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In the Open event, it really was Norway's day. Heimdal BK won their first five matches, the most remarkable result being a near-blitz against the Swiss. In the last round of the day, they had to face the Belgians who once again, as we have seen before in recent years, had been gradually doing better and better. Their win over the Norwegians brought them back again into the runner-up position at the end of the day, just ahead of the French and the Swedes. After their heavy defeat, the Swiss recovered rather well but with the field quite close together, no team is in a position to relax yet.

In the Women's event, the Polish Women's Champions and the French dominated the day but the Dutch from the Crash team were always very close behind these two leading teams. In the penultimate round, the Dutch inflicted a heavy defeat upon the French and thus went to the top of the table – where they stayed overnight, ahead of both Poles and French, after beating the disappointing Danish in the last round. The defending champions from England will definitely have some work to do today.

SUSANNA GROSS

I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Susanna Gross.

She was meant to be with us in Jūrmala for the European Women's Champions Cup, representing England, but at the last moment her condition worsened and she was unable to join. Her passing is a great loss to the bridge community.

On behalf of the EBL, I extend our deepest condolences to her family, teammates, and friends.

Eric Laurant

President, European Bridge League



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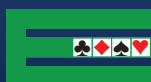
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Round 1

OPEN CHAMPIONS CUP WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CUP

Jos Jacobs

In this report, the main match to look at will be the Bridge Addaura Asd v. Israeli Champions match but we will start with an excursion to the women's event. They treated us to a slam straight away.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Harding	Hemberg	Fuglestad	Martensen-L.
—	2♦	4♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

In Scandinavia, they have been (in)famous over the years for bidding and making slams that proved too much for lesser mortals. Right on the first board, they showed it again.

Four Diamonds showed a strong two-suiter with hearts so West had little option but to go for a serious forward move. The ♦K behaved well so the only problem was the ♥9. Once you decide to run the ♥J, you collect +980 if you manage to scoop North's ♥9 if necessary. This way, Harding scored her slam for Norway.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rosthøj	Vist	Sigsgaard	Heskje
—	2♦	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Basically the same auction in the other room, but when declarer did not manage the trump suit the successful way, she was one down. Norway another +50 and 14 IMPs to open their account.

In the Open event, only one pair was in slam: Gerli-Maricic from Serbia. They produced an even more impressive auction.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Maricic	Kalita	Gerli	Klukowski
—	1♠	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

That was +980 and 11 IMPs to the Serbians as well.



Over now to the Addaura-Israelis match.

On the first board, both pairs were nowhere near the slam but on board 2, their results varied.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sliwowicz	Zatorski	Sabbah	Pachtmann
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	1♠	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♦	Dble	All Pass	

* hearts

Much action by E/W on hardly any values but losing 300 against a possible, albeit a shade lucky 3NT might be a good investment.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grönkvist	Yekutieli	De Michelis	Friedlander
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When East led a low heart into declarer's tenace, all looked well for Yekutieli. He won the ♥Q and played three rounds of spades. De Michelis won his ♠J and tried the ♥K with not very much hope, I think. However, when Yekutieli immediately won the ♥A. he could no longer made the contract, although the ♣AQ were well placed for him. That was another +100 and 9 IMPs to the Italians.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

In the Addaura – Israeli match, both Norths were in 3NT after a straightforward auction and both got the ♦Q lead, taken with the ♣K.

In the Open Room, Zatorski led the ♣10 next which was allowed to run to West's ♣Q. With West out of diamonds, that was the end of the defence. Addaura +400.

In the Closed Room, declarer played a low club to dummy's jack at trick 2. West took her ♣Q and made the excellent return of a club. East's ♣7 forced the king in dummy and when the spade finesse was wrong for declarer, he thus had only 8 tricks available. Another +50 and 10 more IMPs to the Italians.

In the Contact Club Geneva v. BK Ekspert match, there was an accident.

Yonatan SLIWOWICZ

Piotr ZATORSKI

Ron PACHTMAN

Ofek SABBAAH





Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Piedra</i>	<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Pepic</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
All Pass			

That was -1100 and 12 more IMPs to the Serbians.

On the next board, at many tables they were in the phantom region.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sliowicz</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Sabbah</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>
1♠	2NT	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room, N/S took the sacrifice but defeating 4♠ would not have been too difficult. If North leads the ♦A, the heart ruff should be found by a correct defensive signal, as happened at most tables. Dummy's singleton should be helpful.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>De Michelis</i>	<i>Friedlander</i>
1♠	2NT	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, the auctions started the same way but when East bid on, he could not even escape the phantom zone. Down two, another +500 and 12 IMPs back to the Israelis.

