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EUROPE DOMINANT IN WORLD BRIDGE GAMES



From left to right – the dealers who duplicate the boards: Arkadiusz Ciechomski, Marek Waglewski, Pawel Szczgiel, Franco Crosta, Paolo Vecchio, Federica Parizzi, Monica Gorreri, Carlo Vecchio and Simona Maini

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As the grind continues towards Saturday – when the knockout phases of the four teams events begin – European teams are occupying most of the top spots in the competition.

There are three groups in the Open series, two in the Women’s Series and one each in the Senior and Mixed Teams. Taking the top three in each group, that’s 21 places. European teams occupy 16 of those spots. That is 76%.

Group leaders in the Open series are Italy, Poland and Austria. In the Women’s, China and France are leading their respective packs. USA has a strong lead in the Senior Teams. Australia is cruising in the Mixed Teams. In the two larger fields – the Open has 54 teams, the Women’s 35 – making the cut for the final 16 teams will be more difficult.

In the Senior Teams, 24 teams will be fighting for 16 places. Two thirds of the field will make the cut. The odds are virtually the same in the Mixed Teams, with 23 entries.

The round robin concludes on Friday.

Today’s Programme

Open & Women’s Teams:
RR 7-9 (start 10:30)

Seniors & Mixed Teams:
RR 9-12 (start 10:00)



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BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

*BBO 1 = VuGraph
BBO 8 is also OURGAME*

10:30

OA	Germany - Chinese Taipei	BBO 1
OC	Netherlands - Denmark	BBO 2
OA	Finland - Swizerland	BBO 3
OB	China HK - Iceland	BBO 4
OB	Belgium - Turkey	BBO 5
WA	Japan - Sweden	BBO 6
WB	Poland - India	BBO 7
OB	Monaco - Norway	BBO 8

14:00

OB	Argentina - Monaco	BBO 1
OB	England - Pakistan	BBO 2
OC	Ireland - Austria	BBO 3
OC	Spain - Bangladesh	BBO 4
OA	Israel - Singapore	BBO 5
OA	India - Italy	BBO 6
WB	Canada - Denmark	BBO 7
WA	Brazil - China	BBO 8

16:50

OB	England - Iceland	BBO 1
OA	Estonia - Greece	BBO 2
OA	Ukraine - Russia	BBO 3
OC	Netherlands - Canada	BBO 4
OC	Scotland - Egypt	BBB 5
WB	Chinese Taipei - USA	BBO 6
WA	Netherlands - Norway	BBO 7
OC	China - Hungary	BBO 8



**GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL
PICTURE SCHEDULE**

Tuesday 6

SENIORS

Japan	11.55
Mexico	12.00
New Zealand	14.40
Pakistan	14.45
Turkey	16.55
USA	17.00

OPEN

Chinese Taipei	10.10
New Zealand	10.15
Pakistan	10.20
Philippines	13.35
Russia	13.40
Singapore	13.45
South Africa	16.30
Tunisia	16.35
Ukraine	16.40

The meeting point is outside the front door.
Thank you very much for your cooperation!



**No smoking or drinking
policy**



Please be reminded
that smoking and drinking is prohibited at
any time and in any place during sessions.

No cell phones allowed

No cell phones will be allowed in the playing area,
but players can leave them at the registration desk.



Schedule

Senior Teams

Mixed Teams

RR 9 - 10:00

51	SPAIN	NEW ZEALAND
52	NORWAY	BRAZIL
53	DENMARK	USA
54	TURKEY	ENGLAND
55	ISRAEL	JAPAN
56	CHINA	SWEDEN
57	GERMANY	PAKISTAN
58	EGYPT	ITALY
59	FRANCE	CHINESE TAIPEI
60	CANADA	MEXICO
61	POLAND	INDIA
62	CHINA HONG KONG	AUSTRALIA

71	CHINA	NEW ZEALAND
72	CHINESE TAIPEI	GERMANY
73	JAPAN	IRELAND
74	POLAND	BULGARIA
75	UAE	AUSTRALIA
76	HUNGARY	TURKEY
77	SWEDEN	RUSSIA
78	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL
79	USA	FRANCE
80	ENGLAND	INDIA
81	DENMARK	BRAZIL
82	ITALY	BYE

RR 10 - 12:15

51	NEW ZEALAND	MEXICO
52	CHINESE TAIPEI	INDIA
53	ITALY	AUSTRALIA
54	PAKISTAN	CHINA HONG KONG
55	SWEDEN	POLAND
56	JAPAN	CANADA
57	ENGLAND	FRANCE
58	USA	EGYPT
59	BRAZIL	GERMANY
60	SPAIN	CHINA
61	NORWAY	ISRAEL
62	DENMARK	TURKEY

71	NEW ZEALAND	ITALY
72	FRANCE	INDIA
73	ISRAEL	BRAZIL
74	RUSSIA	DENMARK
75	TURKEY	ENGLAND
76	BULGARIA	USA
77	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS
78	GERMANY	SWEDEN
79	CHINA	HUNGARY
80	CHINESE TAIPEI	UAE
81	JAPAN	POLAND
82	AUSTRALIA	BYE

RR 11 - 15:00

51	NORWAY	NEW ZEALAND
52	DENMARK	SPAIN
53	TURKEY	BRAZIL
54	ISRAEL	USA
55	CHINA	ENGLAND
56	GERMANY	JAPAN
57	EGYPT	SWEDEN
58	FRANCE	PAKISTAN
59	CANADA	ITALY
60	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI
61	CHINA HONG KONG	MEXICO
62	AUSTRALIA	INDIA

71	CHINESE TAIPEI	NEW ZEALAND
72	JAPAN	CHINA
73	POLAND	GERMANY
74	UAE	IRELAND
75	HUNGARY	BULGARIA
76	SWEDEN	AUSTRALIA
77	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY
78	USA	RUSSIA
79	ENGLAND	FRANCE
80	DENMARK	ITALY
81	BRAZIL	INDIA
82	ISRAEL	BYE

RR 12 - 17:15

51	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA
52	MEXICO	AUSTRALIA
53	CHINESE TAIPEI	CHINA HONG KONG
54	ITALY	POLAND
55	PAKISTAN	CANADA
56	SWEDEN	FRANCE
57	JAPAN	EGYPT
58	ENGLAND	GERMANY
59	USA	CHINA
60	BRAZIL	ISRAEL
61	SPAIN	TURKEY
62	NORWAY	DENMARK

71	NEW ZEALAND	INDIA
72	ITALY	BRAZIL
73	FRANCE	DENMARK
74	ISRAEL	ENGLAND
75	TURKEY	USA
76	AUSTRALIA	NETHERLANDS
77	BULGARIA	SWEDEN
78	IRELAND	HUNGARY
79	GERMANY	UAE
80	CHINA	POLAND
81	CHINESE TAIPEI	JAPAN
82	RUSSIA	BYE

RR 7 - 10:30

RR 8 - 14:00

RR 9 - 16:50

Open Teams Group A

1 SINGAPORE	UKRAINE
2 JORDAN	ISRAEL
3 ESTONIA	FRANCE
4 GERMANY	CHINESE TAIPEI
5 ITALY	GREECE
6 BRAZIL	INDIA
7 PHILIPPINES	AUSTRALIA
8 SOUTH AFRICA	RUSSIA
9 FINLAND	SWITZERLAND

1 ISRAEL	SINGAPORE
2 FRANCE	JORDAN
3 CHINESE TAIPEI	ESTONIA
4 GREECE	GERMANY
5 INDIA	ITALY
6 SWITZERLAND	BRAZIL
7 AUSTRALIA	UKRAINE
8 RUSSIA	PHILIPPINES
9 FINLAND	SOUTH AFRICA

1 SINGAPORE	FRANCE
2 JORDAN	CHINESE TAIPEI
3 ESTONIA	GREECE
4 GERMANY	INDIA
5 ITALY	BRAZIL
6 ISRAEL	AUSTRALIA
7 UKRAINE	RUSSIA
8 PHILIPPINES	FINLAND
9 SOUTH AFRICA	SWITZERLAND

