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Having started the final of the European Women's Pairs Championship in the lead by virtue of the carry over, Israel's Hila Levi & Adi Asulin showed the rest of the field a clean pair of heels and were never headed as they raced to victory. Poland's Justyna Zmuda & Katarzyna Dufurat finished second and Norway's Gunn Helness & Lise Blaagestad were third.

Italy's Monica Cuzzi & Franca Serangeli were the winners of Final B.

In the European Teams Championship day three ended with yet another leader as France raced to the top. The reigning World Champions, Poland have moved up to second, while Germany leapt seven places into third.

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TIME TABLE AND BBO SCHEDULE TODAY

10.00:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- ♂ NED - HUN (O)
- ♀ BEL - ITA (O)
- ♂ CYP - TUR (O)
- ♂ CRO - FRA (O)
- ♂ BEL - NED (S)
- ♂ ISR - IRE (W)

♂ ON SITE VG + BBO

13.20:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- ♂ ENG - TUR (O)
- ♂ LAT - GER (O)
- ♂ ISR - IRE (O)
- ♂ BUL - NOR (O)
- ♂ ITA - DEN (W)
- ♂ HUN - NED (W)

♂ BBO ONLY

16.00:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- ♂ IRE - CRO (O)
- ♀ POL - ICE (O)
- ♂ TUR - GRE (O)
- ♂ SWE - FRA (W)
- ♂ ITA - ENG (W)
- ♂ GER - HUN (S)

♀ VOICE + BBO

18.40:
O/W/S Teams

BBO:

- ♂ ITA - ISR (O)
- ♀ FRA - NED (O)
- ♂ SWE - ENG (O)
- ♂ NOR - DEN (O)
- ♂ POL - GER (O)
- ♂ HUN - FIN (O)





PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

by Yves Aubry, EBL President

Mr György Kozmann, Assistant Secretary of State for Sports,
Mr Géza Homonnay – President of the Hungarian Bridge Federation,
Dear Bridge Friends,

I am pleased to welcome all of you in Budapest, to participate in the 16th European Women's National Pairs Championships and the 53rd European Bridge Team Championships.

This is a return to Budapest where the EBL had not organised any European Team Championships for 79 years.

The Championships held in 1937, organised at that time by the International Bridge League, were won by Austria. Hungary won in the editions of 1934 in Vienna and in 1938 in Oslo.

We are back in Budapest and I am confident that you will enjoy discovering this beautiful city with a lot of history, the banks of the Danube, the bustle of the city and its modern life and all that makes Budapest one of the most exciting capitals in Europe.

It is a great pleasure to recognise the degree of participation in the Team Championships with 84 teams representing 38 countries. In addition this year, we have the return of the Women's National Pairs for its 16th edition with the participation of 61 pairs coming from 22 countries.

We are proud to welcome José Damiani and Gianarrigo Rona, EBL Emeritus Presidents and all the WBF Management Committee.

I want to thank the Hungarian Authorities:

Mr János Áder, Hungarian State President

Mr György Kozmann, Assistant Secretary of State for Sports

Mr István Tarlós, Mayor of the City of Budapest

I would like to congratulate the Hungarian Bridge Federation, its President Géza Homonnay, all the Organising Committee led by Zsolt Szetei and my Colleague Josef Harsanyi, EBL EC Member who was born here in Budapest.

My special thanks go to the EBL staff and the Hungarian volunteers who will work very hard during these 10 days with a genuine enthusiasm and dedication.

Thank you also to the two main Hungarian sponsors: MOL and OTP Bank for their generous support.

But I would mostly thank you, all the players.

During these troubled times almost everywhere in Europe and even in the world, it gives you the opportunity to share the same values, the same sporting spirit, passion, enthusiasm, fair-play and respect. More than ever our motto "Bridge for peace" is appropriate.

I hope these ten days will permit you to meet new people, to renew old friendship and live these Championships with a real passion.

Enjoy your play and your stay in Budapest.

I declare the 53rd European Bridge Team Championships officially open.

Yves Aubry
EBL President





MATCHES TODAY

OPEN R. 12

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

TIME: 10.00

OPEN R.13

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

TIME: 13.20

OPEN R. 14

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

TIME: 16.00

OPEN R. 15

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

TIME: 18.40

WOMEN R. 1

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

TIME: 10.00

WOMEN R. 2

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

TIME: 13.20

WOMEN R. 3

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

TIME: 16.00

WOMEN R. 4

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

TIME: 18.40

SENIOR R. 1

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

TIME: 10.00

SENIOR R. 2

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

TIME: 13.20

SENIOR R. 3

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

TIME: 16.00

SENIOR R. 4

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

TIME: 18.40



ADVENTURES WITH OTTLIK

by Mark Horton

SOLUTION TO YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

♠ J 6 3
♥ 9 4 3
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ 6 4 2



♠ A K Q 10 8 5
♥ A Q
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 3

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♦
Pass	2♥	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♥	4♠	All Pass

♠ —
♥ 9 4
♦ —
♣ 6 4 2

♠ —
♥ 10 6
♦ —
♣ J 10 8



♠ 8
♥ Q
♦ —
♣ A K 3

♠ —
♥ K 8 7
♦ —
♣ Q 9

Against 4♠ by East. South leads the ♦K; North contributes the ♦Q so South underleads in diamonds to North's jack. Back comes the ♥J; plan the play.

If you manage to strip South of his diamonds – using your two trump entries – you can squeeze North in clubs and hearts by running your trumps. The whole distribution is obvious: North cannot blank his ten of hearts against the doubleton nine in dummy lest South gets caught in a “stepping-stone” sort of endplay, nor can he give up his club trick.

East uses his two trump entries to dummy, the spade jack and six(!) to ruff diamonds, then runs the rest of his trumps. This is the four-card ending:

East leads ♠8 and pitches the ♣2 from dummy. The defenders can take only one more trick. Terence Reese identified this position as the Vice Squeeze.

The full deal:

♠ J 6 3
♥ 9 4 3
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ 6 4 2

♠ 9 4
♥ J 10 6
♦ Q J 6
♣ J 10 8 7 5



♠ A K Q 10 8 5
♥ A Q
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 3

♠ 7 2
♥ K 8 7 5 2
♦ A K 10 9
♣ Q 9

NEW 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.





NORWAY vs HUNGARY

by Jos Jacobs

Open Teams, Round 6

When this match got underway, early afternoon on Friday, the host nation was in the runner-up position whereas their opponents from Norway were lying 4th. Those who were expecting a spectacular match, however, would feel more and more disappointed as the first part of the match progressed. Relatively uninteresting boards and a couple of lucky/unlucky views in the play resulted in the only two sizeable swings during the first eight boards.

This was the first of the two:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Winkler	Hoftaniska	Dumbovich	Charlsen
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Gabor Winkler
HUNGARY



Espen Lindqvist
NORWAY

With West the declarer, North led the ♥J on which South contributed the queen. Declarer won his king and had to rethink about the diamond position. A priori, the percentage play would be to cash the ♦AK hoping for the queen singleton or doubleton but, with the heart length in North, the double finesse against the ♦Q10 with South might well be the superior line, as the diamond length now is more likely to be with South.

After some thought, Winkler went for the latter line. He crossed to a club in dummy and ran the ♦J... only to lose to the bare queen with North. One down, Norway +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brogeland	Kemény	Lindqvist	Szalka
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Game forcing

At the other table, East was the declarer and South led the ♣6. If you place the club length with South, there is no longer any reason to play South for diamond length as well, so the percentage play seems the appropriate line. Lindqvist won the first trick with his ♣A and cashed the ♦A next...

Norway another +400 and 10 IMPs to them.

A few boards later, North faced a lead problem.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 10 8 7		
	♥ J 10 5		
	♦ A 10 9 5 3		
	♣ 6 2		
♠ A J 9 5 3 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K 6 ♣ K 10 7	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K Q 6 ♥ K 9 6 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q 8 4 3	
	♠ 4 2		
	♥ Q 7 3		
	♦ Q J 8 2		
	♣ A J 9 5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

After this Drury auction, North led the ♥J. Left to his own resources, declarer's best shot on this layout would have been to duck the opening lead. If declarer ducks, North would have to continue a club to his partner's ace. Then, a diamond shift by South would set the contract. On any other continuation, declarer can win, draw trumps, cash the hearts for a diamond discard and lead a club to his ten.

At the table, declarer won his ♥A and now, his only winning line would have been a direct finesse of the ♣J9 through South – an impossible line because declarer lacks the entries to both take the club finesse twice and enjoy dummy's last club for a heart discard.

