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● EUROPEAN WINTER OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Semifinals: Eler Knottenbelt vs SPS Poland

● EUROPEAN WINTER SWISS CUP

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● EUROPEAN WINTER MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

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● EUROPEAN WINTER OPEN PAIRS

Qualification finished. The **top 26 pairs** qualified for **Semifinal A**, the rest for **Semifinal B**. At the end of the Semifinals, a total of 14 pairs qualify for Final A (a minimum of 10 from Semifinal A, 1 from Semifinal B and a maximum of 3 drop-ins). **Please note that the schedule for today has changed!** [See schedule](#)

⚠ A NOTE TO PAIRS PLAYERS

We owe you an apology. A large number of late entries, many arriving throughout the evening and some as late as after midnight, caught us off guard and significantly increased the size of the Open Pairs field.

As this was unprecedented, the only available space to accommodate the additional tables was the corridor where teams gather for scoring after their matches.

We did our best to keep noise under control, but the conditions were far from the standard we aim to provide.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. From Monday onward, all Pairs events will move to the main playing hall, where proper playing conditions are guaranteed.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

... to **Krzysztof Holowacz** (Poland),
Ante Mijic (Croatia),
Ahn Nguyen (Netherlands),
Olga Pavlushko (Spain),
Flemming Poulsen (Denmark)!



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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.



THE SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED

Please note that there is a change in the schedule **for today**



ON 19 FEBRUARY, PLAY STARTS AT 9.00

On the last day, we start early!



LATE ALERT

In case of a late alert of a call (e.g. you fail to timely alert your partner's call), players are required to make sure that their screenmate has seen that alert. Not doing so will result in the pair to be charged with misinformation.

Dimitris Ballas
Head Tournament Director



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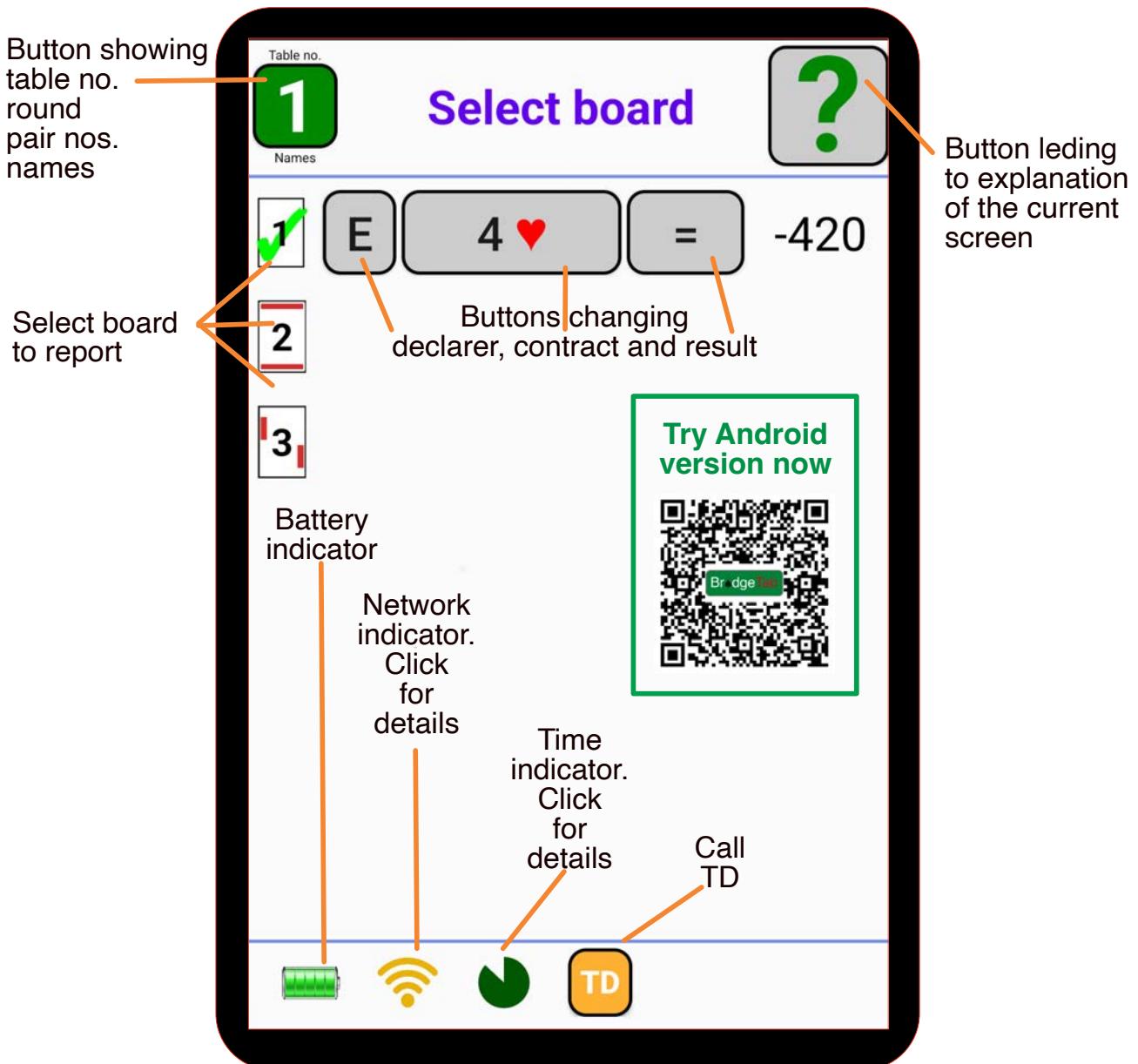


