos Jacobs

On paper, the most interesting match on Friday evening probably was the England v. Sweden encounter. For reasons only known to some of the players involved, this match was rescheduled for Saturday afternoon so our report on that match had to wait too.

Not only on paper but also in real life the matches between the Cisalpines and the Transalpines have always seemed to inspire many of the players involved to produce their best game. This time, the French had much the better of their Italian "cousins" in a traditionally Italian specialty: slam bidding. Below you will find two examples.

they say. Though the opening bid itself was not quite there, the  $\diamond K$  in fact was where declarer was hoping it would be.

Off now for a short look at the Croatia-Bulgaria match. On this same board, the Croatian North opened  $2\heartsuit$  in third seat. Well, we have just seen what happens if you open at the 1-level so it should be no surprise at all that opening at the 2-level will launch your opponents into a grand slam...

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

<p><math>\spadesuit</math> 3</p> <p><math>\heartsuit</math> Q 10 7 4 3</p> <p><math>\diamond</math> K 9 6</p> <p><math>\clubsuit</math> Q 10 9 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p><math>\spadesuit</math> A K Q</p> <p><math>\heartsuit</math> A K 9 2</p> <p><math>\diamond</math> A Q J 5 4</p> <p><math>\clubsuit</math> 6</p>	<p><math>\spadesuit</math> J 10 9 8 6</p> <p><math>\heartsuit</math> 6 5</p> <p><math>\diamond</math> 2</p> <p><math>\clubsuit</math> A J 8 7 3</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karaivanov</i>	<i>Scepanovic</i>	<i>Trendafilov</i>	<i>Zepic</i>
Pass	$2\heartsuit$	Dble	$3\heartsuit$
$4\spadesuit$	Pass	$4NT$	Pass
$5\diamond$	Pass	$5NT$	Pass
$6\diamond$	Pass	$7\diamond$	Pass
$7\spadesuit$	All Pass		

Karaivanov had little trouble in making all the tricks once he realised he might need the direct diamond finesse to get to 13 tricks. Well done, Bulgaria +1510.

Reaching the grand and fulfilling it was worth just 3 extra IMPs to Bulgaria as this is what happened in the Closed Room after North's  $2\heartsuit$  opening bid there:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Lévy</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>Chemla</i>
Pass	Pass	$2\clubsuit$	Pass
$2\diamond$	Pass	$2\heartsuit$	Pass
$2\spadesuit$	Pass	$3\spadesuit$	Pass
$3NT$	All Pass		

Ten tricks with both players holding something in reserve. Italy +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mari</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
Pass	$1\heartsuit$	Dble	Pass
$3\spadesuit$	Pass	$4\diamond$	Pass
$4\spadesuit$	Pass	$6\spadesuit$	All Pass

North's third seat opening bid sort of drove his opponents straight to slam. Nicely done, France a well-deserved +1010 with the help of the marked diamond finesse, as



Tomislav Scepanovic, Croatia

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Zoric	Marashev	Borevkovix	Tsonchev
Pass	2♥	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6NT	All Pass

The Croatians were on the verge of the grand as well but then East signed off in 6NT rather than 6♠. This proved a bridge too far...Bulgaria another +50 and 17 IMPs.

Back now to France-Italy:

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Versace	Lévy	Lauria	Chemla
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The diamond fit never came into the picture clearly enough so the Italians had to be content with +660 this time – a popular result as there were only few pairs who got to the very good slam.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Mari	Semeta	Volcker	Duboin
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

One of the pairs to actually reach the slam were Mari-Volcker who happened to be playing at the other table in the France v. Italy match. Though Mari was signing off most of the time, Volcker thought his hand was quite suitable for a diamond contract. He was of course absolutely right; from his point of view little was needed to make the grand a good proposition.

Anyway: France a once again fully deserved +1370 and 12 more IMPs to them. They had won the match 47-16 or 21-9 VP.



Vladimir Marashev, Bulgaria

## Carry Over



The carry over going into the final RR is the full result in VP's (IMPs) won against the other teams qualifying. Penalties received during the matches are considered to be part of the VP result and are also carried forward.

