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## THE RR STORY: HOPES REALIZED, DREAMS DASHED



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### Today's Programme

#### Open, Women's Seniors & Mixed Teams:

- Round of 16
- Segment 1 - 10:00
- Segment 2 - 13:15
- Segment 3 - 15:55
- Segment 4 - 18:35

### The Vugraph Theater

The round robin is now over and the happy qualifiers are plotting their strategies for the knockout phase in the Open, Women's, Seniors and Mixed series, all of which begin today.

After the long round robin qualifying march, Europe still has the best record with three countries – France, Italy and Poland – qualifying in all four events. USA also made the cut four times. Canada, in Open C, was the last qualifier.

There was some drama on the final day. In Open Group C, Denmark was less than a victory point behind fifth-place New Zealand going into the final match, but the Danes were beaten 47-14 by Spain while New Zealand romped over the United Arab Emirates 74-7.

In Women's Group A, Brazil had a chance to move ahead of the last qualifier, Australia, and managed a 47-24 win over Mexico, but Australia took care of business by beating Jordan 41-28 to keep their qualifying spot by 0.6 VPs.

The toughest outcome of the day belonged to New Zealand in the Mixed Teams. After round 21, New Zealand was in 15th place, 2.58 VPs ahead of England, in 16th place.

Disaster struck, however, when New Zealand was blitzed by Turkey in round 22, falling to 18th place while Hungary and England moved into the 15th and 16th spots, respectively. New Zealand was 6 VPs behind Hungary and 5.72 behind England.

New Zealand had a bye on the final round, so they were sure to collect 12 VPs. In the final round, Hungary defeated India to keep their qualifying spot. New Zealand had a chance when England lost to USA, but the margin of 12 IMPs allowed the English to score just enough to keep their qualifying spot. England finished with 208.54 VPs to 208.53 for New Zealand.

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## Brackets for the Round of 16

Open	Women's	Senior	Mixed
FRANCE NEW ZEALAND	CHINA CHINESE TAIPEI	USA CHINA HONG KONG	NETHERLANDS HUNGARY
SPAIN USA	ITALY ENGLAND	POLAND AUSTRALIA	ITALY CHINA
AUSTRIA MONACO	SWEDEN NEW ZEALAND	TURKEY EGYPT	GERMANY AUSTRALIA
ITALY CANADA	USA AUSTRALIA	DENMARK CANADA	BULGARIA ENGLAND
NETHERLANDS RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS SCOTLAND	SWEDEN CHINESE TAIPEI	RUSSIA ISRAEL
ENGLAND ISRAEL	GERMANY NORWAY	ISRAEL ITALY	DENMARK POLAND
JAPAN SWEDEN	TURKEY POLAND	FRANCE INDIA	JAPAN USA
POLAND SWITZERLAND	FRANCE SPAIN	CHINA BRAZIL	FRANCE TURKEY

### Seniors Teams

#### Final Ranking

TEAM	VP
1 USA	314.55
2 CHINA	288.69
3 SWEDEN	285.99
4 DENMARK	278.04
5 TURKEY	271.11
6 ISRAEL	264.78
7 FRANCE	261.22
8 POLAND	254.25
9 AUSTRALIA	250.95
10 INDIA	245.49
11 CHINESE TAIPEI	240.49
12 ITALY	238.04
13 EGYPT	235.37
14 CANADA	231.86
15 CHINA HONG KONG	226.88
16 BRAZIL	225.86
17 NORWAY	215.77
18 ENGLAND	205.06
19 GERMANY	201.08
20 PAKISTAN	175.12
21 JAPAN	163.43
22 NEW ZEALAND	161.93
23 SPAIN	158.37
24 MEXICO	114.67

### Mixed Teams

#### Final Ranking

TEAM	VP
1 NETHERLANDS	309.43
2 FRANCE	304.51
3 RUSSIA	293.29
4 BULGARIA	275.71
5 GERMANY	265.07
6 DENMARK	258.82
7 JAPAN	254.30
8 ITALY	253.05
9 AUSTRALIA	243.71
10 CHINA	242.17
11 TURKEY	238.39
12 POLAND	236.96
13 ISRAEL	225.85
14 USA	225.66
15 HUNGARY	214.54
16 ENGLAND	208.54
17 NEW ZEALAND	208.53
18 INDIA	204.96
19 SWEDEN	187.11
20 IRELAND	185.87
21 BRAZIL	177.93
22 CHINESE TAIPEI	168.15
23 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	150.45

# Open Teams

## Open A Final Ranking

	TEAM	VP
1	FRANCE	248.46
2	ITALY	238.90
3	RUSSIA	215.42
4	ISRAEL	212.58
5	SWITZERLAND	200.54
6	INDIA	194.48
7	GREECE	191.11
8	AUSTRALIA	191.08
9	GERMANY	180.80
10	CHINESE TAIPEI	154.12
11	UKRAINE	151.65
12	SINGAPORE	150.16
13	SOUTH AFRICA	141.58
14	FINLAND	131.95
15	ESTONIA	131.63
16	JORDAN	115.33
17	BRAZIL	111.06
18	PHILIPPINES	89.69

## Open B Final Ranking

	TEAM	VP
1	POLAND	239.28
2	ENGLAND	225.30
3	JAPAN	223.67
4	USA	221.29
5	MONACO	207.93
6	ARGENTINA	187.74
7	ICELAND	186.95
8	TURKEY	185.52
9	NORWAY	178.05
10	BELGIUM	161.71
11	LATVIA	158.05
12	PAKISTAN	157.80
13	TUNISIA	154.17
14	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	136.69
15	MEXICO	126.76
16	LEBANON	125.18
17	CHINA HONG KONG	94.06
18	KUWAIT	87.85

## Open C Final Ranking

	TEAM	VP
1	NETHERLANDS	236.37
2	AUSTRIA	232.30
3	SPAIN	217.77
4	SWEDEN	213.81
5	NEW ZEALAND	212.67
6	CANADA	201.71
7	IRELAND	195.43
8	DENMARK	194.77
9	HUNGARY	185.67
10	LITHUANIA	182.98
11	EGYPT	164.83
12	CHINA	157.35
13	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	130.59
14	GUADELOUPE	118.76
15	SCOTLAND	115.69
16	BANGLADESH	83.86
17	SAN MARINO	75.94

# Women's Teams

## Women's A Final Ranking

	TEAM	VP
1	CHINA	231.35
2	NETHERLANDS	226.51
3	SWEDEN	223.06
4	TURKEY	218.93
5	ENGLAND	207.78
6	NORWAY	197.60
7	SPAIN	185.62
8	AUSTRALIA	182.45
9	BRAZIL	181.85
10	FINLAND	158.85
11	EGYPT	158.25
12	SOUTH AFRICA	156.70
13	JAPAN	145.71
14	MEXICO	127.94
15	KOREA	126.72
16	JORDAN	115.38
17	SAN MARINO	112.27
18	PAKISTAN	100.03

## Women's B Final Ranking

	TEAM	VP
1	FRANCE	243.30
2	USA	240.41
3	GERMANY	230.02
4	ITALY	220.05
5	NEW ZEALAND	204.90
6	POLAND	199.49
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	193.63
8	SCOTLAND	190.92
9	DENMARK	186.56
10	CHILE	169.29
11	CHINA HONG KONG	157.75
12	CANADA	150.28
13	IRELAND	141.34
14	ICELAND	126.20
15	INDIA	97.51
16	PALESTINE	87.95
17	TUNISIA	82.40

## 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.

### BBO and OURGAME SCHEDULE

BBO 1 = VuGraph, BBO 8 is also OURGAME

<b>10:00</b>		
O	Austria v Monaco	BBO 1
O	Poland v Switzerland	BBO 2
O	Spain v USA	BBO 3
O	Japan v Sweden	BBO 4
W	USA v Australia	BBO 5
W	Italy v England	BBO 6
M	Japan v USA	BBO 7
S	China v Brazil	BBO 8

<b>13:15</b>		
O	Italy v Canada	BBO 1
O	France v New Zealand	BBO 2
O	England v Israel	BBO 3
W	France v Spain	BBO 4
M	Russia v Israel	BBO 5
W	Sweden v New Zealand	BBO 6
S	USA v China HK	BBO 7
O	Netherlands v Russia	BBO 8

**15.55 and 18.35**  
To be announced



### Note from the Photographer

Any team that has had their photograph taken by the photographer may obtain copies from him by bringing a USB stick to the Bulletin Room. He will then upload your country's photos onto it for your own edification.

