



# EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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EBL President Eric Laurant right where he loves to be: among the players!

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**! BADGE COLLECTION | PAYMENT**

Reception desk will be open today during play and tomorrow starting from 9.00 a.m.

## THE MOMENT OF TRUTH

Today marks the **moment of truth**: after the 12th round, the **top 32 teams** will secure their spot in the Knockout Phase of the **European Winter Open Teams Championship**. For everyone else, the adventure is far from over: the **Swiss Cup** awaits!

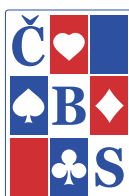
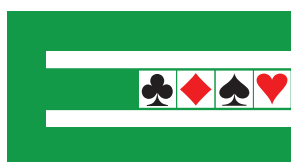
At tonight's **Captains' Meeting** (8:10 PM), the top 8 teams will have the privilege of choosing their opponent from among the teams ranked 17th to 32nd.

Leading the field:

**Bridge Trainer** (115.13 VP), **Sayin Abim** (114.47 VP),  
**Zimmermann** (106.44).

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## **! DROP-IN CONDITIONS**

If you missed them, please review the Drop-in Conditions carefully!  
They were published in the first Daily Bulletin.

**BULLETIN 1**

## **! REMEMBER TO UPLOAD YOUR SYSTEM CARDS!**

If you haven't done so yet, please upload your system card as soon as possible!

**UPLOAD**

## **! MASTER POINT REQUIREMENTS IN THE OPEN TEAMS**

EBL Medals and Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the EBL Master Points scheme, provided that a player has played at least 5 out of 12 matches in the Swiss stage and at least 2 segments out of 4 in the last KO match won by their team (would the opponents withdraw before the end, for this purpose the segments will be considered as played). The relevant EMP scales are available on the EBL website.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> WBF Online WOMEN'S TEAMS

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**! CAPTAINS MEETING**

A captains' meeting to determine the draw will be held at 20.10 before the entrance of the Open Room. Here are the relevant parts of the Conditions of Contest:

**32 teams qualify to the KO stage.**

All matches will be played as a knockout match of 56 boards (played as four 14-board stanzas) with IMP scoring.

**Round of 32 match opponents** are determined as follows:

- ♠ 1st from the Swiss qualification chooses from the bottom 16 qualifiers. The two teams receive seeding number 1 and 32 respectively; then
- ♠ 2nd chooses from the remaining bottom 16 qualifiers.  
The two teams receive seeding number 2 and 31 respectively; then
- ♠ 3rd chooses from the remaining bottom 16 qualifiers.  
The two teams receive seeding number 3 and 30 respectively; then
- ♠ 4th chooses from the remaining bottom 16 qualifiers.  
The two teams receive seeding number 4 and 29 respectively.
- ♠ 5th chooses from the remaining bottom 16 qualifiers.  
The two teams receive seeding number 5 and 28 respectively; then
- ♠ 6th chooses from the remaining bottom 16 qualifiers.  
The two teams receive seeding number 6 and 27 respectively; then
- ♠ 7th chooses from the remaining bottom 16 qualifiers.  
The two teams receive seeding number 7 and 26 respectively; then
- ♠ 8th chooses from the remaining bottom 16 qualifiers.  
The two teams receive seeding number 8 and 25 respectively.
- ♠ The remaining seeds nos. 9-24 are assigned in ascending order according to the original seeding made before the start (e.g. 9 vs 24, 10 vs 23 and so forth).

There will be no play-off for Bronze: both losers of the semifinals will be awarded the bronze medal and corresponding EBL masterpoints.

**8. Carry Over**

There will be no carry over to any knockout phase.

**Seating rights****2.2. KO Stage**

The seating rights for each stanza will be automatically assigned by the scoring system, using a random draw. The following restrictions will apply:

- a) Each team will have seating rights in two stanzas.
- b) The four stanzas are divided in portions of two each: 1-2, 3-4; when a team is assigned seating rights in one stanza of the portion, the other automatically gets the other.
- c) If a team gets seating rights in stanza four, the other will get seating rights in stanza one.
- d) If a team gets seating rights in stanza one, the other will get seating rights in stanza four.

**Tie-breaking**

If there is a tie at the end of any knockout stage including the finals and play-off no extra session of boards will be played and the higher-ranked team at the end of the qualification will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists the team that won the qualification match – if any – will be declared the winner. If the direct match in the qualification were a draw or if there were no direct match in the qualification, then the team with the best Swiss point ratio will be declared the winner.

The line-up might be made from remote at this link: <http://lineup.eurobridge.org:8222>

**You will get an email with the password.**





## **SWISS CUP FORMAT**

Preamble: the following regulation is missing details related to the number of entries, hence is to be published after the start

The event is divided in three phases: qualification, semifinals, final.

### **a) Qualification**

It will be played over 8 rounds of 14 boards each, with Swiss movement, on February 13th and 14th. After day one, the starting teams will be joined by the drop-in teams coming from the Open Teams Championship. Those teams are a maximum of sixteen (the losers of the round of 32) and will be receiving a carry-over. They will not be paired against each other in the fifth round of the Swiss. At the end, the teams will be split in semifinal A and semifinal B. The qualifiers will be receiving a linear carry-over score equal to 20 VP to the best ranked, and down to 0 to the last.

### **b) Semifinals**

It will be played over 8 rounds of 14 boards each, with Swiss movement, on February 15th and 16th. The qualifiers to semifinal A coming from the qualification stage will be joined by drop-in teams coming from the Open Teams Championship. Those teams are a maximum of eight (the losers of the round of 16) and will be receiving a carry-over. They will not be paired against each other in the first round of the Swiss.

After day one, the teams in semifinal A will be joined by the drop-in teams coming from the Open Teams Championship. Those teams are a maximum of four (the losers of the round of quarter-finals) and will be receiving a carry-over. They will not be paired amongst themselves in the fifth round of the Swiss.

The teams playing semifinal B will be receiving a linear carry-over score equal to 5 VP to the best ranked, and down to 0 to the last.

At the end, some teams qualify to Final A: some from semifinal A, 1 from semifinal B, and a maximum of 2 from the Open Teams Championship.

The qualifiers will be receiving a linear carry-over score equal to 20 VP to the best ranked, and down to 0 to the last.

The drop-in teams receive a carry-over. The team coming from semifinal B receives a carry-over equal to 0.

### **c) Final**

It will be played over 4 rounds of 14 boards each, with Swiss movement, on February 17th. The drop-in teams will not be paired against each other in the first round of the Swiss.

## **MASTER POINT REQUIREMENTS IN SWISS TEAMS CUP**

Master Points will be awarded in accordance with the EBL Master Points scheme, provided that a player has played at least 3 out of 8 matches in the in the qualification and the semifinal stage, and at least 2 matches out of 4 in the final stage. The relevant EMP scales are available on the EBL website.

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## Championship specials

The new **dealing machines** used to duplicate the boards for the European Winter Transnational Championships are sold for **€2650**. The **cards** played at last year's world championship are sold for **€80/100 decks**.

These offers are on so long as supply lasts, but no longer than February 19. Shipping from Sweden. (Machine can be picked up at the end.) Email [anna@jannersten.com](mailto:anna@jannersten.com) to order.



# Walking Around

## CASUAL CHATS WITH SOME PARTICIPANTS

BY FRANCESCA CANALI

Yesterday morning, around 9:15, the playing area belonged to **staff** only.

Departments were holding their meetings, **Gianluca** was guiding the caddies to perfection, **Chicco**, our light manager, was fine-tuning the table lamps: a little bit too dark... now a little bit too bright... no, now it's a tad too dark again... Part obsession, part perfection, that's Chicco.