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● EUROPEAN WINTER OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Adj	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	
DYSON	0	32	11	48	28	119	ELER
ELER	0	4	72	24	51	151	
DE BOTTON	0	33	32	28	44	137	DE BOTTON
HOBAA	0	3	6	32	31	72	
KNOTENBELT	0	36	19	21	27	103	KNOTENBELT
BIANCHI	0	18	16	25	31	90	
SPS POLAND	0	13	35	37	15	100	SPS POLAND
ISRAEL BLUE	0	27	48	5	15	95	

⚠ EUROPEAN WINTER OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Seating rights

The Home Team has seating rights in stanzas 1 and 3

The Visiting Team has seating rights in stanzas 2 and 4



For the 1st stanza, the team **without seating rights** must submit its line-up no later than 9.00 a.m.

For the 2nd / 3rd / 4th stanzas, the team **without seating rights** must submit its line-up no later than 10 minutes after the official ending time of the previous stanza.

For the 1st stanza, the team **with seating rights** must submit its line-up no later than 9.05 a.m.

For the 2nd / 3rd / 4th stanzas, the team **with seating rights** must submit its line-up no later than 15 minutes after the official ending time of the previous stanza.

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

You should have received the password by email. If not, contact info@eurobridge.org

3rd European Winter Teams Championships			LineUp					
TEAM NAME								
Round	Table	Opponent	Position	SR	Lineup?	Opponent Lineup?	Notes	
1	O6 - C6	TEAM NAME 2	Home	■	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2	VG2	TEAM NAME 2	Home	■	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VG	
3	O6 - C6	TEAM NAME 2	Home	■	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4	O6 - C6	TEAM NAME 2	Home	■	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

In the SR (Seating Rights) column you can see the segment seating rights:

- the lineup is blind
- you have to line-up first (you DONT have seating rights)
- you can wait for the opponent to lineup (you have seating rights)



**★ MASTERPOINTS - EUROPEAN MIXED TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

RANK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MP	100	80	50	40	25	20	18	17	15	13
RANK	11	12	13	14	15	16				
MP	11	9	6	4	2	1				

★ MASTERPOINTS - OPEN PAIRS

RANK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MP	75	68	61	50	46	42	38	35	32	29
RANK	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MP	27	25	23	21	19	18	17	16	15	14
RANK	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
MP	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
RANK	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
MP	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
RANK	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
MP	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
RANK	51	52								
MP	2	2								



⚠ SWISS CUP FORMAT

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 16 (the losers of the round of 32) and will be receiving a carry-over equal to the team placed 21st. 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 (36) and semifinal B (the rest). Since the maximum number of drop-in is equal to 8 (the losers of the round of 16), the minimum number of qualifiers from the qualification stage is equal to 28. 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 will be receiving a carry-over equal to the team placed 11th.

b) Semifinals

It will be played over 8 rounds of 14 boards each, with Swiss movement, on February 15th and 16th. The drop-in teams 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 4 (the losers of the quarter-finals) and will be receiving a carry-over equal to the team placed 15th. They will not be paired against each other 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, **20 teams qualify to Final A: a minimum of 16 from semifinal A, 2 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 equal to the team ranked 3rd. The winner of semifinal B receives a carry-over equal to the team ranked 12th, while the team classified 2nd in semifinal B receives a carry-over equal to 0.