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



### BEHAVIOUR

During these Championships a player was abusive towards a Tournament Director and the matter was reported to the appropriate authority. Following an interview with the offending player, in the presence of the Team captain, the player acknowledged that their behaviour was unreasonable and agreed to personally apologise to the Tournament Director concerned.

Players are reminded of the importance of exercising good behaviour towards all those who are running or participating in these Championships. Abusive or insulting behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in a penalty being imposed by the Chief Tournament Director or being referred to the General Counsel for consideration of disciplinary proceedings.

David R Harris  
General Counsel  
9 September 2016



### REVISED SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Note the change of starting time for both **Teams and Pairs on Sunday 11th** September, caused by an international marathon through Wroclaw when the town will be closed. Play will start at **17.30** on that day, not in the morning as originally published.

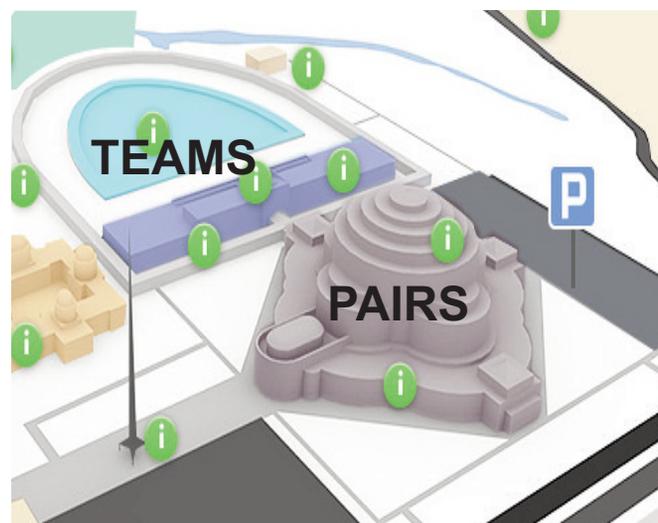
### No smoking or drinking policy

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



### Playing Area

Pairs will play in the Hala Stulecia  
Teams in the building opposite



# Coma (RRI 6 OC)

By Micke Melander

One of the earlier Michael Douglas movies was named Coma (1978), a movie that was about a doctor who noticed an unnatural number of comas occurring, after which she uncovered a horrible conspiracy.

In the top match between Sweden and Spain in Open C, Fredrik Nyström faced the following problem and clearly went into coma mode when he didn't know what to do. He was completely sure that if it was right to do something, it had to be done there and now, and not later.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goded</i>	<i>Nyström</i>	<i>Sabate</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	4♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	All pass

Against Five Diamonds, Nyström led the five of spades, which went to the queen, ace and declarer's three. Back came the three of clubs (2nd/4th) to your ace. What do you play now?

Nyström went in the tank for a seriously long time while thinking about the problem –clearly in coma mode.

This was the full deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

When the full board looked like this and Nyström eventually decided to play back a club it was all over. It was like a 50/50 decision what to do. He could be pretty sure of the fact that if there were any more spades to cash his partner would have cashed them before exiting with the club. So that was not the suit to play back and for sure not a trump either. Furthermore, he knew that if his partner thought that he held the king of clubs it was essential to play on clubs before cashing any eventual hearts. But how can North find out what to play back? Bridge is such an intriguing and difficult game!

(it is only a suggestion, but maybe if South had the club king and was playing his partner for the ace he should shift to that card – so he can't have it?)

When the Swedes in the other room decided to play in no-trumps and the defense cashed a spade and returned a heart to declarer's king it was all over. Declarer could only cash out his diamonds and record two down. That was 13 IMPs to Spain where 10 of them could have been saved by guessing right!

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Wasik</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
2♠	Pass	3♦	Dble
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Some boards later on in the match, Upmark was lucky when he decided to preempt with Three Spades in second seat with a very unorthodox distribution.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Knap</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Wasik</i>
2♠	3♠	Pass	1♠
All Pass		4♥	4♠

Closed Room

<b>West</b> <i>Goded</i>	<b>North</b> <i>Nyström</i>	<b>East</b> <i>Sabate</i>	<b>South</b> <i>Upmark</i>
4♥ Dble	4♠ All Pass	Pass 5♥	3♠ 5♠

It's rare that the preemptive hand bids again on the five level, but here surely Upmark had good reason to do so. Neither of the pairs could be sure who was taking what and what the highest making contract might be. In fact N/S were cold for 12 tricks in spades or diamonds provided you picked up the queen of spades. Meanwhile, E/W had eleven tricks in hearts and of course clubs if the defense didn't find their heart ruff. Upmark did pick up his queen of spades for 750 and that was 7 IMPs to Sweden.

### A WORLD RECORD?

By Barry Rigal

Records are made to be broken of course. I noticed that at Cricket England holds the record score in one day internationals at the moment (not surprising) – but what was surprising was that the writer of the article claimed that they had previously held the record by batting first in the first ever one-day match. (That record lasted three hours till Australia beat them in that match...)

Anyway, this record probably has equal merit – since I doubt if anyone has ever been foolish enough to try to perform a count of this number.

On any deal there are five strains that can be declared and four possible declarers. Let's call this a grand total of 20 'contract-variations'.

On the deal that follows from round 14, 13 different contract-variations were recorded in the open and women's series (a grand total of 86 tables were in play).

East, West and North declared no-trump, South tried spades, East and North tried hearts, South, West and East played diamonds, and believe it or not all four players tried clubs. Three no-trump was frequently brought home, North went for penalties up to and including 1700 in clubs. No one redoubled any final contract.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

### Respect

By Barry Rigal

Round 10 board 19

We had earlier seen this board in the bulletin played in slam on a heart lead. After spades don't break it looks normal to misguess clubs, since it isn't enough to guess after drawing trumps.

When Sartaj Hans was West, he also reached slam:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
1♠	3♣ (Bergen 6-9)
3♦	4♠
5♦	5♥
6♠	Pass

After the Bergen mixed raise Hans tried for game and when Tony Nunn accepted the try, Hans made a slam try denying a club control. Now Nunn's 5♥ promised a club control and was the equivalent of a last-train for slam, an offer which Hans accepted. The record shows that it was Jérôme Rombaut sitting North (apologies if it was actually François Combescure) but he put declarer to the test at trick one with a low club lead. Alas for him, when you have won a European Championship no one trusts you further than they can throw you. Hans went up with the king and ruffed two diamonds in dummy, then drew trump and claimed 12 tricks.

### Robots to vie for bridge championship

The 20th Ourgame World Computer-Bridge Championship takes place alongside the human championship. The six-day bot championship will be starting today.

For more information, check out bulletin N° 6.

## Every table a story

By Phillip Alder and Brent Manley

Once in a while, a deal comes along that results in excitement at every table. There was one such example during Round 11 of the Mixed and Senior events.

Before we get to the full deal, though, here is a bidding question.

With only your side vulnerable, you pick up:

♠ A Q 8 7 6 2   ♥ A Q 8 7 5 2   ♦ —   ♣ 10

Partner opens 3NT, showing a solid seven- or eight-card minor and no side ace, king or void. What would you do now? (4♣ is pass or correct; 4♦ asks for a singleton; four of a major is to play; and 4NT asks for partner's minor, and five or six of either minor is pass or correct).

It is not obvious what to do. Which minor does partner hold? If you bid 4♣ and he passes, you will wish you were in game. But if he corrects to 4♦, that could easily be high enough. I think I would have bid 5♣, hoping partner passes. To bid 5♦, planning to play there or in 6♣, seems a tad optimistic.

This was the full deal:

Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

In one Mixed Teams match, South guessed to respond 4♥ to 3NT, reaching the major-suit game that could not be defeated. But this was the most exciting auction that I heard:

West	North	East	South
	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
3♦	Pass	4♦	6♦
Pass	7♥	Pass	??
2♣	Precision-style		
2♦	Relay		

South decided to gamble on six of a major, and this pushed his partner into the "laydown" 7♣ contract. But South now ran to 7♥!

Note that you will make 7♣, even on a trump lead to stop a diamond ruff. You must assume East has the ♥K, and then, whether you risk the spade finesse or play ♠A and spade ruff, you will take four spades, two hearts and seven clubs.

