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At just over the halfway stage of the Round Robin, the Dutch representatives ('t Onstein) are comfortably leading the field. They started off by beating the Poles and then just had the edge against their eternal champions Cup rivals GS Allegra. Their next four matches all ended in wins, most of them in the 17 or 18 V.P. region, so at the end of the day their V.P. total nearly has reached three figures. Mind you, the average score for the day is 60 V.P.

Apart from them, the most consistent team no doubt has been the holders, GS Allegra from Turin. They had a shaky start against their fellow-Italians and then lost narrowly against the Dutch but after that, they registered three good wins in a row only to go down to Radkov in the last match of the day, to finish the day at 71 V.P.

The Germans played themselves clearly back into contention by scoring a good win against Norway's Heimdal team in the last match of the day, following some earlier defeats. As a consequence, they rose to 3^{rd} spot, just behind GS Allegra, whereas Heimdal went back to 4^{th} .

Lower down the table, there have been fluctuations all day long, as can be statistically expected. Both the LT Ilanka team from Poland and the Riehm team from France are just over average as this first day came to an end. The teams in 7^{th} – 9^{th} place are already 4-6 V.P. below average.















MATCHES TODAY

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ROUND 7

LT ILANKA ALLEGRA 2 **ONSTEIN** MOSSOP 3 **RADKOV RIEHM** 4 SKALMAN **HEIMDAL** 5 JT3 **BAMBERGER** MONACO VILLA FABBRICHE

ROUND 8

JT3 **ALLEGRA** 1 2 MONACO **SKALMAN** 3 VILLA FABBRICHE RADKOV 4 **BAMBERGER ONSTEIN** 5 HEIMDAL LT ILANKA RIEHM **MOSSOP** 6

ROUND 9

ALLEGRA MOSSOP 1 2 LT ILANKA **RIEHM** 3 ONSTEIN HEIMDAL **BAMBERGER** 4 **RADKOV** 5 **SKALMAN** VILLA FABBRICHE JT3 6 MONACO

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ROUND 10

1 HEIMDAL ALLEGRA
2 RIEHM BAMBERGER
3 MOSSOP VILLA FABBRICHE
4 LT ILANKA MONACO
5 ONSTEIN JT3

SKALMAN

ROUND 11

RADKOV

6

1 2 ALLEGRA MONACO VILLA FABBRICHE JT3 3 4 BAMBERGER **SKALMAN RADKOV** HEIMDAL 5 **RIEHM ONSTEIN** 6 MOSSOP LT ILANKA





by Jos Jacobs



On Thursday morning, the event was officially opened by EBL President Yves Aubry. In his very short speech, he thanked the Mayor of Zagreb, Mr Milan Bandic, for his presence at the ceremony. The mayor himself then made a short speech too, wishing us all good luck in the play and a fine stay in his beautiful city of Zagreb. According to protocol, he addressed us in Croatian but the President of the Croatian bridge federation, Mr Jurica Caric, was with us to translate his words into English.

Thanks to the extended coverage by BBO, it will be possible to see three out of the six matches being played in each round of the round robin. This enables me to present to you one, two or sometimes even three stories about any particular board.

In the first round, the boards were not too wild. I spotted three interesting boards: 4, 7 and 10.

Here is what I saw.

On board 4, the only makeable game contract happens to be 3NT. As this is by far the most popular game contract of them all, it struck me that only one of my six pairs in play reached it. Below, you will find the various auctions.

Board: 4. Dlr: West/All ♠ J 9 6 4 $\heartsuit 94$ \Diamond Q **4** 9 8 7 5 4 3 ♠ K Q 10 7 2 ♥ 632 ♥ Q 10 7 5 W ♦ K 6 3 ♦ A 9 8 7 5 4 2 S ♣ K 6 🗣 A J **♠** A 8 5 3 ♥ AKJ8

VILLA FABBRICHE vs ALLEGRA					
West	North	East	South		
Madala	Lo Presti	Bianchedi	Mazzadi		
Pass	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$	Dble		
Redbl	2♣	$2\diamondsuit$	All Pass		

♦ J 10
♣ Q 10 2

Allegra +130. Please note Madala's initial pass as dealer, not everybody's choice, as you will see.

West	North	East	South
Pulga	Bocchi	Rinaldi	Brenner
1 ^	Pass	$2\diamondsuit$	Pass
2 ^	Pass	3♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	4 ♦	All Pass

Villa Fabbriche +130, no swing.

BAMBERGER R. vs MONACO					
West	North	East	South		
Helgemo	Jagniewski	Helness	Gawel		
1 ♠	Pass	$2\Diamond$	Pass		
2 ♠	Pass	2NT	Pass		
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass		
4 ♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass		

After the GF, Monaco were well on their way to a possible slam, only to find out that they could not even make $5\diamondsuit$ on this layout. \heartsuit AK and a ruff quickly led to +100 to the Germans.

West	North	East	South
Häusler	Martens	Fritsche	Filipowicz
1 ^	Pass	$2\diamondsuit$	Pass
2 ^	Pass	2NT	All Pass

With his almost sub-minimum opening bid, Häusler saw no reason to bid on. Eleven tricks when South led three rounds of hearts. Another +210 and 7 IMPs to the Reiter.

HEIMDAL vs JT3					
West	North	East	South		
Pilipovic	Groetheim	Zoric	Tondel		
1 ♠	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit$	Pass		
2 ^	Pass	3♡	Dble		
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass		

The Croatians were the only pair of our featured six to reach 3NT. They very much needed to do so after going down in a stretched slam on the previous board. Top heart and a low spade by the defence gave declarer 10 easy tricks for a fine +630.