The teams not qualified to final A will be playing Final B (either Swiss or BAM: TBD).

c) Final

It will be played over 7 rounds of 8 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.

In each case, the opponents of the drop-in teams will be drawn randomly.

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⚠ MIXED TEAMS FORMAT

WARNING: The following format is subjected to confirmation depending on the number of Teams willing to play Semifinal B

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 15th and 16th. After day one, the starting teams might be joined by the drop-in teams coming from the Open Teams Championship (if any). Those teams are a maximum of 2 (the losers of the quarter finals) and will be receiving a carry-over equal to the team placed 12st. 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 (24) and semifinal B (the rest). Since the maximum number of drop-in is equal to 2, the minimum number of qualifiers from the qualification stage is equal to 22. 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 17th and 18th. After day one, the teams in semifinal A might be joined by the drop-in teams coming from the Open Teams Championship. Those teams are a maximum of 2 (the losers of the semifinals) and will be receiving a carry-over equal to the team placed 12th. They will not be paired against each other 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, 16 teams qualify to Final A: a minimum of 13 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 (if any) receive a carry-over equal to the team ranked 3rd. The winner of semifinal B receives a carry-over equal to 0.

The teams not qualified to final A will be playing Final B (BAM).

c) Final

It will be played over 7 rounds of 8 boards each, with Swiss movement, on February 19th.

The drop-in teams will not be paired against each other in the first round of the Swiss.

BAM Mixed

Teams who do not qualify for Final A can play the BAM Mixed which will be organized on February 19.

⚠ OPEN PAIRS

After day one (qualification), the 55 pairs will be split in Semifinals A and B.

The pairs qualified to Semifinal A will be **a total of 26**: a minimum of 23 from the qualification and a maximum of 3 drop-in.

There will be a **linear carry-over** score from qualification to semifinals, equal to one top (24 mp) to the winner of the qualification and down to 0 to the last qualifier.

The drop-in pairs, if any, will get a neutral carry-over (their average score of the semifinal).

At the end of the semifinals a **total of 14 pair** qualify to **Final A**: a minimum of 10 from **Semifinal A**, 1 from **Semifinal B** and a maximum of 3 **drop in**.

There will be a linear carry-over score from Semifinal A to Final A, equal to one top (12 mp) to the winner of the qualification and down to 0 to the last qualifier.

The drop-in pairs, if any, will get a carry-over score equal to the 3rd qualifier.

The pair qualified from Semifinal B will get 0 mp.

EAT LIKE GOLD



@eatlikegold

David Gold is our guide to Prague's restaurant scene. His food blog **@eatlikegold** on Instagram is full of great recommendations. Here are two of his reviews so far:



HAMBURGER IN PRAGUE? 🍔

At **Andaz Hotel**

Senovážné nám. 976/31, 110 00 Nové Město

I was at the Andaz hotel in Prague and spotted a burger- so I figured why not do a review! Very good burger but I remain a skeptic of bacon in burgers. Still it was very enjoyable and the beef is dry aged with that slightly gamey flavour but not as strong tasting as some I have had. Definitely worth a try.



I've been trying to find the best burger in the UK

Championship specials

The new **dealing machines** used to duplicate the boards for the European Winter Trans-national 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 to order.



POLAND'S NEXT GENERATION SORRY MISSCLICK

BY FRANCESCA CANALI



What happens when a **father from Warsaw** teaches his **son** to play bridge, and a **sister from Kraków** teaches hers? You get one of the most charming teams in this year's European Winter Mixed Teams Championship.

Meet **Krzysztof** and **Michał**, and **Magda** and **Tosia**: their two families are united by a shared love for bridge, separated by 300 kilometres of Polish highway, and connected by a common dream.

Krzysztof (Happy Birthday! 🎉), an IT entrepreneur, introduced his son Michał to bridge.

Magda picked up bridge at school and passed the bug on to her younger sister **Tosia**, also 12. The result is a team where family bonds and bridge go together like... like a perfect fit.

Their team name is **Sorry Missclick**. As you can guess, they often train online.

"YOU PLAY BRIDGE? WITH OLD PEOPLE?"

Michał is also a basketball player, and when he tells his teammates he plays bridge, the reactions are...

