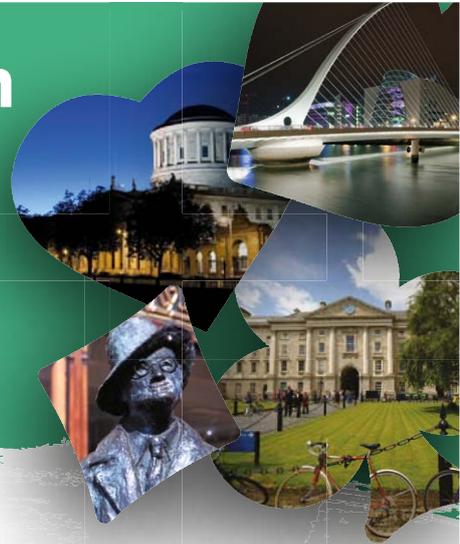




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THE PERFECT STORM



The Board of Tournament Directors

Although the rain is unrelenting we have the consolation that the Seniors are now underway. Two big wins consolidated undefeated **England's** position at the top of the Women's teams. Second placed **France** has a useful lead over **Poland** and these three are followed by **Turkey, Scotland** and **Sweden**. In Group A of the Open series, the first six teams, **Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey, Sweden, Israel, and Germany** have opened up a significant gap. In Group B **Monaco** is well ahead of **England**, who in turn are clear of **Wales, France, Romania** and **Russia** are tied for fourth and you can throw a blanket over the next four teams. In the Senior Teams, **Belgium** and **England** are tied for the lead, just ahead of **Scotland, Israel, Bulgaria** and **Sweden**.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TODAY - 10:00 AM
Silken Thomas Suite on the third floor
of the Citywest Hotel

13.30	
Turkey - Germany	BBO 1*
Bulgaria - Hungary	BBO 2
Wales - Netherlands	BBO 3
Scotland - Neth. (W)	BBO 4
Germany - France (S)	BBO 5
*BBO 1 = Vugraph	

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

GROUP A

ROUND 12 13.30

1	LATVIA	BELGIUM
2	LITHUANIA	IRELAND
3	TURKEY	GERMANY
4	ISRAEL	PORTUGAL
5	UKRAINE	SWEDEN
6	BULGARIA	HUNGARY
7	NORWAY	SCOTLAND
8	GREECE	ITALY
9	SPAIN	BYE

GROUP B

ROUND 12 13.30

11	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND
12	LUXEMBOURG	ENGLAND
13	DENMARK	RUSSIA
14	FRANCE	FINLAND
15	CYPRUS	ICELAND
16	POLAND	ESTONIA
17	MONACO	ROMANIA
18	WALES	NETHERLANDS
19	CROATIA	BYE

SENIORS PROGRAM

ROUND 3 13.30

31	ITALY	ISRAEL
32	SPAIN	IRELAND
33	TURKEY	SWEDEN
34	BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS
35	NORWAY	WALES
36	ENGLAND	POLAND
37	FINLAND	DENMARK
38	SCOTLAND	BELGIUM
39	GERMANY	FRANCE
40	ESTONIA	BYE

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

ROUND 10 13.30

21	AUSTRIA	BULGARIA
22	TURKEY	NORWAY
23	ESTONIA	GERMANY
24	ITALY	IRELAND
25	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS
26	SPAIN	BELGIUM
27	ISRAEL	SWEDEN
28	FRANCE	DENMARK
29	POLAND	ENGLAND
30	GREECE	BYE

RETURNS TO THE AIRPORT

Hospitality will arrange Return Airport Bus Transfers starting on Monday, June 18th.

Hospitality needs to know your return time.

Please Advise Hospitality in good time if you wish to avail of this service.

Hospitality is on the 1st Floor of Convention Centre.

Cost 10 euro.

Green Isle Shuttle Service

Sunday:

12 noon from Green Isle to Citywest.

5.p.m. Citywest to Green Isle

Monday the Green Isle shuttle times are 9.15 a.m.

and 7.30 p.m.

Normal schedule

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 8

Match		IMPs	VPs
21 ESTONIA	AUSTRIA	39 - 36	16 - 14
22 ITALY	GREECE	34 - 27	16 - 14
23 SCOTLAND	BULGARIA	56 - 27	21 - 9
24 SPAIN	NORWAY	38 - 80	6 - 24
25 ISRAEL	GERMANY	23 - 38	12 - 18
26 FRANCE	IRELAND	57 - 34	20 - 10
27 POLAND	NETHERLANDS	47 - 31	18 - 12
28 ENGLAND	BELGIUM	56 - 16	23 - 7
29 DENMARK	SWEDEN	55 - 28	21 - 9
30 TURKEY	BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 9

Match		IMPs	VPs
21 TURKEY	GREECE	53 - 56	14 - 16
22 ESTONIA	BULGARIA	27 - 69	6 - 24
23 ITALY	NORWAY	41 - 32	17 - 13
24 SCOTLAND	GERMANY	30 - 44	12 - 18
25 SPAIN	IRELAND	52 - 39	18 - 12
26 ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	76 - 9	25 - 2
27 FRANCE	BELGIUM	54 - 16	23 - 7
28 POLAND	SWEDEN	49 - 7	24 - 6
29 ENGLAND	DENMARK	60 - 20	23 - 7
30 AUSTRIA	BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

Distinguished Visitors to the Championships



Gianarrigo Rona, the President of the World Bridge Federation and José Damiani, President of the International Mind Sports Association (Presidents Emeriti of the EBL)

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 1

Match		IMPs	VPs
31 BULGARIA	SPAIN	45 - 49	14 - 16
32 NORWAY	ITALY	26 - 7	19 - 11
33 ENGLAND	ESTONIA	34 - 11	20 - 10
34 FINLAND	ISRAEL	18 - 52	7 - 23
35 SCOTLAND	IRELAND	37 - 15	20 - 10
36 GERMANY	SWEDEN	14 - 39	9 - 21
37 FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	34 - 12	20 - 10
38 BELGIUM	WALES	64 - 20	25 - 5
39 DENMARK	POLAND	35 - 11	21 - 9
40 TURKEY	BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 2