In another match, the non-playing captain of a team that will remain unnamed reported this auction by the opponents:

West	North	East	South
	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♠
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

- 2♣ Precision: natural, limited
- 2♦ Relay: asking for further description
- 3♣ Only clubs
- 3♠ Natural, forcing
- 4♣ Still only clubs
- 4♥ Natural
- 5♣ What else can I say?
- 5♦ Reported on one side of the screen as a cuebid for clubs, on the other side (by the 5♦ bidder) as "pick a major:"
- 5♠ Reported on one side as a cuebid, on the other side as a "preference" for spades.
- 6♠ We have found our fit
- 7♣ Maybe not

Said the NPC, "It's the unluckiest hand of the tournament." For one side, anyway.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Championship cards



The championship cards that you play here are for sale for €0.68 (bulk rate) in the book stall so long as supply lasts.



# 8th European Open Championships

Palazzo dei Congressi & Teatro Verdi

Montecatini Terme, Italy  
10th to 24th June 2017

**MIXED/OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS**  
**Pairs and Teams**

## PROGRAMME

From	To	Championship	Event
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Mixed Teams</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June			Open BAM
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Mixed Pairs</b>	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June		EBL Cup
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Open Teams</b>	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Women/Seniors Teams</b>	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June			Open BAM
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Open Pairs</b>	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Women/Seniors Pairs</b>	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Open Pairs Event



# Open Teams RR 13



## Argentina v. Japan



By Jos Jacobs

On Thursday morning, Japan was lying 3rd in group B and looked to be coasting to their qualification. Argentina, on the other hand, had been in and out of the top five, and was starting the day in 6th position. They would thus have to do well to start in contention.

Argentina got their first great chance to score on the first board:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>D Chen</i>	<i>Muzzio</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Once South had shown his strong 2NT hand, North showed interest in a slam and South accepted. One wonders why they did not settle for a diamond contract as you might make it without having to guess the ♦Q.

In the clearly inferior spade slam, there is no way to come to 12 tricks without a correct guess in diamonds. When declarer misguessed the suit, Japan could write +50 on their scorecard.

West	North	East	South
<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

The Japanese auction made it clear that diamonds were going to be trumps. They might well have gone on to the grand, had North been able to show the trump queen.

As South was the declarer, West could not profitably lead a heart. On the actual club lead, declarer followed the simple line of winning the trick and cashing the ♦AK. Once the trumps were 3-2, the only possible loser would be the trump queen. Japan +920 and 14 IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>D Chen</i>	<i>Muzzio</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
3♥	Dble	2♦	Pass
Pass	4♠	All Pass	4♥

The Japanese Multi and pre-emptive raise did not talk the Argentinians out of their vulnerable game. Ten tricks, declarer losing a trick in each side suit. Argentina +620.

In the other room, Japan had to pay the price for their lack of enterprise:



**Ernesto Muzzio, Argentina**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
		1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Down two, 50 per trick so 11 IMPs back to Argentina straight away.

On the next board, Furuta made an interesting and very effective defensive play.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D Chen</i>	<i>Muzzio</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
	2♣	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	5♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

East's double showed majors and East led a low spade against 6♦. What should declarer do?

In 6NT, it would have been easy. Play low and take the working club finesse later. The 4th club goes on the ♠A.

When declarer not illogically adopted this same line in 6♦, West won the king and returned a club...one down and +100 to Japan.



Maximo Crusizio, Argentina

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
		Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Opposite a balanced 23/24, South did not want to experiment with his unpromising 4-3-3-3.

East led a spade so there were 12 tricks, as mentioned above... Japan another +690 and 13 IMPs.

Argentina struck on the next board:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>D Chen</i>	<i>Muzzio</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♥	Pass	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

North showed his black two-suiter but South was not interested. 3♥ stranded on the rocks of distribution. Argentina +50.

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♥	Pass	2♠
3♣	Pass	4♣	4♠
5♣	Dble	Pass	5♦
Dble	5♠	Dble	All Pass

I don't think 5♣ doubled would have been made on a spade lead, but Takayama had other ideas. The final contract of 5♠ certainly was a number of bridges too far: Argentina another +800 and 14 IMPs back to trail 25-33 after just 6 boards.

P-O Sundelin pointed out an interesting variant that arose in the Sweden-Austria match. Wrang reached 3NT as East after 1♥-(2♥)-Pass-(2♠)-3♣-(Pass)-3♠-(x)-Pass-(Pass)-3NT-All pass. South led a low spade to the king and ace. Declarer took a club finesse, and North won his king. Can the defence prevail? The answer is yes, but North must play back a low spade – not the ten or nine — and South must win the queen to play back the eight! And yes, we think South should get this right.

Board 10 was a lead problem.



**Dawei Chen, Japan**

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 10 6 3 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ 5 3 2 ♣ 10 7 5 2  ♠ A J 9 8 5 ♥ J 8 2 ♦ 10 8 7 ♣ A 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ K 4 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ A Q J 9 ♣ 9 8 6 3  ♠ Q 7 2 ♥ A 10 7 6 ♦ K 6 4 ♣ K Q J	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">West</th> <th style="text-align: left;">North</th> <th style="text-align: left;">East</th> <th style="text-align: left;">South</th> </tr> <tr> <td><i>D Chen</i></td> <td><i>Muzzio</i></td> <td><i>Furuta</i></td> <td><i>Camberos</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Crusizio</i></td> <td><i>Kaku</i></td> <td><i>Pellegrini</i></td> <td><i>Takayama</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>INT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2♥</td> <td>Pass</td> <td>2♠</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3NT</td> <td>All Pass</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	West	North	East	South	<i>D Chen</i>	<i>Muzzio</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Camberos</i>	<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Takayama</i>			INT	Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass		
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On a low heart lead from South, declarer had gained a tempo but he was by no means home yet. He tried the diamond finesse first, South winning the second round and switching to the ♣K. Furuta won dummy's ace and never looked back. He cashed his remaining diamonds and simply played ♠K and a spade to the jack. When the suit was 3-3 as well, he had no less than 10 tricks. Japan +630.

In the other room, the auction was the same but here, South immediately led the ♣K, thus attacking dummy's only entry to the spades.

Declarer won the ace and first of all played two rounds of hearts rather than taking an immediate diamond finesse. Suddenly, South could change his defensive plan. He won the second round of hearts and cleared the suit, as his entry, the ♦K, was still there. Declarer's next move was the diamond finesse, so South could win and cash three more

tricks to set the contract. When declarer refrained from taking the spade finesse in the end, he was down two. Japan another +200 and 13 IMPs.

Just before the end of the match, Argentina managed to claw something back:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K 2 ♥ Q J 9 8 6 4 ♦ J 10 5 ♣ A 8	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white;"> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	♠ A Q 8 3 ♥ 10 ♦ A K 7 ♣ K Q 9 7 2  ♠ 10 9 5 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ Q 8 4 3 2 ♣ 6 3  ♠ J 7 6 4 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ 9 6 ♣ J 10 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>D Chen</i>	<i>Muzzio</i>	<i>Furuta</i>	<i>Camberos</i>
			Pass
1♥	Dble	2♥	Pass
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

When Muzzio could double once more over 3♥, Camberos had an easy 4♠ bid. Twelve tricks on the favourable layout; Argentina +680.

In the other room, Kaku's double over 2♥ did not imply the same strength as Muzzio's over 3♥. When Takayama contented himself with just 2♠ and did not bid again over West's 3♥, there matters rested.

West	North	East	South
<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Kaku</i>	<i>Pellegrini</i>	<i>Takayama</i>
			Pass
1♥	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♥	Dble	Pass	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

Down three, Japan+150 but 11 IMPs to Argentina.

When I was looking at these two auctions, it occurred to me that both Souths might as well have bid an immediate 2♠ over 2♥. Certainly many Europeans would have done so, I would guess.

The final result of the match was 79-36 or 18.44 – 1.56 V.P. to Japan. Argentina would have to stage a great recovery to make it into the Round of 16.



## Open Teams Group C RR-13



### Sweden v Austria



By Ram Soffer

Austria has so far been playing excellently, leading Group C by about 10 VPs with five rounds to go, while Sweden were in 4th place, also fighting for qualification to the knockouts. A match of high quality was expected. Unfortunately, the first board was fouled and a redeal was necessary. Sweden won 10 IMPs by making a 4♥ contract which went down at the other table, but the details are unavailable, so our report starts from board 2.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Babsch</i>
		2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

Wrang's 2♥ opening appears heavy, but according to their system it shows 10-13 HCP. Sylvan pre-empted to 3♥ and Lindermann passed when his hand seemed suitable for a double. Babsch did balance at the four level, and both partners were on the same wavelength regarding 4NT, which was to play.