"They're curious," he says, "but they also picture me sitting in a room full of grandparents."

If only they could see him here, competing in an international championship in Prague: not exactly what his friends had in mind!

Michał has siblings, but so far he's the only one who joins his dad at the table. His mother doesn't play either, but she's fully supportive: she loves the idea that her kid plays a mind sport and has the chance to travel around the world.



FROM THE MAT TO THE TABLE

Besides bridge, Tosia is also practising jiu-jitsu. "Both sports require a strong mental effort," she explains.

For both Tosia and Magda, travelling is one of the highlights of competitive bridge. Magda has her own theory on how to get more young people involved: "Combine bridge with fun. Pizza nights, other sports, games, social activities."

Tosia has just returned from a bridge camp in Staszkowska, proudly showing off her beautiful bridge-themed t-shirt.

EYES ON THE NATIONAL TEAM

Michał and Tosia have already had a taste of international championships. In 2024, they both competed at the World Youth Transnational Championships in Wrocław. The next goal? Becoming members of the Polish Under 16 National Team.

And they're not done yet: they will play at the **World Bridge Series** in **Katowice**, taking their partnership to the next level.

But Michał has one more dream. His favourite player is **Jacek Kalita**... and Kalita happens to be right here in Prague! So far, Michał has only faced his hero online. Will the Top Hotel be the place where he finally gets to meet him at a real table?

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CASUAL CHATS SITTING STILL

BY FRANCESCA CANALI

In Bulletin 3, we took you on a Walking Around, chatting with players and staff across the playing area. This time, I stayed right where I was... and they came to me.

ANNA MAKAREWICZ



Anna Makarewicz, the EBL Secretary, was wearing a stunning **skirt** with a Klimt-inspired pattern.

"Oh, this? I bought the fabric and made it myself," she said, as if that were a perfectly normal thing to say.

Turns out Anna has a whole art collection in the works: a Van Gogh Starry Night hoodie and a Mondrian dress planned for summer.

At this rate, we might just hand her the staff uniform project. Expect EBL staff in Munch's The Scream hoodies by Riga.

THE GREEK PHILOSOPHERS

Working alongside two Greeks means being blessed with occasional pearls of wisdom.

Fotis Skoularikis, our IT Manager, and **Dimitri Ballas**, our Head TD, have philosophy running through their DNA: echoes of Plato and Aristotle, a good dose of (much-needed) Stoicism, and the comic timing of Aristophanes.



There are paradoxes: **"By trying to be faster, you are being slower."** How adorable to hear while you are rushing to get the bulletin ready!

There is maieutics: **"Where are the results?"** **"Where do you think they could be?"**

Everything in the universe can be reduced to numbers, said Pythagoras. Try asking his distant descendant Fotis for a player's name: he knows them all by WBF ID number.

And if you can't find the updated information you are looking for... **"Refresh the page."** That's not Fotis. That's Heraclitus: **everything flows.**

OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND OF 16, STANZA 4

ON THE EDGE

MARK HORTON

Having trailed 42-67 at the half, Zimmermann had dominated the third session to lead 100-80. Meanwhile in the next closest match Eler led Ashe 84-62. I am going to focus on these two matches, while occasionally visiting the Swiss Cup.

Board 44. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K J 10 8 7 4 2
♥ 3
♦ A 7 5
♣ 10 8

♠ A
♥ A Q 8 6 5 4
♦ J 9 8 3
♣ J 6



♠ —
♥ K J 10 9 7 2
♦ K 10
♣ A K 7 5 2

♠ Q 9 6 5 3
♥ —
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

Zimmermann v Dyson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dyson	Nowosadzki	Crouch	Nowak
1♥	4♠	5♠*	6♥*
Pass*	6♠	Pass*	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

5♠ Control, heart support
(or was it Exclusion Blackwood)
Pass 1 keycard (if it was Exclusion)
6♥ Control, spade fit
Pass Forcing

East led the ♠K and West followed with the ♠J. East continued with the ♠A but when West produced a second club the best he could do was try the ♦K, declarer winning and playing a spade, two down, -300.

A dangerous heart lead (might be giving a ruff and discard) gives the defenders a shot at three down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kukowski	Townsend	Kalita	Handley-P.
1♥	4♠	5♠*	6♥*
Pass*	6♠	Pass*	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	7♠
Dble	All Pass		

5♠ Control, heart support
6♥ Control, spade fit

When you can see all four hands it is obvious that 6NT is hopeless, but is it clear that North should double? South knew 7♠ had to be reasonably inexpensive, and his minor suit queens might not be much use.