Two boards later, the spotlights turned on the very powerful South hand...

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

What would you lead against (the equivalent of) 1NT by East, 3NT by West?

A few unlucky ones led a low club and declarer thanked the dummy for producing the ♣9, which was called for and promptly won the first trick. The Italians were among the lucky ones here, adding another 12 IMPs to their tally.

Just before the end, the Israelis struck back in curious fashion.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sliowicz</i>	<i>Zatorski</i>	<i>Sabbah</i>	<i>Pachtmann</i>
—	1♥	1♠	2♠
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

AK/A in the minors was by no means enough to beat the contract. On the ♣K lead. Sabbah made an overtrick for +990 to the Israelis.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Grönkvist</i>	<i>Yekutieli</i>	<i>De Michelis</i>	<i>Friedlander</i>
—	1♥	3♣	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

On the last board of the set, we again saw a big swing.

♠ 4
 ♥ K Q 8 7
 ♦ A 10 2
 ♣ A 10 7 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ —
 ♥ 6 3 2
 ♦ 6 5 4 3
 ♣ Q J 8 6 5 3

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

Ida GRONKVIST

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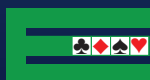
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Round 2

WOMEN CHAMPIONS CUP

Marc Smith

2024 Champions v Polish Women Champions

Our first look at the Women's event sees two serious contenders meeting head-to-head, with 2024 Champions (the English winners of last year's Champions Cup) taking on the Polish Women's Champions. We did not have to wait long for the first major swing.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

as little information as possible. Could Sally Brock find the killing spade lead? No. She had no reason not to start with her long suit, and the ♣Q ran around to declarer's ace. Diana Nettleton won the second round of diamonds and switched to a low spade, but declarer finessed and, when East could not find the ♠J amongst her wares, declarer had ten tricks. N/S +630.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Brown	Zalewska	Erichsen
—	1♣	Pass	1♠*
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	4♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nettleton	Jarosz	Brock	Morawska
—	1♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The Poles had the perfect methods for this deal. They began with a multi-way Polish Club which is often, as here, a balanced 12-14. Ewa Morawska's jump to 3♦ was natural and invitational, so North landed in 3NT having given away

For the 2024 Champions, Helen Erichsen began with a 1♠ response, denying a four-card major. When Anna Sarniak braved the vulnerability to get her spades into the game, there was no winning option for the English pair. They might have taken a small plus from 3♠, but 4♦ looks like a safe enough spot. Not today: Sarniak led her club. Erichsen tried to cash three rounds of hearts to dispose of a spade loser, but East ruffed the third round. Declarer threw a spade anyway, and Joanna Zalewska duly delivered her partner's club ruff. Two aces then put the contract one down. N/S -100 and 12 IMPs to Poland Champions.

South was dealt an even stronger minor suit on the next deal and, once again, it was the Poles who earned the plaudits...



Anna SARNIAK

Helen ERICHSEN

Fiona BROWN

Joanna ZALEWSKA

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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



West won the diamond lead with her king and returned the suit, so declarer was soon claiming 11 tricks. N/S +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nettleton</i>	<i>Jarosz</i>	<i>Brock</i>	<i>Morawska</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Zalewska</i>	<i>Erichsen</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North's 1♦ response showed hearts. Erichsen alerted both 1♣ (because it might have been only a doubleton) and 3♣, so perhaps there is something about the auction that is not clear. Certainly, that hand looks a bit good for a non-forcing 3♣ rebid. No harm done, though, as Brown had enough to bid 3NT anyway, which looks likely to be the contract of choice.

Morawska apparently had a forcing 2♣ rebid available, and she then committed her side past 3NT at her third turn. It did not then take long for Aleksandra Jarosz to install her partner in slam.

West is almost endplayed at trick one. A trump lead does not actually give anything away, but declarer draws trumps and then plays the ♦A and a second diamond. Winning with the ♦K, West has then either to concede a trick to declarer's ♠Q or set up a heart winner in dummy for a second spade discard. Either way, declarer has 12 tricks. At the table, Nettleton led a heart at trick one and Morawska was soon claiming 12 tricks. N/S +920 and another 10 IMPs to Poland Champions.