Open Teams Group B

11 PAKISTAN	LATVIA
12 KUWAIT	ENGLAND
13 BOSNIA HERZ.	USA
14 MONACO	NORWAY
15 POLAND	ARGENTINA
16 LEBANON	MEXICO
17 CH. HONG KONG	ICELAND
18 TUNISIA	JAPAN
19 BELGIUM	TURKEY

11 ENGLAND	PAKISTAN
12 USA	KUWAIT
13 NORWAY	BOSNIA HERZEG.
14 ARGENTINA	MONACO
15 MEXICO	POLAND
16 TURKEY	LEBANON
17 ICELAND	LATVIA
18 JAPAN	CH. HONG KONG
19 BELGIUM	TUNISIA

11 PAKISTAN	USA
12 KUWAIT	NORWAY
13 BOSNIA HERZ.	ARGENTINA
14 MONACO	MEXICO
15 POLAND	LEBANON
16 ENGLAND	ICELAND
17 LATVIA	JAPAN
18 CH. HONG KONG	BELGIUM
19 TUNISIA	TURKEY

Open Teams Group C

21 BANGLADESH	SCOTLAND
22 GUADELOUPE	SPAIN
23 NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN
24 NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
25 CHINA	SAN MARINO
26 HUNGARY	CANADA
27 AUSTRIA	EGYPT
28 IRELAND	LITHUANIA
29 UAE	BYE

21 SPAIN	BANGLADESH
22 SWEDEN	GUADELOUPE
23 DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND
24 SAN MARINO	NETHERLANDS
25 CANADA	CHINA
26 LITHUANIA	HUNGARY
27 UAE	SCOTLAND
28 IRELAND	AUSTRIA
29 EGYPT	BYE

21 BANGLADESH	SWEDEN
22 GUADELOUPE	DENMARK
23 NEW ZEALAND	SAN MARINO
24 NETHERLANDS	CANADA
25 CHINA	HUNGARY
26 SPAIN	UAE
27 SCOTLAND	EGYPT
28 AUSTRIA	LITHUANIA
29 IRELAND	BYE

Women's Teams Group A

31 KOREA	MEXICO
32 JAPAN	SWEDEN
33 PAKISTAN	ENGLAND
34 CHINA	SPAIN
35 NETHERLANDS	BRAZIL
36 NORWAY	JORDAN
37 AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA
38 EGYPT	TURKEY
39 SAN MARINO	FINLAND

31 SWEDEN	KOREA
32 ENGLAND	JAPAN
33 SPAIN	PAKISTAN
34 BRAZIL	CHINA
35 JORDAN	NETHERLANDS
36 FINLAND	NORWAY
37 SOUTH AFRICA	MEXICO
38 TURKEY	AUSTRALIA
39 SAN MARINO	EGYPT

31 KOREA	ENGLAND
32 JAPAN	SPAIN
33 PAKISTAN	BRAZIL
34 CHINA	JORDAN
35 NETHERLANDS	NORWAY
36 SWEDEN	SOUTH AFRICA
37 MEXICO	TURKEY
38 AUSTRALIA	SAN MARINO
39 EGYPT	FINLAND

Women's Teams Group B

41 CHINESE TAIPEI	CHILE
42 CH. HONG KONG	ITALY
43 ICELAND	USA
44 FRANCE	SCOTLAND
45 POLAND	INDIA
46 DENMARK	PALESTINE
47 TUNISIA	GERMANY
48 IRELAND	CANADA
49 NEW ZEALAND	BYE

41 ITALY	CHINESE TAIPEI
42 USA	CH. HONG KONG
43 SCOTLAND	ICELAND
44 INDIA	FRANCE
45 PALESTINE	POLAND
46 CANADA	DENMARK
47 GERMANY	NEW ZEALAND
48 IRELAND	TUNISIA
49 CHILE	BYE

41 CHINESE TAIPEI	USA
42 CH. HONG KONG	SCOTLAND
43 ICELAND	INDIA
44 FRANCE	PALESTINE
45 POLAND	DENMARK
46 CHILE	GERMANY
47 NEW ZEALAND	IRELAND
48 TUNISIA	CANADA
49 ITALY	BYE

Rankings

Seniors Teams

After Round 8

TEAM	VP
1 USA	123.17
2 CHINA	121.55
3 POLAND	108.60
4 SWEDEN	107.39
5 EGYPT	103.48
6 DENMARK	102.65
7 CHINESE TAIPEI	95.47
8 GERMANY	94.88
9 ITALY	86.82
10 ISRAEL	85.04
11 CANADA	82.95
12 CHINA HONG KONG	82.64
13 INDIA	80.63
14 TURKEY	79.57
15 ENGLAND	78.26
16 AUSTRALIA	72.98
17 FRANCE	71.94
18 NORWAY	64.91
19 JAPAN	61.80
20 BRAZIL	48.59
21 SPAIN	47.94
22 PAKISTAN	47.11
23 MEXICO	35.97
24 NEW ZEALAND	34.66

Mixed Teams

After Round 8

TEAM	VP
1 AUSTRALIA	114.24
2 POLAND	108.96
3 NETHERLANDS	108.00
4 RUSSIA	103.59
5 ISRAEL	99.81
6 FRANCE	97.89
7 NEW ZEALAND	97.75
8 ITALY	95.50
9 GERMANY	91.57
10 JAPAN	91.53
11 USA	89.57
12 CHINA	86.30
13 BULGARIA	85.34
14 DENMARK	81.93
15 IRELAND	67.52
16 INDIA	67.05
17 BRAZIL	65.04
18 SWEDEN	64.10
19 TURKEY	63.27
20 HUNGARY	61.03
21 ENGLAND	39.41
22 CHINESE TAIPEI	37.39
23 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	37.21

HOW TO REACH CENTENNIAL HALL FROM THE HOTELS THROUGH PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Hotel Mercure BB Hotel

Stop "GALERIA DOMINIKAŃSKA"
Tram 2,4,10 direction "Biskupin", directly to stop
"HALA STULECIA"

Hotel Radisson

Stop "URZĄD WOJEWÓDZKI"
Tram 2,10 direction "Biskupin",
Bus 146 direction "Bartoszewice"
directly to stop "HALA STULECIA"

Hotel Monopol

Stop "ŚWIDNICKA"
Tram 4,10 direction "Biskupin"
Directly to stop "HALA STULECIA"

Hotel Novotel

Stop "PARK POŁUDNIOWY"
Tram 9 direction "Sępólno"
To stop "WZGÓRZE PARTYZANTÓW"
Switch to Tram 2 direction Biskupin
To stop "HALA STULECIA"

When going back to hotels:

From "HALA STULECIA"
tram 2 goes to direction KRZYKI
4 goes to direction "OPORÓW"
10 goes to direction LEŚNICA
9 goes to direction PARK POŁUDNIOWY
Bus 146 goes to direction GAJ

Dealing machines and cards

The Duplimates used for the duplication during the championship are sold for 2280EUR. You are strongly advised to order as soon as possible, because they will probably be sold out very quickly. Contact Jannerstens at the bridge stall in the Reception area, or drop a line to per@jannersten.com.

The (new) Wroclaw cards that you are playing with will be sold after usage for 163EUR per 240 decks. Other quantities on request in the book stall.