Naturally, East led the ♠A and this time West followed with the ♠6. Would East risk a heart switch? He continued with the ♠K and that meant three down, -500 and 5 IMPs for Zimmermann.

Ashe v Eler

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sofu	O Rimstedt	Avciooglu	M Rimstedt
1♥	4♠	4NT*	6♠
Pass*	Pass	7♥	All Pass

If 4NT was keycard, the system card says D0PI-ROPI (6 level).

If East knows West has two keycards, bidding 7♥ is a reasonable guess, hoping the ♠A is not one of them.

North led the ♦A, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ashe	Serder	Schultz	Suzer
1♥	3♠	5♠*	6♠
Pass*	Pass	Dble	Pass
6NT	Dble	All Pass	

North was happy to double.

He led the ♠10 and declarer won, played a club to the ace, cashed the ♥K and claimed for three down, -800 and 12 IMPs to Eler.

Its not often that when you are doubled at the six level that your best option is to bid a grand slam!

The only undoubled contracts were 7♥ (also bid in de Botton v Bridgescanner) and no one made anything.

Maybe they could do better in the Swiss Cup? Starting at table 21 and continuing to table 48 there were no making contracts.

Mala Zove v McDonald

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stefanec	Cekol	McDonald	Klanjscek
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♥	All Pass

North led the ♠10, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mrkic	Sezovic	Probst	M Chediak
1♥	4♠	5♠*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♥	All Pass

North led the ♦A, +1430.

Just like waiting for a London bus!

Taquoi v Czechia U31

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Franz	Taquoi	Vachtarcik	Caumel
1♥	3♠	5♠*	6♦
7♥	Dble	Pass	7♠
Dble	All Pass		

That cost -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Lecante	Romanowski	Raikovsky	Drozd
1♥	4♠	5♠*	Dble
6♥*	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♦A but declarer had the rest, +1660 and 15 IMPs.

Board 50. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Zimmermann v Dyson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dyson	Nowosadzki	Crouch	Nowak
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣, 11+, can be 2♣ with 4432 or with 18-19 balanced

West led the ♦J and declarer won with the ♦A, played a heart to the queen, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart with the ♠Q and played a spade to the jack and ace, East returning the ♠2. Declarer won with dummy's ♠9, and ruffed a heart with the ♠K. He continued with the ♦K and East ruffed and exited with the ♠7, endplaying the dummy for one down, -50.

If declarer had played the ♦2 to dummy's ♦Q East could ruff and exit with the ♠7, but declarer would then have an entry to hand in diamonds to play a club to the jack, knowing that West could not have the ♠A (East would have returned a club to get a second diamond ruff).

4♠ was bid at nine tables. It made 5 times, the

defenders leading a diamond (once doubled, West leading the ♣Q).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Townsend	Kalita	Handley-P.
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♣5 and declarer took West's ♣Q and played on spades, East taking the third round and switching to the ♥6 for the king and ace. Declarer was up to nine tricks, +400 and +400 was worth 10 IMPs, Dyson now only 10 IMPs adrift.

Ashe v Eler

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sofu	O Rimstedt	Avciooglu	M Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	1NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1NT 10-12(14)

If you are looking for points, one way to play for a swing is to forget about a possible major suit fit and play the notrump game.

West led the ♦J and declarer won in hand and played a club for the four, king and ace. East exited with the ♣5 and West won and naturally continued with the ♦10 (only an impossible to find heart switch will put the defenders ahead) declarer winning in dummy and playing on spades. East won the third round and cashed the ♣10, but with the ♥K onside declarer had the rest, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ashe	Serder	Schultz	Suzer
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

East led the ♦3 and played a spade to the jack followed by a spade to the eight. West discarding

the ♦10. A diamond to the queen saw East discard the ♣2, ruff the diamond continuation and cash the ♠A, West pitching the ♥9. When East exited with a heart (a low club saves a trick) declarer could play three rounds of the suit, ruffing, after which a club to the jack game him ten tricks, +170 but 6 IMPs for Ashe.