Penalties received in matches with opponents not playing in the final RR will be cancelled.

Ton Kooijman

# Dangerous Women

by Micke Melander

In the game between Norway and Sweden in round 10 from the Women series the Swedish girls showed that they have sharpened their defensive skills and would give nothing away for free.

Those Souths who were still sleeping when they arrived at the table would surely have woken up when they sorted their cards on the very first board.

♠ A Q    ♥ A Q J    ♦ A K Q 9 8 7 4    ♣ J

Having that hand, you would clearly believe that you are going to play in at least a game sooner or later...

West	North	East	South
Thoresen	Sjöberg	Homme	Rimstedt
	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Pass*	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Rdbl*	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	?

1♣ was strong and the Rdbl asked partner to find a new place...

Sandra Rimstedt most probably thought that she had her nine tricks in the basket somehow when partner most probably held the necessary stopper in clubs. Therefore she bid her game in no-trump.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul

♠ J 7 6 3 2  
♥ 8 6  
♦ 6  
♣ Q 9 4 3 2

♠ K 10 9 5 4  
♥ 9 7 5 3  
♦ 3  
♣ K 7 5

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

♠ A Q  
♥ A Q J  
♦ A K Q 9 8 7 4  
♣ J

Thoresen lead the five of hearts which made it an easy game for Rimstedt to play. Homme went up with the king, won by Rimstedt with the ace, who cleared the diamonds. Thoresen discarded the four and five of spades followed by the five of clubs. Homme returned a heart and Rimstedt could claim her 10 tricks. At the other table the Norwegians had a rush of blood and played in 6♦ going three off for 11 imps to Sweden.

Those of you interested in such things might consider what is the most challenging lead against three no-trumps. Unlikely as it might seem, a diamond lead looks the best chance for the defence!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul

♠ 9  
♥ Q 10 2  
♦ K 10 6 3 2  
♣ 10 9 6 4

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

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

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

West	North	East	South
Thoresen	Sjöberg	Homme	Rimstedt
1♠	Pass	3♠*	All Pass

3♠ was preemptive with some invitational values. Emma Sjoberg decided to lead the six of clubs, which went to the queen and declarer's ace. Thoresen now tried a club to dummy's jack won by Rimstedt's queen. Looking at the dummy



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

and her cards she now knew that the defence most probably had 4 tricks in the bag. Rimstedt therefore underled her ace of hearts, declarer playing low. The trick was won by Sjöberg with the queen. Sjöberg then exited with the ten of clubs ruffed by declarer, who now tried to solve the trump suit by the ace and small towards the queen -- won by Rimstedt with the king. She then accurately attacked the diamond suit, setting up her jack when declarer tried the queen, covered by the king and ace. Very nice defence by the Swedish girls; the 200 reward meant 6 imps when their partners at the other table managed to make 2♠. (There are two ways to let the partscore through, the first is to lead a diamond, the second after the club ten lead is for North to be thrown in with the heart queen if South has failed to take partner off an endplay. That was what happened when Jon Baldursson played two spades).

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul

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

West Thoresen	North Sjöberg	East Homme	South Rimstedt
1♠	3♥*	3♠	1♥ All Pass

3♥ was preemptive. At first glance it looks like declarer at worst has one loser in each suit, unless something is rightly placed for declarer. Though declarer should be warned since the bidding screams that almost nothing rates to be where you want it to be.

Sjöberg decided to lead the four of hearts, which went to Rimstedt's ten. She then tried to cash the ace of hearts – ruffed by declarer. The logical should now be to play two rounds of trumps, and just set up the club suit. However all isn't logical in bridge. Thoresen played the ace of spades and a club to dummy's ten. When that was allowed to hold the trick Thoresen for some unknown reason decided to let the jack of spades run to North's queen. Sjöberg now returned a diamond which declarer finessed, Rimstedt played back a diamond taking away the last entry for declarer to be able to collect her clubs later on. One off in the end, didn't matter that much since the Swedish girls at the other table bid and made 4♠ (the mystery of the defence's vanishing fourth trick being one that as doctor Watson would say, 'the world is not yet ready for'). 12 imps for Sweden.