Open Teams

Open A after R 6

	TEAM	VP
1	ITALY	89.10
2	FRANCE	81.23
3	ISRAEL	74.06
4	RUSSIA	73.69
5	SWITZERLAND	72.14
6	GERMANY	70.33
7	SINGAPORE	67.44
8	INDIA	64.81
9	GREECE	62.61
10	AUSTRALIA	61.18
11	JORDAN	54.28
12	FINLAND	52.09
13	UKRAINE	49.00
14	PHILIPPINES	45.51
15	CHINESE TAIPEI	45.30
16	BRAZIL	44.30
17	ESTONIA	34.16
18	SOUTH AFRICA	31.31

Open B after R 6

	TEAM	VP
1	POLAND	87.76
2	ICELAND	82.81
3	JAPAN	81.62
4	ENGLAND	72.91
5	ARGENTINA	71.68
6	TURKEY	60.98
7	BELGIUM	60.88
8	PAKISTAN	60.53
9	NORWAY	59.87
10	USA	57.51
11	LEBANON	57.05
12	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	56.23
13	TUNISIA	56.02
14	MONACO	54.30
15	LATVIA	51.39
16	MEXICO	42.12
17	CHINA HONG KONG	35.14
18	KUWAIT	31.20

Open C after R 6

	TEAM	VP
1	AUSTRIA	93.57
2	SPAIN	85.57
3	HUNGARY	76.98
4	IRELAND	76.13
5	DENMARK	71.18
6	SWEDEN	70.61
7	NETHERLANDS	68.25
8	LITHUANIA	65.50
9	CANADA	59.86
10	CHINA	57.45
11	EGYPT	56.36
12	NEW ZEALAND	55.07
13	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	49.78
14	SCOTLAND	48.58
15	GUADELOUPE	43.29
16	BANGLADESH	27.92
17	SAN MARINO	25.90

Women's Teams

Women's A after R 6

	TEAM	VP
1	CHINA	88.16
2	NETHERLANDS	74.52
3	NORWAY	73.46
4	TURKEY	70.50
5	SWEDEN	70.31
6	AUSTRALIA	68.41
7	ENGLAND	67.86
8	FINLAND	64.71
9	JAPAN	59.27
10	SOUTH AFRICA	58.37
11	MEXICO	55.96
12	BRAZIL	54.75
13	SPAIN	51.50
14	KOREA	51.38
15	PAKISTAN	47.65
16	EGYPT	45.31
17	JORDAN	38.10
18	SAN MARINO	37.78

Women's B after R6

	TEAM	VP
1	FRANCE	92.25
2	GERMANY	87.88
3	USA	80.62
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	75.30
5	NEW ZEALAND	74.24
6	POLAND	73.79
7	ITALY	68.50
8	CHINA HONG KONG	65.30
9	IRELAND	63.23
10	SCOTLAND	61.39
11	DENMARK	59.97
12	CANADA	57.48
13	CHILE	51.57
14	ICELAND	39.70
15	PALESTINE	30.85
16	TUNISIA	29.77
17	INDIA	19.16

Tramtastic

You should have no trouble using the English option on the ticket machines now stationed at most transit stops and on all trams and buses. The machines on trams and buses only take plastic! A single fare is 3zł - but night buses cost 3.20zł. Tickets are not valid until you stamp them once inside the tram or bus. Plain-clothed inspectors regularly travel the lines handing out hefty fines to those without valid tickets; being a foreigner will not excuse you - it will only mean you will have to pay in cash on the spot.

Spotting the intrafinesse

By Jos Jacobs

In Monday morning's Round 4 (Open and Women), this was board 22:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 4 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ J 8 5 2 ♣ K 10 8 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ — ♥ Q 9 8 4 2 ♦ A K 7 ♣ A Q 7 4 3</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 8 7 5 3 ♥ K 10 3 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ 9</p>
N						
W E						
S						

In the Australia v. Russia match, this was the bidding in the Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Semenov	Hans	Kholomeev	Nunn
		1♥	1♠
Dble	3♥	5♣	All Pass

South led a spade to dummy's ace, declarer shedding his diamond loser. Kholomeev then drew trumps in three rounds, ending in dummy and continued the ♥5, inserting the eight from his hand. South won his ten and returned a diamond to declarer's ace. Kholomeev's next move was to advance the ♥Q which held the trick. When the jack appeared in North, he thus had managed to bring off a genuine intrafinesse for an overtrick. Not that it mattered at all as the Aussies were in 6♣ at the other table and went one off.

The all-important question on this deal thus had become: did anyone play for this intrafinesse in a situation in which it really mattered? The answer is YES.

For Denmark, Clemmensen-Graversen were E/W against Canada and they too ended up in 6♣.

The play went exactly the same as described above but the big difference was that in 6♣, the intrafinesse did really matter. So full credit to H.C. Graversen, the only declarer in the Hala Stulecia to record +1370.

This deal also reminded me of an old truth. More often than not, and if time etc. allows, it's a good idea to try to speak to the players involved. This time, it was the easiest way to find out that in the official scoring, the E/W names had been interchanged. As Poul Clemmensen smilingly said: "It has happened to us before. Usually, the wrong player (my partner!?) then gets credited with the -800s."

So very well played, Hans-Christian!

In the Women Series, no 1370s were scored but Nan WANG from China managed to record the best overall score on this board, because she had to find, and actually did find, the same intrafinesse play in 6♥ for a proud +1430. Even better ...congratulations!

The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA)

IBPA is a club for the world's bridge media people and you may also join as Associate Member.

The main service is a monthly Bulletin edited by John Carruthers with the best of the best. Members may also enjoy the Press facilities at championships.

The annual IBPA subscription is US\$42 (€38). New members joining in Wroclaw pay US\$52.50 (€48) for 2016 and 2017. You can apply, and pay, in the Press Room.

Current members paying late for this year, or early for next, can clear their dues in the Press Room.

The Annual General Meeting on Saturday (the 10th) will start at 09:00 a.m. (precisely) in the Vugraph Theatre (where the Opening Ceremony was).

Per Jannersten
Chairman

Directions to Press Room

Orbit the playing area 90 degrees counter clockwise until you reach Entrance A where you find a large stairwell to the right. The Press Room is at the top of the stairs in Sala Cesarska.



TRANSFERS

HOTEL PARK PLAZA

8:30 WBF Staff

9:10 players who made reservation through ZAPA

HOTELS IBIS and SCANDIC

9:00 for all who made reservation through ZAPA

HOTEL RADISSON

TRANSFERS BY WICAR TAXI

If you stay in the other hotels, you need to arrange your transfers yourselves !

Badges !!

Players, please note that without a badge you will not be allowed into the playing area. If you lose your badge, replacing it will cost you 5 Euros.

Open Teams Round 2



Ireland v. New Zealand



By Jos Jacobs

One of the sometimes underestimated aspects of bridge is its entertainment value. Here in Europe, Ireland have acquired a reputation for themselves of sending teams that often enough produce a combination of both sensible and entertaining bridge. The same applies to our antipodes, if I have been properly informed, so I decided to sit down for their match in Round 2.

Surprisingly enough, the pretty cold slam on the first board was not only missed at half the tables in play but also by one of our two featured teams.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A K Q J 7 4 ♥ 5 2 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ K 6	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 9 6 ♥ Q J 7 ♦ 9 6 5 3 ♣ J 9 8 7
N					
W E					
S					
♠ 10 5 3 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ K 8 ♣ 5 4 3 2		♠ 8 2 ♥ A 10 8 6 ♦ A J 10 2 ♣ A Q 10			

As the heart loser disappears on the ♣Q, only a 5-0 trump break or an unlikely initial ruff beats 6♠.

The Irish quickly landed on their feet:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Please note the 6♣ cuebid en passant. Had South been able to bid 6♦, they would have ended up in the grand... Ireland +980.

West	North	East	South
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Tislevoll</i>	<i>Garvey</i>	<i>Ware</i>
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



The Open Room

The differences between the two auctions are clear. The slow 2/1 GF approach made it much more difficult for South to assess the values of his aces opposite partner's spades. In the Open Room, the Irish natural 3♠ rebid over the relay 2♣ made life easy for South as it all but solved the quality problem. New Zealand +480 and the first 11 IMPs to Ireland.

Two boards later, New Zealand were definitely unlucky:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 6 5 ♥ A 3 ♦ K J 8 7 6 4 2 ♣ K 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 10 9 8 7 ♥ K 9 7 5 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ 9 2
N					
W E					
S					
		♠ K Q ♥ Q 10 8 4 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ A Q 10 5			
		♠ A J 4 3 2 ♥ J 6 2 ♦ — ♣ J 8 7 6 3			

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>McGann</i>
	3♦	4♠	2♠
5♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
			All Pass

With trumps 3-0 behind you, there is no way to bring home the good slam in diamonds. Ireland +100.

In the other room, the Irish were in trouble when West did not overcall after the Multi:



Geo Tislevoll, New Zealand

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Tislevoll	Garvey	Ware
Pass	4♣	Dble	4♥
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

4♣ asked opener to transfer to his suit, so Ware politely did so, consuming a lot of bidding space in the process. N/S had managed to bid three suits, only to find out that South actually held the fourth. E/W could not cope with the situation, apparently. Down five, New Zealand +500 and 9 IMPs back to them. They may well have felt that some justice had been done to them after all...