*Fotis Skoularikis*

**Fotis**, our IT manager, was wearing a hoodie that read "Chaos and Order": that says it all.

The **TDs**, gilets bursting with pockets stuffed with regulations and system cards, were gathering and gearing up to hit the field like a rugby team performing the **haka**.



*Sabine Auken*

The first player to appear was **Sabine Auken**, standing quietly in the playing area, getting a feel for the room.

Born in Germany, Sabine has represented her birth country for over 40 years, winning European and World titles under the German flag. **But Sabine will not be in Riga this June.** The reason?

A glance at her WBF People Finder profile tells the story: her flag has already changed to **Danish**.

"I have lived more than half my life now in Denmark," said Sabine, who is based in Copenhagen. "My children and all my friends are here."

Playing for Denmark, she explains, simply feels like home. "We feel very welcome. Danish people encouraged us to switch."

Sabine and Roy have the double option of playing in the Open or the Mixed. The Open would be their first choice, but with Denmark boasting many strong Open pairs and fewer Mixed options, they may well end up strengthening the Mixed team. Either way, due to WBF eligibility rules, they must sit out this year before officially representing their new country.

In the meantime, Sabine is making the most of Transnational events, where players can compete without nationality restrictions. And here she is, in Prague.

She told us that she loves playing EBL events and that **"the organization is the best in the world."** Yes, she really said that, and we really appreciate it. Thank you, Sabine!

When you are basically nobody and talking with a world champion, you get very used to being interrupted. Someone always stepping in: how to bid, how to play, a quick hello that turns into a long goodbye. But for the entire duration of my chat with Sabine, **Reese Milner** stood quietly to the side, patiently waiting. Not a word, not a gesture. A true gentleman. And everything was confirmed when his turn came.



*Reese Milner*



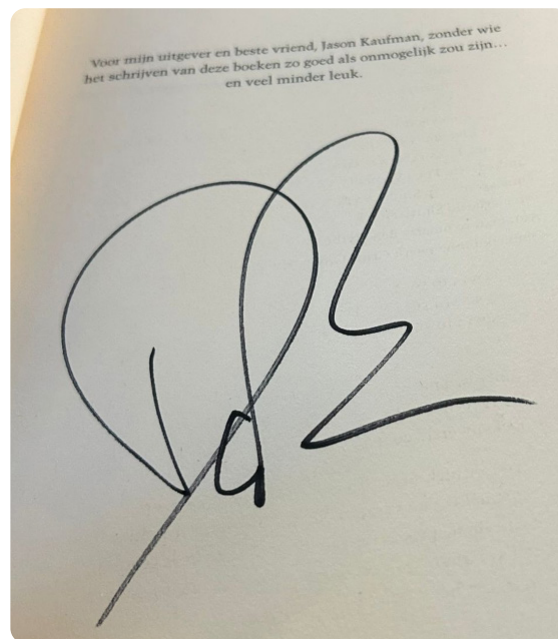
First things first: **the fur hat**. How could I not ask?

"It's a gift from **Zia Mahmood**! He brought it for me from Pakistan," said Reese. Coming from Florida to Prague, he faced a 25°C temperature drop (that's 77°F for our American friends, you're welcome). A hat from Zia was clearly a survival necessity.

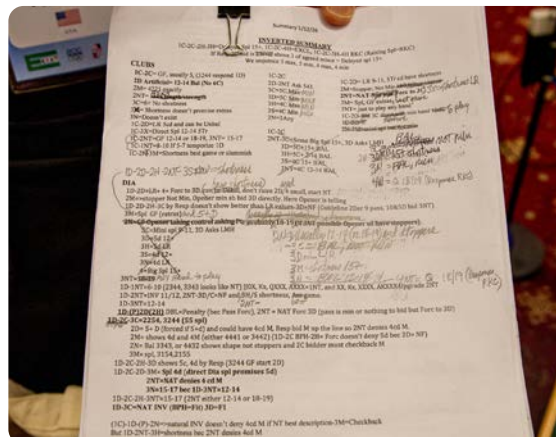
So, why Prague? Now, when you think you've asked the most obvious question in the room, don't expect an obvious answer.

"For **Dan Brown**," said Reese. Yes, **that** Dan Brown. The American novelist's latest book is set right here in Prague, and Reese will be joining a special walking tour through the streets of the bestseller.

That **The Secret of Secrets** would intertwine with the EBL European Winter Championships had been clear to us for months, not only because of the city, but also because our President **Eric Laurant** **casually bumped into Dan Brown** himself at an airport back in October, and got the book signed!



And one last thing: if you ever get a chance to look at Reese's system card, you'll find yet another connection with Dan Brown. The first page? Pure **Da Vinci Code**.





By the way, **guess Reese's team name?**

**Note to Dan Brown:** set your next novel at a bridge championship. The material is all here.



*Milan Macura, Dorte and Morten Bilde*

Mr and Mrs **Bilde** used to be **Dorte** and **Morten**. Now they are obviously **"the parents of Dennis"**. And they love it. They came from Aarhus, Denmark (*"but write '1 hour from Herning': they will know where it is"*), playing in the team of our bridge Komenský, aka **Milan Macura** (if you missed our interview with him, go back to Bulletin 2!).

Overnight, Milan **dreams of methods** to make bridge more accessible to new players. His latest brilliances? The **zero-NT bid**, something that gives new players a way to describe their 12-14 balanced hands in an easier and more natural way, and **an additional double card** to distinguish punitive from informative doubles.

Back to the Danes: Morten and Dorte are already teaching their grandchildren some trick-taking. Another bridge dynasty in the making!



*Mateo Chediak*

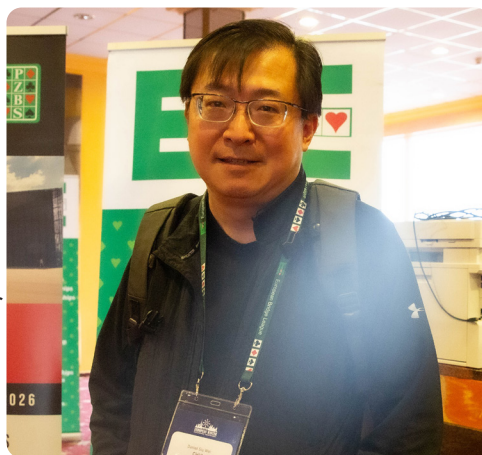
We all have our **badges**, right? But the fanciest one belongs to **Mateo Chediak**. It reads: Mateo Chediak, VIP.

Mateo is the son of our Hospitality & Registration manager Vicky Chediak. With the school break colliding with the Championships, Mateo had no choice but to follow his mum to Prague. Not that



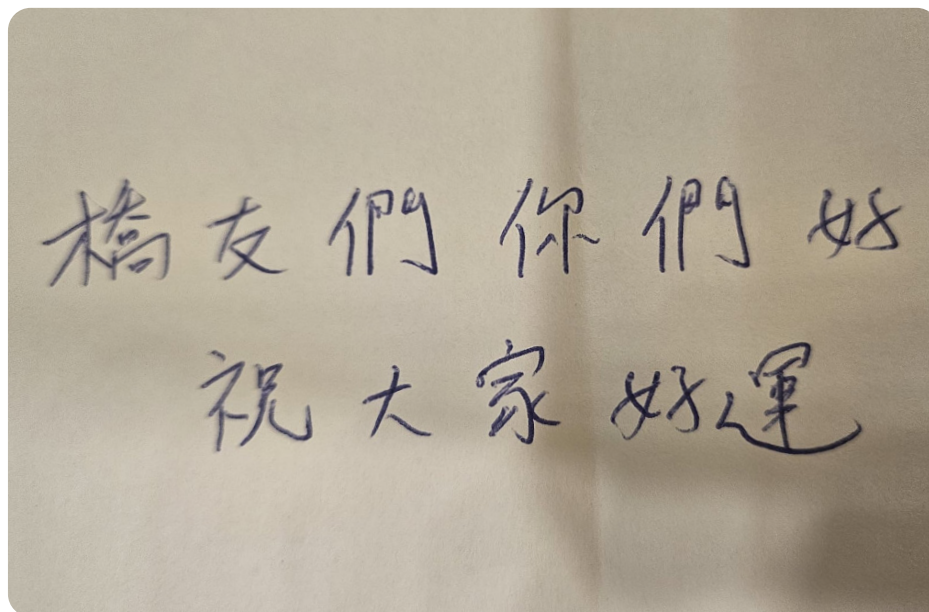
he's complaining. He is enjoying the trip and taking the opportunity to watch top players in action. At 12, Mateo is already very fond of bridge, and his next goal? Entering the U16 Norwegian team and representing his country in Riga. Watch this space.