Board 54. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♠ K 10 8 6
♥ A J
♦ J 9 8
♣ 10 6 5 4

Zimmermann v Dyson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dyson	Nowosadzki	Crouch	Nowak
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	2♥	Pass*	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣, natural or balanced (not 5♥/♠)
 5♦ 332 15-17 opens 1♣ if weak NT position
 1♥ 4+♣
 Pass No support

West led the ♣7 and having won perfomce with dummy's ♣A declarer played a diamond to the jack and a diamond to the king, East winning and switching to the ♥K. Declarer took the ♥A and cashed dummy's ♠AQ. When the ♠J did not appear he played dummy's ♥4 but East took the ♥Q and returned the ♣8. When it held he could cash three more clubs for two down, -200.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Townsend	Kalita	Handley-P.
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

- 1♣ 0+♣, 11-14 balanced or 4441♦, 15+, 5(4)+♣, 18+ any
 1♦ 0-6 any, 7-9(10) minor(s) or 16+ balanced

West led the ♦7 and declarer won with the ♦9 and continued diamonds, East winning the third round and exiting with the ♠7. Declarer won with dummy's ♠Q, unblocked the ♠A, played a heart to the jack, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and played the ♦K. West was forced to ruff and lead into the ♠K10 giving declarer 11 tricks, +200 and 9 IMPs. The margin was now 2 IMPs, and Dyson scored an overtrick IMP on the penultimate deal.



Jacek KALITA

Ashe v Eler

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sofu	O Rimstedt	Avcio glu	M Rimstedt
—	—	1♣*	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

- 1♣ 2+♣, 11-20

West led the ♣3 to dummy's ♣A and declarer continued with a heat for the queen and ace and the ♥J, East winning and exiting with the ♠3 for the eight, nine and queen. The ♦K saw East win and return the ♠7, but declarer won with the ♠10, played a spade to the ace, a diamond to the jack, cashed the ♠K and took the rest with dummy's red suit winners, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ashe	Serder	Schultz	Suzer
—	—	1♣*	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

- 1♣ 3+♣ (4♣+4♦ opens 1♣ most of the time)

West led the ♣3 to dummy's ace and when declarer continued with the ♦4 East took the ♦A and played the ♠8 ensuring a rapid one down, -100 and 13 IMP for Ashe, down by only 7 IMPs.



Ben HANDLEY-PRITCHARD and Michal KLUKOWSKI

On to the last board of what the BBO operator described as this enthralling encounter. I can't improve on that.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



Zimmermann v Dyson

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dyson	Nowosadzki	Crouch	Nowak
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2NT 19+-21

North led the ♠5 and when dummy's ♠10 held (South following with the ♠9) declarer played a club for the eight, queen and king, North returning the ♦2. Declarer won with the ♦10 and when the ♦Q held on the next round he cashed the ♣A and played the ♦8, North winning and exiting with the ♠10. Declarer cashed his minor suit winners, played a heart to the queen and had ten tricks, +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Townsend	Kalita	Handley-P.
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1NT*	All Pass		

- 1♣ 0+♣, 11-14 balanced or 4441♦, 15+, 5(4)+♣, 18+ any
- 1♦ 0-6 any, 7-9(10) minor(s) or 16+ balanced
- 1NT 18-19 balanced

North led the ♦4 and declarer played perfectly (taking both heart finesses) for ten tricks, but +180 meant the loss of 6 IMPs and the match.

Ashe v Eler

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sofu	O Rimstedt	Avcio glu	M Rimstedt
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	All Pass

2NT 20-21 balanced

3♣ Puppet

3♥ No major

Was there some confusion here?

North led the ♠3 (anyone for an honour?) and declarer won with dummy's ♠J. At this point the route to ten tricks lies in playing a heart to the ten, which is hardly obvious. When declarer played a club to the queen, North won and returned the ♠Q, continuing with the ♠K when it held. The ♦A was the entry for the setting spade trick, -50.

The door was ajar.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ashe	Serder	Schaltz	Suzer
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT*	All Pass		

1♣ 3+♣ (4♣+4♦ opens 1♣ most of the time)

2NT 18-19

As in our other featured match stopping short of game was decisive. North led the ♠Q which held declarer to nine tricks. +150 was worth 5 IMPs, but Eler had held on by 2 IMPs.



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“ Las Vegas! (Franck – Pierre comments: “that's an easy one!”)



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“ Copenhagen. Wonderful city with many faces and one of its own. I have a noted affinity for Danes. They are a proud and orderly people who love their culture and they are right about it. There is a right and a wrong way to do things in Copenhagen and just a bit of a learning curve for us foreigners but nowadays I can hygge (or try)!