The rest of the boards were mostly flat, except for a partscore deal on which the Poles bid to game in both rooms. That was a late lifeline for the defending champions, but the Poles ran out winners by a score of 23-9.

Sally BROCK

Ewa MORAWSKA

Aleksandra JAROSZ

Diana NETTLETON



Round 3

OPEN CHAMPIONS CUP

Marc Smith

Contact Club Geneva v Heimdal BK

The final pre-lunch match on the opening day in Latvia threw together a mouthwatering encounter between two teams of heavyweight champions. The Geneva club is represented here by Switzerland's multiple world championship winning team, while the pride of Norwegian bridge is here playing for the Heimdal club. The Norwegians have started with two big wins and lead the field with 34.15/40 VPs. The Swiss lost their first match, but 17.16 VPs from Match 2 has lifted them into fourth place in the early going.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Multon	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	1♠	Dbl	2♠
All Pass			

Pierre Zimmermann decided that the South hand was worth only a competitive raise after East's takeout double, and no one else had anything to contribute. Game is no better than a moderate proposition, but the layout of the defensive cards enabled Franck Multon to make ten tricks. N/S +170.

Geir Helgemo was more ambitious in the replay...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Bogo	Nowosadzki	Helgemo
—	1♠	Dbl	2♥*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Helgemo's 2♥ showed a constructive (or better) three-card spade raise. Kaare Bogo advanced with a 3♦ game try and Helgemo, with a fourth trump and a very promising



Fernando PIEDRA

Kaare BOGO

Geir HELGEMO

Michal NOWOSADZKI

diamond holding, jumped to game.

The defence started with the ♣A and a second club to dummy's king. Two rounds of trumps then revealed the loser in that suit. Bogo continued with the ♥K, ducked, and the ♥Q. Nowosadzki won with the ♥A and exited safely with the ♥J. Declarer ruffed and, now that the rounded suits had been eliminated, he exited with a trump. Piedra was up to the task and knew he did not have to open the diamonds, so he exited with a heart, giving declarer a useless ruff-and-discard. Unfortunately for the defence, the diamond layout was such that declarer could play the suit for no loser anyway. Bogo duly cashed the ♦K, bringing down the jack, and finessed against East's ♦Q for his tenth trick. N/S +620 and 10 IMPs to Heimdal BK.

Sometimes it just seems like one team knows when to zig and when to zag. The Norwegians were playing in what Zia called 'Heat 1' and they could do no wrong...

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Multon	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Terje AA

Franck MULTON

Pierre ZIMMERMANN

Allan LIVGARD

Is this such an unexpected auction? Indeed, this is exactly what happened at one table in five of the six matches in the Open event. Pierre Zimmermann made eight tricks: N/S +110.

At five of the 12 tables, after the same start, North continued with 2NT at his second turn, and South duly raised to the no-trump game. With the ♣A onside for declarer, there was no defence.

At the other table in our match, there was a third variation...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Piedra	Bogo	Nowosadzki	Helgemo
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Once Bogo's system allowed him to stretch to a 2♥ response, the destination was never in doubt. There were just three aces to lose. N/S +620 and another 11 IMPs to Heimdal BK.

The one thing that spectators were not expecting when they sat down to watch this match was a blitz, but that's how things turned out. The Norwegians ran out 56-5 winners (20-0 in VPs) over their illustrious opponents. With a total of 54.15/60 from their first three matches, Heimdal BK have already opened up a gap of more than 15 VPs on the field. Can anyone catch them?



Round 4

OPEN CHAMPIONS CUP

Jos Jacobs

The first round after the lunch interval turned out to be much more quiet than this morning's opening round. Yet, there was one similarity that came to light right at the beginning: a slam not bid everywhere. I was looking at the women's match between ASD Reggio Emilia and BAB Riga. The Latvians had little trouble in reaching a good slam.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Irem OZBAY

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersone	Yavas	Romanovska	Ozbay
—	Pass	1♠	2♣
4♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

A few cuebids and an easy enough +1010. In fact, 6♠ is a good spot to be in but the hand is one of those rare cases of five or seven. If the spades don't break well, (2-2, a singleton honour in South would not help you because of the lack of entries to take the finesse, you would probably go down in six. Strangely enough, one declarer who ended up in the grand did not believe his luck (apparently) and managed to go down two.