Match		IMPs	VPs
31 SPAIN	ESTONIA	44 - 39	16 - 14
32 TURKEY	ISRAEL	24 - 28	14 - 16
33 BULGARIA	IRELAND	50 - 16	23 - 7
34 NORWAY	SWEDEN	31 - 32	15 - 15
35 ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	58 - 33	21 - 9
36 FINLAND	WALES	21 - 36	12 - 18
37 SCOTLAND	POLAND	40 - 20	20 - 10
38 GERMANY	DENMARK	23 - 18	16 - 14
39 FRANCE	BELGIUM	38 - 41	14 - 16
40 ITALY	BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

GROUP A

ROUND 10

Match		IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY LATVIA	76 - 29	24 - 6
2	ISRAEL SPAIN	57 - 25	22 - 8
3	UKRAINE BELGIUM	41 - 56	12 - 18
4	BULGARIA IRELAND	72 - 44	21 - 9
5	NORWAY GERMANY	13 - 58	5.5 - 23.5
6	GREECE PORTUGAL	36 - 17	19 - 11
7	ITALY SWEDEN	32 - 44	13 - 17
8	SCOTLAND HUNGARY	27 - 73	6 - 24
9	LITHUANIA BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 11

Match		IMPs	VPs
1	LITHUANIA SPAIN	89 - 22	25 - 2
2	TURKEY BELGIUM	83 - 18	25 - 3
3	ISRAEL IRELAND	8 - 85	1 - 25
4	UKRAINE GERMANY	62 - 53	17 - 13
5	BULGARIA PORTUGAL	100 - 3	25 - 0
6	NORWAY SWEDEN	59 - 33	20 - 10
7	GREECE HUNGARY	54 - 19	22 - 8
8	ITALY SCOTLAND	86 - 22	25 - 3
9	LATVIA BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

GROUP B

ROUND 10

Match		IMPs	VPs
11	DENMARK AUSTRIA	77 - 33	24 - 6
12	FRANCE CROATIA	46 - 21	20 - 10
13	CYPRUS SWITZERLAND	8 - 87	1 - 25
14	POLAND ENGLAND	49 - 46	16 - 14
15	MONACO RUSSIA	54 - 60	14 - 16
16	WALES FINLAND	56 - 64	14 - 16
17	NETHERLANDS ICELAND	26 - 8	19 - 11
18	ROMANIA ESTONIA	23 - 22	15 - 15
19	LUXEMBOURG BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

ROUND 11

Match		IMPs	VPs
11	LUXEMBOURG CROATIA	48 - 46	15 - 15
12	DENMARK SWITZERLAND	37 - 60	10 - 20
13	FRANCE ENGLAND	12 - 56	6 - 24
14	CYPRUS RUSSIA	45 - 41	16 - 14
15	POLAND FINLAND	81 - 19	25 - 3
16	MONACO ICELAND	81 - 11	25 - 2
17	WALES ESTONIA	68 - 29	23 - 7
18	NETHERLANDS ROMANIA	22 - 44	10 - 20
19	AUSTRIA BYE	0 - 0	18 - 0

SENIORS TEAMS RANKING

after 2 rounds

1	BELGIUM	41
	ENGLAND	41
3	SCOTLAND	40
4	ISRAEL	39
5	BULGARIA	37
6	SWEDEN	36
7	DENMARK	35
8	FRANCE	34
	NORWAY	34
10	SPAIN	32

	TURKEY	32
12	ITALY	29
13	GERMANY	25
14	ESTONIA	24
15	WALES	23
16	FINLAND	19
	NETHERLANDS	19
	POLAND	19
19	IRELAND	17

Results are subject to official confirmation

OPEN TEAMS RANKING

GROUP A

GROUP B

after 11 rounds

1 ITALY	209
2 BULGARIA	207
3 TURKEY	202
4 SWEDEN	200
5 ISRAEL	195
6 GERMANY	194.5
7 HUNGARY	180
8 IRELAND	172
9 GREECE	163
10 UKRAINE	161
11 LATVIA	159
12 LITHUANIA	158
13 NORWAY	155.5
14 BELGIUM	118
15 SPAIN	113
16 SCOTLAND	107
17 PORTUGAL	93

1 MONACO	218
2 ENGLAND	198
3 WALES	184
4 FRANCE	178
ROMANIA	178
RUSSIA	178
7 NETHERLANDS	176
SWITZERLAND	176
9 DENMARK	173
POLAND	173
11 ESTONIA	161
12 AUSTRIA	157
ICELAND	157
14 FINLAND	148
15 LUXEMBOURG	145
16 CROATIA	126
17 CYPRUS	88

WOMEN'S TEAMS RANKING

after 9 rounds

1 ENGLAND	178
2 FRANCE	170
3 POLAND	160.5
4 TURKEY	160
5 SCOTLAND	153
6 SWEDEN	148
7 BULGARIA	146.5
8 ISRAEL	143.5
9 NETHERLANDS	137
10 NORWAY	134

11 BELGIUM	129
DENMARK	129
13 GERMANY	128.5
14 AUSTRIA	128
15 ESTONIA	113
16 ITALY	112
17 GREECE	107
18 SPAIN	98
19 IRELAND	84

Results are subject to official confirmation

In the Spotlight

Find out a little bit more about your fellow bridge players



Lars Blakset

How did you take up bridge?

Together with my brother Knut. He borrowed a bridge book from the library. One week later we had 30 bridge books and played every day!

Biggest influence?

A friend of the house: H.C.Nielsen (playing here in the Seniors). He taught us the tough game from the start - and won our money for the first six months!

Bridge Club?

Of course: Blaksets Bridgecenter! Biggest in the world! 2000+ members and 7 full time employees.

First Bridge Book

A simple beginners book written by Svend Novrup.

Favourite Music?

Simple Minds, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Bruce Springsteen....and many others.