When declarer eventually tried to pin the ♣9 by running the ♣10 from his hand, he actually went down two. Norway +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Kemény</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Szalka</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Once West's five-card suit came to light, the Norwegians, too, reached the proper contract. When North found the unlucky lead of the ♣6, the hand was quickly over...

Declarer ran the lead to South's nine and his ten,

drew three rounds of trumps and led a club from dummy on which South hopped up with his ace. After this, the defence could get nothing more than just two diamond tricks. Norway +620 and 13 IMPs more.

On the first board of the second half of the match, Hungarian aggression paid off:

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ J 10 8 7		
	♥ A K 2		
	♦ 5		
	♣ J 9 7 4 3		
♠ 9 5 4 2 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ A K 9 6 2 ♣ 6	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K Q 6 3 ♥ Q 10 5 4 ♦ 7 4 ♣ A Q	
	♠ —		
	♥ 9 8 7		
	♦ Q J 10 8 3		
	♣ K 10 8 5 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

When South did not show his two-suiter, the Hungarian E/W were allowed to score their vulnerable game for an easy +620.

At the other table, South did in fact come to life:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Kemény</i>	<i>Lindqvist</i>	<i>Szalka</i>
–	Pass	1♠	2NT
4♠	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Careful defence will beat 5♣ but the contract was made (doubled and once redoubled) on a number of occasions. North does not have enough trumps to ruff three diamonds and a heart if the defence continues hearts in time and West keeps his "guard" in spades by pitching a heart on the second round of trumps.

So one might say that E/W took the right decision in going on to 5♠. This contract looks reasonable enough but on the actual trump layout, there was no way to avoid defeat. Hungary +200 and a much needed 13 IMPs back to them.



Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



On this board, N/S can make all 13 tricks in clubs or NT by dropping the ♣10 and finessing the ♥Q. The better contract, of course, is 6♣ as North's heart loser would go on South's top spade. You would only need a decent trump break to come to 12 tricks.

Norway ended up in 6NT which needs either five club tricks or a working heart finesse. Their +990 thus was good for another 11 IMPs as both slams were missed by the Hungarians.

The final score was 47-15 to Norway, 17.03 – 2.97 V.P.

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Schedule of play for the 2017 World Bridge Teams Championships

Teams Registration	Saturday 12 th August
Captains meeting	Saturday 12 th August
Opening Ceremony	Saturday 12 th August at 19.00
Round Robin	1st Match Sunday 13 th August
Round Robin	Last Match Saturday 19 th August
Captains Meeting	(Qualified Teams) Saturday 19 th August
Quarter-final Sunday	20 th August
Transnational Teams	Monday 21 st August
Semi-final Tuesday	22 nd August
Final & Play-Off	Thursday 24 th to Saturday 26 th
Prize-giving & Closing ceremony	Saturday 26 th





MONACO vs CROATIA

by John Carruthers

Open Teams, Round 5

After Day 1, Croatia was at the top of the table, while Monaco was languishing in eighteenth place. Despite not having Fantoni/Nunes in the Monaco lineup, no one expected that to continue.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Šver	Multon	Pilipović	Martens
—	1♣	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

More sophisticated methods, such as transfer advances after the interference, would have helped



Nikica Šver
CROATIA



Marina Pilipović
CROATIA

Martens/Multon here. Even Polish negative free bids would have worked a treat. In either case, they'd have been able to reach Five Diamonds or double Four Spades. On the other hand, once Multon had decided his hand was too strong for a 15-17 notrump, he might have followed through and doubled Four Spades – Martens would have had no losing option.

Martens led the queen of hearts to Multon's ace. North returned the ten of hearts to ruff out the king. A club to the jack, heart jack, heart ruff meant that the defence had taken the first five tricks, with the king of spades to come. Plus 150 to North/South.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Zorić	Helness	Staničić
—	1NT	2♣*	3♣*
4♦*	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble*	All Pass	

- 2♣ Majors
- 3♣ Diamonds
- 4♦ Bid the major you prefer
- Dble More penalty-oriented (double of four diamonds would have suggested bidding on)

The defence went the same way, but for plus 500 to North/South; 8 IMPs to Croatia.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 5 ♥ 4 2 ♦ A Q J 10 5 4 3 ♣ 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 8 4 3 ♥ A 10 8 7 ♦ K 8 6 2 ♣ 8
♠ 10 2 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ 7 ♣ A K J 9 7 6 2		♠ A K 9 7 6 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 10 3

Open Room

	North	East	South
West	North	East	South
Šver	Multon	Pilipović	Martens
—	3♦	Pass	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

- 4♣ Intended as natural, but interpreted as Non-Leaping Michaels
- 4♦ Intended as bid your major, but interpreted as a control-bid in diamonds, agreeing clubs
- 5♣ No interest in higher contracts

Pilipović struggled to four off, minus 800.

Closed Room

	North	East	South
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Zorić	Helness	Staničić
—	3♦	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass



Vedran Zorić
CROATIA

Helgemo was willing to bluff a little bit, but when Staničić went all in he had to muck. He made his contract and was surprised to learn that he'd won 14 IMPs. If he'd redoubled to express doubt, and Helness had stood for it, and Helgemo had made it (as seems likely), Monaco would have been plus 800 at both tables. However, that would have been only 3 more IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 9 8 3 ♥ 6 4 3 2 ♦ J 3 ♣ 8 7 4 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 10 5 2 ♥ 10 ♦ A Q 8 4 ♣ K Q 10 3
♠ K J 6 4 ♥ J 7 ♦ K 10 9 6 5 ♣ 9 6		♠ A 7 ♥ A K Q 9 8 5 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A J 5

Open Room

	North	East	South
West	North	East	South
Šver	Multon	Pilipović	Martens
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

On the nine of clubs lead, Martens lost the obvious four tricks for minus 50.

Closed Room

	North	East	South
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Zorić	Helness	Staničić
Pass	Pass	1♣	Double
1♠	Pass	3♥*	3NT
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

3♥ Mini-splinter; invitational

Helgemo didn't think he'd make Four Spades, but did think North/South would make 3NT, with seven hearts and a couple of aces. He was wrong on both counts. Zorić led the jack of diamonds (according to Bob Hamman, doubleton-jack is the world's worst lead). Helgemo won and led a trump. Staničić won and tried to give Zorić a diamond ruff. Oops. Cashing a heart would have been more prudent. Plus 420 to East/West and 9 IMPs to Monaco.



Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Šver	Multon	Pilipović	Martens
Helgemo	Zorić	Helness	Staničić
2♥	Dble	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



 **Krzysztof Martens**
MONACO

3♦ Shows values (South would bid 2NT, requesting three clubs, with bad hands)

Helgemo and Helness were amused to discover that, despite the fact that they'd beaten three notrump five tricks, vulnerable, for plus 500, they'd lost 5 IMPs. Helgemo had led the two of spades, blocking the suit, and the defence had taken nine tricks (six hearts and three spades), five down, plus 500. At the other table,

Šver had led the nine of spades, unblocking the suit and leading to seven down (six hearts and five spades)!

Monaco won the match 33-15. Croatia had lost 20 IMPs on two bidding misunderstanding disasters: the Non-Leaping Michaels minus 800 and a transfer-advance where one partner passed out three spades, missing game, while the other partner thought he'd made a slam try.



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DENMARK vs LATVIA

by Barry Rigal

Open Teams, Round 5

This match between two of the hopeful contenders featured very few swings in the early stages – but that didn't mean dull bridge.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ivars</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>Bruno</i>	<i>Morten</i>
1NT	Pass	2NT*	
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2NT Diamonds

West	North	East	South
<i>Knut</i>	<i>Rubins</i>	<i>Bruun</i>	<i>Lorencs</i>
1NT	Dble	2NT*	
3♠	3NT	Pass	Pass
4♥	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

2NT Diamonds

With so many family members playing – the open room being two Bildes against two members of the Rubenis clan – and Knut Blakset in the closed room, (Lars Blakset sitting out), we have used first names to distinguish the players where appropriate.

Which contract do you fancy more? Neither might be fancied but there's many a slip. In 4♠x the defenders missed their heart ruffs (culpably?) leading a top club on which South played the nine, then shifted to the ♦J. Knut now had an unlikely way home, harnessing

the power of his mighty ♣4 – he had sacrificed the five at trick one. Lead the ♣Q covered by king and seven, come back to the ♠A, and lead the ♣10 to the jack and eight. When you play a second trump and find they break, you can ruff a diamond and cash two clubs – your four and three – to pitch small hearts, before leading a heart to the king. Knut missed this possibility, but it turned out not to be a losing board for his side, thanks to the Hammer horror show from the other room. Playing 3NT Dennis won the second spade and played a diamond to dummy to find the terrible news. After much thought he played a club to the ace, led a second diamond up (ducked) and finessed in hearts. East won the king, cashed a diamond, and still did not appear to know that his partner had begun with four spades and declarer two. (Yes West had meantly clung to both his spades – look how easy East's task is if he does pitch one.)