At the other table, the Italians joined the happy few.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Biasio	Bethere	Gentili	Gise
	Pass	1♠	2♣
3♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♦	Pass	7♠	All Pass

What can you do, except write down 11 IMPs into the Italian scorecard?

At two more tables in all, they reached this grand slam.

On the very next board, slam was again in the air at one table, though it was quite ill-advised.



Ilze ANDERSONE



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zimmermann	Pachtmann	Multon	Zatorski
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On a spade lead from North, you might well go down in 3NT. If South leads a diamond and you misguess, 3NT is in jeopardy even with East as declarer. Heart lead from South to North's ace and a spade back, followed by a low diamond gives declarer the same headache. Still, 3NT was made just more often than not but another popular contract was in clubs. Five Clubs was already too high but the Addaura Italians had a curious misunderstanding.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Kalita	Failla	Klukowski
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦*	1♠	Pass	2♠
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This went only one off after the lead of the ♠K(!) but still cost the Italians 11 IMPs.

Ending up in 5♣ looks a better bet but with the ♣K in North, this was not a successful place to be either.

Time now for some more curious club contracts.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Giorgio Duboin registered an alternative +140 after this little auction. This brought Addaura 6 IMPs when his teammates were allowed to reach 2♠ and make it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Kalita	Failla	Klukowski
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Dble	All Pass	

In the women's match between ASD Reggio Emilia and Latvia they had quite different ideas about the value of this hand.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Andersone	Yavas	Romanovska	Ozbay
—	—	—	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Precision style but no luck. Down three, +300 to the Italians.

At the other table in this match, the auction was very short.



Michal KLUKOWSKI

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Biasio	Bethere	Gentili	Gise
—	—	—	All Pass

That was 7 more IMPs to the Italians.

A good sacrifice was available against an equally good slam a few boards later.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Luiza GISE

In the Open event, the scorers were not troubled too much by this board but in the women's event, all but one tables registered a double-digit swing on this board 6, mainly because of a missed slam.



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Round 5

OPEN CHAMPIONS CUP

Jos Jacobs

Contact Club Geneva v. Daugava Heimdal BK v. Premier League Champions

For the middle round of the afternoon, I was trying to find interesting deals everywhere but this time, the dealing gods were not working very much in my favour. I had to wait till board 17 before anything worth reporting came up.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

With the score at 12-4 to the Swiss, thus was what happened.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Geste</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Rubenis</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
—	Pass	1♠	2♦
All Pass			

Once again, Kalita, with his passed hand, judged well to leave partner's overcall alone. Contact Club +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Smilgajs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Jansons</i>
—	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

For the Latvians, the apparent misfit did not ring any alarm bells, it seemed. When Zimmermann found a double, the hosts were on their way to -500. Spade lead to East's king and a low heart back. Dummy's ♥10 won but the ensuing diamond finesse was wrong, as could be expected. Another spade then settled the issue because declarer could not reach his hand. That was 12 IMPs to the Swiss.

The last board of the set was the most interesting, IMHO.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In the Swiss-Latvian match, the auctions were almost identical. The only difference was that Multon did jump to 3NT immediately.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Geste</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Rubenis</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
<i>Zimmermann</i>	<i>Smilgajs</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Jansons</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both Souths led a low spade and that was that. One down, no swing.



Jacek KALITA

In the Heimdal v. Premier League match, we saw interesting variations.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Atthey	Bogo	Rosen	Helgemo
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dble
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On this auction, Bogo was in a good position to find the killing spade lead immediately. One down, Heimdal BK +100.

In the replay, we had a different auction.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rasmussen	Hinden	Austberg	Osborne
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led a heart. Dummy played the ♥Q and declarer immediately took a losing diamond finesse. South won but only when he continued another heart, the contract was made. Heimdal BK another +600 and 12 IMPs to them to also win their 5th match of the day. Still, the defence missed a good chance. If South returns a low spade after winning

his ♦K, declarer won't come to his nine tricks before the defence have five. This "repechage" defence, however, was found only twice, I think. Brikmane for Latvia and Ashe for St. Erik were the players who did, I assume.