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EUROPEAN WINTER TRANSNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUARTER FINALS – STANZA 1

ISRAEL BLUE V SPS POLAND

DAVID BIRD

On Saturday Dyson beat Zimmermann, multiple winners of this event, on the very last board. How exciting that must have been for them! Scores level and then Dyson pick up 6 IMPs. Here, today, we will watch the quarterfinal chosen for full coverage on LoveBridge. I don't yet know which match it will be, but let's hope for some exciting action. (Yes, I have remembered to take my heart pills.) The only guarantee I can give you is that no part scores will be featured in my report – I am allergic to them. Please do not mention the absurd term 'interesting 2♦ contract' in my presence.

Right, they have chosen Israel Blue v SPS Poland. We have lift-off.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sliwowicz	Glasek	Sabbah	Narkiewicz
–	–	–	1♣*
4♥	All Pass		

South opened the bidding, and Yonatan Sliwowicz West spent some time considering his action. Might he miss a slam by bidding just 4♥? Following the doctrine of 'don't expect

partner to hold the perfect hand', he reached for the 4♥ card. There was no further bidding. The ♣6 was led to the 10 and ace. It may have been a relief to declarer that no slam was available. Sadly, no game was available either. He played the ♥AK, pleased to see the queen fall, and drew the last trump. He continued with the ♠K and the last chance of a make vanished when North took his ace immediately and switched to a diamond. Declarer ruffed but had to lose three further tricks in clubs. It was N/S +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	Msika	Araskiewicz	Moskowitz
–	–	–	1♦*
4♥	All Pass		



Ido MOSKOVITZ

The play was identical at the other table, so it was a push in -100. All eight Wests played in 4♥, going down. Seven of the North's led the ♣6. The exception was Alon Birman, of the Bianchi team. According to the play records, he very cleverly led the ♣3.

(To sure of defeating 4♥ North must lead the singleton club or cash the ♠A first. I'll leave you to work out what might happen after a red suit lead. Coordinator.)

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 7 6
♥ Q 6
♦ K 9 6
♣ A Q 9 7 6

♠ 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 10 9 7
♦ 8 7
♣ 10 8 3

♠ A K 3
♥ A K 8 3 2
♦ 4
♣ K 5 4 2

♠ Q J
♥ J 5 4
♦ A Q J 10 5 3 2
♣ J

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sliwowicz</i>	<i>Glasek</i>	<i>Sabbah</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>
—	Pass	1♥	2♦
Pass	3♦	Dble	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Grzegorz Glasek won the ♣J lead with the ace and returned the ♣6 for South to ruff. Grzegorz Narkewicz's low diamond to the king allowed another club to be ruffed. Declarer won the ♠Q return and drew trumps. He had to lose a spade trick and that was one down for -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	<i>Msiaka</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Moskowitz</i>
—	1♦*	Dble	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Dble	2♠*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

This time, North opened light and reached 3NT, which could not be beaten. East cashed the ♠A and the ♥A, declarer claiming +600 when the

♠A hit the table. It was 11 IMPs to Israel Blue.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sliwowicz</i>	<i>Glasek</i>	<i>Sabbah</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣*	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

West's redouble showed first-round club control. North led the ♣7 against 7♠, making a mental note to send his club suit to the Guinness Book of Records. Surely it must be a world-record worst seven-card club suit ever seen. Declarer ruffed and claimed the grand slam, once the trumps were not 5-0.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	<i>Msika</i>	<i>Araskiewicz</i>	<i>Moskowitz</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♥*	Pass	7NT*	All Pass

The ♠4 was led and +2220 quickly made.

Other Tables

Did all eight quarter-final tables reach a grand slam? Two E/W pairs played in 7NT and five in 7♠. There was one exception, on table A3...

Knottenbelt v Bianchi

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Giubilo	Byrne	Bianchi	Knottenbelt
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Dble
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

East took control of the auction and did not know enough to bid a grand. It was West, with his precious ♥KQJ, who needed to be in the driving seat. Knottenbelt gained +13 IMPs.