Favourite drink?

Great red wine - Bordeaux or Australia - or a mojito!

All time favourite player?

A tough one!

Favourite TV Show?

No - prefer news and a good movie.

Best achievement in Bridge?

Bronze in the Olympiad in Rhodes and the European Open in Tenerife with my missed friend Peter Hecht-Johansen.

Least favourite opponent?

The old Norwegian team (Breck/Lien and others). All the 'Norwegian slams' - less than 5% chances - seemed to win.

Biggest failing at the table?

Crucial revoke in a grand slam against Sweden many years ago. Declarer could play xx to Ax for zero losers since I had to play my penalty card (from KQxx)!

Most important attribute in a partner?

Knowing the system perfectly!

Your favourite tournament?

The Icelandair Open or the old Forbo/Hoehst tournament, the Hecht Cup and the Bermuda Bowl (only tried that once and would like another shot!).

Other interests?

My wine cellar, tennis, nature (burned in Norway, love the fjords).



Tricky Danish Defense

by Micke Melander

In Round 6 of the Open series Denmark played World Champions Netherlands. Blakset/Schaltz for Denmark played a brilliant defense to defend what looked like a quite delicate 3NT being declared by van Prooijen. See if you would do better than van Prooijen did, with the seven of hearts lead (according to the convention card that's attitude, should you happen to wonder about their style of leads). The board isn't rotated, North is declarer and East is on lead.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A K 10
♥ K 8 6 4
♦ 10
♣ A Q 7 5 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♥ 7

♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ Q 9 3
♦ A K J 8 6
♣ 9

Van Prooijen played low from dummy, West's ten losing to declarer's king. Next came three rounds of spades, East playing the queen on the second round and discarding the jack of clubs on the third as it was won by West. West then returned the three of clubs to declarer's queen and East's king. Schaltz now continued with the five of hearts, declarer taking a losing finesse of the nine from dummy won by West's jack. Blakset exited with his remaining small heart to partner's ace. So when the smoke cleared West originally had ♥J102 and East ♥A75. Schaltz then returned a low diamond to cut the last communication declarer had between his hand and dummy. Van Prooijen could cash out his winners in dummy but still had to concede a diamond trick to the defense, meaning the contract was one off. That was very well defended by the Danish pair, and certainly not the easiest contract to play when you weren't able to read the lead. Van Prooijen could of course have made his contract but having that defense against him, he was bound to lose.

HELP WANTED!

If any reader has access to par deals (in any European language) which he is willing to share, please contact barryrigal@mindspring.com

Likewise, if anybody wishes to use Par Deals for any charitable/educational purpose please write to the same address.

100 Years Young

Barry Rigal

Board 3

West Dealer

♠ A 3
♥ K J 10 8 5
♦ Q 10 6
♣ A Q 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K
♥ Q 9 7 4 3
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 7 5

OFFICIAL BIDDING:

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	2♥	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

PLAY INSTRUCTIONS:

Against 4♥ by West, North leads ♦A, ♦3. Over to you.

Solution on page 24

The full hand was:

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

If we look at all the tables, there were 32 results on the board:

Contract	No Tables	Tricks
4♠	2	10
4♥	1	10
3NT	29	7 at 1 8 at 8 9 at 13 10 at 6 11 at 1

With the slightest favour from the defense, declarer had an easy ride to make his game.

Championship Diary

Simon Cochemé sent the following:

Seniors Tony Waterlow (England) and Apolinary Kowalski (Poland) are teaming up in the Trans-National as Waterski.

Hans Christian Nielsen (Denmark) and Rex Anderson (Ireland) will play as Rex Neilsen ... no, that can't be right.

It is a little too easy if you can mix and match partnerships!

Attempting to analyse what appeared to be a complex problem the Editor asked 'What type of squeeze is that?' 'A non working one', was the instantaneous reply.

Enda Murphy told us the following story:

Thinking her right hand opponent had opened the bidding a lady doubled. When the Director was called he thought for a moment and said 'Never mind, just carry on from here', and left the table. The next player redoubled and when that was followed by three passes the Director was summoned for a second time. The lady who had caused the problem in the first place asked 'What do I lead?' After thinking for a moment the Director replied 'I think a trump is traditional.'

Ben Handley-Pritchard, representing Croatia, is one of the top 3 Barbu players in the world.

Ib Lundby writes from Denmark:

It is more than 40 years ago since I visited Dublin, but still my mind is full of very nice memories. I was captaining the Danish Junior team, and the youngsters made enough tricks to win the gold medals. By the way one of the players was Peter Schaltz, now a member of the Danish Senior Team (as time goes by), while his wife, Dorthé, is playing in the Women Team, and his son, Martin, in the Open Team.

Unfortunately it was not possible for me to join these championships, but thanks to BBO from all over the world we are able to follow the play on-line, trick by trick. I especially enjoyed board 19 from the match between Monaco and Denmark (see this issue).

One of the headlines in yesterday's Irish Independent was: *Bridge to help me get over Euros failure*. We surmised it might have been translated from the original Swedish but on closer inspection it proved to be a tip for a horse running in the 2.40 at Bath (the Editor's home town) called *Bridge Night*. With so many propitious omens we decided to invest a significant part of our per diem. Amazingly the horse led from start to finish!

One member of the Bulletin staff has decided to start drinking coffee. When asked why he replied 'It will give me one more thing to complain about.'

The hotel have received a number of complaints about the noise coming from one of the rooms on the third floor of the Palmerstown wing. They say there is nothing they can do about it - it is two Norwegians learning to sing the Monegasque national anthem.

Board nine of round ten in the open series (round eight of the women and round one of the seniors) produced what in the bulletin editors' recollection is a first.

Every single table declared 4♥ by N/S making 420. At one table in the Belgium-England match the Belgian ladies introduced the variety of having South declare the hand (dealer North had a 3=5=4=1 15-count so they had indeed done well to avoid being declarer). In a sense, therefore the Holy Grail of an identical result from every table remains undiscovered, but this will do to be going on with.