4NT looks a strange contract with an eight-card spade fit and a shaky heart stopper. In case of a heart lead declarer had to guess clubs by cashing A (or K) and then finessing, while the spade suit supplies the entries. Instead, Wrang made the "clever" lead of the ♦5 and the play became quite easy, as declarer's sole task was developing clubs while keeping West off lead. Austria +660.

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Terraneo</i>	<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Simon</i>	<i>Upmark</i>
		1♥	Dble
2♥	Dble	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Here the one-level opening allowed North-South easier access to the bidding, and Nystrom-Upmark reached the normal 4♠ contract. However, after having received the nasty ♥Q lead, declarer did have some problems. Upmark ruffed the second round of hearts and cashed ♣A, noting the drop of the ♣J. He cashed two high spades from his hand, and then after some thinking he found the right move, finessing clubs. He cashed ♣K and played a diamond from to table in order to get back to his hand. Simon went up with ♦A and played another round of hearts, but Upmark ruffed in his hand and continued clubs. West could ruff, but declarer would overruff in dummy and get back to hand with ♦K to cash the rest of the clubs. This fine play was worth +650 and a push.

On Board 3 both East-West pairs missed a cold vulnerable 4♥ contract. Sylvan-Wrang let their opponents play 2♠ (making with an overtrick), while Terraneo-Simon at least pushed their opponents to 4♣ and beat it with a fine defence. That was worth 5 IMPs to Austria, but on the very next deal Sweden won 6 when Austria bid one too many in a competitive auction and their opponents engineered a ruff in time.

Then came another, very tense, push.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K 8 6 ♥ 7 5 3 ♦ 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7 3 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ A K ♦ A Q 9 7 2 ♣ A K J 5</p>	<p>♠ J 10 7 5 4 ♥ Q 10 8 4 ♦ 8 6 5 4 ♣ —</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Sylvan</i>	<i>Lindermann</i>	<i>Wrang</i>	<i>Babsch</i>
	1♣	Dble	1♠
Dble	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

The Austrian pair was playing a strong-club system. East's double showed the majors.

It might have been fun to play 1♠ redoubled (or even 1♣ redoubled), but North-South preferred to bid according to the system. 1♠ showed exactly 3 controls (A=2; K=1). North bid his diamonds naturally, and after finding a fit he knew they were missing no aces and exactly one king, so he decided to end the bidding in 6♦ without further investigations (and unfortunately so, because 6NT was cold).

Wrang led the ♠4, which declarer ducked. After considerable thought, Sylvan found the club ruff, but the funny thing is that even if he doesn't find it, declarer cannot make the contract as he cannot finesse clubs before drawing all of East's trumps, when he would have no entry to dummy.

It is common wisdom to bid suit slams at IMPs rather than notrump slams, due to safety considerations, but in this particular case the trump suit served purely as a nuisance for declarer, while 6NT was makeable due to the fortunate layout of both black suits.

West	North	East	South
C. Terraneo	Nystrom	Simon	Upmark
	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♣	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Nystrom-Upmark also play a strong club system, and their 1♥ response shows 5+ zz-points (that is: A=3, K=2, Q=1) without a singleton or void. After a 2♣ intervention they could not employ their systemic relays, so they resorted to natural bidding. They found their diamond fit as well, but Nystrom took a more leisurely route to slam. He, too, didn't seriously consider bidding 6NT rather than 6♦.

At this table East led a heart, and declarer realized that West had to have all six outstanding clubs for his bid, so he couldn't finesse clubs before drawing trumps, as the only way to reach dummy after drawing trumps was playing a spade to the ace. The contract was thus doomed and it was 6♦-1 at both tables with no swing.

In the following board, aggressive bidding by Sweden did produce a double-digit swing.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Lindermann	Wrang	Babsch
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♥	Pass	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♠	Dble
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Wrang could not find a bid over 2♥ (probably since

double would not have been penalty-oriented in their system), but after his partner bid again at the three-level he wanted to be in game. However, he bid 3♠ rather than 3NT, and now if South had passed then East-West could not have reached a makable game, as 3NT played by West has no play after a spade lead. South's double gratuitously allowed East to play 3NT – a makeable contract.

Babsch led a low spade, covered by the king and ace. Now a heart play would have left North without side entries, so that declarer eventually comes to nine tricks. But Wrang preferred the natural-looking club finesse. Lindermann won ♣K and led ♠4, covered by ♠7. This was the moment of truth for South. Had he unblocked with the ♠Q and continued another spade, it would have developed three tricks for his partner and set the contract. However, Babsch was tempted to win this trick cheaply with ♠8, and after that the defenders were unable to gather more than four tricks – Sweden +600.

West	North	East	South
C. Terraneo	Nystrom	Simon	Upmark
		Pass	Pass
1♥	2♥	Pass	2♠
3♣	All Pass		

At the other table, after an identical start, East decided to go quietly and let the bidding subside in 3♣. However, there was an important difference: Terraneo-Simon play Precision while Sylvan-Wrang play a natural system, so Simon had little hope of finding partner with a really good hand. In fact, their 1♣ opening is defined as (16)17+ any, so this 16-HCP 5-5 hand was a super maximum for a 1♥ opening. Even opposite this hand, 3NT was not an obvious make, so Simon was probably right to stop in 3♣ making with an overtrick, but it cost his team 10 IMPs.

Two boards later, Sweden had another great result at the closed room due to some fine bidding from Sylvan-Wrang.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sylvan	Lindermann	Wrang	Babsch
		2♦	4♠
1♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
Dble	Pass	6♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♦	All Pass
7♣	Pass		

Importantly, West's 1♦ opening promised at least four cards. 2♦ was inverted and the double over 4♠ probably showed a relatively good hand. That prompted East to ask for keycards, and he got a 5♦ answer (zero or three). Zero was highly unlikely, and opposite three aces and four diamonds Wrang needed only third-round control of clubs, so he bid 6♣ asking exactly for this. Sylvan accepted the grand slam invitation with 7♣, offering a choice of contracts. Both minor-suit grand slams were okay, so Sweden scored a well-deserved +1440.

West	North	East	South
C. Terraneo	Nystrom	Simon	Upmark
1♦	Pass	2♦	4♠
5♠	Dble	Pass	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

In the replay, the result was highly influenced by the different system used by Terraneo-Simon. Their Precision 1♦ promised just 11-16 HCP and 2+ diamonds, and 2♦ was just a game-forcing bid with 5+ diamonds. Therefore, when South interfered with 4♠, only West was aware of the 5-4 diamond fit. He tried to compensate for the shortcomings of his system by an aggressive 5♠ bid, but by then the bidding was already past 4NT and East couldn't find out the number of aces held by his partner. After all, West could have bid the same if his ♥A was replaced by ♥KQ, for example. As a result, Austria scored merely +940 and Sweden won 11 more IMPs.

In my opinion, East could have been more active over 5♠, at the very least by redoubling to show a first-round control. As mentioned above, 7♦ was very difficult to bid due to the problem of finding out about a first round control of hearts, but a 6♣ bid by East might have done the trick. After all, West's 5♠ showed quite a special hand in the context of a Precision 1♦ opening.

After so many exciting boards in the first half of the match, the second half was a disappointment to the spectators. An overtrick swing on board 9 was followed by seven straight pushes. In fact, those deals produced quite a few swings in other matches, but both Austria and Sweden played well and didn't fall for any traps. The final score was Sweden 38 – Austria 5 (17.17-2.83 VPs), making Group C wide open with Austria still hanging on to a tiny lead.



Johan Upmark

## Sharpen your Bridge Technique

By Mark Horton

It's Bridge Jim, but not as we know it.

On Wednesday, it was the 50th anniversary of the broadcast of the first ever episode of Star Trek.

One of the phrases used in the parody song Star Trekkin is 'It's life, Jim, but not as we know it', has been misattributed to the series so many times that it has fallen into common usage. Mr. Spock was a keen bridge player (see *Enterprising Tales*) and would undoubtedly have used the phrase associated with my title.