When East exited in hearts, declarer ran the hearts, and West pitched a clubs to keep spades. That meant declarer ended up with one spade two diamonds three hearts and four clubs; read'em and weep. +430 was worth four IMPs against the 300 from the other room.

Latvia then pushed to a slam that turned out to need 3-3 clubs, and got it to lead 11-4, but gave most of it back by removing themselves from a 6-1 fit where they had +140 available, bidding instead to a 3-3 fit for reasons that appear obscure on even first or second, or even third, glance.



Karlis Rubins
LATVIA

The match scored remained 11-10 to Latvia for quite a few deals, though there was no shortage of excitement.

Denmark took the lead when both N/S pairs pushed their opponents into a thin game, but Latvia doubled their opponents and conceded 590. And then Denmark bid to a delicate game which made – the critical issue being how much to bid with

♠ 8 6 3 2 ♥ A K 7 5 2 ♦ A Q 2 ♣ A

after opening 1♥ and hearing a passed hand respond 1♠. Bruno Rubenis bid 3♠ and Ivars with a controlless six-count but 5-2-3-3 shape including ♥ QJ doubleton passed. Game needed either a finesse or 2-2 trumps and duly came home. In the other room the Danes drove to game with the strong hand – as I must confess I would too.

The Latvians closed the gap here:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

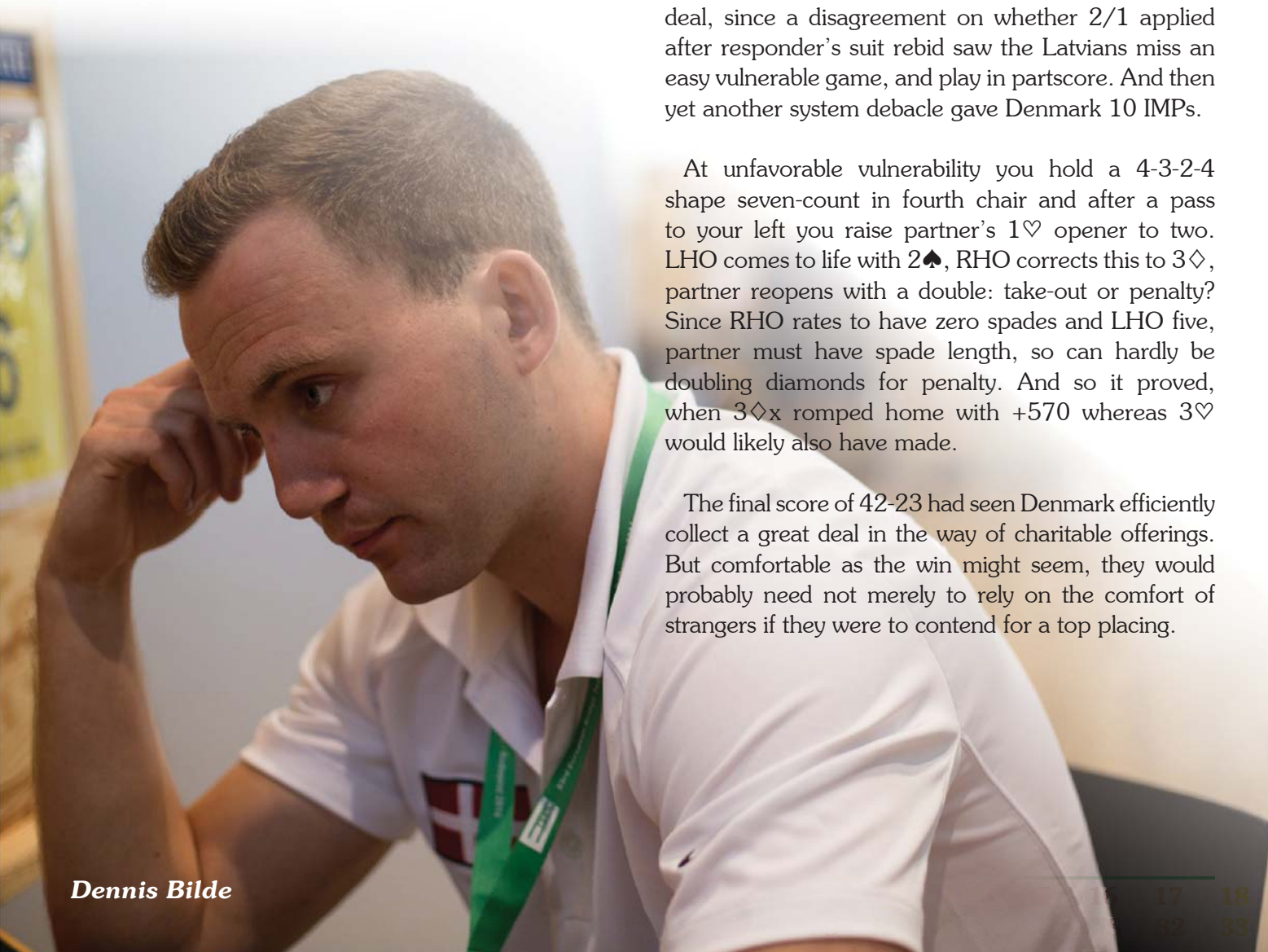
	♠ K 10 7 3		
	♥ 10 2		
	♦ K J		
	♣ A K 10 8 5		
♠ 9 8 2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">N W E S</div>	♠ A Q J 5 4	
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♦ 10 3		♦ Q 7 2	
♣ J 2		♣ 6 4 3	
	♠ 6		
	♥ K 9 6		
	♦ A 9 8 6 5 4		
	♣ Q 9 7		

Both Wests opened a multi and both Easts heard the opponents bid to 3NT. Bruno doubled this to get a spade lead, and the opponents ran to 4♦, which could have been defeated, but wasn't. Bruno passed 3NT out, and his partner led a spade anyway. The defenders took the first nine for 400 and 11 IMPs, to get right back into the match.

However, the match remained close only for one deal, since a disagreement on whether 2/1 applied after responder's suit rebid saw the Latvians miss an easy vulnerable game, and play in partscore. And then yet another system debacle gave Denmark 10 IMPs.

At unfavorable vulnerability you hold a 4-3-2-4 shape seven-count in fourth chair and after a pass to your left you raise partner's 1♥ opener to two. LHO comes to life with 2♠, RHO corrects this to 3♦, partner reopens with a double: take-out or penalty? Since RHO rates to have zero spades and LHO five, partner must have spade length, so can hardly be doubling diamonds for penalty. And so it proved, when 3♦x romped home with +570 whereas 3♥ would likely also have made.

The final score of 42-23 had seen Denmark efficiently collect a great deal in the way of charitable offerings. But comfortable as the win might seem, they would probably need not merely to rely on the comfort of strangers if they were to contend for a top placing.





BULGARIA vs ICELAND

by David Bird

Open Teams, Round 6

Sometimes you get a session where nothing much happens. This was not it! There were spectacular boards from beginning to end. Only a complete apology of a bridge writer could fail to find some good deals to write about.

Board 19. Dealer South E/W Vul.

	♠ A J 2		
	♥ K Q J 10 9 6 3		
	♦ —		
	♣ Q 5 4		
♠ 9 8 6 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;">N W S E S</div>	♠ 5 4	
♥ 8 5		♥ A 7 4 2	
♦ K Q 8 7 6		♦ 10 9 4 3 2	
♣ K 7		♣ 6 3	
	♠ K Q 10 7		
	♥ —		
	♦ A J 5		
	♣ A J 10 9 8 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Th. Jonsson</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Danailov, South for Bulgaria, opened a strong 1♣. Stamatov, at his second turn, would have liked to advise South of two things – very good hearts and club support. He opted to emphasize the hearts and they ended in the second best slam. (North's 5♦ was Exclusion Blackwood and South showed one keycard outside diamonds.)

All now depended on Magnusson's opening lead. A diamond was excluded by the exclusion Blackwood bid(!) Should he lead a spade or a club? A tiny clue might be that West had not doubled the 5♠ response. Against that, clubs were dummy's main suit. Magnusson did wonderfully well to diagnose a club lead and the slam was one down.

At the other table North did not employ Exclusion Blackwood and East led a diamond against 6♥. Declarer could then win, draw trumps and discard two clubs. That was 14 IMPs to Iceland.