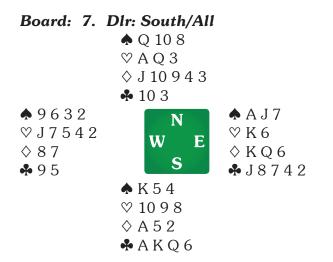
 $\spadesuit \heartsuit \clubsuit \diamondsuit$



West	North	East	South
Aa	Marinovski	Livgard	Borevkovic
1 ^	Pass	$2\Diamond$	Pass
2 ^	Pass	3♦	All Pass

No special ambitions in the Norwegian auction. +130 but 11 IMPs (back) to the Croatians.

On the next board to be shown, 3NT was played by South at all six tables and all Wests led a low heart to East's king.

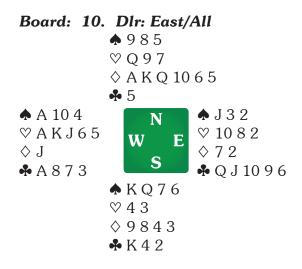


All six Easts returned a low club but two declarers went up with a top club in hand, only to find out that making the contract now needed sort of a double-dummy approach: cross in hearts and take the diamond finesse. As both honours are with East, this will work...

Anyway, Bamberger Reiter and GS Allegra gained 13 IMPs when their opponents did not find the play of running the low club return to dummy's ♣10.

On the final board of the set, the issue was to make

In the all-Italian match, we saw a nice defence.



West	North	East	South
Madala	Lo Presti	Bianchedi	Mazzadi
		Pass	Pass
$1 \heartsuit$	2♦	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

North led a top diamond and shifted to the ♠8 which ran to the queen and declarer's ace. Madala cashed a top hart and continued the ♠10, correctly ducked by Mazzadi. Another spade went to Mazzadi's king and when he continued the 13th spade, North was able to discard his club.

As Madala was in dummy now, he took a club finesse but Lo Presti could ruff for the 3rd defensive trick and Mazzadi's *K would be the setting trick in the end. Nicely done.

Villa Fabbriche +100.





West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Pulga	Bocchi	Rinaldi	Brenner	Aa	Marinovski	Livgard	Borevkovic
		Pass	Pass			Pass	Pass
1 %	2♦	2 %	Dble	$1 \heartsuit$	2♦	Pass	3♦
4 %	All Pass			Dble	Pass	4♡	All Pass

In the other room, Bocchi made life easy for declarer, as it turned out, by leading his lone club. Dummy won and a heart went to the jack and queen. Bocchi cashed a diamond and exited in spades but declarer won, drew the outstanding trumps ending in dummy and simply repeated the club finesse. Another +620 and 12 IMPs to Villa Fabbriche.

Heimdal v. JT3					
West	North	East	South		
Pilipovic	Groetheim	Zoric	Tondel		
		Pass	Pass		
$1 \heartsuit$	3♦	Pass	Pass		
Dble	Pass	3♡	4♦		
All Pass					

The obvious down two for +200 to the host team.

In the replay, West, declaring 4%, did not ruff the second defensive round of diamonds but threw a spade instead. He won the spade shift with his ace, cashed two top trumps and exited in spades, forcing South to win his king. South returned a spade to dummy's jack but when North could ruff the second round of clubs with his master trump, declarer was one down after all. Another +100 and 7 more IMPs to our hosts.

The final results of these three matches:

VILLA FABBRICHE vs ALLEGRA 13-14 or 9.61 - 10.39 V.P.

HEIMDAL vs JT3

13-35 or 3.61 v. 16.39 V.P.

BAMBERGER R. vs MONACO

26-5 or 16.18 - 3.82 V.P.







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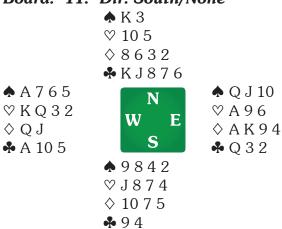


The three-way report on round 2 will feature the three matches mentioned above.

On the first board, 6NT was an ambitious but quite reasonable contract. However, there were swings in a number of matches, as a few pairs bid the slam and went down in it, due to the layout as below.

One of the pairs in slam were Madala-Bianchedi for GS Allegra:

Board: 11. Dlr: South/None



West Bianchedi	North Van Prooije	East on Madala	South Verhees
Diancheai	van Frooije	enmaaaa	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	6NT	All Pass

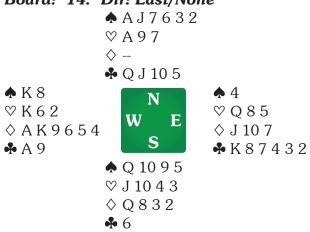
Declarer won the passive diamond lead and immediately gave up a spade, keeping his other chances intact. North duly won his AK and returned another diamond but as there was no squeeze and the hearts did not break either, one down was inevitable. Onstein +50.

West	North	East	South Duboin
De Wijs	Bilde	Muller	
1NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Tarzan did better. Once West showed a minimum by responding 2NT to East's 2♥ GF relay, Muller decided to call it a day. Onstein +490 when North led a club and 11 IMPs to them.

On board 14, all NS pairs were in 4 but in our three featured matches, only one of them was allowed to play there. In the other three matches, $4 \spadesuit$ happened to be a much more popular contract...

Board: 14. Dlr: East/None



West	North	East	South
Krupowicz	Tenev	Zawada	Tiholov
		Pass	Pass
$1 \diamondsuit$	1 🛧	2♣	3♠
3NT	4 ^	Pass	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

 $2\clubsuit$ showed diamonds and $3\spadesuit$ was a weakish raise. When nobody doubled, the Polish conceded a rather cheap -100 for down two.