The idea of ruffing partner's winner is well known, but doing it with the ace of trumps is somewhat unusual.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Terraneo	Sabate	Simon	Goded
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Dble
All Pass			3♥

Having failed to reach 5♦ E/W were left with the task of trying to defeat 3♥. West led the king of clubs and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the king of hearts. East won with the ace as West followed with the three (pairs using signals in the trump suit might try the six). This was the key moment. East returned the five....of diamonds. It appeared to be all over, as declarer won with dummy's ace and played the two of hearts. East won with the queen and switched to the six of clubs, West winning and playing the king of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and played a spade. It would not help West to ruff, so he pitched a diamond and declarer won with dummy's ace. Now it is safe to draw the outstanding trump and play the ten of spades, but declarer made the mistake of playing a second spade when all East had to do was withhold the queen - West ruffs and plays a winner and declarer must lose a spade at some point. However, East covered with the queen of spades and when West ruffed declarer could claim the rest, +140.

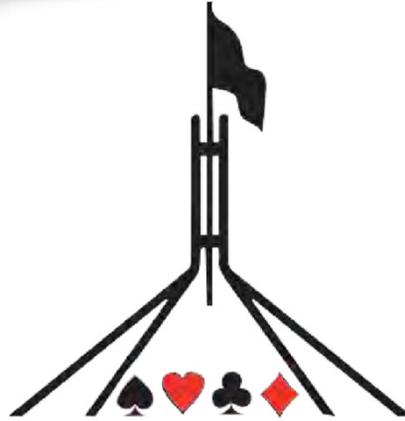
If East finds the spade switch (and I think he should) West ruffs and must play two rounds of clubs. East ruffs and gives his partner a second spade ruff. There are various possible permutations, but as long as East, having given partner a ruff, always ruffs the third round of clubs the defenders will prevail. How difficult do you think that should be?

Every N/S left to play in 3♥ scored +140.



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## Santa Claus comes early this year (RRI 4 Open)



Lithuania v New Zealand

By Micke Melander

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Arlovich</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Bach</i>
	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Both South players decided to lead the ten of spades, which declarer ran to the king in hand. A heart to the queen and North's ace followed quite naturally, and North won and shifted to a club. Both declarers then took the finesse, which lost to South's queen of clubs. South cashed out the ace before exiting with his last spade.

In the Open Room, Whibley simply called for the ace, pulled trumps and claimed, since he had all the remaining tricks. In the Closed Room Skrzypczak also called for the ace of spades, but only a higher power might know for what reason he then decided to play a third round of spades, ruffed it low and got over-ruffed by South for one down! 10 easy IMPs for New Zealand.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Arlovich</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Bach</i>
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Gierulski had an easy ride to make ten tricks in Four Spades after the defense had started with three rounds of diamonds, and declarer could ruff the last in dummy. Declarer simply cashed two rounds of trumps, led a heart to the ace, pulled the last trumps and claimed, just losing a club. Ten very easy tricks.

Whibley had a far more challenging problem to solve at the other table when South led his singleton club which went to the eight, queen and king. The king and jack of spades followed (an error since East needs to keep a high spade in hand – so should lead to the ace then back to the jack) before declarer played a low club towards the ace. Apparently the last trump was burning in South's hand and he ruffed, the queen from partner in trick one maybe wasn't so clever after all. The defense could cash out their two diamonds but that was it. Just made and a push. But had South ducked, pitching a diamond, declarer would have won the ace and played a third club, either setting up the suit or (if North ducked to force South to ruff) allowing a diamond ruff in dummy. South can, however, discard diamonds on the second and third rounds of clubs, allowing an overruff on the third diamond thanks to declarer's prodigality with his trump honours!

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Arlovich</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
1♣	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Bach</i>
1♦	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Let's have a look at the Closed Room before viewing the blood bath in the Open. Gierulski did well to reach the no-trump game, which was unbeatable provided you were allowed to play at double dummy. But would declarer be able to make it? South started with the queen of spades, declarer won with the king, and had a lot of work to do.

A diamond to the ten followed, and when that held declarer simply played a heart to the king bringing down South's singleton jack! Declarer who now had a lot of information about what was going on after North overcalls, simply repeated his diamond finesse, played a spade to the ace and again finessed in diamonds. Now declarer, having two spades, one heart and four diamond tricks in the bag, now exited with his last heart from dummy. North won with the queen and tried a hopeful king of clubs, but declarer smoothly ducked leaving North to play. There was no way for the defense to avoid giving the ninth trick to declarer.

So let's have a look at the blood bath. Whibley led his queen of clubs, which ran to declarer's king. The ace of hearts and a heart ruff followed. Locked in dummy, declarer had nothing to do except trying to play a spade. East won with the king and shifted to a diamond through dummy. Declarer tried the king, which lost to West's ace. He cashed the ace of clubs, pulling the last trump from dummy and with only the jack of clubs left for declarer to score it was four down and 1100 to New Zealand — which meant another huge swing to their account of 11 IMPs.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AKQ109643 ♥ J64 ♦ 4 ♣ 3		♠ 8 ♥ 8 ♦ AKQJ932 ♣ KQ98	♠ J 7 ♥ 10 9 5 3 2 ♦ 10 8 7 6 ♣ 6 4
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Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Arlovich</i>	<i>Whibley</i>	<i>Vainikonis</i>
2♠	Pass	1♦	2♣
4♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
		4NT	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gierulski</i>	<i>Cornell</i>	<i>Skrzypczak</i>	<i>Bach</i>
Dble	Pass	1♦	2♣
5♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
All Pass		6NT	Dble

When East opens One Diamond you might think that West will bid on in spades until he doesn't have any cards left in his box, given ace-king-queen eight times in his hand. In the Open Room West could bid Two convenient Spades and have it be forcing. East jumped to game in 3NT and West who wanted to make a slam try tried Four Clubs... but East signed off with 4NT — which for reasons unknown was passed out. The defense had no problem cashing out five hearts and a club to bring the contract three down.

So far so bad; you might think that Lithuania was going to get back into the match with a huge swing to their account, but no. In the Closed Room West couldn't bid Two Spades and was forced to start bidding by doubling. Again East jumped to game and you might think that at least this time West would bid Four Spades. Gierulski, who believed in slam made a try with Five Spades whereupon Skrzypczak happily accepted but jumped to 6NT! For South it must have been like Santa Claus arrived early this year and he easily doubled for penalties. Again the defense scored their six winners, to defeat declarer by five tricks for another 1400. 15 IMPs this time to New Zealand who eventually won the match by 44-1 with 36 of their IMPs coming from this three boards.

## Open Teams Group A RR-15



### Israel v Switzerland



By Ram Soffer

At the start of this round both teams occupied qualifying spots. Lying comfortably in third place, Israel may already have been thinking of improving their seeding for the knockout stage, while Switzerland still had to achieve decent results in their remaining matches just to make sure they reached the knockouts.

The match started with some missed opportunities:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ Q ♣ 9 6</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ Q J 2 ♥ J 5 ♦ 10 6 ♣ A 10 8 7 5 4</p>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ K Q ♦ A K J 7 4 2 ♣ K Q 3 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Nikolenkov</i>	<i>Padon</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Few people would fail to open the North hand nowadays (at some level). Birman preferred to pass and come back later with spades, and it worked very well. Their 1♦ opening is always unbalanced, so 1NT showed clubs and 3♥ was “fourth suit” asking for stopper. The final contract of 3NT was the best available. Only a spade lead would have upset declarer’s entries and limited him to ten tricks, but after the normal heart lead Padon had time to unblock both red suits and easily gather 11 tricks.

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

Igla opened, and the Swiss had less bidding room to look for the right contract. Bidding 3NT over 3♠ with South’s

fragile hearts didn’t seem a great idea, so they reached 4♠ instead (as an aside let me mention that a 5♦ contract was safe as long as declarer plays low to the second round of clubs).

Now it was a matter of the lead. Considering South’s strong bidding, East may have inferred that his partner had few high cards so it was imperative to look for a ruff and lead the ♣A. Ophir Herbst had a different view and led ♦10 after some thought. Now declarer managed to discard two clubs on dummy’s diamonds while East was ruffing with a natural trump trick, so it became +450 – a push.

After another interesting push on board 2, Birman played a tricky but makeable 4♥ contract but didn’t manage to overcome the 4-1 split. That was an opportunity for Poland, but Igla actually went two down in the same 4♥ so it was 2-0 to Israel after three boards.