On the next board, 3NT by South was made more often than not. It would need a brilliant lead by West to beat it.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

The auction was the same in both rooms:

West	North	East	South
Brown	Hanlon	Whibley	McGann
Carroll	Tislevoll	Garvey	Ware
1♠	2♦	3♠	3NT
All Pass			

For Ireland, West led the ♠J which immediately handed over the contract to declarer. Twelve tricks were made when West did not hold on to his clubs. New Zealand +690.

At the other table, Brown found a possibly over-brilliant lead: the ♥6 away from his ♥Ax. Dummy played the queen, East won his king and what now? If partner had led from Axx, another heart would quickly settle the issue. In that case, however, declarer would have gambled 3NT holding just a singleton heart. Another interesting question is: why did declarer call for dummy's queen?

When East returned a heart rather than the ♠10, declarer could run for home. Ireland +600 and only 3 IMPs for New Zealand's rather too inspired effort.

Three boards from the end, Tom Hanlon was faced with an unusual problem.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Brown	Hanlon	Whibley	McGann
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
Pass		1♠	All Pass

He opened what could be a Strong Club – forcing to INT in principle. But what to do with a passing partner (may be intended as forcing, of course) and an opponent who is suggesting he too is looking at your strong suit? Hanlon passed and collected +50.

In the other room, the auction was more straightforward.

West	North	East	South
Carroll	Tislevoll	Garvey	Ware
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

Ten easy tricks, New Zealand +430 and 9 IMPs to them, seeing them into the lead. An adverse partscore swing made the final result 30-27 or 10.91 – 9.09 V.P. to Ireland.

Round 2 - Open Group A



By David Stern

Round 2 of the Open Series saw South Africa drawn against Germany. South Africa had a tough time in the first match, losing by almost the maximum to Italy, while Germany had a small win against Finland.

Board 17 saw continuing problems for South Africa when the Open Room tentatively explored a spade slam, stopping in 5♠ while the closed room bid to 6♠ after having a sniff at the possibility of the grand slam.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

With 7♠ being marginally worse than the diamond finesse, because of 5-0 spades, it seems that Gower-Apteker sold the hand well short when South didn't appreciate the strength of the three aces and intermediate cards opposite the jump rebid.

In the closed room, Gromoeller-Fritsche explored the possibility of seven after what appeared to be a cue bid of 4♣ by South over North's 3♠ rebid.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	Gower	Linde	Apteker
	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Gromoeller	Bosenberg	Fritsche
	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Although flat, board 19 could have seen Germany generate another slam swing.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

♠ A J 4 3 2	♥ J 6 2	♦ —	♣ J 8 7 6 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	Gower	Linde	Apteker
	4♠	6♦	2♠
3♦			All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Gromoeller	Bosenberg	Fritsche
	Pass	1♥	INT
1♦	2♠	3NT	All Pass
2♦			

3NT had similar chances to 6♦ and we all know which scores better. If the diamonds behave reasonably, any 2-1 break or 3-0 with South holding Q-10-5 declarer has 12 tricks. Alas, not on this deal, but nor were there nine tricks in 3NT.



Neville Eber, South Africa

Board 7 saw an opportunity for South Africa to pick up a vulnerable game, missed in the other room, by guessing a diamond suit of $\heartsuit K-Q-10$ opposite 7-5-3. When Gower misguessed, that resulted in 7 IMPs for Germany, who led 18-0.

On Board 25, South Africa finally saw daylight in a most unusual way.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	Gower	Linde	Apteker
	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2 \clubsuit	Pass	2 \heartsuit
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Gromoeller	Bosenberg	Fritsche
	Pass	Pass	1 \clubsuit
1 \diamond	Pass	2 \diamond	Pass
2 \heartsuit	2 \spadesuit	3NT	All Pass

In the open room, despite seeming close to making, 2 \heartsuit drifted three down, which became academic when Bosenberg bid a very aggressive 3NT and was proved justified when the diamond suit behaved perfectly for him – South Africa 11 – Germany 18.

On this deal, Germany picked up 5 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwerdt	Gower	Linde	Apteker
	Pass	INT	2 \clubsuit
3 \heartsuit	Double	4 \clubsuit	Pass
4 \spadesuit	Pass	5 \clubsuit	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Eber	Gromoeller	Bosenberg	Fritsche
	Pass	3 \heartsuit	2 \heartsuit
3 \spadesuit	All Pass	Double	Pass

Fritsche's 2 \heartsuit opening for Germany in the closed room showed 4+/4+ in the majors. Clearly a raise by North to 4 \heartsuit , as some might consider, would have been wrong here as that may have prompted E/W to take action at a higher level than they actually did, thereby ensuring that they reached the cold game in spades or clubs or took 300 for 4 \heartsuit doubled.

One should have sympathy for West. He had enough values to express interest in game but, knowing that South had at least four spades, nothing looked perfect in terms of expressing his hand. South Africa 11 – Germany 23.

Germany furthered their lead when, on Board 29, South Africa went down by two tricks vulnerable at both tables playing at the three level in 4-3 fits.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

In the open room, Gower-Apteker played 3 \diamond N/S while in the closed room Bosenberg and Eber played 3 \heartsuit E/W.

Germany played solidly throughout the match to record a 32-11 win with the only scores being the ones recorded on the five boards covered in this report.



Throw winners, keep losers

By Patrick Jourdain, Cardiff, Wales (in 1991)

This is a sequel to "Keep Winners, Throw Losers," written in 1981.

By chance, I found myself in that same town where I had suffered humiliation at the local bridge club. As 18 years had passed, I felt safe in paying another visit, to see how the club had changed.

I received the same friendly welcome and was taken to the rubber-bridge room. It was a shock to see one player who greatly resembled the Maestro whose favorite phrase had been, "Keep winners, throw Losers."

Although I sat at a discreet distance from his table, I heard this player say to partner: "Keep your loser, throw your winner, and we beat their game with ease."

Unable to contain my curiosity, I told my story to the barman. He explained the puzzle: "The Maestro passed away some years ago, and his son is now our leading player. He was a rebellious boy and chose his own catchphrase merely to contradict his father's. Don't let it worry you."

I went to the table, cut in, and soon found myself partnering Maestro Junior. Both sides were vulnerable and 40 on score when this deal came along:

♠ K Q J
♥ Q 9 5 3
♦ 6 5 4 3 2
♣ 3

♠ 4 3 2
♥ K J 10 8 6
♦ K Q J
♣ A Q

As South, I opened one heart, West bid two hearts, which was explained by East as Michaels, showing spades and a minor. I thought this unusually sophisticated for rubber bridge, but had already been warned that it was the club's favorite convention, so I kept my peace.

My partner raised to three hearts. As this was game at the score, I passed and was happy when this bought the contract and a satisfactory dummy.

West led the diamond ace, on which East played the ten. When West switched to ace and another spade, East played high-low. It was clear that a ruff was imminent, so I quickly played a trump. West won, gave his partner a spade ruff; and received a diamond ruff in return. One down.

"Unlucky! The trumps were two-two," I said, rather wittily I thought. But my partner displayed a scowl. "You heard my advice to my previous partner," he said, "but did not take it."

What did he mean? As the cards were being distributed for the next deal, I recreated the layout:

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

Suddenly, I saw his point. Upon winning the second spade, I must play the ace and queen of clubs. Then, when West covers with the King, I throw dummy's winning spade. I would lose a club unnecessary, but save two tricks in return. If West continues with a spade, I can ruff high in dummy, then start on trumps. East cannot gain the lead to give West a diamond ruff, and I would lose only three aces and a club. Obvious, really! How did I miss that?

Feeling somewhat humbled, I became a defender on the next deal (so I have rotated the positions, showing myself as East):

♠ J 8 5 ♥ J 8 7 4 ♦ Q 10 8 7 3 ♣ A	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A 2 ♣ 9 8 7 5 4 3 2
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South	West	North	East
1♥	2♥	3♥	All Pass

The bidding, strange to tell, was identical to that of the previous deal. Once again, three hearts was a game-going bit. "This Michaels cue-bid is everywhere," I thought.