In the other room, the diamond fit got lost

West	North	East	South
Radev	Tuszynski	Nedkov	Sakowicz
		Pass	Pass
1♣	1 ^	Dble	3♠
3NT	4	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West's double ended all prospects of a good result for the Bulgarians, whether East passed it or not.

One overtrick and +690, 11 IMPs, to the Poles.

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In the Skalman v. Mossop match, the Brits had slightly the better of this board:

West	North	East	South
Ja Hackett	Gullberg	Ju Hacket	t Gronkvist
		Pass	Pass
$1 \diamondsuit$	1 ♠	Pass	3♦
Dble	4 ^	4NT	Pass
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

Just one down, +100 to the Swedes.

In the other room, here too the diamond fit disappeared:

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	P Hackett	Bergdahl	Price
		Pass	Pass
1 ♣	$1 \diamondsuit$	Dble	3♠
Pass	4 ♠	5 .	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Against the Strong Club, $1 \diamondsuit$ showed spades. When East chose the unluckier minor, his side had to concede down two and thus lost 5 IMPs.



On board 16, the problem was how to reach 3NT.

Board: 16.	Dlr: West/EW ♠ 10 3 ♡ J 6 4 3	
	♦ J 10 9 6 ♣ K 10 7	
★ K Q 9 7 4♡ Q◇ A 7 2♣ J 8 6 3	N W E S ♣ A J 5 2 ♡ A K 5 ◇ K 5 3 ♣ A Q 9	♠ 8 6 ♡ 10 9 8 7 2 ◇ Q 8 4 ♣ 5 4 2

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Van Prooi	ijen Madala	Verhees
1 ^	Pass	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

This was not the way to get there...eleven tricks on a low spade lead, Onstein +210

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bilde	Muller	Duboin
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2 %	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

GS Allegra not only managed to reach game but they also retransferred it into the South hand.

West led a top spade. Declarer won, crossed in clubs and led a diamond to his king which was allowed to hold. Nine tricks, GS Allegra +400 and 5 IMPs to them.

In the match between Radkov and LT Ilanka we saw the same swing:

West	North	East	South
Krupowicz	Tenev	Zawada	Tiholov
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2 %	Pass	2 ^
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Top spade lead and $\Diamond K$ from hand, which won the trick. Radkov +400.





West	North	East	South
Radev	Tuszynski	Nedkov	Sakowicz
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2 %	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Low club lead, one overtrick, Ilanka +150 but 6 IMPs to Radkov.

The two subsequent boards brought victory to the Swedes in their match by two successive swings.

Board: 17. Dlr: North/None

♣ J 9 8♡ Q♦ A 9 6 4 2♣ K 8 3 2

♠ K Q 5 4 2 ♡ J 10 9 3 ◇ 8 7 5 ♣ 4



↑ 76 ♥ A K 5 2 ♦ J 10 3 ↑ Q 10 9 5

♠ A 10 3 ♥ 8 7 6 4

♦ K Q
A J 7 6

West	North	East	South
Ja Hackett	Gullberg	Ju Hacket	t Gronkvist
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

1♠ showed a 1NT response and 2♠ was the nowadays popular transfer to $2\diamondsuit$, this time passed by North. One overtrick, Skalman +110.

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	P Hackett	Bergdahl	Price
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5 %	Dble	All Pass

 $2\clubsuit$ also showed diamonds but once South went on over $3\diamondsuit$, trying to get to 3NT, the pair was in some trouble. Five Clubs certainly might have had some play but not today. When East could find a double, the costs were -300 or 9 IMPs for down two when declarer took two losing spade finesses.

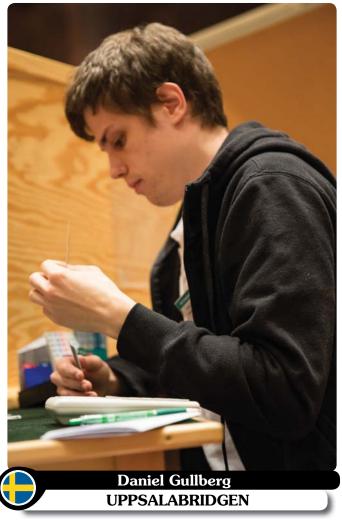
In the Onstein v. GS Allegra match, there also was a swing on this board but not such a big one:

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Van Prooij	jen Madala	Verhees
	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	$2\diamondsuit$	Pass	2 %
Pass	2 ^	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	5 %
All Pass			

A much more routine-like auction than in the match above for just down one undoubled on a top spade lead. GS Allegra +50.

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Bilde	Muller	Duboin
	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
1 ^	2 ♣	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

The defence took four rounds of hearts and exited with a top spade. Duboin then carefully made his eight tricks, not too difficult when the diamonds came in for five tricks. GS Allegra +120 and 5 IMPs to them.





On the next board, 3NT was the popular contract but one pair found a nice sacrifice:

Board: 18. Dlr: East/NS

♠ Q 9 6 4 3

♥ Q 6

♦ 75

♣ K Q 10 5

♠ A K

♥ 3

♦ A Q 10 3 2

♣ 9 8 7 6 4

N W E S

♠ J 10 5 2 ♥ 10 9 8 5 4 ♦ J 9 8

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♠ 8 7 ♥ A K J 7 2 ♦ K 6 4

♣ A J 3

Skalman v. Mossop:

West	North	East	South
Ja Hackett	Gullberg	Ju Hacke	tt Gronkvist
		Pass	1 %
2♦	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Just made on a diamond lead. Skalman +600.

West	North	East	South
Ahlesved	P Hackett	Bergdahl	Price
		Pass	1 %
2NT	Dble	3♦	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

When Ahlesved elected to show both his minors, Bergdahl thought he had a useful hand – and he was



right. Top heart lead and a trump but the one club ruff in dummy produced declarer's 8^{th} trick for a loss of only -300 and a gain of just 7 more IMPs.