(A detailed report on the play and bidding of this hand at every table can be found on pages 25-72...)

Hospitality Corner

Today, June 17th

Russborough House and the Alfred Beit Paintings, Lunch by the lake in Avon Ri, coach leaving the Citywest Hotel at 11 am. Please register your interest at the Hospitality Desk and also ask for other options.

Monday, June 18th

We visit Newgrange which was constructed over 5,000 years ago (about 3,200 B.C.), making it older than Stonehenge in England and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. Newgrange was built during the Neolithic or New Stone Age. Please book at Hospitality ASAP.

Tuesday, June 19th

Pat Liddy, a widely acclaimed artist, writer and historian, will take you himself and just for us, on a tour of Trinity College, Bank of Ireland, Merrion Square, the intriguing Oscar Wilde statue and the Government Quarter, the Museum and the Ardagh Chalice and the option to have lunch (€12.75) in the Dail, our Government Buildings.

Afterwards you will have free time close to the famous shopping street, Grafton Street. Tour €10 or €8 Senior Citizens. Please book at Hospitality.

An Actor's Life for Me

by Mark Horton

Monaco v Denmark Open B R7

What do the following have in common? Stephen Boyd, Peter O'Toole, Kenneth Branagh, Pierce Brosnan, Daniel Day-Lewis, Brenda Fricker, Colin Farrell, Sir Michael Gambon, Richard Harris, Patrick McGoochan, Liam Neeson, Maureen O'Hara, Robert Sheehan & Spencer Tracy. I'm sure you have guessed that they are all famous Irish actors and actresses. When I was Editor of the Batsford series of bridge books, one of my fellow Editors, Chris Fagg, introduced me to Richard Harris (The Wild Geese, Harry Potter, A Man called Horse etc) who at the time was living in the Savoy Hotel in London. We used to visit a pub on the Strand - the Coal Hole - where Richard would hold forth on all manner of topics in his typically forthright manner.

His drink of choice was Guinness - on one celebrated occasion when a horse he had backed heavily romped home he purchased numerous rounds for the entire clientele.

Whilst appearing in Richard III at the Savoy theatre (which is adjacent to the Coal Hole) in the role of the Duke of Buckingham he and the actor playing Richard over imbibed before a matinee. When the King came on stage to perform his opening soliloquy ('Now is the winter of our discontent...') it was obvious to the audience that he was inebriated. When a member of the audience called out 'You're drunk' he retorted 'Drunk? If you think I'm drunk, wait until you see the Duke of Buckingham.'

On another occasion he been drinking with Robert Newton (of Long John Silver fame) who suggested they go to the matinee at the Savoy. They were sitting in the audience when Newton (who was appearing in the play) remarked, 'This is where I make my entrance'.

Bridge has this in common with acting - it attracts a huge audience. Thanks to BBO more than 3,000 kibitzers were following my featured match.



Claudio Nunes, Monaco



Geir Helgemo, Monaco

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hagen</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Nunes</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♣	Fourth suit		
3♣	Club stopper		

Against this revealing auction South led the three of clubs, and when North was able to cover dummy's queen with the king declarer was doomed, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Schaltz</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Blakset</i>
1♦	1♥	3NT	All Pass

North's decision to overcall turned out badly. South led the four of hearts and declarer took North's queen with the king and forced out the ace of spades. North cashed his heart winners and declarer claimed the rest, +630 and 12 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hagen	Fantoni	Konow	Nunes
Pass	Pass	2♦*	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dbl	All Pass		

2♦ 5+ major and 5+ minor, 2-9

West found the best lead of a diamond and declarer put up dummy's ace and played the two of hearts. East discarded a club and declarer won with the ace. when declarer continued with the king of hearts East ruffed and switched to the king of spades. Declarer was booked for disaster from here and had to go five down, -1400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Schaltz	Helness	Blakset
3♦	Pass	1♦	2♦*
Rdbl	Pass	5♦	Dbl
	All Pass		

South led the king of hearts and declarer ruffed and ran the king of spades, pitching a heart from dummy. He continued with a club to the queen and a diamond and North put up the ace and returned the five of diamonds. Declarer won in hand and played the queen of spades. When South covered (withholding the ace saves a trick) declarer ruffed in dummy, ruffed a heart and drew the outstanding trump. The last diamond was too much for South, plus one and +1000. Declarer was perhaps surprised to discover that represented the loss of 9 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hagen	Fantoni	Konow	Nunes
Pass	2♣*	Pass	INT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♠

*INT: 12-14 any balanced hand, including 5332, 5422, 4441, 6m332

West led the jack of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and played a spade to the eight and nine. The diamond return went to dummy's king and declarer played a spade to the king and ace. West continued with the ten of diamonds (I can see no compelling reason to find the heart switch that is essential to defeat the contract). Declarer won and played another spade. East won and switched to a heart and declarer won in dummy and played king of clubs, jack of clubs, +600.



Martin Schaltz, Denmark

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Schaltz	Helness	Blakset
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	1♠

Declarer won the diamond lead with the king and ran the jack of clubs. When that held he was already sure of eight tricks, +120 but another 10 IMPs for Monaco.

This deal saw East miss the opportunity to be nominated for best performance in a leading role.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hagen	Fantoni	Konow	Nunes
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

1NT 10+ balanced
 2♣ 15+ balanced
 2♦ Staymanic

Once the spade fit came to light N/S pushed to a slam that looked as if it would go down as although East has the queen of hearts and the club length it is impossible to bring any pressure to bear in the ending. However, before the endgame the Gods have placed the opening (or perhaps more accurately the opening lead) and when East led the jack of clubs declarer had an easy route to 12 tricks, winning in hand, drawing trumps and playing a club to the nine, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Schaltz	Helness	Blakset
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ Balanced 15-19 (2+♣) or natural unbalanced
 1♥ Spades
 2NT 4 spades

Once again East led the jack of clubs and declarer recorded 12 tricks for +480. That gave Monaco 11 IMPs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hagen	Fantoni	Konow	Nunes
4♥	Dbl	2♣*	2♠
		All Pass	

2♣ 10-15, 5+♣ and 4 card major or 6+♣

North led the ace of spades and switched to the six of diamonds. East won with dummy's ace and naturally tried to park his losing diamond on a club. When South ruffed the second round declarer had to go two down, -300.