However, one could already sense that this was not going to be a low-scoring match. Indeed, the next five boards saw frenetic action, with 64 IMPs flowing in both directions.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 5 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ K 9 8 7 ♣ 6 3 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W     E S           </div>	<p>♠ K J 10 9 4 ♥ A 10 6 4 ♦ 4 ♣ K J 7</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ K J 5 ♦ A Q 10 6 5 ♣ A 10 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

Good decision by Igla to stop at 2♦! The N/S bidding appeared weakish. Ophir Herbst expected his partner to have some values and fell into the trap. The Swiss pair judged very well to double two spades and tap declarer with repeated diamond leads. Declarer was already booked for two down, and he made one mistake by playing hearts after having ruffed diamonds for the first time instead of drawing trumps. That made it minus 800. Together with 2NT-1 by North in the other room, it was a 14-IMP swing to Switzerland.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 5 3 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ Q 7 ♣ K Q 9 8 6	♠ K J 10 8 7 ♥ Q 9 5 4 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 10 3	♠ 9 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ A J 7 5 4 2	♠ A Q 6 4 2 ♥ A J 8 2 ♦ A K J 8 ♣ —
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West	North	East	South
Magnusson	Birman	Nikolenkov	Padon
	Pass	2NT	3♦
5♣	5♠	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

East opened 2NT (weak with both minors). Padon used the higher available cuebid to denote a strong hand with both majors. That enabled his partner to bid 5♠ over 5♣ with some conviction. Now South didn't see many possible losers, so he invited a grand slam, which North declined with minimal values. East missed a chance for a very profitable save at 7♣, perhaps out of fear that his opponents did have a grand slam.

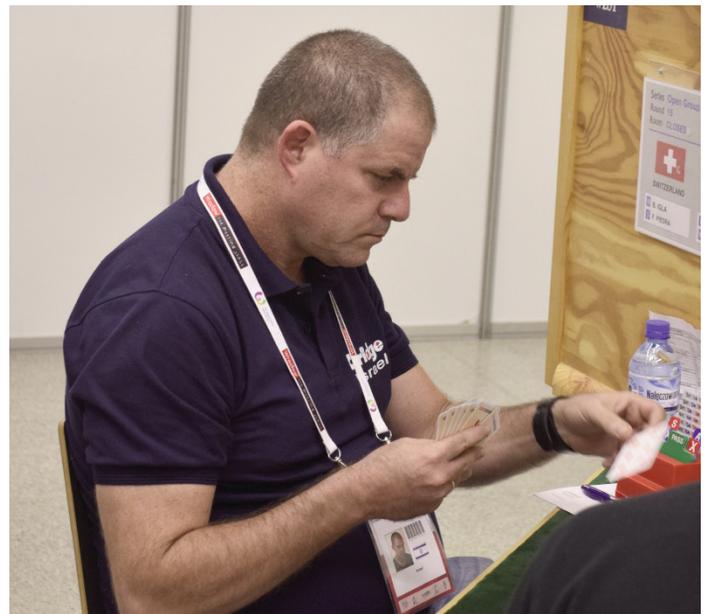
Nikolenkov led his heart. Considering the bidding, there was no way that Birman could have misplayed that suit, and he duly recorded +1430 on his scoresheet.

West	North	East	South
I. Herbst	Igla	O. Herbst	Piedra
	Pass	3♣	Dble
5♣	Dble	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Ophir Herbst had no weak 2NT opening available, so he selected 3♣, and the bidding developed along similar lines.



Dmitrij Nikolenkov, Switzerland



Ilan Herbst, Israel

Igla made a mysterious choice of slam at the six-level. It is true that sometimes a 4-4 fit plays better than a 5-4 fit. Nevertheless, a 6♠ bid would have been much safer.

East led ♠9, a likely singleton, and declarer thought that his main objective was to prevent a ruff. As East opened 3♣ (and not 2NT), a 3-2 trump split seemed likely, and a first round finesse to the J looked silly. So Igla played ♥A and low to the queen, after which he could not recover – 17 IMPs to Israel.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 10 9 7 6 3 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ — ♣ A K 8	♠ J 8 4 ♥ 7 4 ♦ 9 8 3 2 ♣ 10 6 3 2	♠ K ♥ K J 9 8 ♦ A Q 10 7 5 4 ♣ J 4	♠ 5 2 ♥ A 10 3 2 ♦ K J 6 ♣ Q 9 7 5
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West	North	East	South
Magnusson	Birman	Nikolenkov	Padon
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Nice bidding by Magnusson-Nikolenkov to an excellent slam, missed in the other room, and the lead exchanged hands once again with 13 IMPs to Switzerland. Note that 3♠ was forcing and setting trumps, so that 4♦ was a cuebid, indicating some spade help. West bid 5♣, as his only apparent problem was in hearts. East had that suit covered, with nothing more to show, so he just bid the small slam.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 8 6 5 4 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A 10 ♣ Q 10 9 5 2	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>W</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>S</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>E</span> </div>	♠ A ♥ K J 10 8 7 5 3 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ 8 6	♠ Q 10 7 3 2 ♥ 4 ♦ Q J 9 4 3 ♣ 7 3
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West	North	East	South
Magnusson	Birman	Nikolenkov	Padon
Pass	2♥	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	INT

N/S reached 4♠ after a competitive auction when their opponents were cold for ten tricks in hearts. Apparently South has just three losers, but looking deeper, West's 8 6 5 4 of trumps should have been just enough to manufacture a fourth trick for the defence.

West led hearts. South won and played ♠9, won by East's ace. Now East tried a club. Padon took his ace and after some consideration played diamonds. West went up with ♦A and played a second round of hearts. Declarer continued diamonds to East's king.

At this point declarer's remaining trumps were K J and dummy's were Q 10 7. Nikolenkov should have played another heart, as the ruff-and-discard is disastrous for declarer. Ruffing in dummy would leave his trumps too short, while ruffing in hand would block the suit, with no entry to dummy to finish drawing trumps.

After this opportunity was missed and East returned another club, Padon could quickly claim ten tricks, Israel +620.

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
Pass	2♥	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			INT

At the replay Ilan Herbst made a rather bold move by supporting his partner with just two cards. As a result, this pair had no defensive problems, saving in 5♥ for -200 and 9 IMPs to Israel.

On the next deal both Wests were doubled in heart contracts. Ilan Herbst went two down in 3♥, as per GIB's predictions, but Magnusson who was playing one level higher lost control and went four down not vulnerable, another 11 IMPs to Israel.

Thereafter, the match calmed down, and the next seven boards saw only five IMPs change hands, four of them to

Switzerland in board 14 when Israel overbid to 5♦ at the open room.

But the final board was again very lively:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 3 ♥ 10 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♦ K ♣ K 10 5	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>W</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>S</span> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <span>E</span> </div>	♠ A 9 6 5 ♥ K Q 8 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ 8 6 4	♠ Q J 10 4 ♥ A J ♦ J 9 4 ♣ A J 9 7
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West	North	East	South
Magnusson	Birman	Nikolenkov	Padon
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Magnusson concurred with the textbooks, which warn us against making vulnerable preemptive bids in suits lacking honors. His partner found no bid with 15 HCP after the INT opening. After the transfer to diamonds was accepted and passed over to West, he once again remained quiet, probably due to safety considerations. Alon Birman had little problem making nine tricks in diamonds.

West	North	East	South
<i>I. Herbst</i>	<i>Igla</i>	<i>O. Herbst</i>	<i>Piedra</i>
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Ilan Herbst preferred to treat his bad seven-card suit as a six-card suit, opening 2♦ multi and then showing a minimal hand with hearts. Ophir was ready to stop at 3♥, but Ilan decided that his extra trump was worth the raise.

Strangely, North didn't double the 2♦ bid to show opening values, and the Swiss pair remained silent throughout.

As in the beginning of this report, this hand was also a matter of the lead. A club lead followed by a spade shift would have dashed declarer's hopes, as he would have no time to unblock diamonds. So he would have overtaken the ♦K for a spade discard, and later lost two more clubs.

A diamond lead looked safe to Piedra, but it gave declarer two quick discards on his diamonds and an easy road to ten tricks. Thus Israel concluded the match with a 12-IMP swing and a 52-31 victory.