The final results of these three matches:

ONSTEIN vs ALLEGRA

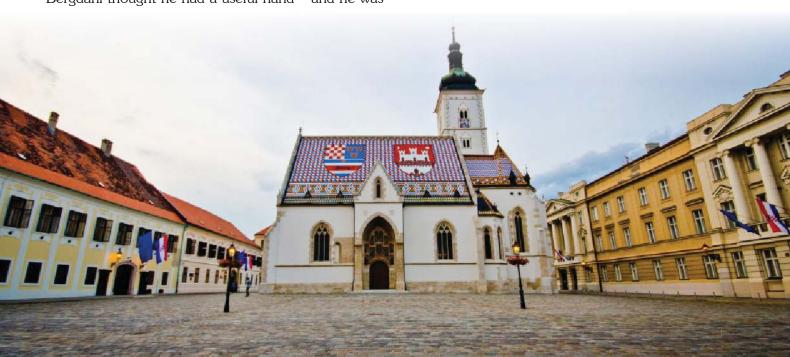
17-14 or 11.14 - 8.86 V.P.

SKALMAN vs MOSSOP

16-11 or 11.85 - 8.15 V.P.

RADKOV vs LT ILANKA

11-13 or 9.23 - 10.77 V.P.







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The first board after the copious lunch was a slam – or maybe not...

Board: 21. Dlr: North/NS ♠ AJ32 ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ 642 ♣ A Q 7 **♦**87654 ♠ K Q 9 ♥ K 6 ♥ 53 W ♦ Q 3 ♦ K 9 5 **4** 10 9 5 3 ♣ K 8 6 4 2 **1**0 ♥ AJ10942 ♦ AJ 10 8 7

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Tenev	Helness	Tiholov
	$1 \diamondsuit$	Pass	1 %
Pass	1 ^	Pass	$2 \diamondsuit$
Pass	2 ^	Pass	4
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

♣ J

The forcing $2\diamondsuit$ rebid and the forward-going $2\spadesuit$ by North brought the possible slam into the picture but when North could not bid $4\diamondsuit$ over $4\clubsuit$, South had no good reason to go on. Well judged. Eleven tricks, Radkov +650.

West	North	East	South
Nedkov	Multon	Radev	Zimmermann
	1♣	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$
Pass	1 %	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4 %
Pass	4 ^	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ^	Dble	6♡
All Pass			

 $1\diamondsuit$ was a heart transfer. Multon certainly was feeling happy about his two black aces but that was not quite enough. As the slam needs a reasonable diamond break and the trump finesse as well, it definitely

is too high. One down, Radkov another +100 and 13 IMPs to them.

In the Mossop v. Heimdal match, we saw the same problem and thus the same swing:

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Hydes	Tondel	Mossop
	1♣	Pass	1 %
Pass	1 ^	Pass	$2\Diamond$
Pass	2 %	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4	Pass	4NT
Pass	5 ^	Pass	6♡
All Pass			

One down, Heimdal +100.

West	North	East	South
Ja Hackett	Berg	Ju Hacketi	t Austberg
	1 ♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1 %	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

Nebulous club and heart transfer, followed by an autosplinter, was not enough for North to go on.

Heimdal another +650 and 13 IMPs to them as well.



A few boards later, it was a matter of sacrificing or not against the right or the wrong game contract.

Board: 25. Dlr: North/EW **♠** K 9 8 4 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ A 10 4 **4** 10 7 6 ♠ AJ10762 **♠** Q 5 ♥ 8742 W ♦ J8653 ♦ 9 7 S ♣ A 9 4 3 ♣ Q 5 **4** 3 ♥ A Q J 10 3 ♦ K Q 2 ♣ KJ82

R_{2}	HLOU U	Monaco.
$rac{1}{2}$	IKOV V	TAICOHACCO.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Tenev	Helness	Tiholov
	$1 \diamondsuit$	1 ♠	2 ^
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Dble	3NT	Pass	4 %
All Pass			

Helness led his heart but with the suit breaking 4-1, declarer could, not both draw trumps and establish some club tricks without losing control. When declarer drew three rounds of trumps and ran the ♣10, Helgemo won the queen and returned the suit for a ruff and a quick one down. Monaco +50.

West	North	East	South
Nedkov	Multon	Radev	Zimmermann
	1NT	2♦	3♦
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Dble	3NT	All Pass	

When Multon opened a 10-12 NT, 2\$\partial \text{showed a Multi, enabling Zimmermann to first show his hearts in Rubensohl fashion and then passing Multon's alternative game suggestion. Well done, as 3NT cannot be defeated. Monaco another +400 and 10 IMPs.

The same swing occurred in the Mossop v. Heimdal match:

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Hydes	Tondel	Mossop
	Pass	2♠	3♡
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

♠J lead to queen and king. Club by declarer on

which East jumped in with the ace to cash a few more spade tricks but far from enough...One overtrick, Mossop +430.

West	North	East	South
Ja Hackett	Berg	Ju Hacke	ett Austberg
	1NT	2 ^	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♡
All Pass			

4% was duly reached after yet another 10-12 NT but it happened to be the wrong game, even more so with South the declarer. One off, another +50 and 10 IMPs to Mossop.

Finally, Allegra v. Riehm for the other side of the coin:

West	North	East	South
Levy	Bilde	Volcker	Duboin
	Pass	2 ^	3 %
3♠	4♡	Dble	Pass
4 ♠	Dble	All Pass	

Dangerous sacrifice at this vulnerability, one would think – and so it proved. Top diamond lead and a trump restricted declarer to his five spades and two club tricks. GS Allegra +800.

