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The race for Lyon 2017 is in full swing as all three Championships are now underway.

In the Open Championship, France consolidated its position at the top of the table and they have a handy lead over Germany, who in turn are well clear of third placed Sweden.

After day one of the Women's Championship, Israel has stormed into the lead ahead of Turkey and England.

In the Senior's Championship, things are very tight at the top, with Italy, Denmark and Israel being the early leaders.

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TIME TABLE AND BBO SCHEDULE TODAY

10.00:

O/W/S Teams

BBO:

♣ FIN - ISR (O)

♠ POL - BEL (O)

♣ FRA - POL (S)

♣ SWE - DEN (S)

♣ NED - CRO (O)

♣ HUN - BUL (O)

♣ ON SITE VG + BBO

13.20:

O/W/S Teams

BBO:

♣ TUR - ITA (O)

♣ ICE - ISR (O)

♣ FIN - DEN (O)

♣ EST - ENG (O)

♣ ENG - ITA (S)

♣ HUN - MON (O)

♣ BBO ONLY

16.00:

O/W/S Teams

BBO:

♣ HUN - IRE (O)

♠ POL - FRA (W)

♣ FIN - NOR (O)

♣ NOR - POL (S)

♣ ITA - FRA (S)

♣ ISR - HUN (W)

♠ VOICE + BBO

18.40:

O Teams

BBO:

♣ GER - NED (O)

♠ FRA - ISR (O)

♣ POL - ENG (O)

♣ SWE - BUL (O)

♣ NOR - SPA (O)

♣ HUN - CRO (O)





MATCHES TODAY

OPEN R. 16

ROM WAL
FAR SWE
IRE LAT
FRA SPA
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HUN BUL
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GER POR
ICE SCO
FIN ISR
SER DEN
NED CRO
EST CYP
GRE ENG
CZE RUS
SWI Bye

TIME: 10.00

OPEN R.17

SWE ROM
WAL LAT
FAR IRE
FRA UKR
TUR ITA
AUT NOR
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HUN MON
GEO BEL
GER SCO
ICE ISR
FIN DEN
SER POR
NED CYP
EST ENG
GRE RUS
CZE CRO
POL Bye

TIME: 13.20

OPEN R. 18

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BLR FRA
TUR LAT
POL FAR
SWI WAL
HUN IRE
GEO SWE
GER UKR
ICE SPA
FIN NOR
SER ITA
EST BEL
GRE MON
CZE BUL
ENG SCO
RUS POR
CRO DEN
CYP ISR
NED Bye

TIME: 16.00

OPEN R. 19

UKR ROM
NOR SPA
LAT ITA
SWE BUL
SER EST
WAL BEL
FAR MON
FRA ISR
TUR SCO
AUT POR
BLR DEN
POL ENG
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HUN CRO
GEO RUS
GER NED
ICE CZE
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IRE Bye

TIME: 18.40

WOMEN R. 5

FIN FRA
ENG RUS
ISR SCO
GRE SMR
SWE SER
GER NED
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HUN BUL
ITA EST
TUR POL
POR SPA
DEN Bye

TIME: 10.00

WOMEN R. 6

SPA FRA
DEN RUS
POL SCO
EST SMR
NOR TUR
BUL ITA
SER POR
ENG IRE
ISR GER
GRE SWE
FIN HUN
NED Bye

TIME: 13.20

WOMEN R. 7

POL FRA
EST RUS
SPA SCO
DEN SMR
NED ITA
NOR POR
SER TUR
ENG SWE
ISR HUN
GRE IRE
FIN GER
BUL Bye

TIME: 16.00

SENIOR R. 5

FRA POL
FIN HUN
GER ROM
BUL ENG
ISR WAL
TUR ITA
EST BEL
SWE DEN
SCO POR
NOR IRE
SPA AUT
NED SER

TIME: 10.00

SENIOR R. 6

AUT POR
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BEL WAL
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TIME: 13.20

SENIOR R. 7

NOR POL
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ENG NED
BEL GER
ITA FRA
SWE SER

TIME: 16.00



FROM THE OPENING CEREMONY





CHAMPIONSHIP DIARY

by Mark Horton

Maureen Hiron, games inventor extraordinaire has written to tell us that Erno Rubik didn't invent the Rubik's Cube. She has seen that described in a book of Victorian puzzles of 1892. But this was a sort of stick and band contraption that unravelled if turned too much. What Erno invented was the mechanism by which the thing could be turned ad infinitum. She's seen his patent in the patent office - whilst she was researching her best selling game Continuo. Erno came to see her in the World Games Fair in Nuremberg back in 1983 when she was just launching Continuo worldwide and he begged a signed Continuo from her!

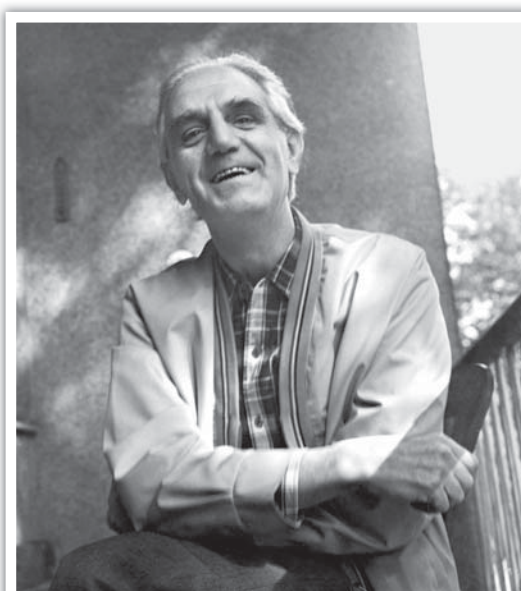


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Groupama Arena, the multi-purpose stadium and venue for the Championships is the third home of Ferencváros. It has a capacity of 20,000 spectators in UEFA matches and 23,700 in Hungarian League matches. Ferencváros have been the most successful club in the history of Hungarian football winning, 28 Hungarian League titles, 21 Hungarian Cup titles and 2 Hungarian League Cup titles.

Károly Kelen (npc of the Hungarian Woman Team, and Hungarian translator of Adventures in Card Play with Géza Hommonay) points out that Geza Ottik interpreted *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway into Hungarian (and she would like to say, it's better than the original short story...)

Plus Tim Seres (aka: Seres Tamás) was born in Budapest 1925, and learnt bridge during World War II in a cellar when Russian planes bombed the town...



As the Women's and Senior Championships are now under way, we can finally say the Championships are in full swing.

In the Open Series I am pleased to see that France is living up to my prediction in *Bridge Magazine* that they will be strong contenders. It is also great to see Italy performing well at this level. With so many powerful teams taking part it is easy to see why many observers consider the European Championships to be the toughest tournament in bridge - including the Bermuda Bowl.