There was interest at both tables on this deal:

Board 22 Dealer East E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Th. Jonsson</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♠	Dble	2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

A heart lead was best for the defence but Stamatov began with the ♣2 (2nd and 4th from all holdings). Thorlakur Jonsson won South's jack with the king and crossed to the ♠K. The winning line is to continue with the ace and queen of trumps and then play a club to the 7, setting up a heart discard. The club position was difficult to read and he preferred to play the queen and ace of trumps, continuing with the ♣10. That was one down.

In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Popov</i>	<i>B. Jonsson</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The ♦5 was led to the jack and king. Skorchev crossed to the ♠K (Smith from North) and led a low club. South needed to rise with the ace and return a diamond. When he chose to play low, Skorchev won with the ♣K and claimed 9 tricks. That was 12 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Different games were reached on the next board too.

Board 23 Dealer South Both Vul.

	♠ K		
	♥ A K 10 8 7 3		
	♦ Q J 10 2		
	♣ A J		
♠ A J 9 7	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 6 5 4 2	
♥ 6 5 2		♥ Q J 4	
♦ A 4		♦ 8 6	
♣ 9 5 4 3		♣ K 10 8	
	♠ Q 8 3		
	♥ 9		
	♦ K 9 7 5 3		
	♣ Q 7 6 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Th. Jonsson</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Stamatov opened with a strong 1♣ and showed 6-4 shape in the red suits. Against 3NT West led the ♠7, won with dummy's king. The ♦Q went to West's ace and Jonsson switched to a club. Declarer's only practical chance seems to be a successful finesse of the ♣J, but Danailov rose eventually with the ♣A. Nothing unexpected happened after that and the contract was one down.

In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Skorchev</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>Popov</i>	<i>B. Jonsson</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Playing a similar strong club system the Icelanders arrived in 4♥. Declarer has a loser in spades, hearts and diamonds. He needs to avoid losing a club trick, possibly by discarding the ♣J on the ♠Q. Even on a spade lead this cannot be done without assistance, because there is no quick entry to the South hand. Popov solved declarer's problems by leading the ♣10 and that was 12 IMPs to Iceland.

♠♥♦♣

Right, now we come to my prize exhibit:

Board 25 Dealer North E/W Vul.

	♠ J 10 8 7		
	♥ A K 2		
	♦ 5		
	♣ J 9 7 4 3		
♠ 9 5 4 2	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K Q 6 3	
♥ J 6 3		♥ Q 10 5 4	
♦ A K 9 6 2		♦ 7 4	
♣ 6		♣ A Q	
	♠ —		
	♥ 9 8 7		
	♦ Q J 10 8 3		
	♣ K 10 8 5 2		

Open Room

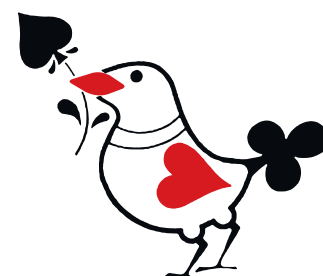
West	North	East	South
<i>Th. Jonsson</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
–	Pass	1♠	2NT
4♠	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdble	All Pass	

Stamatov could place his partner with a probable void in spades and knew that he held a great hand in support of clubs. He puzzled us by thinking for quite a long time before bidding 5♣, perhaps contemplating a slam. Magnusson held a strong opening bid but he restrained himself to what I expect was a forcing pass. West duly doubled and Stamatov promptly redoubled! Neither East nor West saw any reason to bid 5♠ and it seemed they had judged well to defend. However...

Stamatov ruffed the ♠K lead in dummy and played the ♦Q, West winning with the ♦A. Declarer won the heart return and led the ♠J, covered and ruffed. The ♦J was also covered and ruffed, setting up the ♦10. When a trump was led, East rose with the ace and returned the trump queen. Declarer was still on the train to One-Down Station but West discarded the ♠5, baring his ♠9. The alternative heart discard seems entirely safe on the cards that he had seen.

Declarer discarded the ♥2 on the ♦10 and ruffed a diamond in his hand. After playing the ♥K, he led the ♠10. East had to cover and West's ♠9 was pinned. The ♠8 became declarer's eleventh trick and that was +800 for 5♣ redoubled and made.

At the other table Bulgaria went to 5♠ over 5♣, going one down for a gain of 12 IMPs.



I will end with a splendid auction from Stamatov and Danailov:

Board 30 Dealer East Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Th.Jonsson</i>	<i>Stamatov</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Danailov</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	3NT
			???

North's first two bids were natural, suggesting 4-5 shape in the minors. South's 1♦ was Precision style and his 2♦ rebid was artificial, showing a minimum balanced hand. In an average club game, many players would head for the six-level on North's 20-count. No, Stamatov bid a disciplined natural 4NT, a mere invitation to greater things.

Danailov held no intermediates but he realized that all four of his honour cards were likely to be gilt-edged.



Diyan Danailov
BULGARIA

He lit up the afternoon with a fine 6♣ bid. You can see that the ♠K is working well, providing a heart discard, and the ♣J is also a useful card.

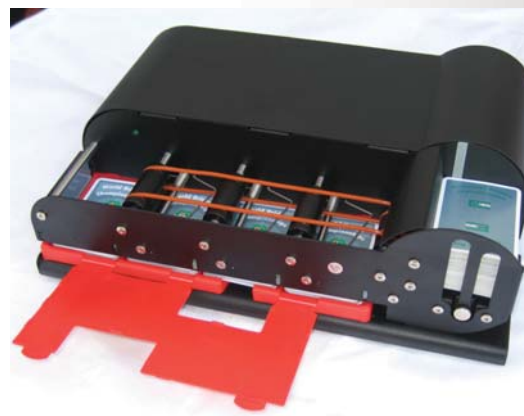
South opened the bidding at the other table too and both declarers recorded +940 by leading the ♣J, covered by the king and ace, then playing the ♣Q. The slam might be much more difficult to reach if South were to pass at his first turn.

Iceland won a hard-fought and very enjoyable encounter by 47 IMPs to 39 (12.29 VP to 7.71).

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WOMEN'S PAIRS FINAL

by Brian Senior

Twenty-four pairs had qualified to the European Women's Pairs Championship final, in which they would play a complete movement of 23 x 2-board rounds. There was a carry-over from the qualifying stage, with the leading qualifiers having a 50-MP start going down to zero for the last qualifier, so a little over two tops spread from top to bottom.

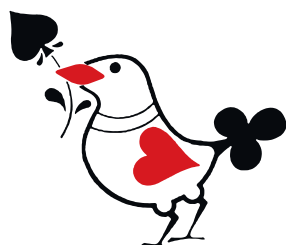
The leading qualifiers were the young Israeli pair of Adi Asulin and Hila Levi, so who better to watch for the early rounds of the final?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Poplilov	Levi	Birman
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The leaders started the session against another Israeli pair, Matilda Poplilov and Daniela Birman. After a simple auction Birman led the six of hearts. Levi called for dummy's queen and continued with the spade queen from the dummy. Poplilov covered so Levi won the ace and led a low club to the jack, losing to the king. Poplilov returned the ten of hearts. Levi won the king and led the queen of diamonds from hand. Poplilov won but declarer had the rest; 11 tricks and +660. With a number of pairs playing in 4♠, that was worth 16 MPs to Asulin/Levi, only 6 MPs to Poplilov/Birman.



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Poplilov	Levi	Birman
–	–	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Levi opened 1♦ and Asulin responded with a weak jump shift of 2♥. When that ran round to Birman she had the perfect distribution to double for take-out, giving Poplilov the a decision – should she defend or bid the five-card spade suit and, if the latter, at what level? At a different vulnerability the decision might have been a different one, but the fifth spade offered too much playing potential, quite apart from reducing the defensive potential of her hand, so Poplilov judged correctly to bid her spades and, with partner's double being quite wide-ranging, chose an invitational jump to 3♠, which Birman raised to game.

Levi led the king of hearts. Poplilov won the ace and led a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond and played the king of clubs, the ♣J to the ace, and ruffed another diamond. She continued with a heart ruff, Levi discarding a club, then ruffed another diamond. On the next heart ruff, Levi pitched her last club. Poplilov ruffed a club with the queen and Levi ruffed and returned her last diamond. Poplilov ruffed in dummy so Levi had a trump trick at trick 13. The contract made 11 tricks for +650 and 14 MPs, only 8 MPs to the leaders.