West	North	East	South
Brenner	Lorenzini	Bocchi	Sebbane
	Pass	2 ^	3 %
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

At the other table, the French saved a few IMPs by reaching the correct game contract but their score of +400 still resulted in a 9-IMP gain for GS Allegra.



In the same match, we saw an interesting partscore battle on the next board:

Board: 26. Dlr: East/All ♠ QJ52 ♡ A 4 ♦ A Q 10 5 2 **♣** 6 2 **↑** 7 3 ♠ A K 10 8 ♥KJ5 ♥ Q 10 7 3 W ♦ J 7 6 3 ♦ K 8 ♣ K 9 7 4 **♣** J 5 3 ♠ 9 6 4 ♥9862 ♦ 9 4

West	North	East	South
Levy	Bilde	Volcker	Duboin
		1 ♣	Pass
1NT	2♦	All Pass	

♣ A Q 10 8

When Bilde ventured an overcall, he had to pay the price for it when the distribution was not too pleasant for him. Two down, Riehm +200.

♠AK and a ruff, heart back to the ace, heart exit to East's queen (nice crocodile play) and another spade for West to overruff dummy. That was five tricks with the two minor suit kings still to come.

West Brenner	North Lorenzini	East Bocchi	South Sebbane
		1♣	Pass
1	Pass	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	



1♠ showed a 1NT-type response. When North balanced, South courageously passed and led a fine ♦9 which ran to declarer's king. East continued a heart to the king and North's ace. A low spade came back, declarer winning his ace and cashing the hearts next. When Bocchi went on to play the ♠K first, hoping for an endplay, rather than a club to dummy's king for a possible 7th trick and an equally possible down two or three, he had in fact conceded down one. Riehm another +200 and 9 IMPs.

In the Mossop v. Heimdal match, the British ran into an expensive phantom sacrifice on the next board:

Board: 27.	Dlr: South/None
	♦ 975
	♥ A 8 5 4
	♦ K J 8 4
	♣ 6 4
♠ K 10 6 3 2 ♥ 9 7 3 2 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ 2	$ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{W} \\ \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{S} \end{array} $ $ \begin{array}{cccc} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{J} & 8 & 4 \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ \mathbf{A} & & & & & \\ \mathbf{A} & & & &$
	♠ Q ♡ Q J 6
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	♦ A 10 5
	♣ K Q J 10 7 5

West	North	East	South Mossop 1♣
Groetheim	Hydes	Tondel	
1♠	Dble	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Down three when declarer lost a trick to the $\lozenge Q$ as well...Heimdal +500.

West	North	East	South
Ja Hackett	Berg	Ju Hacke	ett Austberg
			1
Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$	1 %	Dble
1 🛧	1NT	2 ^	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

 $1\diamondsuit$ was a transfer, East's $1\heartsuit$ was a heart take-out and South's double was support.

When declarer won the K lead in dummy, he had to get to his hand to play a heart up. Had he done so by leading a low trump, he might have got home but when he ruffed a club first, the hand went out of control. One off, another +50 and 11 IMPs to Heimdal.

The next board was yet another case of 3NT making and 4% going down.

Board: 28. Dlr: West/NS

♠ Q 9 6 5 4 3 2

♥98

 \Diamond A

♠ A

4 10 6 2

♠ K
♡ K Q J 6 3
♦ J 7 6 5 3

\$87

W E

♠ J 10 8 7 ♡ A 10 4 ◊ K Q

S ♣ A J 4 3

 \heartsuit 7 5 2 \diamondsuit 10 9 8 4 2 \clubsuit K Q 9 5

Radkov v. Monaco:

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Tenev	Helness	Tiholov
Pass	2 ^	Pass	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All Pass

The defence was easy: $\Diamond A$, spade to the ace, diamond ruff and the inevitable club loser.

Radkov +50.

West **North East** South Nedkov Multon Radev Zimmermann Pass $2\Diamond$ 2NT Pass 3\$ Pass 3♡ Pass 3NT All Pass

When Radev overcalled the weak two, the Bulgarians were in a position to explore a little more and thus reach the proper contract. Well done, Radkov another +400 and 10 IMPs to them.

Board 29 was about realistic and nebulous diamond opening bids:

Board: 29. Dlr: North/All

♠ Q 3 2

 \otimes K

♦ KJ932

♣ A 9 8 7

♠ A 10 ♥ Q 10 6 2

♦ 8764
♣ 542

N W E

↑ K 8 5 ♥ J 9 8 7 5

♦ Q 10 5 ♣ K 10 **♦** J 9 7 6 4 ♡ A 4 3

 $\Diamond A$

♣ Q J 6 3

Open Room West North East South Helgemo Tenev Helness Tiholov 1♦ 2♥ All Pass



All the Bulgarians could muster after East's $1 \spadesuit$ overcall was a non-forcing $2 \heartsuit$ bid. Down three, Monaco +300.

West	North	East	South
Nedkov	Multon	Radev	Zimmermann
	$1 \diamondsuit$	1 ^	Dble
Redbl	2 .	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

When Zimmermann doubled after the $1 \spadesuit$ overcall, his side was out of trouble. Nine tricks, Monaco +110 and 9 IMPs from almost nowhere.

Things could be worse, however, as you can see from what happened in the Mossop v. Heimdal match:

West	North	East	South
Groetheim	Hydes	Tondel	Mossop
	$1 \diamondsuit$	1 ^	Dble
Redbl	2 4	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

The same sound auction as above to a safe contract. Mossop +110.