Just outside the playing area, we bumped into **Daniel Siu Wai Chui**, who could easily be the player who traveled the longest distance: all the way from Hong Kong, China. (Though when it comes to long travels, the real winner is our Broadcast manager Traian Chira, all the way from Australia.)



*Daniel Siu Wai Chui*

Daniel is an IT architect who learnt bridge almost 30 years ago while studying at university. He will be here in Prague for the whole duration of the Championships, and plans to enjoy some sightseeing afterwards, with Budapest and Vienna on the list. And here is his message for us:



*"Hi Bridge Friends! Good luck to all of you!"*

**Marc van B** (+1 VP if you spell his last name correctly) calls the players into the room and it's time to play.

**See you tomorrow for another walk around!**

# EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## QUALIFICATION, ROUND 4

AMY CASANOVA

After the first four qualifying rounds, BRIDGE TRAINER topped the leaderboard with 65.57 VPs, followed by LOIBEN with 61.60, FORMIDABLES with 60.00 and HOBAA with 58.45.

The next four teams in the rankings were all within about 1 VP with scores over 57 VPs; ninth place was a shade below 55 VPs.

I tuned in from the west coast of the U.S. to catch the fourth session on BBO: SAYIN ABIM, representing Türkiye (Sedat Aluf, Ahmet Dedehayir, Nezh Kubac, Ali Ucar, M. Gokhan Yilmaz, Nafiz Zorlu), versus DAISY CHAIN, representing France and Switzerland (Thomas Bessis, Baptiste Combescure, Pierre Franceschetti, Cedric Lorenzini, Quentin Robert, Hilda Setton).



Nafiz ZORLU

### The Balancing Act

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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



### Sayin Abim v Daisy Chain

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Yilmaz	Bessis	Kubac
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
3♥	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Robert	Ucar	Combescure
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣

I counted 17 Souths who balanced with 2♠ on this deal. There were lots of different actions – direct overcalls and balancing calls – at other tables, depending on West's opening bid.

After 1♣–Pass–1♥, when South doesn't overcall



1♠ or double, coming in with 2♠ in the balancing seat might tip declarer off to this type of distribution.

It sure seemed like it in the Open Room. Bessis received the lead of the ♠K, taken with the ace as North played the 2. He then embarked on the following line of play: ♣4 to the 7, 8 and 10, South switching to the ♦10, 5, 2 and ace. He next advanced the ♠10 to South's queen, dummy's 4 and North's 8. South persisted with another diamond; North played the jack and declarer won with the king. The ♠2 was led to the 3, ace and queen; next declarer played the ♣5, ruffed by North, who cashed the ♦Q and led the ♠J, but declarer ruffed in dummy and played his fourth club. When North discarded, he ruffed low and took the marked heart finesse for nine tricks. A discovery play of sorts.

At the other table, South led the ♣J. Declarer won with the ace and took the wrong view in the trump suit, cashing the ♥A and running the ♥J. Down one for 6 IMPs to DAISY CHAIN in an otherwise very flat set of boards – they exchanged only 12 IMPs in total, with DAISY CHAIN winning the match 8-4.




Peter TALYIGAS

That makes it difficult to believe Poland's GDANSK (Slawomir Czech, Szymon Grabala, Andrzej Jarzabkowski, Jan Luczeczko, Piotr Suchodolski, Pawel Szymonik) and Hungary's NEW BROOM (Peter Talyigas, Mate Vagi, Attila Vikor, Benjamin Zabradi) were playing the same boards; their final score was 23-51.

## Nothing is as expensive as a missed opportunity

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

### Gdansk v New Broom

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vagi	Luczeczko	Zabradi	Grabala
–	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jarzabkowski	Talyigas	Suchodolski	Vikor
–	1♦*	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Dble*	4♠	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

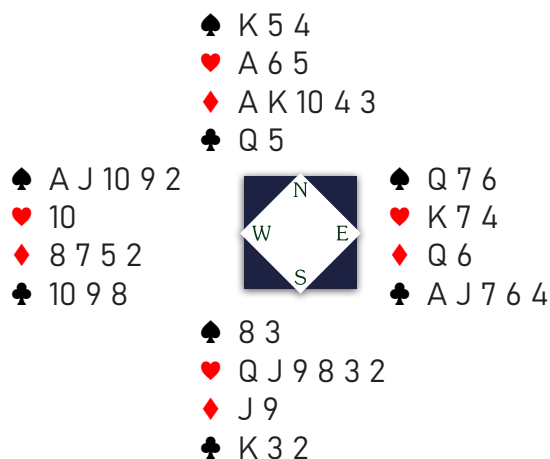
1♦ 4+♦, 4441/5+ not 5332

Many Wests chose to advance East's 1♠ overall with a simple, nonforcing 2♥. Often, the nine-trick game in notrump was found but at many tables the auction died there in a heart partscore. I saw at least a few transfer advances – a handy gadget – which made it easier for 3NT to be found.



East jumped to 4♠. West's attempt to correct to 5♥ might have saved some of the 17 IMPs that were lost as 5♠x was down five for -1100.

## Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vagi</i>	<i>Luczczko</i>	<i>Zabradi</i>	<i>Grabala</i>
–	–	–	2♦*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

2♦ 3-10, 6+♥/♠  
4♣ Please transfer to your major  
4♦ Hearts

With the stronger hand declaring after a weak two-bid in a major and a transfer sequence, Zabradi went passive with a trump lead, North finishing with 10 tricks.

West	North	East	South
<i>Jarzabkowski</i>	<i>Talyigas</i>	<i>Suchodolski</i>	<i>Vikor</i>
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	


## Dare to be different

♠ K Q 5  
 ♥ 8 7 2  
 ♦ Q J 10 8  
 ♣ K 8 4

♠ A 9 4 3 2  
 ♥ 10  
 ♦ A 9 6 5 3  
 ♣ Q 10

♠ J 7 6  
 ♥ A K 9 6 5 4  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ 7 6 3

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



For the last board of the first day, LoveBridge was a sea of spade contracts in the West, mostly partials for those who opened some kind of weak two-bid. There were a few heart contracts in the mix at tables where East got to preempt their old-fashioned, six-card suit.

Then we get to the outliers.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vagi</i>	<i>Luczczko</i>	<i>Zabradi</i>	<i>Grabala</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦*	All
Pass			

2♦ Hearts

Zabradi's 2♦ showed hearts, either a six-card or longer suit with 8+HCP or a five-card or longer suit with 10+HCP. Vagi chose to pass, down one. Looking at the double-dummy chart, we can see the only making game is 3NT for North/South! Impossible to get to?

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jarzabkowski	Talyigas	Suchodolski	Vikor
2♠*	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT All Pass		

2♠ Weak, 5+♠ and 5(4)+♣/♦

A magical layout: both aces onside, ♣Q 10 tight and no entry to East's hearts. Talyigas took 10 tricks on the spade lead for +630 and another 11 IMPs. The victory boosted them from 59th place to 38th with a score of 41.66 VPs.