In the other room North fluffed his lines:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Schaltz	Helness	Blakset
2♥	2♠	1♣	1♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

North cashed the king of hearts and switched to the four of clubs. Declarer won in hand and played a heart back to

North's ace. When the ace of spades was cashed declarer claimed the rest, +420 and 12 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hagen	Fantoni	Konow	Nunes
			INT
2♦*	2♠	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

2♦ Weak overcall in one major

East led the ace of hearts and continued the suit. West won with the queen and returned a club to the king and ace. Declarer played a spade to the king and ace, won the club return and played a spade to the queen. When the jack fell he drew the last trump and claimed, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Schaltz	Helness	Blakset
			INT
2♦*	2♠	2NT	3♦
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Hearts or spades and a minor

South led the king of diamonds and when that held he switched to the five of spades for the three, ten and six. Now only one card in North's hand is certain to defeat 3NT - the queen of clubs (Eric Rodwell refers to this as a 'pusher' in The Rodwell Files). There was no prompter on hand, and although North did switch to a club, it was the six. Declarer played low and South won with the jack and played the queen of spades. Declarer won with the ace and cashed six rounds of hearts. The last one forced South to bare the ace of clubs and he was thrown in, to lead into the split diamond tenace, +600 and 12 IMPs to Monaco who had won in convincing style, 66-15 IMPs, 25-5 VP.

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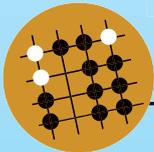
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OPEN
Round 7

Bulgaria v. Israel

by Jos Jacobs

On Friday morning, when this match got underway, Israel were top of the Group A standings and Bulgaria were very much in contention, lying in 6th place. The Bulgarians, as I recall like to play a very aggressive game while the Israelis are one of the more disciplined teams around so I was hoping for some spectacular bridge, or at the very least a contrast in styles, when I chose to watch this match. Right! on the first board of the morning, the fireworks were lit:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
	1♣	Pass	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♣ was Precision Strong Club and 2♥ was a weak jump response. So Mihov was not tempted at his next turn in the bidding. Israel +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♣	2♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Not playing a strong club, Schwartz had a problem at his third turn, even more so after Fisher responded to 1♦. So Bulgaria started the day with +690 and 6 IMPs.

Two boards later, a slightly unorthodox but innocent enough overcall caused a big swing:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q J 8 7 ♥ 5 3 ♦ A Q J 3 2 ♣ Q 7	<table style="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 9 ♥ A Q J 2 ♦ 10 8 5 ♣ K 10 9 5	♠ K 10 4 ♥ K 10 9 8 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ A 6 4
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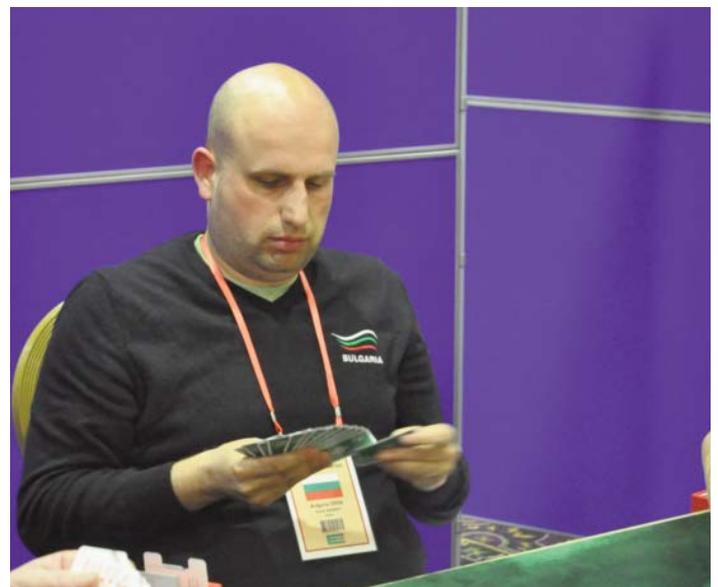
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
			Pass
1♦	1♥	3NT	All Pass

On this auction, South had an obvious heart lead so declarer had no problems in the play. Israel +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
			Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Victor Aronov, Bulgaria

On this equally natural auction, South could hardly lead anything but a club which led to a quick one down. The Bulgarians thus were (too?) severely punished for not being able to place the declaration in the West hand. (Yes, this is surely an auction where 3♣ by East at his third turn should be fifth-suit forcing.) Israel another +100 and 12 IMPs to them to take over the lead.



Georgi Karakolev, Bulgaria

Aggression v. cautiousness: that was the theme on the next board:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	All Pass

As the Herbsts do not play 1NT as a one round force, they had an easy auction. On this very unfriendly layout, even 1NT was already too high. One down, Bulgaria +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This auction was the more or less automatic result of the forcing 1NT response. No double, no trouble maybe, so “only” +300 and 5 IMPs to Israel when the game went down three without any chance at all. East’s more cautious option of a 2♥ rebid would have fared almost as badly.

On the next board, it was the Bulgarians’ turn to double once too often:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

♠ A 9 8 7 4	♥ A K 8 4 3	♦ 7	♣ K 5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Dble
Pass	3NT	4♦	Dble
All Pass			

This hand was a great success for the Polish style opening two bids. South must have felt disappointed when he saw the full layout after the hand was over. Ophir Herbst could not avoid losing a trick to the ace of trumps but that was all the defence could get when South took his ♠A prematurely. Israel +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
	Pass	4♦	All Pass

The Bulgarians play an interesting convention that might be described as “Leaping Michaels opening bids.” 4♦ showed the suit and a major. South gave his cards a good

look and then made a wise decision: he passed and so did everyone else. Twelve tricks, of course, but only +170 to Bulgaria and 11 IMPs more to Israel who already led 28-6 after just five deals.