Levi should not have over-ruffed the club. Had she discarded, she would have been assured of a second spade trick. And, once she had over-ruffed, declarer should have made 12 tricks, discarding from dummy on the diamond return and being able to ruff in hand

with the eight. It looks as though the distribution of the hand was known, so hoping to find the nine of spades in the right place could not cost.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Pisak	Levi	Aluf
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The Turkish pair of Tuna Aluf and Mehves Pisak bid to 4♠ via a Bergen raise. Asulin led the nine of hearts, Levi winning the ace and returning the suit-preference six. Maybe a ruff was not all that likely after the fall of the queen at trick one, but dummy's ten-eight meant that declarer might have been falsecarding, planning to rely on the finesse if need be, just in case hearts were six-one and this might dissuade East from



 **Tuna Aluf**
TURKEY



 **Mehves Pisak**
TURKEY

returning the suit. Aluf won the second heart and drew trumps then played the jack of clubs. Asulin won the ace and played back a diamond and the ace was the last trick for the defence; 10 tricks for +420 and 15 MPs to N/S, only 7 MPs to the leaders.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Pisak	Levi	Aluf
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
Pass	2♣	Dble	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

The Turkish pair bid easily to 4♠ on this deal and Asulin led the ten of clubs. Aluf won the ace and drew trumps then led a heart to the king to take the diamond finesse. When the queen of diamonds won the trick, there was just a heart to be lost; 12 tricks for +680 and 9 MPs to N/S, 13 to Levi/Asulin.

After four deals, the Israelis were on 50% for the session, but suddenly things started to get a whole lot better.



 **Nilgun Kotan**
TURKEY

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Zorlu	Levi	Kotan
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble	2♣	2♦
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	3♠	All Pass

Turkey's Nilgun Kotan opened 1♣ and Asulin overcalled. Ferda Zorlu made a negative double and Levi thought for some time before making an unassuming cuebid. The East hand is difficult to evaluate, with soft values in hearts and clubs. That left room for Kotan to introduce her second suit and now Asulin rebid 2♠ to show her minimum (fast arrival). Levi again thought before passing and Kotan competed with 3♣, Zorlu giving preference back to diamonds. When Levi now took the push to 3♠, neither North nor South could find another bid and the Israelis had bought it in 3♠ when their opponents were cold for 11 tricks in either minor.

Zorlu led the king of clubs then switched to the seven of diamonds to the ten, jack and king. Asulin played back a diamond to the queen and ace. Kotan cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a diamond, ruffed in dummy. Asulin cashed the king of spades followed by the king of hearts and could draw trumps ending

in dummy and cash the hearts, claiming the rest; nine tricks for +140 and 21 MPs.

And it got better...

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Asulin	Zorlu	Levi	Kotan
–	–	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Levi's 2♥ opening was weak and two-suited, promising hearts and a minor. Asulin inquired and found her partner with diamonds but not a maximum, so closed proceedings with 3NT. The best lead for the defence is a heart, but the bidding dissuaded Zorlu from selecting her better suit and she instead led the four of clubs. Kotan won the ace and continued clubs, Asulin winning the king. A heart to dummy put Asulin where she needed to be to play diamonds to best effect and she led the nine of diamonds to the queen, king and ace. Winning the club return, she finessed in diamonds to pick up the suit without further loss then cashed her winners and the fall of the ♠Q meant 11 tricks for +660 and another 20 MPs.



 **Ferda Zorlu**
TURKEY



Justyna Zmuda
POLAND

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Asulin	Zmuda	Levi
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♥	4♠	All Pass	

Asulin doubled for take-out then raised the 1♠ response to game. Katarzyna Dufrat of Poland led a low heart away from her king-jack and Levi ran it to her hand, overtaking the nine with the ten to get to hand to take the spade finesse. The ♠J was covered by king and ace, Zmuda following with the six, and a second spade back to hand saw her follow with the five. If this was intended as suit preference to tell partner that she had no help in the lower-ranking suit, the message didn't get across. Levi continued with the queen of clubs and Dufrat, after some thought, covered. That simplified matters as declarer now had three club winners and needed only one ruff in dummy. All 13 tricks meant +710 and 18 MPs to Levi/Asulin.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dufrat	Asulin	Zmuda	Levi
1♣	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Dufrat's 1♣ opening was Polish, clubs, a weak no trump or strong and artificial. Though Levi had bid spades, the 2♠ bid was natural, based on the strong variety. When Asulin now repeated her chunky heart suit, West had done her bidding and East, with no spade fit and no high cards, had no reason to even consider bidding.

Justyna Zmuda led the four of spades, low from a doubleton in Polish style, and Dufrat won the ace and cashed the king then ace of diamonds before reverting to spades. Asulin ruffed high and led a club to dummy then a heart up. Dufrat won the ace and played a third spade but declarer again ruffed high and drew trumps, scoring +140 for another 18 MPs.

Where West opened 1♠, E/W were more likely to find the diamond fit, where they could compete effectively.



Katarzyna Dufrat
POLAND

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J 9 8 7 4 3 ♥ 9 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ K 10 5	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 6 5 ♥ K Q 6 2 ♦ – ♣ A Q 7 6 4 2
♠ K Q 10 2 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ 8 5 ♣ J 9 8 3		
	♠ – ♥ A J 8 7 3 ♦ A K Q 9 7 6 4 3 ♣ –	

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Asulin	Eggeling	Levi
–	2♦	3♣	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Asulin opened a multi 2♦ and Germany's Marie Eggeling overcalled 3♣. What should South bid? There is no way to have an intelligent conversation with partner after this start – and possibly not after any other start – so Levi made what seems to be a practical choice of 5♦. When that came back to Eggeling she could not be sure which suit opener held, nor whether 5♦ had been bid to make or as an advance save. Looking at good defensive values,



Marie Eggeling
GERMANY

Eggeling doubled and Barbara Hackett left it in.

With no trump to lead, Eggeling was powerless to prevent Asulin from making all 13 tricks, three diamond ruffs establishing the fifth heart. However, +750 proved to be worth only 8 MPs to N/S, 14 to the Germans, as there were a number of pairs in the cold slam. Matilda Popilov, for example, didn't open the South hand so Daniela Birman had to decide what to bid over a 1♣ opening on her right. She plumped for 6♦, making plus one when West did not find the trump lead which would have saved the overtrick.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K 9 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ K Q 9 8 7 5 ♣ A 3	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 8 6 5 ♥ J ♦ A J 6 2 ♣ K Q 4 2
♠ 10 4 3 2 ♥ Q 5 4 ♦ 10 4 ♣ 10 9 6 5		
	♠ A Q 7 ♥ K 10 8 6 3 2 ♦ 3 ♣ J 8 7	

West	North	East	South
Hackett	Asulin	Eggeling	Levi
–	–	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Levi overcalled and Asulin felt that she was too good to just raise to game so started with a cuebid. Levi responded to that with 3♣, the suit where she wanted help for a heart game, rather than 2♠, the suit where she had strength. Asulin viewed to jump to 3NT and hope to find at least the same number of tricks there as in a heart contract, and Levi passed.

Eggeling led a spade, which looks normal enough on this auction, so Asulin won in hand with the king and had to decide how to play the hearts. Knowing that Eggeling had length in both diamonds and spades, she chose to lead the nine to the jack and king then a low one back and put in the seven. That was a great success, of course, and she could cash the ace then play the queen of diamonds to set up an eleventh trick; +660 and 18 MPs.

Asulin and Levi had scored over 66% over the ten board mini-session and had a big lead. Of course, with a further 36 deals to be played, everything could change very quickly, but this was an excellent start to the final.



HUNGARY vs TURKEY

by Ram Soffer

The host team had a good start to this championship. Hungary scored 54.22 VPs from the first four matches, occupying 5th place before their meeting with Turkey.

The first major swing occurred when a Turkish defender switched at trick 2, eventually allowing a vulnerable game to make, while returning partner's suit would have ensured one down.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Miklos Dumbovic
HUNGARY

West	North	East	South
<i>Winkler</i>	<i>Koksoy</i>	<i>Dumbovich</i>	<i>Cengiz</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

East's 2NT rebid was by no means clear-cut. At the other table Ali Ucar passed 2♥ with the East cards, an auction which was duplicated at several other tables. The problem with East's 10 HCP hand is that his long suit is unlikely to be a source of tricks.