Seres(s) is a common Hungarian (Hungarian-Jewish) name, I'm sure you know Rezső-Seres, who composed the famous song "Szomorú vasárnap-Gloomy Sunday".

By the way, Seres can be interpreted as a man who likes beer or who has beer!

There is general agreement that the venue for these Championships is outstanding - indeed many observers are suggesting they may be the best ever. For example, the air-conditioned Bulletin Room boasts its own his and hers washrooms, a coffee machine, and a Eurocave!

VIDEOS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Readers who are interested in more detailed view of the Championships whether it is news, interviews or simply looking at the surroundings can find it on youtube on the EBL channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN6ZMmC9FxsqBVn9PermDuw>

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ADVENTURES WITH OTTLIK

by Mark Horton

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

Dealer West

♠ A 3
♥ K J 10 8 5
♦ Q 10 6
♣ A Q 6



♠ K
♥ Q 9 7 4 3
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 7 5

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

Play Instructions:

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

Over to you.

???

♠ Q J 10 8 2
♥ 6 2
♦ A 3
♣ K 9 8 3

♠ A 3
♥ K J 10 8 5
♦ Q 10 6
♣ A Q 6



♠ K
♥ Q 9 7 4 3
♦ K J 9 5
♣ J 7 5

♠ 9 7 6 5 4
♥ A
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ 10 4 2

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 the spade ace and ruff a spade 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.

NEW PROBLEM

Dealer South.E/W Vul.

♠ Q 9 6
♥ K Q 10 2
♦ Q 4
♣ K 9 6 4



♠ A 7
♥ J 9 5
♦ K J 10 9 3
♣ Q 10 7

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Play Instructions: 3NT by West.

N/S play Acol and a weak no-trump.

North to lead ♠4.





NEWS FROM ROUND AND ABOUT

by Barry Rigal

When England played Latvia in round six, the match score was virtually level with two deals to go. These were the two deals.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

When Forrester declared 4♥ as East he had persuaded South that it would be a good idea to lead trumps, to stop spade ruffs in dummy. Alas for the defender, that gave declarer the second entry to dummy to lead trumps twice from dummy, while pitching one spade loser on the established diamond and ruffing the club loser in dummy.

At the other table Jason Hackett found one of the two leads to defeat 4♥, a top club. (A diamond lead also works.) Declarer could set up a diamond before ruffing his club loser, but the defenders could still collect two trumps and a trick in each pointed suit.

The play after a top spade lead is rather charming. Declarer wins and ruffs his club loser in dummy, leads a trump to his hand, then takes the second top spade before exiting in diamonds. North can win and then has the choice of giving an entry to dummy for a second trump play, or leading ace and another heart to let declarer concede just one more trick in spades.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Both English pairs did extremely well here. Forrester and Robson reached 3NTx by East and ended with an overtrick after South decided it would be a good moment for ♠Q spade lead. (Had declarer held two small spades instead of ♠Jx he might have been right.)

In the other room the auction was:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dbl.
1NT	2♣	3NT	All Pass

Justin Hackett, having shown a shapely but limited take-out hand with his 2♣ call, led a low spade, and I think Jason Hackett did very well to put in the eight, forcing the ten. When declarer ran the clubs and led a heart up the defenders had arranged to keep their red aces and all their spades. Jason could shift to ♠Q, pinning the jack, and defeat the contract by one trick, for a 14 IMP swing.



Justin Hackett



GERMANY vs IRELAND

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 8

Before this match, Ireland were in 6th place in the rankings, just enough to qualify for the Bermuda Bowl. They had started the day in 2nd place but a big defeat at the hands of proud leaders Finland in the first match of the day had seen them dropping out of the first six for the time being. So they would like to make up some more of the ground they had lost earlier in the day.

Germany, on the other hand, after a first day of mixed fortunes, had been able to steady the ship on the second day, but had not yet been able to reach the first six. So for them as well, a good win would be very helpful.

The set of boards for this match was quiet in general with a few remarkable exceptions. This was one of them:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q J 2					
	♥ Q 7 4					
	♦ J 5 2					
	♣ 6 5 4 2					
♠ 10 7 5	<table style="margin: 0 auto; border: 1px solid white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 8 6 4	
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W E						
S						
♥ J 2		♥ K 5				
♦ Q 6		♦ A 10 7 4 3				
♣ K Q J 10 9 7		♣ A 8 3				
	♠ A K 9 3					
	♥ A 10 9 8 6 3					
	♦ K 9 8					
	♣ —					

In the Open Room, we saw a good, natural auction.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>McGann</i>
		1NT	2♦*
2NT	Pass	3♣	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

After East's 11-14 NT, South showed his one-suiter and West used Lebensohl to show his clubs. South was strong enough to bid again and North had an easy raise. 4♥ just made, Ireland +620.



Hugh McGann
IRELAND

In the other room, the auction suddenly exploded:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Schwerdt</i>
		1♣	1♥
3♣	Pass	3NT	4♣
4NT	5♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

3NT would have been a good "advanced sacrifice" against 4♥ but South would have nothing of it and simply showed his enormous strength. West went on to sacrifice in no-trumps but North then closed the auction with a well-judged 5♥ raise – or so he thought, as it was West who had the last word.

Even on the ♦Q lead, 5♣ can be made, as declarer can win the king and play four rounds of spades for a diamond discard from dummy. Either defender can ruff but at the cost of their natural trump trick only – on a double-dummy basis if it's West who ruffs.

At the table, West led a low trump which declarer successfully ran to his hand, winning his ace when East played the king. The other trumps were drawn and four rounds of spades followed, declarer shedding a diamond from dummy and then conceding two diamond tricks. Just made, Germany +850 and 6 IMPs.



The score had gone up to 7-1 when board 23 arrived:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Rehder, West for Germany, did not take his first opportunity to bid with a 4711 distribution:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>McGann</i>
			Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥*
3♣	Pass	3NT	4♥
Pass	4♠	4NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Not surprisingly, Gromöller had a lot to say once he heard his partner's 3♣ overcall. 3NT was quite OK but 4NT was not quite. However, when North came to the rescue with a double, West got a second chance to retreat to the unbeatable club game. Solving the diamond problem was easy enough in view of North's 1NT opening bid. Germany +750.

In the other room, West kept silent throughout so this was the auction:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Schwerdt</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In 4♠, the bad heart break was irrelevant so Germany scored game in this room as well. Their +620 in this room brought them a 16-IMP gain.

The score had reached 31-1 when another flat-looking board arrived:

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rehder</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Gromöller</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	3♣	3♦	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Gromöller did not show his diamonds at his first opportunity but after his 3♦ fit-bid, Rehder knew enough to sacrifice in 4♠ all by himself. With 4♥ by North an easy make, 4♠ down two, +500 to Ireland, looked the par result on the board.