Ron Schwartz, Israel

On board 7, the Bulgarians were the ones to produce the more cautious sequence:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	All Pass	1♠

Well judged by Mihov and he was rewarded with an over-trick when he guessed the clubs right. Bulgaria +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	All Pass	1♠

2NT was not without its chances, even more so when West led the ♣6 to dummy's nine which held the trick. Declarer crossed to his ♦Q and led another club, dummy's jack losing to East's queen...

Next came the ♠Q from East, declarer misguessing again by playing low, and the ♠9 then went to the king and ace. West continued with the ♥K and the contract now had to go down one as no suit could produce an 8th trick any more. Bulgaria a well-deserved +100 and 6 IMPs back to trail by 12.

A few boards later, leading partner's suit or not was the issue:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♥
All Pass		Pass	4♥

Having to make a blind lead, Ilan Herbst elected his sequence, the ♦1098, as the safest proposition. He soon found out he had presented declarer with his contract as a spade could go now on the ♦K before the entry to it, the ♥K, was gone. Even a heart lead beats the contract as East can win the first diamond and return a heart to remove the entry while the diamonds are still blocked.

Unlucky for Israel, maybe, but +620 to Bulgaria.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
Dble	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♠	2NT	1♠	2♥
All Pass		Pass	3♥

Stefanov opened a nebulous diamond and EW found their spade fit but Aronov still led a trump. This proved as effec-

tive as anything to restrict declarer to nine tricks. Israel +140 but 10 IMPs back to Bulgaria to reduce their deficit to just 2 IMPs.

Please note that leading partner's 'suit' (diamonds) would have been quite ill-advised on this board.

On the last board, with the scores level, Israel settled the issue.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Mihov</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♣Q which gave declarer both a trick and a tempo. Declarer won the king and returned the suit, playing low from dummy when North inserted an honour. Mihov correctly returned the ♦Q but declarer put up dummy's ace and led a low heart off dummy. South played low, Ilan played the jack from his hand and North also played low...Israel +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aronov</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Stefanov</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

The Bulgarians ended up in a safer partscore. Here too, North led the ♣Q and declarer, helped by this lead, went on to make just eight tricks with careful play. Bulgaria +120 but 10 IMPs to Israel to win the match 40-30 or 17-13 VPs.

Playing Safe

by Brian Senior

Israel's Lotan Fisher played well to ensure a handy swing to his team on this deal from Round 9 of the Open.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Olanski</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
–	–	–	3♣
Dble	All Pass		

Fisher opened 3♣ with the South cards and was left to play there doubled. Wojtek Olanski cashed the king and ace of hearts, the ace of spades and ace of diamonds, collecting count signals from Vytautas Vainikonis. Having cashed all the possible non-trump winners, Olanski continued with a heart, giving a ruff and discard. Fisher looked for the best way to ensure only two down.

His solution was to ruff with dummy's four then under-ruff with the two, cash the three winners in dummy and ruff a diamond before exiting with a low club. Whatever the club position, he was now assured of making the ace and jack of clubs in the ending; down two for –300 but 8 IMPs to Israel as Dror Padon and Alon Birman bid and made the vulnerable heart game in the other room.



Lotan Fisher, Israel

OPEN
Round 6
Russia v. England and Italy v. Turkey
 by Jos Jacobs

The last round on Thursday contained two matches that, in my opinion, might be interesting to have a look at. During the first half of the matches, the boards did not quite bring what I had been hoping for but there was ample compensation when the boards 11-20 appeared. By far the most complicated board was no. 11. That's why it will appear elsewhere in the Bulletin in a separate story.

Board 12 was a slam but only if you take the trouble to investigate further:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q ♥ AKQ7 ♦ KQ7542 ♣ 64	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J765 ♥ 95 ♦ AJ6 ♣ AKQ2
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W		E									
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	♠ AK10983 ♥ 32 ♦ 1083 ♣ 95										
	♠ 42 ♥ J10864 ♦ 9 ♣ J10873										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Sementa	Tokay	Duboin
1♦	1♠	3NT	All Pass

When Tokay, for Turkey, contented himself with 3NT over the 1♠ overcall, he had to be content with +490 only.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Kandemir	Lauria	Kolata
1♦	1♠	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

When Lauria gave his partner a chance to express himself once more, Versace immediately showed his good hand and thus, the slam was easily reached once Lauria cuebid clubs. Italy +920 and 10 IMPs. After 12 boards, Italy thus led 18-3 in a match that so far had been very low-scoring.

In our other featured match, nothing very much had been happening either. After 13 boards, Russia were leading England by 10-7 but then, the English dealt them two succes-

sive severe blows:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q864 ♥ AKJ4 ♦ K98 ♣ 106	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ — ♥ 10987 ♦ A642 ♣ AK873
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	S										
	♠ KJ3 ♥ Q52 ♦ J1075 ♣ Q92										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Khiuppenen	Forrester	Kholomeev
1♦	2♠	1♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Dble	3♠
5♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

1♣ this time showed an unbalanced normal opening bid with clubs and 1♦ was a general relay.

6♥ was, maybe, a little ambitious but it was rather easy to play as declarer does not have many alternatives. Gold ruffed the opening ♠A lead, led a heart to his ace, crossed to his ♣A and took the successful trump finesse before ruffing a spade with dummy's last trump. After that, he cashed the other top club and ruffed a club in hand. When they happened to break 3-3, he was home and dry. England +980.



Yuri Khiuppenen, Russia

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Bakhshi	Khokhlov	Townsend
1♥	1♠	1♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
		4♥	All Pass

No such high ambitions from the Russians, and maybe rightly so, although East's decision to sign off over 4♦ looks cautious even given his maximum values. Rudakov made 11 tricks with careful play for +450 to Russia but 11 IMPs to England.