At the other table, the twins paid dearly for their normal enough overcall when the Norwegians pressed on a little:

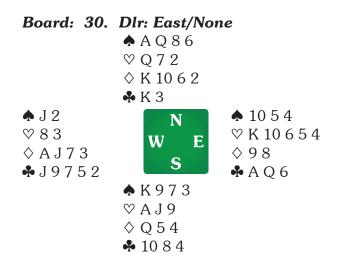
West	North	East	South
Ja Hackett	Berg	Ju Hacke	ett Austberg
	1 ♦	1 🛧	Dble
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	$2\Diamond$
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

As you can see, the contract is off five easy enough top tricks: three aces and two more hearts.

Jason led the \triangle A and another against this far too high contract. Declarer won the king in hand and led a diamond to East's ace. At this point, too, the contract still is off five top tricks, two of them having been cashed in the meantime. When East did not play the \heartsuit A but saved it as the later entry to his spades, declarer should still have gone down as East can come down to one spade, the blank \heartsuit A and \spadesuit QJx. Even if he is put on play with dummy's \heartsuit K, he has a safe club exit in the end. When he decided to play partner for the \clubsuit K rather than the \heartsuit Q, by no means unreasonable in view of declarer's line of play, declarer suddenly had ten tricks when the \clubsuit QJ appeared under the \clubsuit AK

Heimdal +630 and another juicy 11 IMPs.

On the last board, the Monegasque 10-12 NT saw them into a thin but successful spade game bid at only one other table (by Drijver and Nab for 't Onstein):



West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Tenev	Helness	Tiholov
		Pass	Pass
Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$	$1 \heartsuit$	Dble
Pass	2 ♠	All Pass	

Two overtricks, Radkov +170

West	North	East	South
Nedkov	Multon	Radev	Zimmermann
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ^
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Straightforward auction to a straightforward contact. Monaco +420 and 6 more IMPs to them.

The final results in these three matches:

RADKOV vs MONACO 29-44 or 5.20 - 14.80 V.P. MOSSOP vs HELMDAL 17-47 or 2.16 - 17.84 V.P. ALLEGRA vs RIEHM 28-12 or 15.05 - 4.95 V.P.





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ALLEGRA

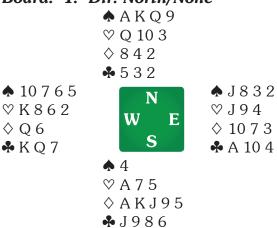
♦ Q 6

BAMBERGER

After three rounds, the standings are beginning to open up. 't Onstein are leading the field, followed by the holders GS Allegra and Germany's Bamberger Reiter. As the latter two were scheduled to meet in this round, I decided to concentrate mainly on this match.

This seemed to be an excellent shot (albeit a little one-sided) when one looks at the first three boards.

Board: 1. Dlr: North/None



West	North	East	South
Häusler	Bocchi	Fritsche	Brenner
	Pass	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$
Pass	1 🛧	Pass	1NT
Pass	2 %	Pass	$2\Diamond$
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Nothing special in an auction with the modern checkback in operation. It was a matter of the right lead. West led a low heart on which Brenner went up with dummy's queen. He next took a losing diamond finesse but with the suit breaking, nine tricks were secure. GS Allegra +400.

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Jagniewski	Madala	Gawel
	1♣	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All pass	

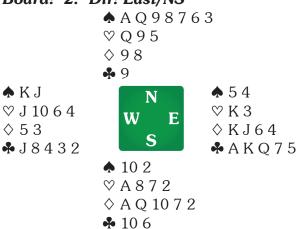
2 showed diamonds but here too, the auction was basically natural. When West led a spade, declarer was in trouble when the diamond finesse at trick two lost. He could no longer afford a heart guess as the defenders would then simply rise with the king and cash three more clubs.

So he played clubs himself but when no (unlikely) endplay developed, he had to concede one down.

GS Allegra another +50 and 10 IMPs to open their account.

On the next board, the Italians struck again.

Board: 2. Dlr: East/NS



West	North	East	South
Häusler	Bocchi	Fritsche	Brenner
		1♣	$1 \diamondsuit$
1 %	1 ♠	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♠	4♣	4
5 .	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

Well, the sacrifice was a shade too expensive but this would not have hurt too much, had the teammates been in their vulnerable game. Down four, GS Allegra +800.

West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Jagniewski	Madala	Gawel
		1♣	$1 \diamondsuit$
1 ♠	2 ^	Dbl	Pass
3♣	All pass		

1♠ showed a 1NT response and 2♠ was natural, of course. When South, who was looking at two aces, did not find a polite spade raise at either of his next turns to bid, it rested in $3\clubsuit$.

♥ A 10 6

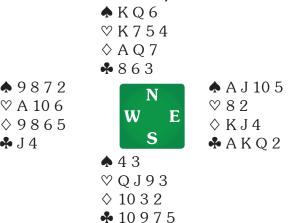
♦ 9865

♣ J 4

The contract went down one but GS Allegra had gained another 13 IMPs.

Then, to complete the hattrick of double-figure swings:

Board: 3. Dlr: South/EW



West	North	East	South
Häusler	Bocchi	Fritsche	Brenner
			Pass
Pass	1NT	All pass	

Apparently, EW were unsure as to the way of attacking the opposition's very weak NT opening. One down. Bamberger Reiter +50.

West Bianchedi	North Jagniewski	East Madala	South Gawel Pass
Pass	1♣	Dbl	Pass
1 ^	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4 ^	All pass		

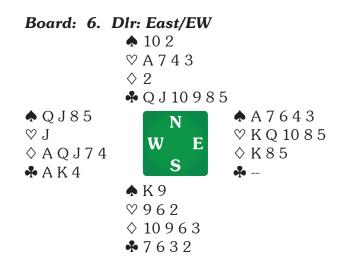
When North opened a Polish Club at the other table, EW had little trouble in reaching their game contract. One overtrick, GS Allegra +650 and another 12 IMPs to lead 35-0 after just three boards.