In the other room, the auction was much shorter:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Linde</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Schwerdt</i>
	1♥	3♦	3♥
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Garvey jumped to 3♦ at his first turn to speak, so the Irish had found their sacrifice without much ado, thus giving nothing away to the defenders. This proved an enormous advantage, as we shall see.

South correctly led a trump which dummy won with the ace. A heart came next. Now, best defence for North is to play low but rising with the ace, as North did at the table, would still leave all the possibilities open. A low spade now would lead to a quick down two for no swing but North, after a long huddle, chose to cash his ♠A on which South played the jack, not surprisingly. Trying to make life easy for his partner, North next played the ♣A to ensure the defeat of the contract. This, however, was not to be. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a heart, threw two spades on the ♣KQ, ruffed a spade in hand and his last heart in dummy and now had only trumps left for an incredible +750 and a much needed 15-IMP gain to Ireland.

On the next board, we saw another defensive accident:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rehder	Hanlon	Gromöller	McGann
3NT	All Pass	1NT	Pass

Opposite East's 11-14 NT, the raise to game was an "automatic" gamble. It was not a success, however, when the defence cashed five spades and two aces for down three. Ireland +150.

It should have been a flat board, however, as the Irish reached the same contract, albeit in a more scientific way:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Linde	Garvey	Schwerdt
3♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
		3NT	All Pass



Michael Gromöller
GERMANY

At this table, too, South led his two top spades, North contributing the seven and the two (showing an odd number) and declarer the queen and the jack. South continued the ♥A, partner playing a discouraging nine that might well have suggested spades, and continued the suit rather than spades...Ireland a shock +400 and 11 more IMPs.

This way, the final result became 34-27 or 12.03 – 7.97 V.P. to Germany, an outcome that would make neither team very happy, one assumes.

♠♥♦♣



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RUSSIA vs FINLAND

by David Bird

Open Teams, Round 9

I was looking forward to my first view of Finland, who were leading the field and unbeaten in the first eight matches. This was a difficult protective bidding situation to assess:



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyberg	Prokhorov	Leskela	Orlov
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	3♠
4♣	Pass	?	

West was a passed hand and East's 3♣ seems normal to me though if 2NT showed the minors it would be the obvious action. The question is: should he think again when partner competes to 4♣? South's 3♠ bid (along with West's double on a passed hand) strongly suggests that West has only one spade. East has only one heart loser and can hope that the trump suit will be good. What are the chances of there being only one diamond loser? Leskela elected to pass 4♣ and 11 tricks were made. In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Khazanov	Koistinen	Lebedev	Fagerlund
—	—	—	Pass
2♥	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

It was easy enough to bid game when West showed a heart/minor two-suiter. That was 10 IMPs to Russia.

On this 4♠ contract, the commentators were asking the question 'What if...?'

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyberg	Prokhorov	Leskela	Orlov
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Leskela led the ♣J and it was an easy matter for declarer to draw trumps and concede one diamond trick. 'Yes, but what if East leads the ♦5 and West ducks the first round?'

If declarer simply wins the diamond and plays a trump, East will rise with the ♠A and cross to the ♦A for a diamond ruff. The ♠K will be the setting trick. Instead, declarer must attempt to throw two of his remaining diamonds. He unblocks the ♥A-Q and plays the ♣A and ♣K. As the cards lie, he must now guess to play the ♣Q first, ditching a diamond. When he plays the ♥K, West has no riposte. If he ruffs with the ♠10, declarer will overruff and play a trump, losing only two trump tricks. If instead West ruffs with the ♠K, declarer will ditch another diamond. After ace and a low diamond, he can either ruff with the ♠8 or ruff with the ♠J and then guess to play the ♠Q.

At the other table East led the ♥J for a +620 push.

This was a splendid bidding board:

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ — ♥ A J 10 9 3 2 ♦ K J 10 4 3 ♣ 4 2	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ 8 ♦ Q 7 ♣ K J 10	♠ J 9 7 4 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ A 9 5 2 ♣ A 8
		♠ Q 8 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ Q 9 7 6 5 3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyberg	Prokhorov	Leskela	Orlov
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	4♠	Dble	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

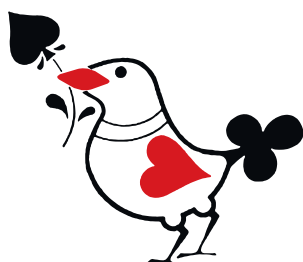
Would you have bid 1♠ or 4♠ on those North cards? Prokhorov opted for 4♠. When Nyberg chose to play at the five-level opposite his double, Leskela had high hopes of a spade void opposite. His limited number of honor cards were shining brightly and he found a magnificent raise to 6♦.

A club lead would have put declarer to a diamond guess. When North led a top spade instead, declarer ruffed, crossed to the ♦A and finessed the ♦J (since North had shown long spades). The finesse lost but a subsequent heart finesse landed the slam. Only five E/W pairs out of 36 bid and made a slam.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Khazanov	Koistinen	Lebedev	Fagerlund
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North's 1♠ overcall happened to work better and Finland gained 12 IMPs.



The bidding had an untidy look on this deal:

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

♠ — ♥ J 9 7 2 ♦ K 10 7 3 ♣ K 9 6	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K J 10 7 ♥ Q 10 5 3 ♦ A J 4 ♣ 8 5	♠ 9 8 5 4 2 ♥ A K 8 6 4 ♦ 6 ♣ Q J
		♠ Q 3 ♥ — ♦ Q 9 8 5 2 ♣ A 10 7 4 3 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nyberg	Prokhorov	Leskela	Orlov
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♥	3♠
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

South might have bid 3♣ at his first turn and was clearly worth another move over 2♥. I thought he might try 2NT, to show the diamonds, or a simple 3♣. His actual 3♠ surprised all present. Whatever it was intended to mean, how could it be consistent with his previous 2♣?

Prokhorov may have raised an eyebrow or two, but he hoped for the best (with his balanced 12-count facing a passed hand) and bid 3NT. East did not double this but when South corrected to 4♣, he did double. However unconvincing the auction may seem, does East really have a penalty double of 4♣? South's 3♠ must indicate some sort of freak and East has no surprises for declarer.

Nyberg led the ♠A, despite the 3NT bid over him. Declarer ruffed the heart switch and played ace and another trump. East won and switched to a diamond, declarer winning in dummy and ditching diamonds on the spades. That was +510.

Meanwhile, in the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Khazanov	Koistinen	Lebedev	Fagerlund
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	2♦*	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

This was two down on a top heart lead, giving Russia 13 IMPs.