Andrzej JARZABKOWSKI



bridgeCARE team is organizing an exciting event, for golf lovers of the bridge world, to be staged during championships.

We created a tour for these golf events named PuttIt Tour. The concept is to have a putting contest where each hole will be a Par2.

Each event will be 4 rounds/ 3 holes Par24, stroke play. The entry fee will be 20 euros and half of the total of the entry fees will be awarded to the winner.

The starting time of each event will be around 1 hour after the finish of play (around 21.00)

Please contact Traian Chira ([bridge@chirasoft.com](mailto:bridge@chirasoft.com)) or Milan Macura() to register for the first inaugural event to be staged on Thursday 12/02.

We hope the event will have some traction and we hope to develop a tour with ranking points and finals during the final championship of the year.

# What is your favourite bridge tournament in the world and why?



**ZACHARY GROSSACK**

“ The Iceland Bridge Festival is unmatched in competition level for size. But the best is the spirit! Reykjavik is tiny but mighty, amazing restaurant, and best of all, everyone's in “high spirits” (note the double entendre) because while it's a serious tournament, it's still a festival, and it's quite convivial and just special.



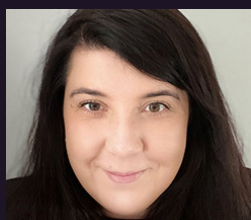
**SABINE AUKEN**

“ Any top-level tournament that gives me the opportunity to experience new cultures, make new friends and spend time with my old bridge friends.



**JOE GRUE**

“ Any world championships I can go and compete in.



**JUSTYNA ZMUDA**

“ International Baltic Congress taking place in Sopot – a city located by the Baltic Sea in northern Poland. A whole week of bridge during the summer! In the morning you can hang out with your friends in great restaurants, enjoy the beach and the lovely architecture and then play some cards in the afternoon. There is one difference compared to summer festivals taking place in other countries – you can actually play the whole day if you want, as there are also morning tournaments. I recommend it to everyone – come and join us!



**ZIA MAHMOOD**

“ Biarritz... not too much bridge... holiday and great food!



**BOYE BROGELAND**

“ I really like the three American Nationals – Spring, Summer and Fall – they are like de facto World Championships with all the best players taking part. I have played all the Nationals since Las Vegas in November 2001, and look forward to the next one in St. Louis right after the EBL Winter Games in Prague.

# EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## QUALIFICATION, ROUND 6

### Gillis v. Sayin Abim Bridge Trainer v. Hobaa

JOS JACOBS

After Wednesday morning's first round, the Swiss event could welcome a new leader. So it is only proper, I think, to immediately turn our attention to this team: Gillis, accompanied by a few Norwegians. Of course, they received the honour of having to play their next match at table 1. Their opponents would be the Turkish team Sayin Abim. All four pairs in this match would play a basically natural system.

As so often before, I could not resist the temptation to have a look, from time to time, at the other broadcasted match: Bridge Trainer v Hobaa. These two teams, one from Israel and one from China, had been doing well on the opening day but they had not yet met. Here too, we had four pairs who would all play a basically natural system.

First blood in my combined report occurred on the second board of the set. In the other match, both teams had reached 4♠ and gone one down but at table 2, they had entirely different ideas, some of them possibly not so good, as we shall see. Here is what happened in the Open Room.



Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>G. Ho</i>	<i>N Tal</i>	<i>W.L. Ho</i>	<i>D. Tal</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	3♠	All Pas	

Though you might go down in 3♠, nine tricks was a more normal result all over the place. So the Israelis chalked up +140 here.

At the other table, there was an accident:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lengy</i>	<i>Sze</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Chiu</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♠*
Dble*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♠ Spades and a minor

South duly led the ♦J but he never got his ruff. As a result, the contract was even made, and






the Israelis gained 13 juicy IMPs.

On the next deal, a slam was in the air:

Board 17. Dealer East N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Bakke	Ucar	Brogeland
—	Pass	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	


North simply told what he had on offer and, not being clairvoyant, South called it a day. That was an easy enough +450 for Bridge Trainer.

At the other table, the Turkish N/S produced basically the same start of the auction but over South's 4♦, North gave it another try with 4♠. After this, South checked keycards and, though North denied the ♥Q, South settled for the slam. All would have been well if the ♦K had behaved but when he did not, Kubac, not being clairvoyant either, had to accept defeat. That was 11 IMPs to Gillis.

On the next board, in both matches the play was the thing.

Getting to 4♠ in E/W was not much of a problem. At three of our four tables East did not open so E/W had to bid all the way up to 4♠ after North's diamond overcall. At one table, East opened 2♥ showing majors so what would West want more?

Board 18. Dealer East N/S Vul.

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

At all our four tables, West thus was in 4♠ and top diamonds were led and continued. To make 4♠, you should take care to remain in control. You can afford to lose a diamond, a club and a trump but only as long as you stay in control. Nafiz Zorlu had no trouble: he followed the old adage of establishing the side suit first. He ruffed the second diamond and played on clubs. North won the second round and persisted with diamonds but now, Zorlu could ruff with the ♠J and play ♠K and another, overtaking the ♠9 with dummy's ♠10. South ducked but Zorlu simply continued ♠A and another. As South was also out of diamonds and clubs and thus had only hearts left, Zorlu had the rest for a fine +420 for Sayin Abim.



Christian BAKKE

In the replay, Gillis also ruffed the second diamond, but when he next played ♠K and another, there was no longer a way to overcome the 4-1 trump break. He thus went one down and lost 10 IMPs in the process.

Unbelievably, in our other match, the same swing occurred for the same reason. That was 10 IMPs to the Israelis as well.

On the next deal, the issue was to believe firmly in one's own overcalls.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Bakke	Ucar	Brogeland
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	3♠	Dble	All
Pass			

Declarer could not avoid the loss of a reasonable enough number of trump tricks and thus had to go two down. Sayin Abim +300.

At the other table, North believed strongly in the double.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gillis	Gokhan Yilmaz	Saelensminde	Kubac
—	—	—	Pass
3♦	3♠	Dble	Pass
Pass	3NT	Dble	All
Pass			

With West's diamonds not really entering the scene, declarer escaped for just one down and a 5-IMP gain.

Two boards later, more IMPs changed hands.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Bakke	Ucar	Brogeland
—	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♦	Pass	3NT	4♣
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

In the Open Room, West thought he might have something useful in defence. Right he was but his values, combined with East's weak two, simply were not enough, not even to prevent the overtrick. Gillis +650.

At the other table, South had a tool available:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gillis	Gokhan Yilmaz	Saelensminde	Kubac
—	Pass	2♥	4♣*
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Over East's weak two, South could show his black two-suiter straight away, but West was not in the least impressed. Even a trump lead could not prevent declarer from making his nine tricks. Down two, +300 to Sayin Abim but 8 IMPs back to Gillis.



Some quieter boards and then a well-timed case of Turkish aggression.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Bakke	Ucar	Brogeland
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	3♦
All Pass			

A quiet auction led to an equally quiet result that was looking like a general par. Or was it? One overtrick, Gillis +130.

In the other room we saw a semi-inevitable auction.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gillis	Gokhan Yilmaz	Saelensminde	Kubac
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♥	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When East led the ♣J rather than a low one (or a spade, for that matter), the hand was quickly over. With the clubs now blocked, all declarer had to do was to play West, in view of his double, for the ♦A. On ideal defence, declarer should lose three clubs and two aces or even two spades, three clubs and the ♦A for down two. The ♠J lead, however, led to nine tricks for declarer, +400 and 7 more IMPs to Sayin Abim.

By the way: +400 to N/S was not the best score in that direction. I also spotted a score of +600 in N/S which was not a vulnerability error. E/W

had managed to find their 4-4 fit in hearts but on more than perfect defence, N/S nearly made 4♥ themselves.□.