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ROUND 1

1	PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	DAUGAVA	26	15	13.72	6.28
2	BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD	ISRAELI CHAMPIONS	44	18	17.16	2.24
3	BC DE LOMBARD	BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB	25	13	14.00	6.00
4	CONTACT CLUB GENEVA	BK EKSPERT	17	28	6.28	13.72
5	DN1 CHAMPIONS	BK ST ERIK	9	46	1.16	18.84
6	GOLDEN AGE	HEIMDAL BK	5	44	0.90	19.10

ROUND 2

1	DN1 CHAMPIONS	GOLDEN AGE	45	1	19.66	0.34
2	CONTACT CLUB GENEVA	PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	49	23	17.16	2.84
3	BC DE LOMBARD	HEIMDAL BK	6	22	4.95	15.05
4	BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD	DAUGAVA	21	21	10.00	10.00
5	ISRAELI CHAMPIONS	BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB	26	32	7.82	12.18
6	BK ST ERIK	BK EKSPERT	0	49	0.00	20.00

ROUND 3

1	BK EKSPERT	BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB	10	36	2.72	17.08
2	HEIMDAL BK	CONTACT CLUB GENEVA	54	5	19.80	-0.20
3	BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD	PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	22	21	10.39	9.61
4	ISRAELI CHAMPIONS	GOLDEN AGE	30	9	16.18	3.82
5	BK ST ERIK	DAUGAVA	31	4	17.14	2.46
6	DN1 CHAMPIONS	BC DE LOMBARD	33	1	18.15	1.85

ROUND 4

1	BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD	CONTACT CLUB GENEVA	6	27	3.82	16.18
2	HEIMDAL BK	DN1 CHAMPIONS	18	14	11.50	8.50
3	ISRAELI CHAMPIONS	BC DE LOMBARD	37	25	14.00	6.00
4	BK ST ERIK	PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	23	5	15.52	4.48
5	BK EKSPERT	GOLDEN AGE	29	34	8.15	11.85
6	BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB	DAUGAVA	32	29	11.14	8.86

ROUND 5

1	HEIMDAL BK	PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	26	3	16.59	3.41
2	CONTACT CLUB GENEVA	DAUGAVA	24	4	15.77	4.03
3	BC DE LOMBARD	GOLDEN AGE	11	20	6.86	13.14
4	DN1 CHAMPIONS	BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB	18	23	8.15	11.85
5	BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD	BK EKSPERT	26	0	17.16	2.84
6	ISRAELI CHAMPIONS	BK ST ERIK	13	21	7.17	12.83

ROUND 6

1	CONTACT CLUB GENEVA	DN1 CHAMPIONS	12	25	5.72	14.28
2	DAUGAVA	BK EKSPERT	23	16	12.51	7.49
3	GOLDEN AGE	BK ST ERIK	44	21	16.59	3.41
4	PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	ISRAELI CHAMPIONS	4	25	3.82	16.18
5	BC DE LOMBARD	BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD	38	18	15.97	4.03
6	BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB	HEIMDAL BK	32	19	14.28	5.72

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1	HEIMDAL BK	87.76
2	BRUSSELS BRIDGE CLUB	72.53
3	DN1 CHAMPIONS	69.90
4	BK ST ERIK	67.74
5	ISRAELI CHAMPIONS	63.59
6	BRIDGE ADDAURA ASD	62.56
7	CONTACT CLUB GENEVA	60.91
8	BK EKSPERT	54.92
9	BC DE LOMBARD	49.63
10	GOLDEN AGE	46.64
11	DAUGAVA	44.14
12	PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	37.88

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CUP – RESULTS

ROUND 1

7	TURKISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	DN1 CHAMPIONS	15	28	5.72	14.28
8	BC CRASH	ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA	19	31	6.00	14.00
9	2024 CHAMPIONS	ACOL BRIDGE	30	22	12.83	7.17
10	VIKING GIRLS	BAB RIGA	17	48	2.00	18.00
11	MASA OF MAGIC	POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	21	28	7.49	12.51
12	DANISH CHAMPIONS	BARO	24	36	6.00	14.00

ROUND 2

7	2024 CHAMPIONS	POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	9	23	5.46	14.54
8	DN1 CHAMPIONS	ACOL BRIDGE	24	23	10.39	9.61
9	BC CRASH	BAB RIGA	34	0	18.44	1.56
10	ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA	TURKISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	3	9	7.82	12.18
11	VIKING GIRLS	BARO	21	13	12.83	7.17
12	MASA OF MAGIC	DANISH CHAMPIONS	19	17	10.77	9.23