Koistinen, the Finland North, needed to find a difficult opening lead on this slam deal:

Board 15. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khazanov</i>	<i>Koistinen</i>	<i>Lebedev</i>	<i>Fagerlund</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

The opening bid was Polish Club. A club slam would doubtless have gone down, but Khazanov ended in 6♥. What should Koistinen lead? A diamond lead was dangerous, yes, but would surely have been effective on the lie of the cards. Declarer would then need to take an anti-percentage club finesse to make the slam. With good clubs expected in dummy,



Igor Khazanov
RUSSIA

Koistinen might have leaned towards a diamond lead if his ♣J-9-6-5 did not give him some hope of preventing the establishment of dummy's clubs for discards. He led a club and declarer was then able to win, draw trumps and establish the clubs. With the ♦A intact, he could then lead a spade to set up an entry to the long clubs.

In the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Nyberg</i>	<i>Prokhorov</i>	<i>Leskela</i>	<i>Orlov</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	2♣
2♥	3♦	4♥	All Pass

South's 2♣ showed diamonds and Finland stopped in game, scoring +450 for 11 IMPs away.

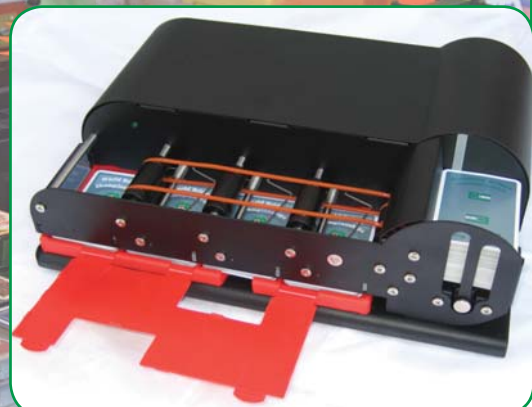
Finland's sequence of wins ended in a narrow loss by 49 IMPs to 43 (11.76 VP to 8.24).

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ICELAND vs NORWAY

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 10

After Saturday morning's matches, Norway had dropped out of the first six by losing heavily against Wales. Iceland had suffered a big defeat at the hands of Croatia, the latter team thus re-entering the top six. In Round 10, these two losing Nordic teams were scheduled to meet each other.

On the first board, the Icelanders became the victims of their own system.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Magnusson	Hoftaniska	T. Jonsson
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♥*
Pass	3♠	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♥ spades and clubs			

After South's black-suited overcall, declarer knew how to tackle the trump suit in his normal 4♥ contract. On a spade lead, Hoftaniska just lost one club and one heart trick. Norway +450.

In the other room, the two-way overcall caused havoc:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
B Jonsson	Lindqvist	Jorgensen	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦*
Dble*	3♥*	Dble*	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

The Norwegians play a type of Crash against 1♣ so

Brogeland's 1♦ showed either hearts or a black two-suiter. Lindqvist's 3♥ thus was not only a heart fit but a good fit in a black suit as well. I happily leave it to you, dear reader, to discuss with your pet partner the way to reach 4♥ after this start to the auction.

As you can see, declarer's only entries to dummy are in trumps so he could not both draw trumps and play hearts for only one loser. Down two, Norway another +100 and 11 IMPs to start with.

On board 22, the Norwegians had a strange misunderstanding:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Magnusson	Hoftaniska	T. Jonsson
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♦*
		All Pass	

3♦ showed a good heart raise, of course, so game was easily reached. Iceland +450 when the defenders led trumps and thus did not come to all their tricks in the minors.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
B Jonsson	Lindqvist	Jorgensen	Brogeland
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3♣*

Over the artificial 1♦ by West, N/S apparently were not on the same wavelength as to the meaning of 3♣: a splinter or a suit. There was no second chance for



anyone to find out. Down six on a trump lead, Iceland another -300 and 13 IMPs to them to take the lead 14-11.

Iceland handed back these IMPs on the very next board:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Closed Room, E/W showed great understanding about their style:

West	North	East	South
<i>B Jonsson</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
			Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Vulnerable, in 2nd position, West might well have had a much better Polish-style two-suited hand than he actually holds. In that case, 3NT would be laydown or at least very close to it. So full marks for East's disciplined pass of 3♦, his partner's second suit. Iceland +150.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Hoftaniska T. Jonsson</i>	
			Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Once Charlsen found a very light Polish-style opening bid in second position, vulnerable, the Norwegians quickly reached 3NT, a contract that would have been OK had the ♦K been blank or doubleton in North. Had this been the case, it would have been possible to not only have nine tricks but also to cash them.

With the ♦K in South, declarer has no legitimate way to come to nine tricks but apparently, Hoftaniska found a way to neutralise the spade suit. The play went like this:

He won the ♠Q lead with the ace, North playing the seven, crossed to the ♥K and ran the ♦Q successfully. The next diamond was taken by South's

king and what now? South, unsure about the spade position, tried the effect of a low club away from his ace. When declarer played low from dummy, North inserted the eight, thus promoting declarer's ♣9 into the surprise game-going trick. Norway +600 and 10 IMPs in rather than 6 IMPs out.

Board 28 was about choosing the right moment to double.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Hoftaniska T. Jonsson</i>	
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

North had no option but to double when West opened 4♠ as dealer. South was happy to pass. North led the ♥A, dropping his partner's queen, and continued his ♣AK in view of dummy. His next move was the ♥K which effectively cost a trick. Down just two, Iceland +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>B Jonsson</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
1♠	Dble	Redbl	Pass
Pass	2♦	Dble	All Pass

This board proved another example of the E/W style. On board 23 above, we noted East's pass of partner's 3♦ rebid and here, we see West sitting partner's double of 2♦ in spite of his very light opening bid. On the rocks of the distribution, it turned out that 2♦ was unbeatable. Declarer lost a club, a spade and three trump tricks so Norway scored +180 to restrict their loss on the board to just 3 IMPs. The defensive trick dropped in the other room against 4♠ thus had cost Iceland 6 more IMPs.

The final score in the match: 27-24 or 10.91 – 9.09 V.P. to Norway.



A BID TOO FAR

by Mark Horton

In Round 9 Serbia outscored England 39-20, primarily because of two slam swings. The first of them came about as the result of an unfortunate opening lead (and sufficient funds have changed hands for the guilty party's name to be withheld.) The second was a cracker:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Radisic	Forrester	Zipovski	Robson
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♦*
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

- 1♣ 15+ HCP 4441 or 18+ HCP or 8+ tricks
- 1♦* Diamonds or hearts
- 3♥ RKCB for hearts
- 4♣ 2 key cards, no trump queen

North led the four of diamonds and declarer won with the ace and took the ace and queen of hearts, revealing the 4-1 break. He cashed the ace of clubs and then drew trumps. Backing his judgement, he played a club to the ten and could claim when South discarded.