And the next board:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Khiuppenen	Forrester	Kholomeev
3♠	Pass	4♠	1♣
			All Pass

This is the normal contract, not really worth publishing except, maybe, for the fact that it was reached in super-aggressive fashion here. Gold carefully gave up two hearts before drawing trumps for ten tricks, England +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Bakhshi	Khokhlov	Townsend
2♦	Pass	4♥	1♣
			All Pass

2♦ was Multi, showing one major so the problem was if 4♥ was to play or to pass/correct.

Down five, England a surprise +250 and 12 more IMPs to suddenly lead 30-10.

On the next board, NS could register a big plus by using the right tools against West's INT opening bid. Penalty doubles of INT may well be out of fashion in some parts

of Europe but not in Russia:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gold	Khiuppenen	Forrester	Kholomeev
INT	Dble	2♦	All Pass

No doubt, Forrester was hoping to get doubled in 2♦ as well, after which his redouble would clearly have shown the majors. This would have led to a good spot for them as it is not at all easy for NS to defeat 2♠ played by West. A fancy lead/switch of the ♣Q might beat it as it will give South an entry to lead the ♦J.

So Russia did quite well to leave alone 2♦ undoubled and collect +300.



David Bakhshi

In the Closed Room, Bakhshi did not have any tool available:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Bakhshi	Khokhlov	Townsend
INT	All Pass		

After the lead of a top diamond and a shift to a low club, declarer went one down after all when he cashed the top spades felling North's queen, but then found out there was

no way to tackle the hearts successfully. He thus lost two tricks in the suit to add to the two top diamonds and three clubs. England +100 but 5 IMPs back to Russia.

On board 17, the Russians recouped another 5 IMPs to eventually lose the match by 30-20 or 17-13 VPs.

Back now to our other match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Sementa	Tokay	Duboin
INT	Dble	2♥	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

*both majors

The Italians also used penalty doubles and landed on their feet even after the Turks found their best spot: West led his top spades and continued the suit but Duboin ruffed the third round of spades and simply played ♣A, ♣Q, thus creating an entry to his hand for the diamond finesse. He lost two spades, a trump and a heart and just made his contract. Italy +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Kandemir	Lauria	Kolata
INT	All Pass		

Kandemir did not have a tool available either against the strong NT and he started off the defence by playing three rounds of diamonds. Versace won the queen, cashed two top spades, crossed to dummy with a spade and ran the ♥J to North's ace to ensure his contract. He even made an overtrick when North returned a heart after cashing his 13th diamond. Italy another +120 and 6 IMPs to lead 24-3 now.

Turkey got back 4 IMPs on the next board and then, there was this difficult proposition:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

3NT was the popular contract but it went down about as often as it was made. In this match, we saw a rarity, namely an Italian misdefence.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Sementa	Tokay	Duboin
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led a diamond to North's jack and a heart came back. Tokay won the ace, played a diamond to dummy's ten and led a low club off dummy to North's jack. Sementa returned the ♠2 and Duboin played the king, unsure as he was about the actual position. From there, the lucky spade break made it an overtrick for Tokay: Turkey +630.

This might not have been a disaster for Italy, had they been allowed to try 3NT themselves at the other table. However, this was their auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Kandemir	Lauria	Kolata
			Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Double-dummy, you might even make 4♠ as well by taking finesses in both red suits but this does not look a very realistic line. South led a diamond, taken by dummy's queen but then, Lauria led a heart to his ace and played a club to the king and ace. A trump came back to dummy's ten, the ♣Q was cashed under which the jack appeared and now, Lauria cashed ♦A and ruffed a diamond in hand. He went on to cash the ♥K and ruff a heart with dummy's ♠A but when the queen did not appear, he had to concede defeat as he cannot avoid a defensive uppercut or trump promotion. One down, Turkey +100 and 12 IMPs back to them to lose the match 19-24 or 16-14 VPs to Italy.

WOMEN

Round 5

Turkey v France

by Brian Senior

The Turkish Women's team has a good deal of experience and are a long way from being pushovers, as strongly-fancied France found out on Friday morning.

Board 1 was a flat game, but Turkey gained a big swing on the second deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Reess	Oymen	Gaviard
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Neve	Acar	D'Ovidio	Erkan
–	–	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	All Pass	



Ozlem Oymen, Turkey

Catherine D'Ovidio's completely normal pre-empt, raised to game by Joanna Neve, left the Turkish N/S with no real room in which to go wrong. Asli Acar overcalled 4♠ on the North cards and Berrak Erkan had no reason to go on. There were just the black aces to be lost; +650.

Ozlem Oymen did not pre-empt but came in with a simple overcall at her next turn. When 2♥ came around to her, Vanessa Reess reopened with a double – I am not sure that I would dare risk this with 7-5 distribution but it was not the double that caused the disaster. Daniele Gaviard jumped to 3NT then showed spade support and now Reess jumped to the club slam. The opening lead was a heart but Oymen switched to her singleton spade when in with the club ace so got her ruff for down two; –200 and 13 IMPs to Turkey.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Reess	Oymen	Gaviard
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Neve	Acar	D'Ovidio	Erkan
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Turkey immediately struck again when they right-sided a 3NT game that was played the other way up at the other table.

The first three bids were identical but then D'Ovidio could bid 2♦, forcing, so did so, and when Neve didn't fancy 3NT on queen-doubleton in the unbid suit, it was D'Ovidio who had to bid that contract. Erkan led a low club to the

queen and king and there were five losers; -100.

Oymen could not make a forcing diamond bid so used fourth-suit-forcing. Like Neve, Dilek Yavas didn't fancy 3NT on the queen-doubleton so repeated her diamonds. However, having already limited her club holding, when Oymen now raised to 3♦, 3NT was the natural completion of the picture of the West hand. Reess led a club away from the king and Yavas ran this to the queen then knocked out the spade ace for ten tricks and +630; 12 IMPs to Turkey, who led by 25-0.