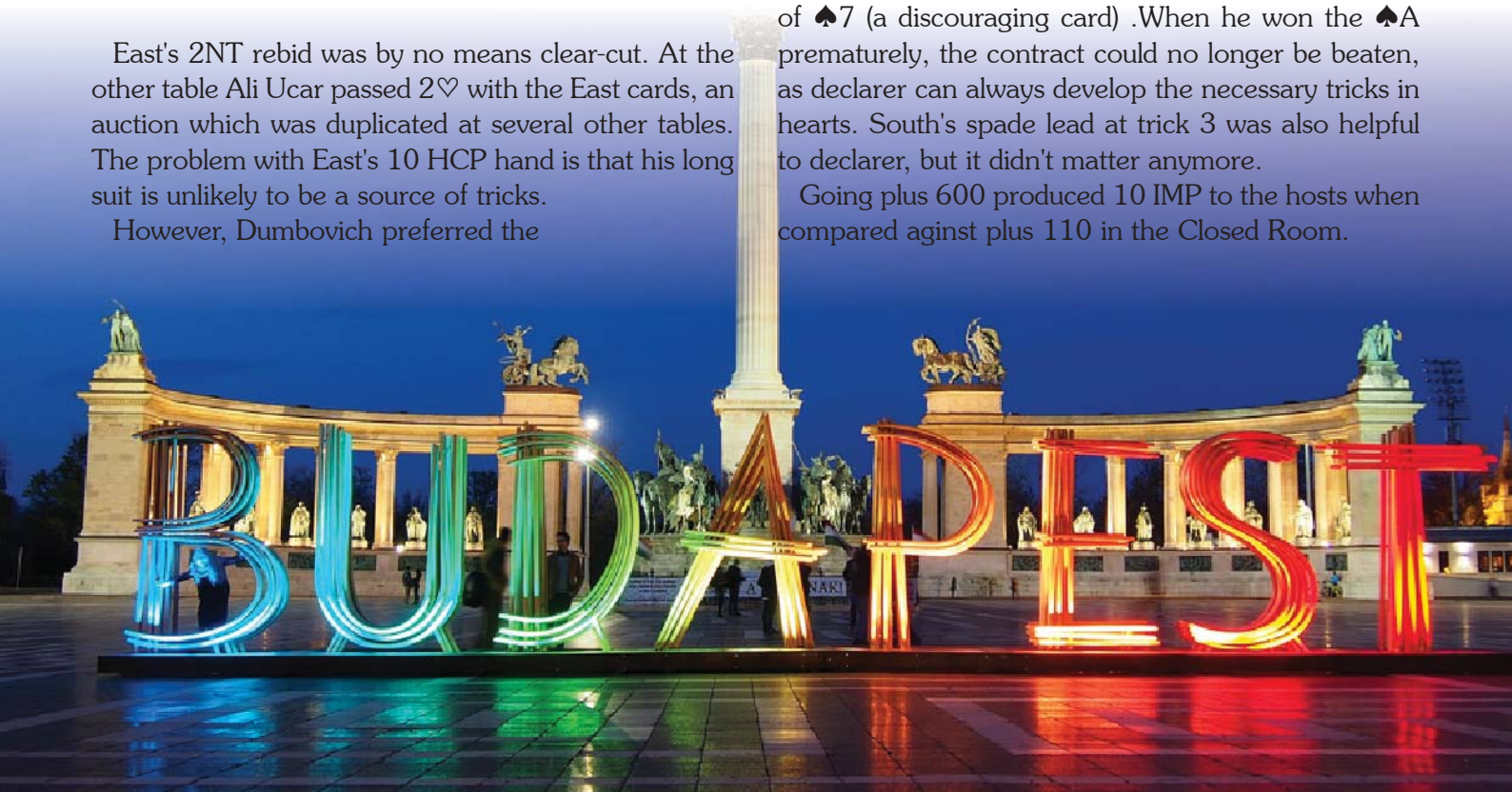
However, Dumbovich preferred the

optimistic view, and his partner raised him to game.

Cengiz led the ♣10, evidently misread by Koksoy, who won the ♣A and switched to a small spade! Returning clubs would have developed two tricks for his partner together with the spade ace as an entry, while declarer must concede a red-suit trick in order to develop his 9 tricks.

Interestingly, ducking declarer's ♠K would still have been good enough for a set. Perhaps Cengiz should have inferred the right play from his partner's choice of ♠7 (a discouraging card). When he won the ♠A prematurely, the contract could no longer be beaten, as declarer can always develop the necessary tricks in hearts. South's spade lead at trick 3 was also helpful to declarer, but it didn't matter anymore.

Going plus 600 produced 10 IMP to the hosts when compared against plus 110 in the Closed Room.



Four deals later, Koksoy-Cengiz were having more defensive problems:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Szilagyi	Ucar	Hegedus
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	1♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Gal Hegedus (South) ignored his partner's overcall by leading the ♥6 (second-best from a poor suit) and Laszlo Szilagyi switch to a small diamond upon winning his ♣A, ensuring one down. Ucar chose to play ♦Q which resulted in an extra undertrick.

West	North	East	South
Winkler	Koksoy	Dumbovich	Cengiz
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Once again Dumbovich demonstrated healthy optimism by raising 2NT to game.

Koksoy started with the ♠5. Dummy's ♠K won the tricks, while Gabor Winkler dropped a deceptive ♠10 from his hand. Upon winning the ♣A, Koksoy tabled the ♦J – an accurate card, apparently giving the defence six tricks – but Cengiz interpreted it as being top of nothing, went up with ♦A and returned a spade... ☹

In my opinion, this was a clear error, since the play to the first trick showed that North couldn't have a spade tenace lying over declarer. In case declarer's spades were Q 10 9, he would have played small from dummy, not the ♠K. Therefore North didn't need his partner to lead spades, and switching away from them meant that they were not good enough.

♠♥♦♣



Halfway through the match, Hungary built a lead of 39:2 after making all the right decisions on the following competitive deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Szilagyi	Ucar	Hegedus
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	Pass	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South had shown a very strong hand with long hearts. Nevertheless North guessed correctly that 4♠ was making, having 4 cards in his partner's 6-7 card suit. Good defence would have set 5♥ doubled by at least two tricks, but East and West were reluctant to double. Eventually Zorlu bid one more, going minus 100.

West	North	East	South
Winkler	Koksoy	Dumbovich	Cengiz
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

In the Open room, Dumbovich got less excited in his second turn, bidding only two spades rather than three. As a result, everyone bid one step lower. When East tried 4♠, Cengiz was happy to punish him for the "overbid" and Koksoy was reluctant to overrule his partner. Without much difficulty Winkler was able to register plus 590.



Not too much happened till board 14, and Hungary seemed to be on the verge of a big win, taking them to the top of the table. However, their efforts on the final two boards left much to be desired:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Szilagyi	Ucar	Hegedus
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

With a real game invitation, South would have bid 2♠. His 3♥ was a 'courtesy raise', not meant to be taken seriously unless North had lots of distribution.

Szilagyi's good spades tempted him to try 4♥, but Ucar doubled. When he led a club and the dummy was tabled it became obvious that East had a spade void. Declarer had to draw trumps before touching spades, and there was no play at all for 10 tricks: Hungary -200.

West	North	East	South
Winkler	Koksoy	Dumbovich	Cengiz
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	Dbl	3♥
All Pass			

At this table there was a slight difference. East preferred a negative double in his first turn – a slightly dubious action because it was unclear what to do after 2♠ by his partner. Koksoy duly passed 3♥, making nine tricks after a normal club lead. Turkey +140.

On the final deal Dumbovich misplayed an easy-looking 4♥ hand where 29 out of 31 declarers made 10 tricks (the other five making 10 tricks in 3♥ or 5♥). Going down needlessly meant that Hungary's margin of victory was truncated to 45:24, and at the end of the round they were unable to overtake Finland at the top of the table. A heavy loss to Norway followed in Round 6. Surely we will see a spirited effort by the home team to finish at least among the top six.

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EXTENDING THE OPPORTUNITY

by Barry Rigal

Open Teams, Round 7

A client of mine often opines that if his opponents wish to make a mistake, it would be uncharitable not to extend them that opportunity.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Cedric Lorenzini was declarer in 4♠ as North after an unopposed standard French auction: 1♣-1♥-1♠-4♠. The defenders led diamonds and cashed two diamonds ending in West then shifted to the ♣10.

This looks to be a straightforward deal; win the club

draw trumps and set up hearts. Lorenzini looked a little more deeply at the problem and saw that if trumps were 4-1 he would not be able to draw all the trumps before playing on hearts. The defenders rated to be able to duck a heart and take a ruff.

However he also assumed that hearts were extremely unlikely to be 4-1 as the defenders had not played for a ruff. To give them a nudge in the wrong direction, Lorenzini won the club in hand and advanced the ♥K. When East showed an even number of hearts you can perhaps blame West for winning the first heart to play a second club, but he had been given the opportunity to go wrong, and had taken it. Had the defenders ducked the first heart declarer would have switched his attention to trumps, but it cost nothing to play one heart first.

In the other room, declarer drew two rounds of trumps before playing hearts; now it was easy for West to see that since his side didn't have a spade trick coming he could duck the first heart, after which declarer was dead in the water.