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# Open Teams Round 16



## Iceland v Monaco



By Jos Jacobs

When this match started on Friday morning, 12 V.P. separated the two teams. Monaco were in 5th place, enough to be sure of making it into the Round of 16 if they could retain their position, whereas Iceland were by no means certain about their chances to be the best 6th-placed team. In short, one might as well say that only a big win would do Iceland any good at this stage.

Looking back on the match as a whole, my impression was that the Monaco players had their eyes on the ball a bit more than their opponents. Below are three examples from this rather one-sided match.

The first occurred on the second board.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>T Helness</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
		Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opposite a 2NT opening bid, as East you would want to be in game. Occasionally, you go down a bit, as was the case this time. Fifty per trick, Iceland +150.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ingimarsson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
		2♥	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

In the other room, Multon had much more information from the auction. This way he could venture a double which Zimmermann was happy to pass. Down three at this table as well, but the stakes were a little higher. Monaco +500 and 8 IMPs.

On board 27, the theme was to find escape routes opposite partner's weak NT.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>T Helness</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
Pass	Pass	Dble	INT
			All Pass

The North hand looks pretty hopeless. That's why the Icelandic North stayed immovable (though running to 2♣ and redoubling to reach a red suit is surely a possibility?). Two down when East returned a heart rather than a diamond from his AQ after the black suit defensive cash-out. Monaco +300.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ingimarsson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
Pass	2♣	Dble	INT
All Pass			2♥



**Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Iceland**

In the other room, Multon's hand was as hopeless as Jørgensen's but he launched a classic ruse. He bid 2♣, intending to pass any response and at the same time obstructing the E/W doubling mechanisms. This worked out very well as a decent 4-4 fit was reached. The contract went one down but -50 still brought Monaco another 6 IMPs.

Two boards from the end, we saw remarkable differences in judgement.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 9 ♥ K Q 8 6 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ A K 10 9 2	♠ K 10 8 ♥ 10 9 7 5 ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ J 8 <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">           N            W                  E            S         </div>	♠ Q 4 3 ♥ A J 4 3 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 6 5 4 3	♠ A J 7 6 5 2 ♥ — ♦ K 8 7 6 5 2 ♣ 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Jorgensen</i>	<i>T Helness</i>	<i>Jonsson</i>
		Pass	1♠
2♠	3♥	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	5♠
All Pass			

2♥ showed hearts and an unknown minor so Tor Helness took the sacrifice over 4♠, no doubt realising that this contract might well make – as, in fact, it does. In doing so, he also effectively used up some bidding space, so N/S had no way left to find out that a slam was cold for them – the spade finesse being rather marked in view of West's overcall. Iceland +480.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ingimarsson</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
		Pass	1♠
2♠	4♠	Dble	All Pass

One wonders what information East wanted to convey with this double. When West left it in peace, Zimmermann had no trouble in making twelve tricks as well. Monaco +790 and 7 IMPs, again from nearly nowhere.

After these three examples, it should no come as a surprise for you, dear reader, to be informed that Monaco won this match 44-4 or 18.09 – 1.91 V.P. They were in a solid 5th place now, with just over 20 V.P. more than Turkey, the now 6th placed team in group B. Thus Monaco had become certain qualifiers.

## Playing card exhibit

There is an exhibition of projects of playing cards of Krystyna Bunsch-Gruchalska and Franciszek Bunsch in the main hall of the Centennial Hall (enter through the Discovery Center). It is free for participants in the tournament.

The exhibition, which came from the Pomeranian Library, presents a fascinating tale of playing cards. You can see decks of cards designed by Prof. Franciszek Bunsch for the game of skat (Polish model 1963) and a very popular card International (1975), which to this day is manufactured in high quantities and entered the canon of Polish design kart.

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## Senior Teams

## Mixed Teams

## RR 21

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53 EGYPT	TURKEY	30	39	7.10	12.90	73 NETHERLANDS	POLAND	56	6	19.83	0.17
54 FRANCE	DENMARK	28	29	9.64	10.36	74 USA	JAPAN	12	36	3.63	16.37
55 CANADA	NORWAY	31	24	12.31	7.69	75 ENGLAND	CHINA	45	14	17.56	2.44
56 POLAND	SPAIN	26	41	5.54	14.46	76 DENMARK	GERMANY	30	53	3.82	16.18
57 CHINA HK	BRAZIL	8	37	2.76	17.24	77 BRAZIL	IRELAND	26	15	13.45	6.55
58 AUSTRALIA	USA	32	32	10.00	10.00	78 INDIA	BULGARIA	38	6	17.71	2.29
59 INDIA	ENGLAND	20	27	7.69	12.31	79 ITALY	AUSTRALIA	49	0	19.74	0.26
60 MEXICO	JAPAN	14	27	6.03	13.97	80 FRANCE	TURKEY	30	24	12.01	7.99
61 CHINESE TAIPEI	SWEDEN	31	45	5.78	14.22	81 ISRAEL	RUSSIA	22	28	7.99	12.01
62 ITALY	PAKISTAN	28	47	4.63	15.37	82 CHINESE TAIPEI	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

## RR 22

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs	
51 NEW ZEALAND	SWEDEN	12	21	7.10	12.90	71 NEW ZEALAND	TURKEY	3	69	0.00	20.00
52 JAPAN	PAKISTAN	17	14	11.05	8.95	72 AUSTRALIA	RUSSIA	14	24	6.82	13.18
53 ENGLAND	ITALY	8	29	4.21	15.79	73 BULGARIA	ISRAEL	44	24	15.58	4.42
54 USA	CHINESE TAIPEI	14	11	11.05	8.95	74 IRELAND	FRANCE	14	35	4.21	15.79
55 BRAZIL	MEXICO	29	20	12.90	7.10	75 GERMANY	ITALY	10	14	8.62	11.38
56 SPAIN	INDIA	36	27	12.90	7.10	76 CHINA	INDIA	26	13	13.97	6.03
57 NORWAY	AUSTRALIA	21	23	9.29	10.71	77 CHINESE TAIPEI	BRAZIL	30	17	13.97	6.03
58 DENMARK	CHINA HK	17	10	12.31	7.69	78 JAPAN	DENMARK	22	4	15.15	4.85
59 TURKEY	POLAND	30	10	15.58	4.42	79 POLAND	ENGLAND	37	32	11.70	8.30
60 ISRAEL	CANADA	12	20	7.39	12.61	80 HUNGARY	USA	28	17	13.45	6.55
61 CHINA	FRANCE	13	20	7.69	12.31	81 SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	15	11	11.38	8.62
62 GERMANY	EGYPT	15	33	4.85	15.15	82 UAE	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

## RR 23

Match		IMPs		VPs		Match		IMPs		VPs	
51 CANADA	NEW ZEALAND	15	26	6.55	13.45	71 ENGLAND	USA	18	30	6.29	13.71
52 POLAND	FRANCE	23	15	12.61	7.39	72 DENMARK	NETHERLANDS	19	32	6.03	13.97
53 CHINA HK	EGYPT	43	20	16.18	3.82	73 BRAZIL	SWEDEN	17	28	6.55	13.45
54 AUSTRALIA	GERMANY	24	25	9.64	10.36	74 INDIA	HUNGARY	13	19	7.99	12.01
55 INDIA	CHINA	19	16	11.05	8.95	75 ITALY	UAE	14	43	2.76	17.24
56 MEXICO	ISRAEL	8	50	0.98	19.02	76 FRANCE	POLAND	45	25	15.58	4.42
57 CHINESE TAIPEI	TURKEY	22	32	6.82	13.18	77 ISRAEL	JAPAN	14	19	8.30	11.70
58 ITALY	DENMARK	13	38	3.45	16.55	78 RUSSIA	CHINESE TAIPEI	50	26	16.37	3.63
59 PAKISTAN	NORWAY	17	9	12.61	7.39	79 TURKEY	CHINA	31	47	5.30	14.70
60 SWEDEN	SPAIN	40	12	17.08	2.92	80 AUSTRALIA	GERMANY	18	29	6.55	13.45
61 JAPAN	BRAZIL	30	19	13.45	6.55	81 BULGARIA	IRELAND	52	11	18.90	1.10
62 ENGLAND	USA	66	13	20.00	0.00	82 NEW ZEALAND	BYE	0	0	12.00	0.00