ROUND 3

7	TURKISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	BAB RIGA	33	26	12.51	7.49
8	ACOL BRIDGE	POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	22	26	8.50	11.50
9	ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA	BARO	17	8	13.14	6.86
10	DN1 CHAMPIONS	DANISH CHAMPIONS	19	5	14.54	5.46
11	BC CRASH	MASA OF MAGIC	26	23	11.14	8.86
12	2024 CHAMPIONS	VIKING GIRLS	28	24	11.50	8.50

ROUND 4

1	ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA	BAB RIGA	29	18	14.54	6.28
8	TURKISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	ACOL BRIDGE	41	27	14.54	5.46
9	DN1 CHAMPIONS	POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	28	18	13.43	6.57
10	BC CRASH	BARO	29	36	7.49	12.51
11	2024 CHAMPIONS	DANISH CHAMPIONS	12	33	3.82	16.18
12	VIKING GIRLS	MASA OF MAGIC	0	34	1.56	18.44

ROUND 5

7	TURKISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	BARO	9	20	6.28	13.72
8	POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	DANISH CHAMPIONS	29	24	11.85	8.15
9	BAB RIGA	MASA OF MAGIC	29	25	11.20	8.20
10	ACOL BRIDGE	VIKING GIRLS	11	22	6.28	13.72
11	ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA	2024 CHAMPIONS	13	22	6.86	13.14
12	DN1 CHAMPIONS	BC CRASH	1	35	1.56	18.44

ROUND 6

7	BARO	DN1 CHAMPIONS	13	24	6.28	13.72
8	MASA OF MAGIC	2024 CHAMPIONS	28	25	11.14	8.86
9	DANISH CHAMPIONS	BC CRASH	3	37	1.56	18.44
10	VIKING GIRLS	TURKISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	39	13	17.16	2.84
11	POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA	27	14	14.28	5.72
12	BAB RIGA	ACOL BRIDGE	12	6	12.18	7.82

RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1	BC CRASH	79.95
2	POLISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	71.25
3	DN1 CHAMPIONS	67.92
4	MASA OF MAGIC	64.90
5	ASD BRIDGE REGGIO EMILIA	62.08
6	BARO	60.54
7	BAB RIGA	56.71
8	VIKING GIRLS	55.77
9	2024 CHAMPIONS	55.61
10	TURKISH WOMEN CHAMPIONS	54.07
11	DANISH CHAMPIONS	46.58
12	ACOL BRIDGE	44.84

EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONS CUP BUTLER RANKING

AA Terje	LIVGARD Allan	2.20	30	Open	NOR	NOR
ROBERT Quentin	COMBESURE Baptiste	1.43	40	Open	FRA	FRA
AUSTBERG Per Erik	RASMUSSEN Arild	1.35	40	Open	NOR	NOR
MULTON Franck	PIEDRA Fernando	1.25	20	Open	MON	SUI
JOURDAIN Jean-Francois	CARPENTIER Frederic	1.20	30	Open	BEL	BEL
GRONKVIST Ida	DE MICHELIS Luca	0.80	40	Open	SWE	ITA
DEWASME Isabelle	KURGAN Daniel	0.70	40	Open	BEL	BEL
SABBAH Ofek	SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	0.60	60	Open	ISR	ISR
GERLI Aldo Giovanni	MARICIC Jovana	0.38	50	Open	ITA	SER
BESSIS Thomas	LORENZINI Cedric	0.34	50	Open	FRA	FRA
WRANG Frederic	PALMA Antonio	0.32	60	Open	SWE	POR
HELGEMO Geir	BOGO Kaare	0.22	50	Open	NOR	NOR
KALITA Jacek	KLUKOWSKI Michal	0.22	50	Open	SUI	SUI
HOP Jacco	HELMICH Aarnout	0.20	40	Open	NED	NED
ASHE Steven	HULT Simon	0.13	60	Open	USA	SWE
DUBOIN Giorgio	FAILLA Giuseppe	0.10	40	Open	ITA	ITA
TUCZYNSKI Piotr	PEPIC Selena	0.10	50	Open	POL	SER
RUBENIS Ivars	GESTE Andis Mikus	0.07	60	Open	LAT	LAT
ATTHEY John	ROSEN Neil	0.05	60	Open	ENG	ENG
ARONOV Victor	IVANOV Antoni	-0.05	60	Open	BUL	BUL
FRIEDLANDER Ehud	YEKUTIELI Asaf	-0.10	60	Open	ISR	ISR
PACHTMAN Ron	ZATORSKI Piotr	-0.33	40	Open	ISR	POL
STUURMAN Dennis	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	-0.38	40	Open	NED	NED
MULTON Franck	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	-0.70	30	Open	MON	SUI
DEHAYE Bernard	DEHAYE Clovis	-0.72	50	Open	BEL	BEL
FRANCESCHETTI Pierre	SETTON Hilda	-0.77	30	Open	FRA	SUI
SMILGAJS Andris	JANSONS Ugis	-0.90	60	Open	LAT	LAT
JANSMA Jan	LINDEMAN Rob	-1.15	40	Open	NED	NED
VAZIC Stojan	SEIZOVIC Marko	-1.15	20	Open	SER	SER
BARANTIEV Nikola	NIKOLCHEV Klimentin	-1.17	60	Open	BUL	BUL
PIEDRA Fernando	NOWOSADZKI Michal	-1.40	20	Open	SUI	SUI
HINDEN Frances	OSBORNE Graham	-1.75	60	Open	ENG	ENG