Incidentally three rounds of diamonds leaves the defence in control, whatever declarer tries to do.



Cedric Lorenzini



SCOTLAND vs WALES

by Ron Tacchi

Open Teams, Round 7

At the start of this match between two old rivals Wales were just above the middle of the table whilst Scotland were trying to shake off a poor start which had left them trailing at the bottom of the table.

Both Welsh pairs were playing four-card majors with a weak NT but in the Scottish camp Short and Goodman were employing five-card majors and a strong NT whilst their other pair of Sanders and Peterkin were using a weak NT but 1♠ would be five cards.



Alan Goodman
SCOTLAND

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pottage</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Ratcliff</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♥ (♠)	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

After West started with a diamond, declarer was not hard-pressed to fulfil his contract with a couple of overtricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
1NT	Dble	Rdbl*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Rdbl Let's start to scramble

2♣ OK, scrambling commenced

In the closed room Patrick Jourdain, President of the International Bridge Press Association, played in his four-four heart fit. With the benefit of seeing all the cards and also receiving a diamond lead you would expect to register at least one overtrick. As usual, the real world is somewhat different and declarer has several options.

At the table West started with the queen of diamonds, East contributing the deuce, which declarer took with his singleton king. Declarer can now place most of the high cards as the defence has a mere nineteen points between them and as West did not commence with a top club one of those honours can be postulated to be in the East hand, thus all the high honours must now be with West including the ace of hearts. You have four top losers so you can afford to lose a second trump or a ruff but not both.

Declarer immediately played the king of trumps from his hand taken by West with his ace, who continued with ace and another club. Having taken the second club with his king East continued with the eight of clubs. Declarer was now at the crossroads, he could discard or ruff high. He chose to ruff high which was not a success as when East came in with his jack of hearts he was able to give his partner a club ruff for the setting trick. Could declarer have chosen the other route of not ruffing and if so were there any indications that this might be the correct play? Spades are almost certainly 2-2 otherwise East would have played for a ruff, the diamonds appear to be 5-5 as if East's card is to be believed he has an odd number. Thus Watson we deduce that if West has a doubleton club he will hold four hearts and the contract will fail whatever you do.

This gave Scotland 6 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Tony Ratcliff
WALES

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pottage</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Ratcliff</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	All Pass

East not having psychic powers did not find the heart lead and so Wales made a part-score in both rooms to reclaim 5 IMPs.

There followed a series of boards with small swings to Wales as Scotland pushed to borderline games which failed, giving them a lead of 21 – 6.

It is a long while since I played four-card majors and I can see nothing unusual in the convention card so I find that the 1♥ opening might be considered slightly off-centre. It led to a final contract of 2♥ played by West. North got off to a good start with the king of spades. In explicable he failed to continue the suit but switched to a small trump which eliminated all guesswork from suit and allowed declarer to bring home a contract that would have been doomed on a spade continuation.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pottage</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Ratcliff</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
Pass	1♠	3♦	4♦*
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>
Pass	1♠	3♦	4♦*
Dble	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	



Julian Pottage
WALES

Both rooms brushed aside the pre-empt in diamonds by East to reach a laydown slam.

We now come to one of the more interesting deals.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pottage	Short	Ratcliff	Goodman
—	1♣*	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦*
Dble	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♦ Artificial Game Force

Readers of the excellent Bridge Magazine will know that Julian Pottage has a column called 'Test Your Defence'. Will this hand appear in a future edition?

West led his singleton spade, for the six, seven and ace. A small trump was led towards dummy, West ducked and took the second round, East following with the 6 and 9. West obviously needs to find East's entry to obtain his spade ruff. The question is which minor should he choose? Here he chose unwisely and led a club. Could he or



Patrick Jourdain
WALES



Gary Jones
WALES

should he have done differently? Had East played the ♥9 followed by the 6 that should be a clear signal for diamonds, but reversing the order might not necessarily suggest something useful in clubs. There is also the consideration that if you choose the diamond route you need less from partner, namely just a king and not an ace. However why not have two bites of the cherry and lead your diamond ace and see what partner does? If he encourages then put him in with the king of diamonds, and if he discourages stake all on him holding the ace of clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Peterkin	Jones	Sanders	Jourdain
—	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In the closed room N/S elected to play in the other major. This was the contract in thirty-four of the thirty-six tables. It only failed eighteen times. The defence started with two rounds of diamonds and West then played a small heart taken by declarer with his king, East starting a peter with his nine. Declarer ruffed his remaining diamond in dummy and started to draw trumps. West inexplicably discarded his remaining diamond on one of the trumps and so now declarer was home free and the board was a surprising push.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pottage</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Ratcliff</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
—	—	—	2♠
3♥	4♠	All Pass	

There are not many of us who would not take action with the West cards. West dodged a bullet when North chose to bid the spade game which came home trivially, particularly after the lead of the king of diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>
—	—	—	2♠
3♥	Dble	All Pass	

Here West was less fortunate and was left to play in



Stephen Peterkin
SCOTLAND

3♥ doubled. It was not his most pleasant experience of the tournament. For the spectators it had its lighter side as the double dummy analyser varied between four and six off at virtually every trick. Of course, it was almost impossible for either declarer or the defence to play this with pinpoint accuracy, but five off and 1100 in the out column was the par and 12 IMPs to Wales for our first double-digit swing.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Pottage</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Ratcliff</i>	<i>Goodman</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

2♦ Game-forcing

I suspect the Scottish pair sensed they were not in lead at this juncture and pushed hard towards the Hamman-esque slam. Once the king of trumps was discovered to be onside and only trebleton declarer was able to table his hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Peterkin</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>Jourdain</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Not taking the same rosy view of the combined 26 count Wales rested in game and so lost 12 IMPs.

On the final board they saw another 6 IMPs out as the result of an over enthusiastic game try, but still ran out comfortable winners 40-26 or 13.75 – 6.25 VPs. This moved them three places up the table.



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RESULTS OPEN TEAMS

ROUND 9

1	ROMANIA	GREECE	42	25	14.39	5.61
2	CZECH REPUBLIC	NETHERLANDS	50	33	14.39	5.61
3	ESTONIA	LATVIA	47	39	12.29	7.71
4	ENGLAND	SERBIA	20	39	5.20	14.80
5	RUSSIA	FINLAND	49	43	11.76	8.24
6	CROATIA	ICELAND	55	32	15.56	4.44
7	CYPRUS	GERMANY	18	58	1.91	18.09
8	ISRAEL	GEORGIA	75	22	19.43	0.07
9	DENMARK	HUNGARY	38	45	7.97	12.03
10	PORTUGAL	SWITZERLAND	28	59	3.12	16.88
11	SCOTLAND	POLAND	10	62	0.66	19.34
12	BULGARIA	BELARUS	77	41	17.59	2.41
13	MONACO	AUSTRIA	27	12	13.97	6.03
14	BELGIUM	TURKEY	36	31	11.48	8.52
15	ITALY	FAROE ISLANDS	44	29	13.97	6.03
16	NORWAY	WALES	18	43	4.08	15.92
17	SPAIN	IRELAND	36	25	13.04	6.96
18	UKRAINE	SWEDEN	15	18	9.09	10.91
19	FRANCE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 10

1	FRANCE	ROMANIA	72	21	19.25	0.75
2	AUSTRIA	LATVIA	22	38	5.82	14.18
3	BELARUS	TURKEY	78	13	20.00	0.00
4	POLAND	WALES	30	45	6.03	13.97
5	SWITZERLAND	IRELAND	32	59	3.74	16.26
6	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	13	48	2.55	17.45
7	GEORGIA	FAROE ISLANDS	52	30	15.38	4.62
8	GERMANY	SPAIN	56	29	16.26	3.74
9	ICELAND	NORWAY	24	27	9.09	10.91
10	FINLAND	ITALY	27	46	5.20	14.80
11	SERBIA	UKRAINE	38	43	8.52	11.48
12	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	67	0	20.00	0.00
13	ESTONIA	MONACO	15	47	2.97	16.03
14	GREECE	BULGARIA	21	46	4.08	15.92
15	ENGLAND	PORTUGAL	41	24	14.39	5.61
16	RUSSIA	DENMARK	21	64	1.56	18.44
17	CROATIA	ISRAEL	30	50	5.00	15.00
18	CYPRUS	SCOTLAND	62	9	19.43	0.57
19	CZECH REPUBLIC	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