So watch out if you are declarer against them – nothing comes for free and they look innocent as always...

## Polish Precedent



Do you recall the tournament where, with the leader already in the clubhouse, Tiger Woods was one shot behind going to the final hole? It was a long par five and the only way to reach the green in two involved a very risky approach over a lake. Everyone who had attempted to follow that route had found a watery grave, but Tiger took the shot on, and finished close enough to the hole to ensure that he finished with an eagle three – and victory.

We move to the closing stages of the Bermuda Bowl, an exciting struggle between those perennial rivals, USA and Italy. On the final deal there is a potential grand slam, which might or might not make. One team leads by 12 IMPs, so if their opponents bid and make a grand slam and they don't match their result the lead will change hands.

However, there is a fly in the ointment – neither team knows the actual score in the

match! With no concrete information available they have to rely on their estimates of how things have gone over the previous deals and that is a notoriously inaccurate method of calculation.

However, things might be about to change!

At a tournament in Poznan at the beginning of June teams representing Poland and France played a match with real time scoring. Once each deal had been completed in both rooms the players were informed of the result at the other table.

This innovation, brought about as a result of the initiative of the European Bridge League and the President of the World Bridge Federation, José Damiani added to the excitement of the match as the deals unfolded.

The match was shown live on BBO, so a worldwide audience was able to study the effects of this exciting new development in the game of bridge.



dient in elke kleur, behalve de troefkleur, een slag af te geven zodat het contract 1 down ging, 50 voor OW

Dit opende voor de Belgen zekere verwachtingen gezien vier schoppen voor OW er niet in zit.

Echter.... In de gesloten zaal werd de Deen Lars Blakset in west leider in vier schoppen gedoubleerd. Daniel Kurgan, noord, startte met ruitenboer zodat na een minder goed tegenspel het contract toch werd gemaakt. 790 voor OW. Aldus pakten de Denen op dit spel 12 IMPs terug.

Dit was het begin van een donkere periode voor de Belgen.

Na 12 boards stonden de Denen met 18 IMPs aan de leiding.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

west	noord	oost	zuid
<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>	<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	Redble
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♦
Dble	All Pass		

De opening 1 NT in zuid belofde 12-14 HP, en het doublet van west was voor straf.

Mike Vandervorst, west, startte met schoppenzes, voor de heer van zuid. Hierna volgde ruitenvier naar de heer in oost. Isabelle Dewasme, oost, speelde hartenzeven terug naar vrouw van west. West speelde hartenaas na waarop de heer in zuid tuimelde, maar waarmee tevens in dummy een hartenslag wenkte. In slag vijf speelde Vandervorst schoppen terug. De leider liet in dummy kleine schoppen bijspelen, waardoor hij niet wist te profiteren van de hoge harten in dummy. Vanaf dit ogenblik ging het genadeloos: ruiten naar het aas van west, kleine klaveren naar de heer in oost. Oost speelde schoppen terug waarmee west nog een introever werd bezorgd. Klaverenaas en -vrouw zetten de kroon op het werk: drie down, 800 voor OW.

In de gesloten zaal bood en maakte Blakset in West twee harten, 110 voor OW. Niettemin een winst van 12 IMPs voor de Belgen. Hiermee kwamen ze zowaar aan de leiding.

Dit was echter van korte duur. Met nog één board te gaan zaten de Denen steviger dan ooit in het zadel, met een voorsprong van maar liefst 24 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 5 2 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ A K J 8 ♣ Q 6 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q 10 8 4 3 ♥ J 7 ♦ 7 ♣ K 10 9 4	♠ — ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ 10 6 4 3 ♣ A J 8 7 5 2
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	S											
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In de gesloten zaal boden Kurgan-Dehaye vier schoppen te leiden in noord. Dit contract werd gemaakt: 620 voor NZ;

In de open zaal verliep de bieding als volgt

west	noord	oost	zuid
<i>Vandervorst</i>	<i>Bjarnarson</i>	<i>Dewasme</i>	<i>Askgaard</i>
1♦	1♠	Dble	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

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