My partner led the king of spades and followed with the ace and queen. I played high-low, wondering why he had started with the king, as we had agreed to lead ace from ace-king. On the third round of spades, I briefly considered ruffing his winner in order to cash the diamond ace, but, thinking of the sneer I would receive, chose simply to discard a low club.

Partner duly switched to diamonds. I took the ace and led another. Declarer ruffed, felled the missing trumps in two rounds, and claimed, scoring up the rubber.

My partner looked annoyed again. "I would have expected you to get that right after the last deal," he said aggressively.

After I worked out how much I owed, I reviewed the deal:

♠ A K Q 7 3 ♥ Q 2 ♦ K 9 6 5 4 ♣ 10	♠ J 8 5 ♥ J 8 7 4 ♦ Q 10 8 7 3 ♣ A <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ 10 6 2 ♥ A K 6 5 3 ♦ J ♣ K Q J 6	♠ 9 4 ♥ 10 9 ♦ A 2 ♣ 9 8 7 5 4 3 2
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I deduced that West had chosen the king of spades because he belonged to the school that leads king from ace-king when intending to switch to a singleton. After he saw the bare ace of clubs in dummy, he just continued spades. Now how could we have beaten three hearts?

Eventually, it clicked. On the third spade, I should have discarded the ace of diamonds. Partner can continue with the king and another diamond, which I ruff, promoting the setting trick in trumps.

Partner could have made things easier for me by playing a diamond at trick two. I can win and return a spade, after which it is natural for me to throw my remaining diamond on the third spade. But, humiliated by my failure to spot the winning defense, I said nothing and resolved to do better now that I was Maestro Junior's opponent.

My new partner and I began by making an easy game. On the next deal, he opened one spade and I held this massive hand:

♠ 2 ♥ A K Q ♦ A Q J 5 4 ♣ A 9 8 2

To my surprise, Maestro Junior, on my right, overcalled two notrump, showing the minors. The penalty against three clubs doubled might well be too little to compensate for slam and rubber, so I tried four notrump. Taking this as an ace-asking bid, partner replied five diamonds. I felt compelled to bid six notrump. My left-hand opponent led the five of clubs, and this is what I could see:

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

That's not an opening bid, in my opinion, but there were two bits of good news: the lead implied that clubs were six-one, and dummy's ten of diamonds appeared to be useful in taking a repeated finesse in that suit. The snag was, if I set up the spades, how was I going to return to dummy?

Suddenly, I saw the answer to my entry problem and a chance to make Maestro Junior regret his coaching. I won the club, cashed two hearts, and then played spades from the top, throwing the blocking heart.

West won with the queen of spades but, having started with no diamonds and one club, had only major-suit cards remaining. He played a heart to dummy's jack. I continued spades, coming down to what I knew was this ending:

♠ — ♥ immaterial ♦ — ♣ —	♠ 9 ♥ — ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ 4 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> N W E S </div> ♠ — ♥ — ♦ A Q J 5 ♣ 9	♠ — ♥ — ♦ K 9 8 7 ♣ K
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When I cashed the last spade, Maestro Junior paused for a moment, then sneered, "When I throw my club," he said, doing just that, "What are you going to do?"

With a sinking feeling, I saw what he meant. If I threw the low diamond, I would be stuck in the wrong hand after a finesse; if I threw a middle diamond, he could successfully cover when I led the ten. So, I jettisoned my nine of clubs and led dummy's four. When East threw a diamond, I found myself in the same one-suit squeeze. Whatever I did, the slam had to go one down.

East made little attempt to contain his glee. "Throw your high clubs early and keep the low one. Then, everything is easy," he chortled.

I checked the statement. Yes, he was right. In the ending, if South has the two of clubs instead of the nine, when East throws a club, South throws is low diamond, takes a diamond finesse, returns to dummy by leading the two of clubs to the four, and takes a second diamond finesse.

Eventually, we lost the rubber, and I have resolved to wait another 18 years before visiting that club again.



Patrick Jourdain

Weighed in the balance? (RR2)

By Barry Rigal

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Terraneo</i>	<i>Bob Drijver</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Nab</i>
1♦*	1♥	Dble*	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1♦ Blue club (11-16, no four card major)
Dble 4/5 spades

Christian Terraneo declared 4♠ on this deal where there were some interesting family line-ups. The Austrians had half-brothers Christian and Franz Terraneo, one in each room. Meanwhile, for Netherlands, Bas Drijver was out, brother Bob was in.

In the other room after the same start De Wijs passed Muller's double of 4♥ out to collect 300.

Christian removed to 4♠ and settled in a game that had only two top losers but some handling charges. After a low diamond lead, which could easily have been a singleton, he won in hand and returned a heart, both to cut the

defenders' communications and to set up his ruff in the short hand. South won to return a diamond, and when everyone followed Christian ran the ♣J, and repeated the club finesse. Disaster! Bart Nab ruffed and played a third diamond; Bob ruffed his partner's winner and gave his partner the second ruff to kill the game.

This was the ending after the first club finesse holds.

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

Declarer's winning line once the club finesse holds is to cross to the spade king, and ruff a heart, then exit with a diamond. North can ruff, but if he does, whether he plays a club – when declarer runs it — or a heart (when declarer pitches the club loser from dummy and ruffs in hand) declarer just loses one trick. Best is for South to win his ♦J. He can do no better than return a trump, and declarer wins in hand and leads a winning diamond to pitch dummy's club loser, and though South can ruff dummy is now high.

(Incidentally, at trick four if declarer leads to the club ace to ruff a heart and then exits with a diamond, the killing defence is for East to win and return a trump. The best you can do is win one or two trumps then run the club jack. East ruffs and returns a trump and you are left with a club loser.)

World Championship Book 2016 – Wroclaw

The official book of these championships will be ready around April next year. It will consist of approximately 350 large full colour pages and will include coverage of all the championship events, with particular emphasis on the latter stages of the Open and Women's Teams. There will be a full results service and many colour photographs.

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Open Teams Group A RR-4



Italy v Israel



By Ram Soffer

Both Italy and Israel had a good start to their Group A matches. Their match started with a normal push at 4♠ down one due to a losing diamond finesse. The next deal produced the first major swing:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	O. Herbst	Lauria	I. Herbst
		Pass	1♣
1♦	1♥	Dble	Rdbl
2♦	2♥	All Pass	

Interestingly, despite having a textbook hand for a weak jump overcall, both Wests overcalled at the one-level. Did they wish to conceal their weakness and persuade their opponents to stop below game? At least Versace was successful. Lauria's double showed a maximal passed hand with some diamond help. Ilan Herbst's redouble showed exactly three hearts.

Ophir Herbst (North) apparently believed that the opponents did have their points and that with an eight-card fit his hand was not worth a game try. However, he had a nice 10-count with well-placed strength. In my opinion, this hand was worth an effort toward bidding a vulnerable game.

East led ♦K against 2♥, and declarer played well to score +170.

West	North	East	South
Barel	Di Franco	Zack	Manno
		Pass	1♣
1♦	Dble	Rdbl	1♥
2♦	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Di Franco's double showed hearts, and Manno's voluntary

1♥ probably showed three of them. Thus the bidding up to 2♦ was essentially the same as in the other room, but Di Franco assessed his side's prospects much more optimistically, driving towards game with a natural 2♠ bid.

Barel led ♦Q against 4♥, covered by Zack's ♦K, and Manno did well to duck this trick (otherwise after winning his ♥A East would have played another diamond and received a trump promotion). He won the next trick with the ♦A and led a heart to the king. Zack did well to duck this as well, so that declarer wasted a club entry before playing another trump. Eventually Manno did not have enough entries for a double finesse in spades, and he had to guess: low to the ♠10 or ♠Q? Remembering the 1♦ overcall as well as the fact that East had already shown ♥A and ♦K, it was not hard to come to the conclusion that West held the ♠K and play the suit successfully. Italy scored +620, jumping to a 10-0 lead.

The next board was an interesting push, well bid and played by both teams, but not so well defended.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	O. Herbst	Lauria	I. Herbst
Barel	Di Franco	Zack	Manno
			Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Both Easts held 10 HCP with spade help, but the rest of their hand was of poor quality, especially for a suit contract. Lauria and Zack did well to resist the temptation to raise to 3♠ (even though there is something to be said for a 2NT bid, which may have "improved" the contract to 3♦, which cannot be beaten with perfect play but requires a guess in trumps).