South's overcall had given the game away - a wit in the Bulletin Room remarked 'Pity Rooney wasn't sitting South, at least he knows how to Pass.'

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MEET THE MONACO OPEN TEAM



Monaco Open: Geir Helgemo, Krzysztof Martens (coach), Pierre Zimmermann, Franck Multon, Tor Helness, Jean Charles Allavena (playing captain, not in the picture)

In the final round of the last European Championship Team Monaco came off just short, getting the silver medals (photo). It's a shame the gold (Israel) and the silver medalists are both affected in the cheating scandal... They entered two pairs for the Championship in Budapest. Geir Helgemo, Tor Helness, Pierre Zimmermann and Franck Multon have been citizens of this small European country only since 2012, and earlier they had had great successes in the national teams of their motherlands. Jean Charles Allavena is the only member of the team, who is not a professional player; he is an engineer in telecommunications and a non-professional politician, a member of the National Council (parliament of Monaco). He is the President of the Foreign Affairs Committee and used to be the leader of the conservative party. Jean Charles Allavena is the President of the Monaco Bridge Federation and organizes the prestigious Cavendish. Krzysztof Martens, a Polish World Champion is the coach of the team. They are certainly one of the favorites to finish on the winners' stand.



A legutóbbi Európa-bajnokság rájátszásában kis különbséggel alulmaradt Izraellel szemben, így ezüstérmes lett a monacói csapat (a képen). Sajnálatos, hogy a csalási botrány mindkét válogatottat érintette... A két évvel ezelőtti csapatból a budapesti Eb-re két párt nevezett Monaco. Geir Helgemo és Tor Helness, valamint Pierre Zimmermann és Franck Multon csak 2012 óta polgárai a kis európai országnak, korábban szülőföldjük válogatottjaiban arattak sikereket. Jean Charles Allavena az egyetlen nem profi bridzsező a csapatban. Telekommunikációs szakember, „mellékállásban” politikus, a monacói parlament tagja, a külügyi bizottság elnöke, és régebben a konzervatív párt vezetője volt. Allavena a Monacói Bridzs Szövetség elnöke és a nagy presztízsű Cavendish szervezője. Az ezúttal is dobogóra esélyes csapat edzője a lengyel világbajnok Krzysztof Martens.

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HOUDINI

by Mark Horton

Harry Houdini was an American illusionist and stunt performer, noted for his sensational escape acts.

He was born here in Budapest and in the most famous film about his life he was played by Tony Curtis, whose father was born in Hungary.

It is a little known fact that Houdini focused initially on traditional card tricks, at one point, billing himself as the 'King of Cards'.

As the Round 12 match between Italy and Belgium unfolded, escapology would have served one of the teams extremely well.

All Pass

East led the ten of hearts and declarer won in hand, played three rounds of trumps, finessing and then set up the diamonds, +1430 and 13 IMPs for Italy.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	3♣	Dble*
4♣	4♠	All Pass	

Having passed as dealer East was quick to get involved on the next round.

East led the six of clubs and declarer ran that to his queen and played trumps, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Engel</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Donati</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♣	Dble
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

- 2♣ Asking
- 2♦ Minimum without majors or 4♠
- 2♥ Asking

E/W had no trouble locating their spade fit, and looking at a sitting duck, North pulled the trigger. East's decision to escape to 5♦ would have been brilliant - except for the fact that West was declarer. North started with four rounds of spades and South ruffed and exited with a heart. Declarer won with the ace and played the queen of diamonds, putting up the ace when North followed impassively with the six.

That was three down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Engel</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Donati</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♠	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, 11-21

North led the four of spades and declarer won with the seven and played the queen of diamonds for the king and ace. He returned to hand with the jack of diamonds, crossed to dummy with a heart and ran the diamonds. When North parted with a heart South was squeezed in hearts and clubs, +720 and 17 IMPs for Belgium.

If declarer cashes the ♣AK before crossing to dummy to run the diamonds the double squeeze delivers all the tricks.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the ace of hearts and switched to the nine of diamonds (on a second heart declarer ruffs high, comes to hand with a trump and can then ruff another heart). East won with the ace and returned the two, but declarer ruffed high, drew trumps and played on clubs, +790.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Engel</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Donati</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

North led the five of spades and South won with the ace and returned the three of hearts. Rejecting the Rabbi's rule, declarer played low and North won and could cash the king of spades and switch to a club for two down, +500. However, after taking the spade king North did not find the club switch, and +200 gave Belgium 11 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♣
All Pass			

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 5♦ Exclusion Blackwood
- 6♣ 2 key cards +♣Q

East led the four of diamonds and declarer ruffed in dummy, played a club to the king, ruffed a diamond, played a club to the queen, cashed the ace of hearts and ran the ten, +2140. The swashbuckling Finns were the only other team to record that score.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Engel</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Donati</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

- 2♣ Game forcing
- 3NT 5♥+5♣, 11-13

That cost Italy 16 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the king of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's ace, pitched a spade on the ace of clubs, ruffed a club and played the ten of diamonds. North returned a diamond and declarer won and claimed +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Engel</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Coenraets</i>	<i>Donati</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♣	2NT	All Pass	

East led the six of spades and declarer won with the jack and played a diamond for the nine, king and ace. The return of the three of hearts was taken by East with the ace and went back to spades, the nine losing to North's king. Two rounds of diamonds put East back on play and when he made the mistake of returning a third spade declarer could win, cash the diamonds and play a top club. West had thrown too many clubs away so declarer emerged with an overtrick, +150 and 11 IMPs to Italy.



Alessandro Gandoglia

ITALY

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>De Donder</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>De Roos</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3♥ Transfer

3♠ At least three spades

East led his diamond and declarer won with the jack, drew trumps and played a diamond to the king. With nothing at stake, he came to hand with a club and played a heart to the king, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Engel	Gandoglia	Coenraets	Donati
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ Forcing to game except after 2♣-2♦-2NT
- 2♥ Positive, 5+♠

I'm not sure about the precise meaning of the later bids - perhaps 4♥ was Last Train.

Would East find the heart lead?

No, out came the four of diamonds and declarer won with the jack. He drew trumps and played a diamond to the king, East pitching the four of clubs. When declarer crossed to hand with a club and played a heart to the king he was one down, 13 IMPs to Belgium.

Should declarer have read anything into the absence of a double of 4♥ by East? If he had been confident the ace of hearts was offside he could have cashed three rounds of clubs followed by two trumps. The last of these would see West, down to ♥AQ ♦Q8, caught in a red suit squeeze.

Whatever, Belgium had another 13 IMPs and had won 79-25, 19.52-0.48.



Giovanni Donati
ITALY

This was easily the most exciting set of deals so far and despite the one sided result, it reflected great credit on both teams - I could easily have reported two deals where both teams bid and made slams as well as three of four other boards. It was just one of those matches where one team could not escape their fate.