The match looked over and so it proved, at least for the Italian part of the scoring. They added just two more IMPs on the nine boards still left to be played.

On board 6, no pair managed to bid a making slam, though there are a lot of them available. With East the declarer, both 60 and 6NT are OK and even the exotic 6♥ will make with careful play (avoid crossing to hand in diamonds) as there is no communication for a ruff. Diamond lead to the ace, ♥J wins, ♣ ruff to hand, ♥K to the ace any time, spade back to the ace, clear trumps if necessary and cross to dummy's diamonds and top clubs.

However, at all tables they were in spades, understandably so with a nine-card fit - but not too successfully. The happy few who missed the slam scored heavily and the slam bidders had to wait and see what would happen at the other table.





Our featured match was no exception: a push at $6 \spadesuit$ being the outcome.

On the next board, the Germans hit back effectively:

Board: 7. Dlr: South/All

♠ A ♥ 7 5 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 8 5 3

♦ 9 ♥ K 10 4 ♦ K 7 ♣ Q 10 8 6 4 3 2

N W E S S

♦ J8643 ♥ Q986 ♦ J6

♣ A 7

♠ K Q 10 7 5 2 ♡ A J 3 WestNorthEastSouthHäuslerBocchiFritscheBrenner2♠All pass

When the low club lead went to dummy's jack and East's ace, declarer had taken the main hurdle. Just made, GS Allegra +110.

West Bianchedi	North Jagniewski	East Madala	South Gawel
Pass	2\$	Pass	2 ^
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♡
Pass	3NT	All pass	

With the \clubsuit K protected in declarer's hand, the contract needed little more than the diamonds producing 7 tricks, no matter whether the defence would lead hearts or clubs. With the club lead out of the question for East, a heart hit the table, but declarer took dummy's ace and led a diamond to the queen. When the \diamondsuit A cleared the suit, he was home...+600 and 10 IMPs to the Germans.

A superior partscore on the penultimate board brought the Germans another 6 IMPs but GS Allegra still won the match 37-16 or 16.18 – 3,.82 VP to very much consolidate their second spot.







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MONACO

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ONSTEIN

In Round 5, the big match certainly was the one between the leaders 't Onstein and Monaco. To a certain extent, this match could be considered a replay of the recent World Bridge Games final in Wrocław. The tournament situation, however, was not quite the same. In Poland, it was a final but here, it was Monaco who were badly needing some V.P. as they had scored just average over the first four rounds and time was already slightly beginning to run out for them if they wanted to make it into the top four. They certainly would have to avoid a big defeat to keep their chances for tomorrow intact.

First blood in this match, however, went to the Dutch:

Board: 12. Dlr: West/NS

♦ 9 7

4 7 5

♠ A Q 9 7 3 ♥ A 5 3

♦ Q J 3

♣ K 8

7 5	
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W	E
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♠ 10 8 2♡ 7 6◇ A 10 6 4

A Q J 6

♦ K 8 5 2

4 10 9 4 3 2

North	East	South
Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
2 %	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass
	Multon 2♥ Pass	MultonMuller2♥DblePass3♠

Strong Club in action. $3 \spadesuit$ showed a non-minimum raise but 3NT showed a minimum. Muller then signed off in $4 \spadesuit$, the normal contract.

North led a heart which was allowed to hold. He shifted to a diamond which went to South's king and a heart came back, declarer winning the ace. De Wijs' next move was to cash the A. When he continued a club to dummy and a spade up to his Q9, his problems were over when the jack appeared. Very well played for a fully deserved +420.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Van Prooijen	Helness	Verhees
1NT	2♦	Dble	Redbl
Pass	2♡	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Over 1NT, North bid a Multi $2\diamondsuit$. South's redouble asked North to bid his major and here too, the normal $4\spadesuit$ was reached.

When Helgemo immediately won the $\heartsuit K$ lead and returned the suit, he was quickly one down. North took the trick and simply continued the suit, South overruffing dummy's $\spadesuit 10$ with the jack. Declarer later had to lose the $\spadesuit K$ and $\diamondsuit K$ as well. Another +50 to 't Onstein and 10 IMPs.

On the next board, Monaco immediately hit back:

Board: 13. Dlr: North/All

↑ A 4 3 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K 8 5 4

• K 7 6 0

♣ K 7 6 3

♥ A K 10 9 7 ♦ A Q

W E S

♠ Q 6 5♡ Q 8 6 5 3◇ 6 2

♣ A 8 4

♠ J 10 9 8 7 2 ♡ J

♦ J 10 9 7 3

4 2

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
	Pass	Pass	3♠
Dble	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Hearts were never mentioned so the Dutch had to be content with one down and +200 only.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Van ProoijenHelness		Verhees
	Pass	Pass	3♠
Dble	4 ♠	5♡	All Pass

Helness did not wait for his partner's second double



(or whatever) but went straight to 5% over $4\clubsuit$. Well judged and made with an overtrick for +680 and 10 IMPs back to Monaco.

Two quiet boards and then a Dutch hattrick of double-figure swings:

Board: 16. Dlr: West/EW ♠ AK8754 ♥ Q 8 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ Q 2 **4** 2 **♦** J 10 N ♥ 6 ♥ J 10 4 3 W E ♦ J765432 ♦ Q 8 ♣ A 9 8 7 ♣ KJ1065 **♠** Q 9 6 3 ♥ A K 9 7 5 ♦ A 9 **4** 4 3

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♡	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5♡	All Pass	

This time too, 3NT was "non-serious" but when South forgot to retreat to $5\spadesuit$ over $5\heartsuit$, the Monegasques suddenly were in the wrong game contract, having to lose two clubs and a trump as they were not playing on a double-dummy basis. 't Onstein +50.