At both tables North led his stiff ♦A. The problem was that South may well have read this as a lead from A-K, in which case he would have no particular desire to return the suit. Ophir Herbst switched to a club, Versace cleverly playing ♣K to create a losing option for the defence (of

course, declarer knew that the lead was a singleton). After some thought, Ilan returned a heart. At the other table Di Franco switched to a heart and Manno returned the suit. In both cases the defenders got only one diamond ruff, which was insufficient to beat the contract, so both East-West pairs scored a well-deserved +110.

In the next board, Italy was rewarded for making a bold lead with no clues from the bidding.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	O. Herbst	Lauria	I. Herbst
1♥	Pass	2NT	3♦
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Lauria's 2NT bid implied a fit, so Ilan Herbst made an effort to suggest the best led to his partner by bidding 3♦. However, diamonds were not the winning lead. Ilan took his ♦A K and switched to a passive trump. Versace drew three rounds of trump ending in dummy and led a low spade. Ilan won his ♠K and continued with ♠J. Declarer had to guess whether spades were 3-3 or 4-2, and after cashing all of his other winners he got it right – Italy +620.

West	North	East	South
Barel	Di Franco	Zack	Manno
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Notably, Manno didn't care to overcall 2♦ even though his hand seemed to be good enough. Di Franco had to pick a lead on his own and he decided that the opponents were likely to make their bid, so an active lead was the order of the day. His bold choice of ♣Q met with spectacular success, since declarer read it as a lead from a Q J combination. His thoughts might have been: "Why should I bother with a spade guess when there is a safe way to dispose of my club loser!!". Michael Barel won the ♣A and after drawing trumps he finessed towards the ♣K 10, just like everyone else would have done. After that finesse lost, there was no longer any hope to make the contract, and Italy's early lead increased to 22-0.

Two deals later, Israel got 12 IMPs back, but it might easily have been a swing in the other direction:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Versace	O. Herbst	Lauria	I. Herbst
2♣	2♠	1♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	4NT	4♠
Dble	All Pass		5♠

Versace's 2♣ bid did not necessarily show clubs, so Lauria bid naturally at the three-level over North's interference of 2♠. His hand was good enough to continue over 4♠, but he accepted partner's penalty doubled when South bid at the five-level. Then he led the ♦A and switched to hearts, but Ophir Herbst guessed well, cutting his losses to -500.

West	North	East	South
Barel	Di Franco	Zack	Manno
2♣	2♠	1♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♠
Pass	6♠	6♣	Dble
Dble	All Pass	Pass	Pass

2♣ was a natural (and game-forcing) bid according to the Israeli system, so at this table Zack responded with 4♠, a void-splinter (and a strong slam invitation). When South bid 5♠, Barel decided that his hand was not bad enough to



Michael Barel, Israel

double, and left the decision to his partner. East's 6♣ bid certainly put a lot of pressure on North-South, even though they had a system to defend against it. South's double probably showed one defensive trick. This was supposed to help North make the correct decision, but it was not easy to judge his hand. He had bits and pieces in clubs, hearts and diamonds. Would they amount to a second defensive trick? Eventually Di France decided to "take insurance" at 6♠ and squandered a great opportunity, as declarer must lose two heart tricks in 6♣.

Sacrificing at a higher level than the other table was already costly, and then declarer guessed hearts wrong to go minus 1100, putting Israel firmly on the scoreboard.

Italy got back most of those IMPs on the very next board

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A K 10 8 6 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 9 ♣ A 9 8 7 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q J 5 4 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 8 7 5 ♣ K J 3	♠ 3 ♥ Q 8 7 6 2 ♦ Q 10 4 3 2 ♣ 10 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
2♦	2♥	4♠	INT All Pass

Both East-West pairs used the 2♦ against a strong NT to denote a one-suited major suit hand. North bid 2♥ (natural and weak). Now East knew his partner's suit, and Lauria made an excellent decision to bid game directly, putting a lot of pressure on South. Fearing minus 800, Ilan Herbst refrained from a 5♥ save, letting Italy score an easy +620.

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Manno</i>
2♦	2♥	2♠	INT
4♠	5♥	Dbl	2NT All Pass

After an identical start, Zack bid only 2♠, allowing South to make some noise at a comfortable level. 2NT must have indicated a heart fit. Barel's hand was good enough to bid 4♠ on his own, but North was already sacrificing with his 5-5 hand. East-West made a sensible decision to double (in order to prevent a loss they had to bid 5♠ and then make it by running the ♣J), but the diamond finesse was working for declarer, so the penalty amounted to a mere 200. Italy's lead grew to 31-12.

After so much drama in the first half of the match, the final nine boards served as an anti-climax. Overall the bridge was good, and there were no free gifts. Those nine

boards were tied at 4-4, so there was not much to report, except for the next deal which may be regarded as a missed opportunity for Israel:

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 8 7 4 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ J 8 3 2 ♣ K 10 8	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 3 ♥ K Q J 2 ♦ A K Q 4 ♣ 5 4 2	♠ A 10 9 6 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q J 7 6 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>I. Herbst</i>
Pass	1♦	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

3♣ showed a black two-suiter. Somewhat surprisingly, the Italian pair didn't make another bid, allowing Ophir Herbst to play in a comfortable 4♥ contract and make +450.

West	North	East	South
<i>Barel</i>	<i>Di Franco</i>	<i>Zack</i>	<i>Manno</i>
Pass	2♦	3♣	Pass
Pass	4♥	4♠	3♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	Pass

According to the Italian system, a 2♦ opening is used to show balanced 18-19 HCP.

3♣ was natural, and 3♦ was a transfer to hearts. North bid 4♥, but Zack bid again. The 4♠ save was good for Israel, but South's forcing pass prompted North to bid again.

It seems that Di Franco should have simply bid 5♥. Having a known nine-card major suit fit, why suggest diamonds as an alternative trump suit?

The eventual 5♦ contract was makeable but very risky. For example, if East leads his heart singleton, declarer must draw exactly one round of trumps before leading spades. Failing to draw trump at all might result in a heart ruff, while drawing two rounds would allow a club continuation, forcing dummy to ruff with a high spot card and creating a diamond loser. However, finding the winning play was not an impossible task, given East's bidding which showed a likely 6-5 pattern.

Zack's actual lead of ♠A made it much easier for declarer. All he had to do was to play ♦A K, enter dummy in hearts while avoiding a blockage and lead ♦10 for a finesse. Thus the inferior contract made, while Israel still gained 2 IMPs.

Italy's final margin of victory was 35-16, converted to 14.8-5.2 VP.

Senior Teams

Mixed Teams

RR 5

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	DENMARK	NEW ZEALAND	49	15	18.00	2.00	71	JAPAN	NEW ZEALAND	25	11	14.22	5.78
52	TURKEY	NORWAY	17	18	9.64	10.36	72	POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	29	3	16.73	3.27
53	ISRAEL	SPAIN	35	18	14.93	5.07	73	UAE	CHINA	3	63	0.00	20.00
54	CHINA	BRAZIL	44	2	19.02	0.98	74	HUNGARY	GERMANY	22	13	12.90	7.10
55	GERMANY	USA	8	16	7.39	12.61	75	SWEDEN	IRELAND	25	35	6.82	12.18
56	EGYPT	ENGLAND	24	18	12.01	7.99	76	NETHERLANDS	BULGARIA	27	15	13.71	6.29
57	FRANCE	JAPAN	31	4	16.91	3.09	77	USA	AUSTRALIA	19	15	11.38	8.62
58	CANADA	SWEDEN	20	15	11.70	8.30	78	ENGLAND	RUSSIA	9	28	4.63	15.37
59	POLAND	PAKISTAN	29	4	16.55	3.45	79	DENMARK	ISRAEL	10	40	2.60	17.40
60	CHINA HK	ITALY	15	22	7.69	12.31	80	BRAZIL	FRANCE	10	27	5.07	14.93
61	AUSTRALIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	13	17	8.62	11.38	81	INDIA	ITALY	6	25	4.63	15.37
62	INDIA	MEXICO	15	24	7.10	12.90	82	TURKEY	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