NO HAPPY ENDING FOR THE BALE OF BRIDGE

by Jan van Cleeff

Gareth Bale is known as the world's most expensive soccer player. Two years ago Real Madrid bought the Welsh player for a mere 104 million Euros. Patrick Jourdain, another mainstay of Welsh sports, has the reputation of being the most expensive bridge player of his country since for decades most of his decisions at the table do pay out handsomely. No wonder that his team mates nicknamed him "Gareth".

Israel v. Wales

Board 31 of Round 12, Open series, Gareth was on his way to another great result. In the end however this tale of the Bale of Bridge had no happy ending; for Wales that is.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jourdain	Barel	Jones	Zack
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass(!)	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

- 3♥ Transfer
- 4♣ Control, max
- 4♦ Control
- 5♦ Control

Excellent bidding by everybody. West wisely didn't reveal his heart holding when he refrained from doubling the transfer and NS smartly rightsided the slam. Still there was a lot of work to do for Yaniff Zack.

When West led ♠10 declarer immediately realized

that ♥A was off-side. Zack played three top spades from dummy - West pitching a heart and a diamond - followed by a diamond to the ace and the ♦10, covered by West and North. Declarer cashed three rounds of clubs and a fourth round of spade. At this point Gareth already felt the heat when he pitched ♥J:

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

When declarer advanced the final spade West had to give in: he bared his♥A. Zack played a heart, pitched a diamond from dummy and claimed 12 tricks. No happy ending for Jourdain this time due to great declarer play.



Yaniv Zack
ISRAEL



ENGLAND vs MONACO

by Ram Soffer

Open Teams, Round 8

A low scoring match

High scoring matches are usually very entertaining for both commentators and readers, but big swings are often the outcome of avoidable mistakes, so two strong teams are more likely to produce a low scoring match, which is what happened when England (bronze medallists in 2014) met Monaco (silver medallists).

The same 16 deals (admittedly not of the most exciting variety) produced, for example, a 49:31 score line between Spain and the Czech Republic, but in our match there was only one swing above 3 IMPs:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
3♣	Pass	3NT	4♣*
4♦	4♠	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Helgemo opened a vulnerable 3♣, and his partner voluntarily bid a game. Even though 3NT is often bid with weak hands (however mostly non-vulnerable) and 4♣ may be stronger, there is no way for North to know who owns the hand. After South intervened, Helgemo showed his diamond side-suit and Helness bid 5♣, passed by South who had nothing more to say. I find it hard to understand Gold's decision to double, as he possesses at most one defensive trick. Indeed, Helgemo had little trouble making 11 tricks by drawing trumps and leading the ♦Q from his hand. Monaco +750.

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Martens</i>
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	4♥	5♣	4♣*
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	5♠
			All Pass

It seems that Martens and Multon were not exactly on the same wavelength regarding the meaning of the 4♣ bid, but they made the correct competitive decision. Declarer drew trumps and ruffed out East's hearts, so that Forrester's three aces were the only tricks for the defence. England +200 – at this table the par score was reached, but Monaco gained 11 IMPs. A look at the other matches shows that several East/West pairs didn't do as well as Forrester/Robson, since there were plenty of +620, +650 and +790 scores North/South's way.

Remarkably, this was the only gain for Monaco over the first 15 boards, while England slowly accumulated six mini-swings, also totalling 11 IMPs. So it was all square going into the final deal.



Tony Forrester
ENGLAND

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

All four England players, clearly in slow accumulation mode, passed throughout at both tables, evidently hoping for their opponents to overbid and fail by one trick, which is exactly what happened to Multon-Martens when the trump finesse was offside so that the 4♥ game based on two balanced hands totalling 24 HCP couldn't make.



 **Andrew Robson**
ENGLAND

However, at the other table Helgemo-Helness had absolutely no reason to bid more than two with their combined 16-count. Still, perfect defence would have prevailed. Bakhshi played a diamond upon winning the ♥A and Gold continued the suit. After winning the ♣A North correctly played a third round of diamonds preparing a promotion for his ♠Q. However, his partner failed to appreciate this, playing low on the first round of trumps. Now Helgemo killed the potential promotion by winning the ♠K and continuing trumps, so Monaco barely scraped home. Making 2♠ gave them 2 IMPs and the match.

With apparently so little drama, let us review some of the more interesting deals which failed to produce any swing.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Martens</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

Identical bidding at both tables led to identical results. Both Helgemo and Robson were powerless against the cruel club distribution. They had to be satisfied with their four top tricks, conceding -300 at both tables.

This was by no means the standard result across the field. Most North/South pairs entered the bidding, bidding and making a part score, while a few of them overbid to game and failed. Both South players should be given credit here for some fine judgement in the balancing seat.





Tor Helness
MONACO

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
Robson	Multon	Forrester	Martens
	1♥	3♦	3♥
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Once again identical bidding led to the par contract. Indeed, at most tables East/West made the correct decision not to defend against a cold 4♥ contract.

However, reaching the par score (N/S +500) meant that North should win the opening lead with the ♥A and then switch to a small spade, a very tough defence.

Gold switched to a trump, and now Helness may have missed a golden chance when he won a ruffing finesse in clubs, restricting his losses to -200. Instead he could have tried a small club from dummy, when North can't be absolutely sure whether East holds a stiff ♣J or not. Of course, going up with the ♣A at trick three allows declarer to ruff two hearts and discard two spades on the ♣KQ, making +750.

At the other table Martens led a trump. Forrester won in dummy and led ♣2. Multon erred by playing the ace, but in this case it was not fatal, as declarer could not yet ruff hearts, so he had to play trumps

again in order to reach his two spade discards, later losing one spade and two hearts tricks.

Thus both table ended up +200 for N/S for no swing. Notably, eight teams registered +750 scores with the East/West cards, while only four East/West pairs managed to take all their potential tricks against 5♦ doubled.

Finally, another 5♦ hand, this time with some variety in the auction.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>
		1♦	Dble
Rdbl	2♠	Pass	3♠
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Martens</i>
		1♣	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Despite East/West holding the majority of the high card points, North/South are cold for 4♠ (in fact a small heart lead from East is required in order to prevent them from making 5). Nevertheless, in this championship nobody bid and made a game with the North/South cards, and +100 was close to average for this board. At both tables the defenders didn't waste time taking their four obvious tricks against 5♦.

As for the auction, the natural 1♦ opening of Helgemo/Helness allowed their opponents to compete, but Gold/Bakhshi subsided in 3♠, while Forrester's 1♣ bid (and his partner's artificial 2♣ response) persuaded Multon-Martens to pass throughout. As the Englishmen were committed to a hopeless game, no damage was incurred.