On the penultimate deal, the Gillis team also showed some aggression, but their timing was not as good as next door.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Bakke	Ucar	Brogeland
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Nicely done by E/W. One might say that West was well and truly looking at the heart stopper his partner was missing but when you would give it a second thought, you would tend to agree with Zorlu, I think, that this sort of stopper might not be quite enough for 3NT. Well judged, one overtrick, Sayin Abim +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gillis	Gokhan Yilmaz	Saelensminde	Kubac
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Nearly the same auction as in the other room. West duly showed his heart stopper, but this proved not quite enough to make 3NT a success. One down, another 5 IMPs to Sayin Abim who thus won the match 34-20 or 13.96 – 6.04 VPs.

The result of our other match: Bridge Trainer – Hobaa 39-24 or 14.19 – 5.81 VPs.

# EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## QUALIFICATION, ROUND 7

# WARMING UP

MARK HORTON

Have you ever wondered how the players prepare for a major championship? Perhaps they read their system notes, and try a few defensive and play problems. That is not an issue for a journalist, so, in anticipation of some suitable weather, I concentrated on watching films that contained a lot of snow, *Where Eagles Dare*, *The Heroes of Telemark* and *Scott of the Antarctic* (prior to the Mixed Teams perhaps *Doctor Zhivago* is in order).

In any event, by the time you are starting your seventh match, the nerves will have gone, and you can hope to perform at your best.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

### Sayin Abim v Bridge Trainer

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lengy</i>	<i>Yilmaz</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Kubac</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6NT	All Pass

3♦ Fourth suit

Assuming clubs were agreed, 4NT saw West confirm 2 keycards and the ♣Q.

South led the ♦7 and declarer claimed, +1020.



Assaf LENGY



### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>N Tal</i>	<i>Ucar</i>	<i>D Tal</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

As is frequently the case in any long auction some speculation is required.

Assuming West had shown excellent (solid?) clubs, 5♦ was a control, as was 5♥. If 5NT was pick a slam West was entitled to bid 7♣ if he believed all first round controls were present, but my understanding is that 5NT denies interest in a grand slam.

North led the ♠A and that meant a swing of 14 IMPs.

### Formidables v Slovakia Blue

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tomcani</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Kvocek</i>	<i>Bendre</i>
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

1♣ 16+, 17/18+ if balanced, Vul or 4th  
1NT 5+♣

When South led the ♥6 declarer was home, +1440.

North might have doubled, but for all he knew dummy was going to put down a spade void even if partner were to work out to lead a spade.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Rumancik</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Vodicka</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

I have always admired players who have the courage to raise partner's suit with a void. North led the ♠A so +920 but 11 IMPs to Slovakia Blue.

### Royal v Istari

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amiguet</i>	<i>Sipus</i>	<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Ambroz</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦*	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

3♦ Fourth suit

Out came the ♠A, -50.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gantar</i>	<i>J Stoeckli</i>	<i>Drnovsek</i>	<i>F Stoeckli</i>
—	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

Here South led the ♥6, +1440 and 16 IMPs for Royal.

Here's a question for you.

When dummy has only bid the trump suit, what does a double of a slam contract ask partner to lead?

It happened once, 7♣ being doubled in the match between Ante and Cercol after this auction:

West	North	East	South
<i>Rus</i>	<i>Briciu</i>	<i>Stefanec</i>	<i>Gunev</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♣	Dble*	All Pass	

1♣ Polish Club

North alerted his double – perhaps someone on site could ask him what it meant.

South led the ♦2 so +1630 and 12 IMPs when compared with the +920 recorded in the Open Room.



Two pairs went all in with 7NT. When West was declarer north doubled and collected 14 IMPs. Where East was at the helm, North didn't double and South did not guess to lead a spade, +1520 and an 11 IMP swing.

Having achieved a personal best by reporting on six successive slam deals in my first two articles, this deal offered some temporary relief:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

### Sayin Abim v Bridge Trainer

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lengy</i>	<i>Yilmaz</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Kubac</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	1NT	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

1♥ was the popular choice for South (more than 40 players selected it).

East led the ♦Q and declarer took dummy's ♦A and played a club. When West put up the ♠K declarer won and played a heart. East took the ♥A (ducking will not help) and continued with the ♦10, but declarer ruffed, cashed dummy's top hearts and played a club, inevitably coming to nine tricks, +140.

To have any chance of defeating 3♠ West must hold on to the ♣K. Say declarer ducks the trick to East and back comes a diamond. Declarer ruffs and plays a heart, which East must duck. Having won in dummy declarer can play a club to the ace and a club, but East ruffs with the ♠Q and plays two rounds of spades leaving declarer with two losers.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>N Tal</i>	<i>Ucar</i>	<i>D Tal</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	3♠	3NT	All
Pass			

Passing with South's cards attracted a fair amount of support (the only other bid selected was 2♥, easy if its hearts and a minor). When that happens what should North do?

North's choice saw East try 3NT. In these days of light opening bids that is not without risk, but South was unwilling to speculate with a double. She led the ♥K and declarer was soon two down, -200 and a couple of IMPs.

### Lupo Veloce v Eskom

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rosthøj</i>	<i>Lauss</i>	<i>Sigsgaard</i>	<i>Berger</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	3♠	3NT	All
Pass			

South led the ♥K, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Burg</i>	<i>Suszanowicz</i>	<i>Zelnik</i>	<i>Lucka</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	3♠	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

This time South did double. The lead was the ♥K, but the defenders only took five tricks, so it was a flat board.

### Loiben v Gillis

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Umshaus</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Terraneo</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	1NT	Pass
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

East led the ♦Q and declarer recorded +140.



### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hopfenheit</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Reim</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass*
3♦	3♠	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♥Q and collected -500 and 8 IMPs.

Imagine you have these cards as dealer – ♠Q63 ♥76 ♦3 ♣K1098652 – and see partner at game all open 2♠ and rebid 3NT over your 2♦. Do you make a move?

If you decide to pass you will regret it, as partner has ♠AKJ10 ♥AK ♦A1087 ♣AQ7. I suspect you will also regret not opening 3♣, especially as partner can employ a useful convention, Poor Man Blackwood, by bidding 4♦. When you show one keycard bidding 7♣ is a reasonable speculation. 35 pairs were in either 7♣ or 7NT.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

If you reach the giddy heights of 6♥, you need a 3-2 trump break and must locate the ♦Q. Its what has been described as a Clint Eastwood slam – Do you feel lucky?

### Lahrmann v Secrets of Secrets

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Verhaegen</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>
1♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

2♠ 3 card limit raise

I know that if I guess the meaning of the auction Zia will text me with the correct version, but it looks as if West showed a strong balanced hand and East got his diamonds into the picture. North led the ♠Q and declarer passed his test of find the lady for +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tylvad</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Hammelev</i>	<i>Welland</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

There are some unresolved issues with the system cards of team Lahrmann, so on this occasion your guesses will surely be better than mine.

It looks like North led a club, but declare did not locate the ♦Q and lost 11 IMPs.

### Sayim Abim v Bridge Trainer

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lengy</i>	<i>Yilmaz</i>	<i>Bareket</i>	<i>Kubac</i>
1♥	Pass	3♦*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3♦ 10-11 with 4♥ (that's what it says)

North led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ♠K and ran the ♦10. When it held a diamond to the king was followed by a heart to the nine, South winning and switching to the ♣3. Declarer took the ♣A and moments later was claiming, +490.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zorlu</i>	<i>N Tal</i>	<i>Ucar</i>	<i>D Tal</i>
1♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♦*	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

4♠ may have been asking for keycards, with

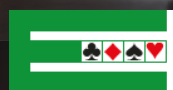
East's redouble indicating the ♦A.