RR 6

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	NEW ZEALAND	ENGLAND	15	20	8.30	11.70	71	NEW ZEALAND	BULGARIA	22	19	11.05	8.95
52	USA	JAPAN	45	22	16.18	3.82	72	IRELAND	AUSTRALIA	15	15	10.00	10.00
53	BRAZIL	SWEDEN	0	63	0.00	20.00	73	GERMANY	TURKEY	32	2	17.40	2.60
54	SPAIN	PAKISTAN	32	6	16.73	3.27	74	CHINA	RUSSIA	14	35	4.21	15.79
55	NORWAY	ITALY	3	50	0.46	19.54	75	CHINESE TAIPEI	ISRAEL	25	55	2.60	17.40
56	DENMARK	CHINESE TAIPEI	27	8	15.37	4.63	76	JAPAN	FRANCE	33	27	12.01	7.99
57	TURKEY	MEXICO	52	9	19.13	0.87	77	POLAND	ITALY	27	33	7.99	12.01
58	ISRAEL	INDIA	10	17	7.69	12.31	78	UAE	INDIA	24	67	0.87	19.13
59	CHINA	AUSTRALIA	31	4	16.91	3.09	79	HUNGARY	BRAZIL	39	21	15.15	4.85
60	GERMANY	CHINA HK	31	30	10.36	9.64	80	SWEDEN	DENMARK	40	14	16.73	3.27
61	EGYPT	POLAND	20	27	7.69	12.31	81	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	21	14	12.31	7.69
62	FRANCE	CANADA	2	29	3.09	16.91	82	USA	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

RR 7

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	TURKEY	NEW ZEALAND	19	9	13.18	6.82	71	POLAND	NEW ZEALAND	1	15	5.78	14.22
52	ISRAEL	DENMARK	24	29	8.30	11.70	72	UAE	JAPAN	4	34	2.60	17.40
53	CHINA	NORWAY	20	9	13.45	6.55	73	HUNGARY	CHINESE TAIPEI	9	9	10.00	10.00
54	GERMANY	SPAIN	37	9	17.08	2.92	74	SWEDEN	CHINA	16	16	10.00	10.00
55	EGYPT	BRAZIL	32	16	14.70	5.30	75	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	14	16	9.29	10.71
56	FRANCE	USA	4	34	2.60	17.40	76	USA	IRELAND	23	12	13.45	6.55
57	CANADA	ENGLAND	7	17	6.82	13.18	77	ENGLAND	AUSTRALIA	20	33	6.03	13.97
58	POLAND	JAPAN	20	27	7.69	12.31	78	DENMARK	TURKEY	20	25	8.30	11.70
59	CHINA HK	SWEDEN	27	11	14.70	5.30	79	BRAZIL	RUSSIA	11	41	2.60	17.40
60	AUSTRALIA	PAKISTAN	21	14	12.31	7.69	80	INDIA	ISRAEL	9	25	5.30	14.70
61	INDIA	ITALY	31	1	17.40	2.60	81	ITALY	FRANCE	11	24	6.03	13.97
62	MEXICO	CHINESE TAIPEI	14	38	3.63	16.37	82	BULGARIA	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

RR 8

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs			
51	NEW ZEALAND	ITALY	15	61	0.56	19.44	71	NEW ZEALAND	ISRAEL	28	18	13.18	6.82
52	PAKISTAN	CHINESE TAIPEI	16	42	3.27	16.73	72	RUSSIA	FRANCE	29	27	10.71	9.29
53	SWEDEN	MEXICO	50	4	19.44	0.56	73	TURKEY	ITALY	21	28	7.69	12.31
54	JAPAN	INDIA	25	29	8.62	11.38	74	AUSTRALIA	INDIA	40	18	15.99	4.01
55	ENGLAND	AUSTRALIA	39	30	12.90	7.10	75	BULGARIA	BRAZIL	8	19	6.55	13.45
56	USA	CHINA HK.	49	9	18.78	1.22	76	IRELAND	DENMARK	3	41	1.46	18.54
57	BRAZIL	POLAND	16	34	4.85	15.15	77	GERMANY	ENGLAND	28	20	12.61	7.39
58	SPAIN	CANADA	24	28	8.62	11.38	78	CHINESE TAIPEI	USA	20	37	5.07	14.93
59	NORWAY	FRANCE	51	22	17.24	2.76	79	JAPAN	NETHERLANDS	20	49	2.76	17.24
60	DENMARK	EGYPT	26	30	8.62	11.38	80	POLAND	SWEDEN	39	24	14.46	5.54
61	TURKEY	GERMANY	38	40	9.29	10.71	81	UAE	HUNGARY	51	26	16.55	3.45
62	ISRAEL	CHINA	11	70	0.00	20.00	82	CHINA	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

RR 4

Match		VPs	
1	FINLAND SINGAPORE	5.00	15.00
2	SOUTH AFRICA JORDAN	6.25	13.75
3	PHILIPPINES ESTONIA	11.20	8.80
4	UKRAINE GERMANY	7.45	12.55
5	ISRAEL ITALY	5.20	14.80
6	FRANCE BRAZIL	13.04	6.96
7	CHINESE TAIPEI INDIA	2.28	17.72
8	SWITZERLAND GREECE	5.00	15.00
9	AUSTRALIA RUSSIA	3.74	16.26

RR 5

Match		VPs	
1	SINGAPORE SOUTH AFRICA	13.18	4.82
2	JORDAN PHILIPPINES	11.48	8.52
3	ESTONIA UKRAINE	2.15	17.85
4	GERMANY ISRAEL	6.25	13.75
5	ITALY FRANCE	14.60	5.40
6	BRAZIL CHINESE TAIPEI	2.69	17.31
7	INDIA GREECE	5.00	15.00
8	FINLAND AUSTRALIA	6.03	13.97
9	RUSSIA SWITZERLAND	7.97	12.03

RR 6

Match		VPs	
1	PHILIPPINES SINGAPORE	3.76	15.24
2	UKRAINE JORDAN	15.59	3.41
3	ISRAEL ESTONIA	19.07	0.93
4	FRANCE GERMANY	15.19	4.81
5	CHINESE TAIPEI ITALY	6.96	13.04
6	GREECE BRAZIL	11.20	8.80
7	SWITZERLAND INDIA	14.80	5.20
8	AUSTRALIA SOUTH AFRICA	11.20	8.80
9	RUSSIA FINLAND	18.66	1.34

Open Teams Group A

Match		VPs	
11	BELGIUM PAKISTAN	9.09	10.91
12	TUNISIA KUWAIT	20.00	0.00
13	CHINA HK BOSNIA HERZ.	12.55	7.45
14	LATVIA MONACO	18.55	1.45
15	ENGLAND POLAND	10.00	10.00
16	USA LEBANON	18.44	1.56
17	NORWAY MEXICO	12.03	7.97
18	TURKEY ARGENTINA	8.24	11.76
19	ICELAND JAPAN	14.18	5.82

Match		VPs	
11	PAKISTAN TUNISIA	7.45	12.55
12	KUWAIT CHINA HK	8.52	11.48
13	BOSNIA HERZ. LATVIA	11.76	8.24
14	MONACO ENGLAND	8.52	11.48
15	POLAND USA	12.55	7.45
16	LEBANON NORWAY	9.39	10.61
17	MEXICO ARGENTINA	4.26	15.74
18	BELGIUM ICELAND	5.61	14.39
19	JAPAN TURKEY	14.39	5.61

Match		VPs	
11	CHINA HK PAKISTAN	0.00	20.00
12	LATVIA KUWAIT	6.48	13.52
13	ENGLAND BOSNIA HERZ.	10.61	9.39
14	USA MONACO	9.39	10.61
15	NORWAY POLAND	4.08	15.92
16	ARGENTINA LEBANON	7.45	12.55
17	TURKEY MEXICO	16.58	3.42
18	ICELAND TUNISIA	15.19	4.81
19	JAPAN BELGIUM	15.92	4.08