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RESULTS OPEN TEAMS

ROUND 12

1	ROMANIA	FINLAND	49	68	5.20	14.80
2	SERBIA	GERMANY	37	66	3.42	16.58
3	ICELAND	LATVIA	85	40	18.66	1.34
4	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY	57	38	14.80	5.20
5	ESTONIA	GEORGIA	55	19	17.59	2.41
6	GREECE	POLAND	51	26	15.92	4.08
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWITZERLAND	61	32	16.58	3.42
8	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	51	50	10.31	9.69
9	RUSSIA	BELARUS	62	40	15.38	4.62
10	CROATIA	FRANCE	31	90	0.07	19.93
11	CYPRUS	TURKEY	18	80	0.00	20.00
12	ISRAEL	WALES	50	46	11.20	8.80
13	DENMARK	FAROE ISLANDS	66	54	13.28	6.72
14	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	35	72	2.28	17.72
15	SCOTLAND	IRELAND	66	51	13.97	6.03
16	BULGARIA	SPAIN	49	20	16.58	3.42
17	MONACO	UKRAINE	50	31	14.80	5.20
18	BELGIUM	ITALY	83	25	19.85	0.15
19	NORWAY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 13

1	SERBIA	ROMANIA	51	20	16.88	3.12
2	ICELAND	FINLAND	39	29	12.80	7.20
3	LATVIA	GERMANY	25	55	3.27	16.73
4	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	19	35	5.82	14.18
5	ESTONIA	HUNGARY	4	24	5.00	15.00
6	GREECE	GEORGIA	49	50	9.69	10.31
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND	33	41	7.71	12.29
8	ENGLAND	TURKEY	25	40	6.03	13.97
9	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA	33	29	11.20	8.80
10	CROATIA	BELARUS	54	19	17.45	2.55
11	CYPRUS	FRANCE	25	52	3.74	16.26
12	ISRAEL	IRELAND	44	35	12.55	7.45
13	DENMARK	WALES	37	42	8.52	11.48
14	PORTUGAL	FAROE ISLANDS	59	62	9.09	10.91
15	SCOTLAND	SWEDEN	17	51	2.69	17.31
16	BULGARIA	NORWAY	13	69	0.31	19.69
17	MONACO	SPAIN	51	18	16.57	2.43
18	BELGIUM	UKRAINE	38	39	9.69	10.31
19	ITALY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 14

1	MONACO	BELGIUM	81	13	20.00	0.00
2	LATVIA	BULGARIA	21	55	2.69	17.31
3	ITALY	DENMARK	45	42	10.91	9.09
4	NORWAY	PORTUGAL	37	32	11.48	8.52
5	SPAIN	SCOTLAND	32	8	15.74	4.26
6	UKRAINE	ISRAEL	28	50	4.62	15.38
7	SWEDEN	RUSSIA	40	46	8.24	11.76
8	IRELAND	CROATIA	51	23	16.42	3.58
9	WALES	CYPRUS	59	28	16.88	3.12
10	FAROE ISLANDS	ENGLAND	39	54	6.03	13.97
11	FRANCE	ESTONIA	65	16	19.07	0.93
12	TURKEY	GREECE	42	35	12.03	7.97
13	AUSTRIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	63	25	17.85	2.15
14	BELARUS	NETHERLANDS	18	57	2.03	17.97
15	POLAND	ICELAND	22	68	1.23	18.77
16	SWITZERLAND	FINLAND	22	58	2.41	17.59
17	HUNGARY	SERBIA	65	49	14.18	5.82
18	GEORGIA	GERMANY	46	68	4.62	15.38
19	ROMANIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 15

1	ROMANIA	MONACO	6	42	2.41	17.59
2	BULGARIA	BELGIUM	51	26	15.92	4.08
3	ITALY	ISRAEL	22	18	11.20	8.80
4	NORWAY	DENMARK	18	36	5.40	14.60
5	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	46	31	13.97	6.03
6	UKRAINE	SCOTLAND	52	12	18.09	1.91
7	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	37	25	13.28	6.72
8	IRELAND	RUSSIA	40	30	12.80	7.20
9	WALES	CROATIA	11	9	10.61	9.39
10	FAROE ISLANDS	CYPRUS	86	14	20.00	0.00
11	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	39	25	13.75	6.25
12	TURKEY	ESTONIA	51	27	15.74	4.26
13	AUSTRIA	GREECE	15	38	4.44	15.56
14	BELARUS	CZECH REPUBLIC	24	32	7.71	12.29
15	POLAND	GERMANY	21	33	6.72	13.28
16	SWITZERLAND	ICELAND	40	56	5.82	14.18
17	HUNGARY	FINLAND	29	7	15.38	4.62
18	GEORGIA	SERBIA	46	47	9.69	10.31
19	LATVIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 15

1	FRANCE	228.40
2	GERMANY	210.30
3	SWEDEN	195.47
4	MONACO	192.82
5	NORWAY	180.81
6	FINLAND	179.58
7	ENGLAND	179.21
8	BULGARIA	177.09
9	ITALY	176.90
10	NETHERLANDS	176.79
11	IRELAND	174.94
12	POLAND	174.91
13	WALES	174.50
14	ISRAEL	174.21
15	CROATIA	163.02
16	HUNGARY	162.91
17	ICELAND	160.08
18	DENMARK	154.59
19	TURKEY	151.90
20	SPAIN	151.22
21	BELGIUM	150.20
22	ROMANIA	142.61
23	SERBIA	142.45
24	AUSTRIA	137.77
25	GREECE	137.50
26	RUSSIA	131.30
27	UKRAINE	125.91
28	CZECH REP.	123.75
29	FAROE ISLANDS	118.21
30	ESTONIA	118.05
31	SWITZERLAND	116.94
32	GEORGIA	111.25
33	PORTUGAL	107.58
34	BELARUS	105.47
35	LATVIA	95.08
36	CYPRUS	86.59
37	SCOTLAND	83.19



RESULTS WOMEN TEAMS

ROUND 1

21	FRANCE	ESTONIA	82	29	19.43	0.57
22	RUSSIA	SPAIN	74	53	15.19	4.81
23	SCOTLAND	DENMARK	53	35	14.60	5.40
24	SAN MARINO	POLAND	18	68	0.84	19.16
25	NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL	50	46	11.20	8.80
26	FINLAND	SWEDEN	56	32	15.74	4.26
27	BULGARIA	TURKEY	31	63	2.97	17.03
28	SERBIA	ITALY	71	32	17.97	2.03
29	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	40	28	13.28	6.72
30	ISRAEL	IRELAND	52	17	17.45	2.55
31	GREECE	GERMANY	72	40	17.03	2.97
32	NORWAY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 2