North led the ♦7 which resolved the situation in that suit, +980 and 10 IMPs.

6♥ made only five times out of fifteen, while meanwhile one pair failed in 6♦ and another in 7♣, a rare breach of Burn's Law at the seven level.



*Ali UCAR*



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# RESULTS

## RANKING AFTER ROUND 8

1	BRIDGE TRAINER	115.13
2	SAYIN ABIM	114.47
3	ZIMMERMANN	106.44
4	ELER	103.62
5	LOIBEN	103.48
6	DE BOTTON	102.43
7	SPS POLAND	99.53
8	SECRETS OF SECRETS	98.78
9	SV BRIDGE CLUB	98.58
10	CERCOL	98.12
11	GILLIS	97.99
12	ASHE	97.00
13	HOBAA	96.36
14	JUSTJUMP	95.95
15	ISRAEL BLUE	95.11
16	FORMIDABLES	95.06
17	BRIDGE FOR BUSINESS	93.17
18	KNOTTENBELT	92.93
19	SLOVAKIA BLUE	92.07
20	NEXT GEN BRIDGE	91.79
21	ROYAL	91.19
22	DAISY CHAIN	90.88
23	MAVERICKS	89.31
24	ALTSHULER	88.97
25	LATVIA	88.74
26	4EKO2FAZOKLUB0	87.27
27	ZIP	86.77
28	OVERDECK	85.57
29	TEAM META	85.49
30	BEAUTY WITH PRETZELS	85.27
31	BRIDGESCANER	85.15
32	CROATIA	85.13
33	DYSON	84.35
34	LYSY SOLEK	83.97
35	BANANA	83.36
36	VALLON BRIDGE	82.53
37	KROWKA	81.17
38	BIANCHI	81.02
39	LAHRMANN	80.90
40	BRENO	80.71

41	OLCZYK	80.68
42	LUPO VELOCE	80.30
43	PROMAX	79.98
44	POLAND U21 A	79.54
45	HOLAHOTA	78.82
46	ANGELS	78.48
47	44FUN	78.12
48	TO BID OR NOT TO BID	77.01
49	KALISH	76.00
50	VICUNA	75.70
51	BARIS	75.64
52	ISTARI	75.30
53	ORENDA	73.92
54	NEW BROOM	72.92
55	FOURSQUIRE	72.74
56	TRADYCJA	70.56
57	FRANCE GREEN	69.47
58	ZHANG	68.99
59	ANTE	68.23
60	NIKOS	68.21
61	MILANBRIDGE.COM	67.99
62	KARTALITE	65.81
63	SLOVAKIA WHITE	65.60
64	LUCY IN THE SKY	65.24
65	CZECHIA U23	64.82
66	BORTOLETTI	62.62
67	MACCABI YAFO	62.50
68	BAMBI	62.36
69	GDANSK	61.28
70	MAYDAY	60.33
71	CZECHIA U31	60.31
72	POLAND U21 B	57.81
73	WARSAW UNIVERSITY	57.80
74	TAQUOI	55.86
75	ESKOM	55.50
76	VIMAPHAN	53.30
77	NP MANU	51.48
78	ASCHAFFENBURG	47.36
79	SWISS SENIORS	45.17

# RESULTS

## BUTLER AFTER ROUND 8

ZAWISLAK Slawek - CIECHOMSKI Jacek	1.86	POL-POL	14
GRIGORIU Mihai - CERNAT Ovidiu	1.52	ROM-ROM	56
KANDEMIR Ismail - NUHOGLU Sevil	1.50	TUR-TUR	28
LI Suet Yu Zoe - CHIANG Jeffrey	1.43	HKG-HKG	14
BESSIS Thomas - LORENZINI Cedric	1.30	FRA-FRA	84
BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	1.16	ISR-ISR	112
CHUMAK Yuliy - KUPRIANOV Evgenii	1.16	UKR-CYP	69
TOMMASINI Stefano - NORTON Ben	1.14	ENG-ENG	84
LAHRMANN Christian - TYLVAD Daniel	1.14	DEN-DEN	28
VAINIKONIS Erikas - ARLOVICH Andrei	1.10	LTU-LTU	70
ZORLU Nafiz - UCAR Ali	1.08	TUR-TUR	98
VOLHEJN Vit - VOLHEJN Petr	1.07	CZE-CZE	112
ZAIDENBERG GATT Sophie - LAVI Shalom	1.07	ISR-ISR	28
SUZER Ugurcan - SERDAR Ekrem	1.06	TUR-TUR	84
MARCINOWSKI Piotr - BAK Wojciech	1.04	POL-POL	84
TYLVAD Daniel - HAMMELEV Nikolaj	1.00	DEN-DEN	70
NOWOSADZKI Michal - NOWAK Kamil	0.95	SUI-POL	84
ZAWISLAK Slawek - JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	0.93	POL-POL	42
AVCIOGLU Huseyin Kerem - SERDAR Ekrem	0.92	TUR-TUR	13
ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad - KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof	0.92	POL-POL	84
SARNIAK Anna - CHMURSKI Bartosz	0.87	POL-POL	70
LYSEK Matyas - DANEK Petr	0.86	CZE-CZE	28
KORKMAZ Can - OZCAN Ihsan	0.86	TUR-TUR	14
HANDLEY-PRITCHARD Ben - TOWNSEND Tom	0.80	ENG-ENG	112
UMSHAUS Peter - TERRANEO Christian	0.80	AUT-AUT	112
DJILOVIC Josko - MIJIC Ante	0.79	CRO-CRO	14
BROGELAND Boye - BAKKE Christian	0.77	NOR-NOR	84
COLDEA Ionut - GHIGHECI Ovidiu	0.77	ROM-ROM	84
ZAPADINSKIY Evgeny - SOLODAR Philip	0.76	ISR-ISR	83
KALITA Jacek - KLUKOWSKI Michal	0.76	SUI-SUI	70
AVCIOGLU Huseyin Kerem - SOFU Serkan	0.75	TUR-TUR	84
KUBAC Nezih - YILMAZ M.Gokhan	0.73	TUR-TUR	98
TER LAARE Marco - ALKEMADE Willem (Wil)	0.71	NED-NED	112
NAWROCKI Piotr - OLCZYK Jerzy	0.71	POL-POL	28
TOLEDANO Oren - ZAMIR Ami	0.70	ISR-ISR	84
CHARLSEN Thomas - HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	0.69	NOR-NOR	84
AUSTBERG Per Erik - RASMUSSEN Arild	0.67	NOR-NOR	70
GANTAR Metod - DRNOVSEK Tina	0.67	SLO-SLO	112
HELGEMO Geir - HEIBERG-EVENSTAD Nicolai	0.64	NOR-NOR	70
MULTON Franck - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	0.64	SUI-SUI	70
SABBAH Ofek - SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	0.62	ISR-ISR	112
AROIX Jean-Luc - TIGNEL Jeremie	0.61	FRA-FRA	70
BRZUSTOWSKI Jerzy - PAWLUK Tomasz	0.61	POL-POL	70
GERLI Aldo Giovanni - FRUSCOLONI Leonardo	0.61	ITA-ITA	56
TAL Dana - TAL Noga	0.61	ISR-ISR	112
HO Wai Lam - HO Gordon	0.60	HKG-HKG	112
GINOSSAR Eldad - ZACK Yaniv	0.60	USA-ISR	84
MUKHERJEE Sumit - TEWARI Rajeshwar	0.58	IND-IND	84
MAHMOOD Zia - GOLD David	0.57	USA-ENG	84
GRUE Joe - MILNER Reese	0.57	USA-USA	56
PIEDRA Fernando - SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	0.57	SUI-ESP	14