Open Teams Group B

Match		VPs	
21	IRELAND BANGLADESH	17.72	2.28
22	AUSTRIA GUADELOUPE	16.42	3.58
23	SCOTLAND NETHERLANDS	14.39	5.61
24	SPAIN CHINA	11.48	8.52
25	SWEDEN HUNGARY	5.82	14.18
26	DENMARK CANADA	16.09	3.91
27	LITHUANIA SAN MARINO	13.75	6.25
28	UAE EGYPT	8.24	11.76
29	NEW ZEALAND BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
21	BANGLADESH AUSTRIA	3.74	16.26
22	NEW ZEALAND SCOTLAND	15.38	4.62
23	NETHERLANDS SPAIN	13.28	6.72
24	CHINA SWEDEN	13.52	6.48
25	HUNGARY DENMARK	13.75	6.25
26	CANADA SAN MARINO	15.92	4.08
27	IRELAND UAE	20.00	0.00
28	EGYPT LITHUANIA	7.71	12.29
29	GUADELOUPE BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
21	SCOTLAND GUADELOUPE	14.60	5.40
22	SPAIN NEW ZEALAND	18.55	1.45
23	SWEDEN NETHERLANDS	12.03	7.97
24	DENMARK CHINA	15.56	4.44
25	SAN MARINO HUNGARY	6.72	13.28
26	LITHUANIA CANADA	1.79	18.21
27	UAE AUSTRIA	1.91	18.09
28	EGYPT IRELAND	8.24	11.76
29	BANGLADESH BYE	12.00	0.00

Women's Teams Group A

Match		VPs	
31	SAN MARINO KOREA	10.31	9.69
32	EGYPT JAPAN	1.56	18.44
33	AUSTRALIA PAKISTAN	20.00	0.00
34	MEXICO CHINA	4.26	15.74
35	SWEDEN NETHERLANDS	6.48	13.52
36	ENGLAND NORWAY	9.39	10.61
37	SPAIN JORDAN	5.82	14.18
38	FINLAND BRAZIL	16.58	3.42
39	SOUTH AFRICA TURKEY	6.96	13.04

Match		VPs	
31	KOREA EGYPT	15.92	4.08
32	JAPAN AUSTRALIA	6.22	12.78
33	PAKISTAN MEXICO	1.56	18.44
34	CHINA SWEDEN	12.80	7.20
35	NETHERLANDS ENGLAND	9.69	10.31
36	NORWAY SPAIN	14.39	5.61
37	JORDAN BRAZIL	4.62	15.38
38	SAN MARINO SOUTH AFRICA	2.05	16.95
39	TURKEY FINLAND	12.03	7.97

Match		VPs	
31	AUSTRALIA KOREA	16.26	3.74
32	MEXICO JAPAN	13.28	6.72
33	SWEDEN PAKISTAN	15.92	4.08
34	ENGLAND CHINA	3.91	16.09
35	SPAIN NETHERLANDS	11.20	8.80
36	BRAZIL NORWAY	13.52	6.48
37	FINLAND JORDAN	10.91	9.09
38	SOUTH AFRICA EGYPT	3.58	16.42
39	TURKEY SAN MARINO	6.96	13.04

Women's Teams Group B

Match		VPs	
41	IRELAND CHINESE TAIPEI	8.80	11.20
42	TUNISIA CHINA HK	0.31	19.69
43	NEW ZEALAND ICELAND	18.33	1.67
44	CHILE FRANCE	2.15	17.85
45	ITALY POLAND	2.97	17.03
46	USA DENMARK	12.55	7.45
47	SCOTLAND PALESTINE	13.75	6.25
48	CANADA INDIA	17.31	2.69
49	GERMANY BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
41	CHINESE TAIPEI TUNISIA	17.59	2.41
42	CHINA HK NEW ZEALAND	8.24	11.76
43	ICELAND CHILE	4.81	15.19
44	FRANCE ITALY	14.18	5.82
45	POLAND USA	13.52	6.48
46	DENMARK SCOTLAND	8.80	11.20
47	PALESTINE INDIA	15.76	3.24
48	GERMANY CANADA	20.00	0.00
49	IRELAND BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
41	NEW ZEALAND CHINESE TAIPEI	5.82	14.18
42	CHILE CHINA HK	4.44	15.56
43	ITALY ICELAND	18.77	1.23
44	USA FRANCE	6.03	13.97
45	SCOTLAND POLAND	6.03	13.97
46	INDIA DENMARK	2.69	17.31
47	CANADA PALESTINE	15.74	4.26
48	GERMANY IRELAND	7.45	12.55
49	TUNISIA BYE	12.00	0.00



The Polish Corner

**SPLINTER - PODEJŚCIE PRAKTYCZNE**

Podczas poniedziałkowego meczu seniorów Polska - Meksyk Julian Klukowski dostał całkiem interesującą kartę:

♠AKD86 ♥DI06 ♦A ♣10852

Jego partner, Wiktor Markowicz otworzył 1♥ i po odpowiedzi 1♠ powtórzył kolor otwarcia - 2♥. Co należy licytować?

Odpowiedź jest oczywista - Splinter! Zaczynamy rozważać - może z singlowym asem nie jest za estetyczny?

Ale Julek poszedł w innym kierunku - praktycznym. Jak zniechęcić obrońców do wist w trefle? Stara zasada walki wręcz mówi: „ukrywaj swoje słabości” - zalicytował więc 4♣, po cue bidzie partnera 4♦ zapytał o asy i po odpowiedzi dwoma zalicytował szlemika.

Postawmy się teraz w pozycji reprezentanta Meksyku, który po tej licytacji był na wiście z kartą: ♠752 ♥72 ♦D954 ♣AW74. Wybrał narzucający się atak karowy... Z jakim skutkiem? Oto całość rozdania:

Rozd. 23. Obie po, rozd. S.

♠ A K D 8 6

♥ D 10 6

♦ A

♣ 10 8 5 2

♠ 7 5 2

♥ 7 2

♦ D 9 5 4

♣ A W 7 4



♠ W 9 4

♥ W 4

♦ W 8 7 6 3

♣ K 9 3

♠ 10 3

♥ A K 9 8 5 3

♦ K 10 2

♣ D 6

Bez ataku w trefle rozgrywający łatwo wziął komplet lew, zarabiając 13 imp, gdyż na drugim stole sprawdzono, że szlemik ma poważny feler i licytacja wygasła w 4♥.

ZAUFANIE

Brydż jest grą par. W parze kluczowym elementem jest spójność stylu i zaufanie. Oto przykład z meczu kobiet Polska - Włochy:

Popatrzmy na rozdanie z meczu Polska - Włochy:

Rozd. 24. Obie przed, rozd. W.

♠ 7 3 2

♥ A 10 6 4 3 2

♦ D

♣ K D 5

♠ 8 6 4

♥ W 7

♦ 9 6 4 2

♣ 10 9 6 2



♠ K D W 10

♥ 9 5

♦ K W 10 8

♣ W 4 3

♠ A 9 5

♥ K D 8

♦ A 7 5 3

♣ A 8 7

Justyna Żmuda z ręką N otworzyła 1♥... Karta za ładna na blok, a pasując się nie wygrywa. Włoszka z ręką E miała regularne, można nawet powiedzieć „pancerne”, wejście IBA. Kasia Dufrat skontrowała. Teraz z kolei W, widząc, że na IBA z kontrą grozi dramat, postanowiła szukać szczęścia w grze w kolor - miała w końcu dwie czwórki. Dała rekontre SOS. Justyna z pełną dyscypliną i zaufaniem spasowała (jak potem mówiła, w każdym kolorze, który Kasia by skontrowała, „miałam podpórkę”), E zalicytowała 2♦ - WE znalazły kolor do gry. Z kartą S kontra była prawdziwą przyjemnością... I wszyscy się zgodzili:

West	North	East	South
Paoluzi	Żmuda	Saccavini	Dufrat
	1♥	IBA	ltr.
rktr.	pas	2♦	ltr.
pas...			

Wist był prosty - po ataku królem pika obrona musiała dostać 8 lew; rozgrywająca nieco pobłądziła w efekcie czego wpadła bez czterech, za 800.

Na drugim stole, po podobnym początku, Włoszka z ręką N odeszła z kontry:

West	North	East	South
Baldysz	Manara	Busse	Ferlazzo
	1♥	IBA	ltr.
rktr.	pas	2♣	ltr.
pas	2♥	pas...	

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