You can find the butler ranking and Cross Tables by Rank on the website

<http://www.worldbridge.org/repository/tourn/wroclaw.16/Microsite/Results.htm>



## RR 16

## RR 17

## Open Teams Group A

Match		VPs	
1	ESTONIA SINGAPORE	11.48	8.52
2	SWITZERLAND JORDAN	16.88	3.12
3	AUSTRALIA GERMANY	10.31	9.69
4	RUSSIA ITALY	10.00	10.00
5	FINLAND BRAZIL	17.59	2.41
6	SOUTH AFRICA INDIA	15.00	5.00
7	PHILIPPINES GREECE	0.75	19.25
8	UKRAINE CHINESE TAIPEI	9.69	10.31
9	ISRAEL FRANCE	7.45	12.55

Match		VPs	
1	SINGAPORE JORDAN	13.75	6.25
2	ESTONIA AUSTRALIA	2.15	17.85
3	GERMANY RUSSIA	4.62	15.38
4	ITALY FINLAND	16.88	3.12
5	BRAZIL SOUTH AFRICA	4.08	15.92
6	INDIA PHILIPPINES	17.85	2.15
7	GREECE UKRAINE	17.45	2.55
8	CHINESE TAIPEI ISRAEL	13.28	6.72
9	FRANCE SWITZERLAND	10.61	9.39

## Open Teams Group B

Match		VPs	
11	BOSNIA HERZ. PAKISTAN	9.39	10.61
12	TURKEY KUWAIT	9.39	8.61
13	ICELAND MONACO	1.91	18.09
14	JAPAN POLAND	9.39	10.61
15	BELGIUM LEBANON	18.09	1.91
16	TUNISIA MEXICO	10.00	10.00
17	CHINA HK ARGENTINA	6.48	13.52
18	LATVIA NORWAY	17.17	2.83
19	ENGLAND USA	1.34	18.66

Match		VPs	
11	PAKISTAN KUWAIT	20.00	0.00
12	BOSNIA HERZ. ICELAND	5.61	14.39
13	MONACO JAPAN	7.71	12.29
14	POLAND BELGIUM	10.00	10.00
15	LEBANON TUNISIA	13.52	6.48
16	MEXICO CHINA HK	14.80	5.20
17	ARGENTINA LATVIA	17.45	2.55
18	NORWAY ENGLAND	5.61	14.39
19	USA TURKEY	13.97	6.03

## Open Teams Group C

Match		VPs	
21	NEW ZEALAND BANGLADESH	19.34	0.66
22	LITHUANIA GUADELOUPE	15.38	4.62
23	UAE NETHERLANDS	7.45	12.55
24	EGYPT CHINA	15.38	4.62
25	IRELAND HUNGARY	5.40	14.60
26	AUSTRIA CANADA	12.55	7.45
27	SCOTLAND DENMARK	1.56	18.44
28	SPAIN SWEDEN	13.04	6.96
29	SAN MARINO BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
21	BANGLADESH GUADELOUPE	13.75	6.25
22	NEW ZEALAND UAE	20.00	0.00
23	NETHERLANDS EGYPT	14.60	5.40
24	CHINA IRELAND	3.74	16.26
25	HUNGARY AUSTRIA	10.31	9.69
26	SAN MARINO SCOTLAND	16.88	3.12
27	DENMARK SPAIN	2.83	17.17
28	SWEDEN LITHUANIA	8.80	11.20
29	CANADA BYE	12.00	0.00

## Women's Teams Group A

Match		VPs	
31	PAKISTAN KOREA	8.24	11.76
32	FINLAND JAPAN	6.03	13.97
33	SOUTH AFRICA CHINA	6.03	13.97
34	TURKEY NETHERLANDS	6.25	13.75
35	SAN MARINO NORWAY	11.48	8.52
36	EGYPT JORDAN	14.60	5.40
37	AUSTRALIA BRAZIL	6.48	13.52
38	MEXICO SPAIN	2.15	17.85
39	SWEDEN ENGLAND	15.74	4.26

Match		VPs	
31	KOREA JAPAN	2.15	17.85
32	PAKISTAN SOUTH AFRICA	0.15	19.85
33	CHINA TURKEY	4.26	15.74
34	NETHERLANDS SAN MARINO	13.04	6.96
35	NORWAY EGYPT	7.97	12.03
36	JORDAN AUSTRALIA	6.48	13.52
37	BRAZIL MEXICO	15.56	4.44
38	SPAIN SWEDEN	12.55	7.45
39	ENGLAND FINLAND	18.66	1.34

## Women's Teams Group B

Match		VPs	
41	ICELAND CHINESE TAIPEI	4.62	15.38
42	CANADA CHINA HK	9.09	10.91
43	GERMANY POLAND	15.19	4.81
44	IRELAND DENMARK	2.69	17.31
45	TUNISIA PALESTINE	11.48	8.52
46	NEW ZEALAND INDIA	16.42	3.58
47	CHILE SCOTLAND	6.72	13.28
48	ITALY USA	3.12	16.88
49	FRANCE BYE	12.00	0.00

Match		VPs	
41	CHINESE TAIPEI CHINA HK	13.28	6.72
42	FRANCE GERMANY	15.19	4.81
43	POLAND IRELAND	6.03	13.97
44	DENMARK TUNISIA	13.04	6.96
45	PALESTINE NEW ZEALAND	1.79	18.21
46	INDIA CHILE	5.00	15.00
47	SCOTLAND ITALY	3.74	16.26
48	USA CANADA	13.52	6.48
49	ICELAND BYE	12.00	0.00

## Farewell party

For Patrick Jourdain, Daily Telegraph, missed by 1 million readers

Today we will gather for a party in the spirit of Patrick at 7 p.m. in the Pergola (i.e. the venue) restaurant. It will be an informal buffet dinner (details available on demand) where we eat, drink and share happy memories and stories.

We hope that you have registered attendance to be granted a seat, but there might be some spots left.

The cost price for the party (incl. fountain show) is 150 PLN. Everybody welcome.

International Bridge Press Association (IBPA).



## The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA)

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

*Per Jannersten  
Chairman*



## Championship cards



The championship cards that you play here are for sale for €0.68 (bulk rate) in the book stall so long as supply lasts.

**The Polish Corner****PLAY OFF RUSZA**

Wszystkie nasz drużyny awansowały do play off. Zestawienia par i drabinki można znaleźć na stronach anglojęzycznych. Trzymamy kciuki!

Oby wszystkie nasze drużyny grały równie dobrze i skutecznie, jak Kasia Dufurat i Justyna Żmuda w poniższym rozdaniu z meczu z Hong Kongiem:

Rozd. 27. Obie przed, rozd. S.

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



♠ K 6 5  
♥ K W 7 5  
♦ D 8 4  
♣ K 10 7

Chinki na WE próbowały przeszkadzać naszym w licytacji:

West	North	East	South
Tang	Dufurat	Ling	Żmuda
			1♣
2♥	3♣	3♥	3BA
4♥	5♥	pas	6♦
pas...			

3♣ - kara, forsujące do dogranej

W zaatakowała ♠W. Justyna z żalem pomyślała, że wist kierowy rozwiązałby jej wszystkie problemy i pobiła królem w ręce, po czym zagrała karo do asa. W zrzuciła w tej lewie blotkę kier. Z wistu wyglądało, że W ma asa kier, więc najprostszą szansą wygrania wydawało się spadnięcie trzeciej damy kier u E. Wobec tego w kolejnej lewie zostało zagrane karo do ósemki (od W kolejny kier), a w następnej został przebity w stole kier. Teraz dama karo do ręki (od W blotka trefl) i król kier. Od W blotka,

ze stołu pik. Niestety, E wzięła na asa i zagrała w blotkę pik, od W - dziesiątka, as ze stołu.

W końcówce:

♠ -  
♥ -  
♦ K 10 9  
♣ A 8 3



♠ 6  
♥ W 7  
♦  
♣ K 10 7

Justyna zaczęła zgrywać atuty. Do pierwszego obie przeciwniczki rzuciły po kierze, ze stołu także kier. Do kolejnego - E zrzuciła pika, ze stołu trefl, W także trefla. Do ostatniego - E dała pika, ze stołu niepotrzebny już pik, a W zaskwierczała w kleszczach przymusu:

Oto całość rozdania:

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

Kontrakt został wygrany - fakt, że E miała pięć pików, gwarantował przymus bez względu na podział trefli, oby tylko figury kierowe były podzielone. Na drugim stole reprezentantka Tajwanu nie poradziła sobie z tym problemem.

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