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CUP BUTLER RANKING

DE WIJS Lotte	DE WIJS Sarah	1.48	40	Women	NED	NED
ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	BELLO Isabelle	1.23	30	Women	FRA	FRA
BRIKMANE Liga	VEKSA Natalija	1.03	40	Women	LAT	LAT
JAROSZ Aleksandra	MORAWSKA Ewa	0.58	60	Women	POL	POL
POPPE Eva	SPRINKHUIZEN Malou	0.58	40	Women	NED	NED
WIECZOREK Ewa	ROBINSON Claire	0.58	40	Women	ENG	ENG
HARDING Marianne	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	0.50	60	Women	NOR	NOR
HELNESS Gunn	MIRKOVIC Ann-Mari	0.40	40	Women	NOR	NOR
YAVAS Dilek	OZBAY Irem	0.37	60	Women	TUR	TUR
SAUTAUX Monika	PIETRZYK Agnieszka	0.33	60	Women	POL	POL
BROCK Sally	NETTLETON Diana	0.20	40	Women	ENG	ENG
SARNIAK Anna	ZALEWSKA Joanna	0.15	60	Women	POL	POL
KREGLEWSKA-WNUK Anna	GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	0.08	60	Women	POL	POL
GISE Luiza	BETHERE Beatrise	0.03	40	Women	LAT	LAT
ROSSANO Enza	VENINI Luisa	-0.03	30	Women	ITA	ITA
KANDOLU Ozlem	ELMAS Tuna	-0.03	60	Women	TUR	TUR
CHEDIAK Virginia	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	-0.08	50	Women	NOR	NOR
VIST Gunn Tove	HESKJE Torild	-0.08	60	Women	NOR	NOR
CANONNE Marion	LELEU Anais	-0.10	50	Women	FRA	FRA
BEEKMAN Fleur	CASPARIE Anouk	-0.15	40	Women	NED	NED
ERICHSEN Helen	BROWN Fiona	-0.30	40	Women	ENG	ENG
LORENZINI Aurelie	THUILLEZ Mathilde	-0.33	40	Women	FRA	FRA
OZBEY Funda	GORUN Gulgun	-0.43	60	Women	TUR	TUR
GENTILI Luigina	DE BIASIO Angela	-0.47	30	Women	ITA	ITA
MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	HEMBERG Leise	-0.48	60	Women	DEN	DEN
SMITH Abbey	ANOYRKATIS Sally	-0.50	40	Women	ENG	ENG
SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	ROSTHOEJ Ella	-0.58	60	Women	DEN	DEN
SMITH Nicola	SENIOR Nevena	-0.65	40	Women	ENG	ENG
ROMANOVSKA Maija	ANDERSONE Ilze	-1.00	40	Women	LAT	LAT
ROSEN Anne	HOFF Natalie	-1.10	40	Women	ENG	ENG
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7 th € 400		
8 th € 350		

SPECIAL PRIZES (€ 350 each, not cumulative)

- 1st team of 2nd/3rd cat./NC (min 3 teams)
- 1st Junior team (min. 3 teams)
- 1st Mixed team (min. 5 teams)
- 1st Ladies team (min. 5 teams)
- 1st Foreign team (min 5 teams)

The prize money will be awarded after legal taxes are deducted.
For foreign residents, the taxation is 30%.