Vanessa Reess, France

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Reess	Oymen	Gaviard
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Neve	Acar	D'Ovidio	Erkan
-	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass

D'Ovidio opened with 2♠, weak and two-suited, and

Neve asked for the second suit then passed the response. D'Ovidio ruffed the heart lead and led the ace of spades to the ace and ruff, picked up the diamonds for one loser and made 12 tricks; +170.

In the other room, Oymen opened at the one-level. Yavas doubled Gaviard's delayed overcall for penalties but, understandably, Oymen didn't fancy that, though 2♥ doubled is comfortably defeated. When she ran to 3♦, Yavas took a shot at 3NT, ending the auction. Reess led the jack of hearts. Gaviard won the king and switched to the king of clubs to declarer's ace. Yavas led the jack of diamonds and ran it, then a second diamond on which Reess played the ace. Reess played back her remaining heart and Gaviard won and continued the suit so Yavas had ten tricks for +430 and 6 IMPs to Turkey; 31-0.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Reess	Oymen	Gaviard
-	-	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Neve	Acar	D'Ovidio	Erkan
-	-	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The running score had reached 40-0 for Turkey when yet more bad news arrived for the French. Gaviard made a simple heart rebid then competed with 3♥ over 2♠. Yavas led the ten of diamonds despite her partner's spade bid and now the diamonds were established for a spade pitch and an overtrick; +170.

The opening lead was far more critical at the other table, where Erkan's jump rebid was raised to game. With no strong reason to do otherwise, Neve also made the safe-looking lead of the ten of diamonds and again there were ten tricks; +620 and 10 IMPs to Turkey. The lead was 50-0 as the match reached the half-way point.

France finally got into the match with a game swing on Board 14, then had a chance to draw much closer on the next deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Reess	Oymen	Gaviard
–	–	–	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Neve	Acar	D'Ovidio	Erkan
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Erkan opened at the one-level then made a natural game-forcing rebid. However, when Acar invited slam, she didn't think she had anything to spare, so passed 4NT. Neve led a heart from the queen. Erkan won the jack and led a spade to the jack and ace. She won the club switch and led a spade to the king then a club to the king, seeing that West could be squeezed in the majors; 12 tricks for +690.

Gaviard opened 2NT and Reess forced to slam. A spade lead would have given declarer a third spade trick but Yavas did well by instead choosing her singleton diamond. Gaviard won the ace and led a spade to the king and ace. Oymen returned the eight of clubs. Gaviard won the ace and cashed the queen of spades, getting the bad news. Seeing the 5-1 spade split, she led a diamond to dummy, intending to finesse East for the queen of hearts. Perhaps, when West showed out, and with East now known to have seven cards in spades and diamonds to West's six, she might have considered a change of tack, but nothing was clear and Gaviard decided to follow through with her plan and lead a heart to the jack. Yavas won the queen and returned a spade. Gaviard didn't want the queen of clubs to be onside, as that would mean that the slam could have been made very easily. She cashed the diamonds, throwing the blocking heart ace, then cashed the ten of hearts and played for a squeeze to have operated. She led a club to the king, going two down for –200 and 13 IMPs to Turkey when it might have been 13 the other way. The Turks led by 64-11.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Yavas	Reess	Oymen	Gaviard
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Neve	Acar	D'Ovidio	Erkan
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
All Pass			

For the second consecutive deal, the Turkish N/S pair stopped in 4NT, Erkan choosing the natural invitational raise of the 1NT opening and Acar declining the invitation. Given a blind lead, D'Ovidio chose the jack of clubs, so Acar could later finesse the nine for her eleventh trick; +460.

Gaviard used Stayman, made a forcing raise of the spade response, and when Reess showed some willingness to cooperate, exchanged cuebids then asked for key cards. Reess won the trump lead and played two rounds of diamonds. She could take a diamond ruff and cash the trumps and now required something good to happen, perhaps a favourable club break, perhaps a club/heart squeeze. It may have come as no surprise to declarer that in this match nothing good was about to happen. Sure enough, the contract was down one for –50 and 11 IMPs to Turkey.

The final result was 87-19 IMPs to Turkey, 25-2 VPs, bringing them up into a qualifying position at this early stage of the championships.

The Rueful Rabbit is in Dublin

by Micke Melander

Scotland beat up Denmark 23-7 (66-28) in round two of the Women series. One of the reasons was on board six where Liz McGowan made life seriously difficult for Helle Rasmussen as declarer.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lone	Liz	Helle	Sam
Bilde	McGowan	Rasmussen	Punch
1♦*	Pass	1♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

1♣ and 1♦ might be short.

Helle knew that the lead promised at least the nine but also one higher card that couldn't be the jack. (Strong 10 is the name of the convention) Therefore she knew that the lead was from ♥K109. She called for the queen from dummy and Liz in North smoothly followed in tempo with the jack. How to continue now?

Three clubs, two diamonds, two hearts and a spade trick adds up to eight. You might have a ninth if clubs are 3-3 or hearts 3-3 or if you could find some kind of endplay creating an extra trick.

Rasmussen asked for a diamond from dummy in the second trick to get some more information about how things were. So that diamond went to the queen and South's king. Punch immediately returned the ten of diamonds and Rasmussen was really out in the fog...

Declarer's conclusion was that South had led from ♥K10972, and that spades probably were splitting to no good for her, this meant that North probably has some length in diamonds and that the clubs were either 3-3 or 4-2. Helle won the diamond return, tested clubs and when the king and queen of spades weren't in North there was no hope. Defense had their five tricks.

The Rueful Rabbit is from Scotland, Helle exclaimed afterword's and admitted that it was a very clever jack being played on the opening lead that completely fooled her. She never thought that hearts were an option to make the contract after the first trick.

100 Years Young

Solution 4

The full deal:

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

You cannot prevent a diamond ruff by North if South has the blank ace of hearts. But you can force him to give back the stolen trick through an endplay, if you play ace and a spade ruff before leading trumps.

When South wins the ♥A he can either lead a club and give up on the diamond ruff, or give his partner the ruff and simultaneously endplay him.



The full hands were:

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