RIMSTEDT Mikael - RIMSTEDT Ola	0.55	SWE-SWE	112
NAWROCKI Piotr - WIAKOWSKI Piotr	0.54	POL-POL	84
KOO Hor Yung Charmian - LI Suet Yu Zoe	0.50	HKG-HKG	70
KRASA Mikulas - SLOVAKOVA Pavla	0.44	CZE-CZE	112
BILDE Dorte Cilleborg - BILDE Morten	0.43	DEN-DEN	112
ALUF Sedat - DEDEHAYIR Ahmet	0.43	TUR-TUR	28
DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos - VROUSTIS Vassilis	0.42	GRE-GRE	84
ANDRUSZKIEWICZ Jakub - PALUSZEK Konrad	0.41	POL-POL	112
RUBINS Karlis - OLLA Edgars	0.39	LAT-LAT	112
MEYTAL Kfir - MEYOUHAS Yacov	0.39	ISR-ISR	84
KOO Hor Yung Charmian - CHIANG Jeffrey	0.39	HKG-HKG	28
BERGER Heinrich - LAUSS Wolfgang	0.38	AUT-AUT	111
NYSTROM Fredrik - UPMARK Johan	0.37	SWE-SWE	98
SOFU Serkan - SERDAR Ekrem	0.36	TUR-TUR	14
CHIANG Jeffrey - CHUI Daniel Siu Wai	0.36	HKG-HKG	14
SZYMONIK Pawel - CZECH Slawomir	0.34	POL-POL	70
IONITA Marius - TEODORESCU Corneli	0.34	ROM-ROM	112
WANG Wen Fei - HAMPSON Geoff	0.34	HKG-USA	112
GRZEJDZIAK Igor - GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	0.33	POL-POL	112
PATREUHA Jakub - PATREUHA Patryk	0.32	POL-POL	84
BENDRE Kaustubh - KUSHARI Sayantan	0.31	IND-IND	70
KARLIK Petr - KUBAT Frantisek	0.31	CZE-CZE	83
VODICKA Martin - RUMANCIK Jakub	0.31	SVK-SVK	112
VIDOVIC Toni - KATUSIC Filip	0.31	CRO-CRO	112
MALINOWSKI Artur - ERICHSEN Espen	0.30	ENG-NOR	70
WLODKOWSKI Robert - MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	0.29	POL-POL	112
ZORIC Vedran - MARINOVSKI Kiril	0.29	CRO-CRO	112
TOMCANI Jan - KVOCEK Juraj	0.28	SVK-SVK	112
MAGNUSSON Stephan - AMIGUET Jerome	0.28	SUI-SUI	112
TURANT Maciej - LASOTA Tomasz	0.27	POL-POL	56
HOPFENHEIT Guido - REIM Sebastian	0.26	GER-GER	112
GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw - BLACH Michal	0.26	POL-POL	70
DURSUN Baris - OZCAN Ihsan	0.25	TUR-TUR	28
SCHALTZ Martin - ASHE Steven	0.25	DEN-USA	112
WNUK Wojciech - ADAMCZAK Jakub	0.24	POL-POL	84
GIERULSKI Boguslaw - SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	0.23	LTU-LTU	98
BILGEN Mert - UMUR Omer Celal	0.22	TUR-TUR	112
CHEN Lin-Huan - HSIEH Ding-Hwa	0.21	USA-USA	112
DEHEEGER Colin - BEDOUE Pierre	0.20	FRA-FRA	84
RADKO Boleslaw - KASZOWSKI Dominik	0.17	POL-POL	70
NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz - GLASEK Grzegorz	0.14	POL-POL	56
BORA Serdal - MERMER Ilhan	0.13	TUR-TUR	98
BURAS Krzysztof - STRZEMECKI Wojciech	0.13	POL-POL	84
ROMANOWSKI Cenek - DROZD Matej	0.11	CZE-CZE	98
ENGEL Joseph - COHEN Dani	0.11	ISR-ISR	84
NANDI Kaustabh - ROY Sagnik	0.10	IND-IND	70
GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw - ZAWISLAK Slawek	0.10	POL-POL	42
McGUIRE Brian - ATISEN Sebastian	0.09	ENG-ENG	112
FRANCHI Arrigo - DI FRANCO Massimiliano	0.08	ITA-ITA	112
JANIK Stanislaw - SOLECKI Piotr	0.07	POL-POL	112
FILIPOWICZ Dominik - CIESLAK Jaroslaw	0.07	POL-POL	70
ZIPOVSKI Dimitraki - RADISIC Goran	0.06	SER-SER	112
FILIMON Adrian Gheorghe - IANCU Stefan	0.06	ROM-ROM	112
OKUNIEWSKI Wojciech - CIESLAK Grzegorz	0.05	POL-POL	84
TURANT Krzysztof - ADAMCZAK Michal	0.04	POL-POL	70
DROGEMULLER Mette - ROLF-LARSEN Andreas	0.03	DEN-DEN	112
GROSSACK Zachary - KOLESNIK Finn	0.02	USA-USA	42
BAKAN Ozgur - ASLAN Bulent	0.02	TUR-TUR	112
PIEDRA Fernando - MEDIERO Marina	0.02	SUI-ESP	56



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PACHTMAN Ron - ZATORSKI Piotr	0.01	ISR-POL	70
KOESTER Peer - HUEBNER Horst	0.01	GER-GER	98
MANNO Andrea - PALMA Antonio	0.00	ITA-POR	112
SLEMR Jakub - PYSZKO Adam	0.00	CZE-CZE	112
GIUBILO Valerio - BIANCHI Sergio	0.00	ITA-ITA	56
SZE Shun Sum Alan - CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	-0.01	HKG-HKG	112
BALASOVŠ Jurijs - ILZINS Janis	-0.02	LAT-LAT	112
CIMA Leonardo - PORTA Federico	-0.02	ITA-ITA	84
KAHRAMAN Ahmet - CALISKAN Erdal	-0.03	TUR-TUR	112
TRENKA Peter - KEMENY Gyorgy	-0.03	HUN-HUN	112
PIEDRA Fernando - MINGOT Lola	-0.04	SUI-ESP	28
MSIKA Daniel - MOSKOVITZ Ido	-0.04	ISR-ISR	112
SUSZANOWICZ Natalia - LUCKA Dominika	-0.05	POL-POL	112
AVIRAM Yoram - ALTSHULER Gilad	-0.07	ISR-ISR	70
LAHRMANN Christian - ABRAGI Andreas	-0.07	DEN-SWE	28
DURSUN Baris - OZGEZ Cengiz	-0.07	TUR-TUR	14
ERBIL Erdinc - PEYRET Hakan	-0.08	TUR-TUR	111
VAZIC Stojan - SEIZOVIC Marko	-0.10	SER-SER	112
ROBERT Quentin - COMBESCURE Baptiste	-0.11	FRA-FRA	84
SARNIAK Anna - CHALUPEC Igor	-0.11	POL-POL	28
KRASA Ondrej - HUMPAL Michael	-0.12	CZE-CZE	112
VERHEES Jr Louk - BAKHSHI David	-0.12	NED-ENG	84
ARGAY Zsolt - KEMENY Mark	-0.13	HUN-HUN	112
TWARDOWSKI Andrzej - BOGUCKI Darek	-0.13	POL-POL	70
PAWLAK Andrzej - VALCHEV Vasil	-0.14	POL-POL	70
LAHRMANN Christian - HAMMELEV Nikolaj	-0.14	DEN-DEN	14
AMBROZ Bojan - SIPUS Marko	-0.14	SLO-CRO	112
TALYIGAS Peter - VIKOR Attila	-0.14	HUN-HUN	112
MICHALSKI Jakub - PROKOPOWICZ Marcel	-0.16	POL-POL	70
ATTANASIO Dario - LANZAROTTI Massimo	-0.16	ITA-ITA	112
POULSEN Flemming - KOLDING Viktor	-0.17	DEN-DEN	112
LUCZECZKO Jan - GRABALA Szymon	-0.17	POL-POL	70
GUNEV Rosen - BRICIU Marius	-0.19	BUL-ROM	84
AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	-0.19	DEN-DEN	84
LECANTE Francois - RAIKO RAIKOVSKY Vadim	-0.20	FRA-FRA	112
LANTARON Luis - SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	-0.21	ESP-ESP	56
BYRNE Michael - KNOTTENBELT Maggie	-0.23	ENG-ENG	98
BIRMAN Alon - PADON Dror	-0.25	ISR-ISR	84
NIJSSSEN Oscar - VAN DE PAVERD Tim	-0.26	NED-NED	42
DURSUN Baris - BAYSAL Dursun	-0.27	TUR-TUR	56
KNOB Markus - WANHA Clemens	-0.27	AUT-AUT	112
KORKMAZ Can - OZGEZ Cengiz	-0.29	TUR-TUR	84
MISZCZUK Karolina - PANCEWICZ Szymon	-0.29	POL-POL	14
CIECHOMSKI Jacek - JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	-0.32	POL-POL	56
VAGI Mate - ZABRADI Benjamin	-0.35	HUN-HUN	112
MARTYNEK Jan - KOHUTOVA Lucie	-0.36	CZE-CZE	112
KALISH Avi - GRINBERG Nir	-0.36	ISR-ISR	70
BAUSBACK Nikolas - KONDOCH Hartmut	-0.36	GER-GER	111
CALLAGHAN Brian - ORSMOND Graham	-0.37	ENG-ENG	112
FERENCA Matko - LESKOVAR Viktor	-0.37	CRO-CRO	98
VAN DEN BERGH Nic - VAN DEN BERGH Anke	-0.38	BEL-BEL	112
GERLI Aldo Giovanni - OVERDECK John	-0.39	ITA-USA	56
SAELENMINDE Erik - GILLIS Simon	-0.40	NOR-ENG	70
BELCAK Peter - HENC Marian	-0.41	SVK-SVK	112
LOHAY Karol - KRATKY Jan	-0.42	SVK-CZE	112
KLIMIUK Milena - JANIK Mateusz	-0.43	POL-POL	70
BETHERS Janis - LORENCIS Martins	-0.44	LAT-LAT	70
DYSON Andrew - CROUCH Peter	-0.47	ENG-ENG	112