ROUND 11

1	ROMANIA	ICELAND	58	23	17.45	2.55
2	LATVIA	SERBIA	24	51	3.74	16.26
3	GERMANY	FINLAND	70	30	18.09	1.91
4	POLAND	SWITZERLAND	78	23	19.61	0.39
5	HUNGARY	GEORGIA	35	50	5.53	13.47
6	FRANCE	TURKEY	74	30	18.55	1.45
7	AUSTRIA	BELARUS	36	19	14.39	5.61
8	SWEDEN	IRELAND	36	37	9.69	10.31
9	WALES	FAROE ISLANDS	37	46	7.45	12.55
10	ITALY	NORWAY	30	32	9.39	10.61
11	SPAIN	UKRAINE	60	24	17.59	2.41
12	BULGARIA	MONACO	54	39	13.97	6.03
13	GREECE	CZECH REPUBLIC	39	50	6.96	13.04
14	ISRAEL	DENMARK	25	29	8.80	11.20
15	PORTUGAL	SCOTLAND	21	36	6.03	13.97
16	ENGLAND	RUSSIA	66	24	18.33	1.67
17	CROATIA	CYPRUS	61	60	10.31	9.69
18	NETHERLANDS	ESTONIA	84	29	19.61	0.39
19	BELGIUM	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

RANKING AFTER ROUND 11

1	FRANCE	159.39
2	POLAND	150.59
3	GERMANY	148.33
4	ITALY	142.64
5	ENGLAND	142.18
6	SWEDEN	138.92
7	FINLAND	135.37
8	CROATIA	132.53
9	IRELAND	132.24
9	NORWAY	132.24
11	NETHERLANDS	131.95
12	BULGARIA	126.97
13	WALES	126.73
14	ISRAEL	126.28
15	MONACO	123.86
16	ROMANIA	119.88
17	BELGIUM	116.58
18	SPAIN	115.53
19	HUNGARY	113.15
20	DENMARK	109.10
21	SERBIA	106.02
22	AUSTRIA	96.99
23	ICELAND	95.67
24	SWITZERLAND	91.11
25	ESTONIA	90.27
26	TURKEY	90.16
27	BELARUS	88.56
28	GREECE	88.36
29	UKRAINE	87.82
30	RUSSIA	85.76
31	CZECH REPUBLIC	85.02
32	GEORGIA	84.22
33	PORTUGAL	81.66
34	CYPRUS	79.73
35	LATVIA	75.78
36	FAROE ISLANDS	74.55
37	SCOTLAND	60.36





RESULTS WOMEN PAIRS

FINAL A

1	LEVI Hila	ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	61.21
2	ZMUDA Justyna	DUFRAT Katarzyna	POL - POL	58.31
3	HELNESS Gunn	BLAAGESTAD Lise	NOR - NOR	55.68
4	CHEDIAK Virginia	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	NOR - NOR	54.10
5	ERKKILA Pia	AHONEN Hulda	FIN - FIN	53.86
6	PISAK Mehves	ALUF Tuna	TUR - TUR	53.79
7	BROWN Fiona	O'CONNOR Sarah	ENG - ENG	53.43
8	BILDE Lone	RASMUSSEN Helle	DEN - DEN	52.25
9	BROCK Sally	GROSS Susanna	ENG - ENG	51.25
10	HOMME Marianne	BIRIBAKKEN Aase	NOR - NOR	50.98
11	HACKETT Barbara	EGGELING Marie	GER - GER	50.49
12	PAVLUSHKO Olga	RUDAKOVA Elena	RUS - RUS	50.25
13	SARNIAK Anna	CZAJKA Iwona	POL - POL	50.22
14	CUMMINS Carol Anne	NEWELL Sandra	IRL - IRL	49.76
15	ARNOLDS Carla	KOLEN Sandra	NED - NED	49.58
16	KREIDIEH Hana	HAMDAN Nahla	LIB - LIB	49.37
17	POPLILOV Matilda	BIRMAN Daniela	ISR - ISR	49.01
18	THOMPSON-VINCENT Kristina	SIMHA Esther	SUI - SUI	48.40
19	KRIFTNER Susanne	VECHIATTO Claudia	GER - GER	46.99
20	HADDAD Wafa	FARHAT Faten	LIB - LIB	46.54
21	CESARI Barbara	MASINI Nicoletta	ITA - ITA	46.39
22	ZORLU Ferda	KOTAN Nilgun	TUR - TUR	40.39
23	ELBRO Helle Simon	REITER Kate	DEN - DEN	39.20
24	ORMAY Krisztina	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	38.16

FINAL B

1	CUZZI Monica	SERANGELI Franca	ITA - ITA	61.61
2	PANADERO Maria	GUTIERREZ-HERRERO Myriam	ESP - ESP	57.23
3	GILLILAND Dolores	WHELAN Maria	IRL - IRL	56.52
4	CLENCH Gilly	WOODRUFF Laura	WAL - WAL	55.45
5	EGE Tina	FARHOLT Stense	DEN - DEN	54.20
6	KURSAKOVA Larissa	MALKOVA Marina	RUS - RUS	53.39
7	DELESTRE Blandine	BOURDIN Dominique	FRA - FRA	53.30
8	OZUMERZIFON Meltem	KOKTEN Hatice Nazan	TUR - TUR	53.21
9	McQUAKER Fiona	ADAMSON Sheila	SCO - SCO	52.95
10	JOYCE Emer	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	52.68
11	CINAR Nur	MIZRAHI Ece	TUR - TUR	52.32
12	MANTYLA Mirja	LAUKKANEN Elina	FIN - FIN	52.05
13	SKORDALIDI Korina	MAKRI Eleni	GRE - GRE	51.70
14	SZABADOS Julianna	BOSZORMENYI Katalin	HUN - HUN	51.34
15	NORDGREN Maria	BERGLUND Agneta	FIN - FIN	50.63
16	SANDSTROM Kati	MYLLAERI Maria	FIN - FIN	50.09
17	TAGA Fethiye	OZCAN Nese	TUR - TUR	48.93
18	SPANOU Vivian	MITSI Georgia	GRE - GRE	48.66
19	LYBAEK Astrid Steen	DANIELSEN Ann-Elin	NOR - NOR	48.66
20	LILLIS Heidi	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	48.21
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22	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	PIESIEWICZ Dominika	POL - POL	47.14
23	HIGGINS Carmel	SPROULE Toni	IRL - IRL	46.79
24	GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	ERENGIL Yasemin	TUR - TUR	46.52
25	BIANCHI Valeria	PACE Enza	ITA - ITA	45.45
26	KALKERUP Bettina	JEPSEN Ketty	DEN - DEN	44.82
27	CORNFIELD Hannah	CLOW Rowena Anwen	ENG - ENG	43.84
28	DONNELLAN Joan	MCENTEE Orla	IRL - IRL	43.84
29	KURANOGLU Serap	ATES Ebru	TUR - TUR	43.04
30	TIMONEY Mary	BRADY Mary	IRL - IRL	37.59



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PROGRAMME

Saturday June 10	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 1 of 2)
Sunday June 11	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 2 of 2)
Monday June 12	10.00 – 19.45	Mixed Teams (Knockout R16 & QF)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open BAM Teams
Tuesday June 13	10.00 – 19.45	Mixed Teams (Knockout SF & Final)
	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Pairs (Qualification)
Wednesday June 14	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Pairs (Semi-final A & B)
Thursday June 15	10.00 – 19.45	Mixed Pairs (Final Day 1 of 2)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs EBL Cup (Day 1 of 2)
Friday June 16	10.00 – 19.30	Mixed Pairs (Final Day 2 of 2)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs EBL Cup Day 2 of 2)
Saturday June 17	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 1 of 2)
Sunday June 18	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Teams (Swiss Qualification Day 2 of 2)
Monday June 19	10.00 – 19.45	Open Teams (Knockout R16 & QF)
	10.00 – 19.45	Women/Seniors Teams (Knockout QF & SF)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open BAM Teams
Tuesday June 20	10.00 – 19.45	Open Teams (Knockout Semi-final)
	10.00 – 19.45	Women/Seniors Teams (Knockout Final)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Pairs (Qualification Day 1 of 2)
Wednesday June 21	10.00 – 19.45	Open Teams (Knockout Final)
	10.00 – 19.30	Open/Women/Seniors Pairs (Qualification Day 2 of 2)
Thursday June 22	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs (Semi-final A & B)
	10.00 – 19.30	Women/Seniors Pairs (Final)
Friday June 23	10.00 – 19.45	Open Pairs (Final Day 1 of 2)
	10.00 – 19.30	Marit Sveaas Swiss Pairs (Day 1 of 2)
Saturday June 24	10.00 – 19.30	Open Pairs (Final Day 2 of 2)
	10.00 - TBA	Marit Sveaas Swiss Pairs (Day 2 of 2)

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