21	ISRAEL	FRANCE	48	22	16.09	3.91
22	GREECE	RUSSIA	10	43	2.83	17.17
23	FINLAND	SCOTLAND	11	49	2.15	17.85
24	ENGLAND	SAN MARINO	65	15	19.16	0.84
25	SWEDEN	NORWAY	66	8	19.85	0.15
26	GERMANY	BULGARIA	55	33	15.38	4.62
27	IRELAND	SERBIA	47	43	11.20	8.80
28	HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	28	19	12.55	7.45
29	ITALY	DENMARK	25	35	7.20	12.80
30	TURKEY	SPAIN	59	38	15.19	4.81
31	PORTUGAL	POLAND	10	47	2.28	17.72
32	ESTONIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 3

21	SWEDEN	FRANCE	18	25	7.97	12.03
22	HUNGARY	RUSSIA	47	22	15.92	4.08
23	IRELAND	SCOTLAND	26	47	4.81	15.19
24	GERMANY	SAN MARINO	66	14	19.34	0.66
25	ITALY	ENGLAND	28	16	13.28	6.72
26	TURKEY	FINLAND	56	26	16.73	3.27
27	ESTONIA	NORWAY	21	81	0.00	20.00
28	PORTUGAL	ISRAEL	17	40	4.44	15.56
29	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	24	19	11.48	8.52
30	DENMARK	SERBIA	52	36	14.18	3.82
31	SPAIN	BULGARIA	21	31	6.20	12.80
32	GREECE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 4

21	SERBIA	NETHERLANDS	37	59	4.62	15.38
22	BULGARIA	NORWAY	1	89	0.00	20.00
23	ESTONIA	POLAND	14	14	10.00	10.00
24	SPAIN	DENMARK	10	33	4.44	15.56
25	PORTUGAL	ITALY	38	13	15.92	4.08
26	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	24	13	13.04	6.96
27	IRELAND	GERMANY	34	18	14.18	5.82
28	FINLAND	ENGLAND	0	63	0.00	20.00
29	GREECE	ISRAEL	15	54	2.03	17.97
30	SAN MARINO	FRANCE	2	58	0.31	19.69
31	SCOTLAND	RUSSIA	17	67	0.84	19.16
32	TURKEY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 4

1	ISRAEL	67.07
2	TURKEY	60.95
3	ENGLAND	59.16
4	POLAND	58.36
5	RUSSIA	55.60
6	FRANCE	55.06
7	NORWAY	52.15
8	SCOTLAND	48.48
9	HUNGARY	48.23
10	DENMARK	47.94
11	GERMANY	43.51
12	NETHERLANDS	42.55
13	SWEDEN	39.04
14	SERBIA	35.21
15	GREECE	33.89
16	IRELAND	32.74
17	PORTUGAL	31.44
18	ITALY	26.59
19	ESTONIA	22.57
20	FINLAND	21.16
21	BULGARIA	20.39
22	SPAIN	20.26
23	SAN MARINO	2.65





RESULTS SENIORS TEAMS

ROUND 1

41	POLAND	SPAIN	75	9	20.00	0.00
42	HUNGARY	NORWAY	70	53	14.39	5.61
43	ROMANIA	SWEDEN	45	38	12.03	7.97
44	DENMARK	ESTONIA	30	57	3.74	16.26
45	AUSTRIA	TURKEY	52	54	9.39	10.61
46	IRELAND	ISRAEL	34	32	10.61	9.39
47	PORTUGAL	BULGARIA	31	81	0.84	19.16
48	ENGLAND	FINLAND	56	37	14.80	5.20
49	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	23	48	4.08	15.92
50	ITALY	GERMANY	104	19	20.00	0.00
51	WALES	FRANCE	28	62	2.69	17.31
52	SCOTLAND	SERBIA	32	42	7.20	12.80

ROUND 2

41	WALES	POLAND	22	39	5.61	14.39
42	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	30	49	5.20	14.80
43	ESTONIA	NORWAY	37	47	7.20	12.80
44	ITALY	ROMANIA	42	34	12.29	7.71
45	FRANCE	PORTUGAL	19	55	2.41	17.59
46	GERMANY	DENMARK	10	33	4.44	15.56
47	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	3	54	0.75	19.25
48	FINLAND	IRELAND	19	39	5.00	15.00
49	BULGARIA	SPAIN	35	43	7.21	11.79
50	ISRAEL	SWEDEN	45	31	13.75	6.25
51	TURKEY	SCOTLAND	16	53	2.28	17.72
52	SERBIA	BELGIUM	11	78	0.00	20.00

ROUND 3

41	NETHERLANDS	POLAND	22	12	12.80	7.20
42	GERMANY	HUNGARY	52	50	10.61	9.39
43	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	37	25	13.28	6.72
44	FINLAND	ROMANIA	41	16	15.92	4.08
45	BULGARIA	ITALY	48	51	9.09	10.91
46	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	60	9	19.25	0.75
47	TURKEY	ENGLAND	45	27	14.60	5.40
48	ESTONIA	WALES	35	11	15.74	4.26
49	SWEDEN	IRELAND	38	34	11.20	8.80
50	SCOTLAND	AUSTRIA	29	60	3.12	13.88
51	NORWAY	DENMARK	1	98	0.00	20.00
52	FRANCE	SERBIA	42	21	15.19	4.81

ROUND 4

41	POLAND	ITALY	2	30	3.58	16.42
42	HUNGARY	WALES	53	13	18.09	1.91
43	ROMANIA	BELGIUM	47	28	14.80	5.20
44	FRANCE	IRELAND	17	31	6.25	13.75
45	GERMANY	PORTUGAL	41	4	17.72	2.28
46	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	8	57	0.93	19.07
47	FINLAND	AUSTRIA	23	23	10.00	10.00
48	BULGARIA	NORWAY	49	36	13.52	6.48
49	ISRAEL	SPAIN	58	36	15.38	4.62
50	TURKEY	SWEDEN	9	71	0.00	20.00
51	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND	24	17	12.03	7.97
52	SERBIA	ENGLAND	8	60	0.66	19.34

RANKING AFTER ROUND 4

1	ITALY	59.62
2	DENMARK	58.37
3	ISRAEL	57.77
4	HUNGARY	56.37
5	AUSTRIA	52.52
6	ESTONIA	51.23
7	BULGARIA	48.98
8	IRELAND	48.16
9	SWEDEN	45.42
10	POLAND	45.17
11	ENGLAND	44.04
12	FRANCE	42.06
13	ROMANIA	38.62
14	FINLAND	36.12
15	SCOTLAND	36.01
16	GERMANY	33.07
17	NETHERLANDS	30.40
18	BELGIUM	30.03
19	SPAIN	29.69
20	PORTUGAL	27.43
21	TURKEY	27.19
22	NORWAY	24.89
23	SERBIA	17.37
24	WALES	14.47