KANDEMIR Ismail - KAYA Emre	-0.49	TUR-TUR	84
BURG Thomas - ZELNIK Peter	-0.49	AUT-AUT	112
GROSSACK Zachary - HOTAMISLIGIL Selen	-0.49	USA-USA	69
VAN DER NEUT Jaap - ZWART Peter	-0.50	NED-NED	112
YADLIN Doron - ORENSTEIN Eitan	-0.51	ISR-ISR	70
VOZABAL David - SEKER Basar Doga	-0.52	CZE-CZE	42
TRENDAK Lukasz - DARKIEWICZ-MONIUSZKO Grzegorz	-0.54	POL-POL	112
STOECKLI Francois - STOECKLI Jeremie	-0.54	SUI-SUI	112
BOCCHI Norberto - GANDOGLIA Alessandro	-0.56	ITA-ITA	98
CAUMEL Jean Patrick - TAQUOI Jacques	-0.57	FRA-FRA	112
BLICHARZ Maksymilian - WOJCIECHOWSKI Igor	-0.57	POL-POL	70
RYBNIKOV Gennadii - SAPOSNICOV Oleg	-0.57	UKR-UKR	70
TURANT Maciej - MISZCZUK Karolina	-0.57	POL-POL	14
TURANT Maciej - PANCEWICZ Szymon	-0.57	POL-POL	14
FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - SETTON Hilda	-0.59	FRA-SUI	56
VAINIKONIS Vytautas - OLANSKI Wojtek	-0.61	LTU-LTU	56
RUS Gregor - STEFANEC Kristijan	-0.61	SLO-CRO	112
KOWALSKI Dariusz - SIELICKI Tomasz	-0.64	POL-POL	84
WONG Wai Man Flora - CHUI Daniel Siu Wai	-0.65	HKG-HKG	84
ABRAGI Andreas - VERHAEGEN Marcel	-0.66	SWE-NED	56
SUZER Ugurcan - ELER Cuneyt	-0.67	TUR-TUR	27
PABST Philipp - DI BACCO Victoria	-0.69	GER-GER	112
REIM Andrea - GUENDEL Marius	-0.71	GER-GER	112
LANTARON Luis - MINGOT Lola	-0.71	ESP-ESP	42
WALACH Ivo - KARLIK Petr	-0.71	CZE-CZE	28
FORYS Wiktoria - MISZCZUK Karolina	-0.71	POL-POL	28
JARZABKOWSKI Andrzej - SUCHODOLSKI Piotr	-0.73	POL-POL	84
IZWANTOWSKI Jan - TOKARSKI Wojciech	-0.75	POL-POL	56
KORBEL Daniel - ZHANG Susan	-0.83	USA-USA	112
ZIVKOVIC Gojko - DERIVAZ Jean-Pierre	-0.84	SUI-SUI	70
SIGSGAARD Julie Marina - ROSTHOEJ Ella	-0.85	DEN-DEN	112
CHMURSKI Bartosz - CHALUPEC Igor	-0.86	POL-POL	14
ANKLESARIA Keyzad - MASKARA Subodh	-0.88	IND-IND	56
KONSTACKA Emma - DANEK Petr	-0.89	CZE-CZE	70
LINDENTHAL Erika - POLAP Klaus	-0.93	GER-GER	98
KROENING Detlev - KARIMI Omid	-0.93	GER-GER	98
WONG Wai Man Flora - CHIANG Jeffrey	-0.93	HKG-HKG	14
ZAIDENBERG Nezer Jacob - ZAIDENBERG GATT Sophie	-1.00	BUL-ISR	14
HASHIMOTO George - ANDERSSON Thomas	-1.06	SUI-SUI	70
CATZEFLIS Christian - GORETTI Massimo	-1.07	SUI-SUI	56
KRASNOSSELSKI Mikhail - FEOFANOV Maxim	-1.09	ISR-ISR	70
MACURA Milan - SEKER Basar Doga	-1.19	CZE-CZE	42
HERMANN Sophie - CRISAFULLI SADABA Patricio	-1.22	AUT-AUT	112
FORYS Wiktoria - PANCEWICZ Szymon	-1.23	POL-POL	56
KOZYCKOWSKI Jerzy - COMANESCU Lucian	-1.31	POL-GER	98
ZAIDENBERG Nezer Jacob - LAVI Shalom	-1.37	BUL-ISR	70
FILIPOWICZ Dominik - OLCZYK Jerzy	-1.38	POL-POL	42
CHOTTIN Philippe - ROMBAUT Leo	-1.39	FRA-FRA	70
VACHTARCIK Lukas - FRANZ Wojtech	-1.40	CZE-CZE	98
VOZABAL David - MACURA Milan	-1.43	CZE-CZE	28
BAYSAL Dursun - OZCAN Ihsan	-1.46	TUR-TUR	28
DUBOIN Giorgio - WARD-PLATT Kiki	-1.50	ITA-USA	56
ZAIDENBERG GATT Sophie - MEYTAL Kfir	-1.54	ISR-ISR	28
OZKURT Kenan - KORKMAZ Adem	-1.61	TUR-TUR	98
KOWALSKI Apolinary - BORTOLETTI Carlo	-2.18	POL-ITA	28
LAHRMANN Christian - VERHAEGEN Marcel	-2.32	DEN-NED	28
LASOTA Tomasz - MISZCZUK Karolina	-3.07	POL-POL	14
LYSEK Matyas - KONSTACKA Emma	-3.77	CZE-CZE	13