As the Dutch did not go beyond $4\spadesuit$, they could add another 11 IMPs to their tally as $4\spadesuit$ made with two overtricks when the clubs were not cashed immediately.

Then:

Board: 17. Dlr: North/None

★ K 5 2♡ A K 6 5◇ 8 7 2♣ 6 3 2

♠ 10 9 7 6 3
 ♡ J 10 8 4
 ♦ A K 5
 ♠ Q

↑ A 4 ♡ Q 9 3 ◇ Q 9 6 4 ♣ A 10 9 5

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
1NT	Pass	Pass	
2♣	Pass	2 ^	Dble
All Pass			

Over the 10-12 NT, $2\heartsuit$ showed majors so EW reached their spade fit without any trouble.

The defence started off with two rounds of trumps and a diamond back but when South did not play a heart after winning his A, two overtricks were the bonus. 't Onstein +670.

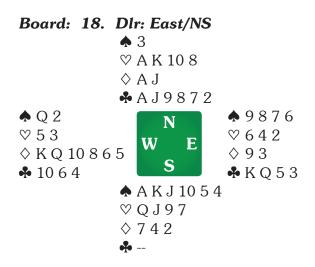
West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Van Prooi	jen Helness	Verhees
Pass	Pass	$1 \diamondsuit$	
Pass	1 %	Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Dble	2 ^	Dble
Pass	3♡	All Pass	

The Monegasques were in $2\spadesuit$ doubled as well but North wisely ran. $3\heartsuit$ was not a success but two down undoubled at 50 per undertrick gave the Dutch another 11 IMPs.





The next board was a slam:



West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
	Pass	1 ^	
3♦	Dble	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♡
Pass	6 ♠	All Pass	

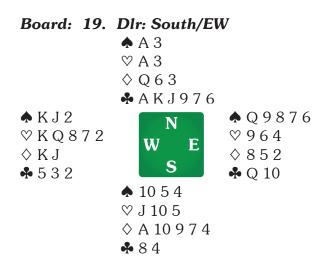
When NS never mentioned hearts, they ended up in the wrong denomination. West led the $\lozenge K$ and as declarer's best play was a spade finesse, the contract was one down at trick four. Another +100 to 't Onstein.

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Van Prooi	jen Helness	Verhees
	Pass	1 ^	
2♦	3♣	Pass	3♡
Pass	$4\diamondsuit$	Pass	4♡
Pass	5♦	Pass	5 ^
Pass	6♡	All Pass	

A sensible auction to the proper contract. Yes, you will make 7% if necessary (as some pairs did) but there is little reason to worry if your card shows +1430 here. Another 17 IMPs to the Dutch.



Time for Monaco to hit back and they duly did so on both the closing boards of the match...

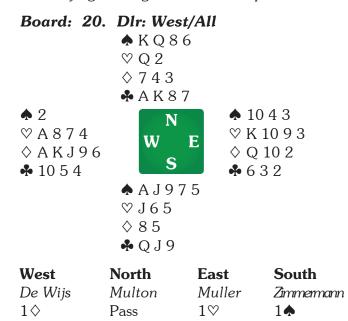


West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Multon	Muller	Zimmermann
		Pass	
$1 \heartsuit$	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	2 %	Pass	2 ^
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

A good contract and just made, Monaco +110.

The Dutch overbid to 3NT which went two down and thus cost them 5 IMPs.

On the last board, the Monegasques nicely succeeded in staying out of game with four top losers.



 $3\heartsuit$ showed a good spade raise but Zimmermann made a disciplined pass and was rewarded with an easy +140. This partial was worth another 6 IMPs to Monaco when the Dutch once again reached game...

Pass

3

3 %

The final result of the match: Monaco – 't Onstein 21-51 or 2.16 – 17.84 V.P. It would be hard work for Monaco to reach the top four after this blow...but at this point, the Round Robin was not yet halfway.

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All Pass









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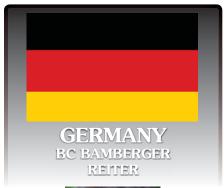
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	ROUND 1						
1		ALLEGRA	13	14	9.61	10.39	
2		MONACO	26	5	16.18	3.82	
3		JT3 SKALMAN	13 28	35 18	3.61 13.43	16.39 6.57	
5		RADKOV	45	27	15.52	4.48	
6	LT ILANKA	ONSTEIN	5	23	4.48	15.52	
	ROUND 2						
1		ALLECDA	17	1.4	11 14	0.06	
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3		MOSSOP	16	11	11.85	8.15	
4		RIEHM	20	21	9.61	10.39	
5		HEIMDAL BAMBERGER	18 14	17 28	10.39 5.46	9.61 14.54	
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	ROUND 3						
1		RIEHM	28	12	15.05	4.95	
2		HEIMDAL	17	47	2.16	17.84	
3		BAMBERGER VILLA FABBRICHE	20 42	11 9	13.14 18.30	6.86 1.70	
5		MONACO	29	44	5.20	14.80	
6		JT3	29	11	15.52	4.48	
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1		BAMBERGER	37	16	16.18	3.82	
2		VILLA FABBRICHE		7	18.71	1.29	
3	RIEHM	MONACO	23	31	7.17	12.83	
4		JT3	32	16	15.05	4.95	
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1		ALLEGRA	12	27	5.20	14.80	
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4		LT ILANKA	26	36	6.57	13.43	
5	BAMBERGER	MOSSOP	25	17	12.83	7.17	4 HEIMDAI 65.48
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