We can return to our featured match:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sliwowicz	Glasek	Sabbah	Narkiewicz
—	Pass	3♥	All pass

When North passed, East's 3♥ opening was a perfect blueprint for a vulnerable pre-empt. South cashed the ♣AK and continued with the ♣3, ruffed with the four. After a diamond to the 10, North ruffed a fourth round of clubs with the ♥8. Declarer ruffed the next diamond and had to lose two further trump tricks, ending three down for -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	Msika	Araskiewicz	Moskowitz
—	1♦*	3♥	Dble
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Here, North opened the bidding and 3NT was reached. East led the ♣2, declarer winning with dummy's jack. Five diamond winners and three top winners in heart and clubs produced a satisfactory +400. It was 3 IMPs for ISRAEL BLUE

If you're not impressed with a 3-IMP swing, we will have to trudge over to table A3 again.

Knottenbelt v Bianchi

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Giubilo	Byrne	Bianchi	Knottenbelt
—	1♦	3♥	Dble
3♠	Pass	3NT	Dble
4♣	Dble	All Pass	

West removal to 3♠ was a dubious move. Firstly, North might not pass the take-out double of 3♥. Even if he did, East would have the hearts sitting over him. Secondly, the ♠AK might be worth a bit, playing in hearts. East's removal to 3NT also appears to be unwise. How could 3♣ be forcing after an opening bid by North and a three-level take-out double by South? The ♣9 was led, against the eventual 4♣, and E/W had to open their wallets and pay out 800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Birman		van de
Paverd	Padon		
—	1♦	4♥	4NT*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

The ♠Q was led, and the diamond game had to go one down, for N/S -50. It was 13 IMPs to Knottenbelt.

Back in the featured match, boards 10 and 11 produced two 5-IMP swings for SPS Poland. Were the deals worth a look, did you say? I can answer that by saying that the contracts involved were 1♥ and 1♦, then 1NT and 2♣. Enough said.

By good fortune, the last deal of the match was worthy of inclusion. That's a relief.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A J 7 6 5
♥ A 4 3
♦ A 5 2
♣ J 7

♠ 2
♥ J 10 8
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ A K 9 5 4



♠ K Q 10 9 8
♥ 9 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ 10 6 2

♠ 4 3
♥ K Q 7 6 5
♦ K 9 8
♣ Q 8 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sliwowicz	Glasek	Sabbah	Narkiewicz
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

What would you lead from the West hand? A top club, of course. On this particular layout, though, any other lead works better!

The ♠K won and West switched to the ♦7. Declarer does best to win with the ace, but he ran it to his king. A second club set up the ♣Q, and another diamond went to dummy's ace. Declarer was in the wrong hand to discard a diamond on the ♣Q. After a trump to the queen,

the play description ends, but Lovebridge's DDS double-dummy machine assures us that Narkiewicz's +140 was the limit after his play in the diamond suit. The stakes were higher at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kotorowicz	Msika	Araskiewicz	Moskowitz
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Ido Moskowitz opens light and the heart game is reached. "It's down on any lead," DDS proclaims, "except for a club." West leads the ♠A and switches to a diamond. This time declarer wins with the ace (well done) and clears his club trick. Again the play record ceases prematurely, but declarer can win the next diamond, discard a diamond on the ♣Q, and ruff a diamond. That's +420 and 7 IMPs for Israel Blue, who won this first session of the quarter-final by 27-13.

The Great Dealer showed his disapproval of bridge on a Sunday with 7 part-scores out of 14 in the Open Room. The Closed Room suffered an even higher penance. A grand slam and four games, it's true, but nine part-scores! Who in their right mind would be a bridge writer?



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OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUARTER FINALS – STANZA 2

MARJO CHORUS

Segment 1 of the Quarterfinals ended with:

Knottenbelt - Bianchi	36 - 18
SPS Poland - Israel Blue	13 - 27
Dyson - Eler	19 - 4
De Botton - Hobaa	33 - 3

As broadcast was not available for this round, I cannot please you with any card play but I can report about the bidding and scoring.

First blood on Board 16:

Board 16. Dealer West E/W Vul.

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

In the De Botton-Hobaa match Chiu and Sze went overboard:

West	North	East	South
<i>Chiu</i>		<i>Sze</i>	
Pass	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
3♠	Diamonds		

Down one while De Botton bid no more than 3NT and made it. De Botton +12 IMPs.

In Dyson v. Eler match both E/W-pairs declared 3NT on the lead of ♥2 but Handley-Pritchard made only eight tricks. Eler +13 IMPs

Porta (Bianchi) opened the East hand with 2NT. Giubilo in West showed his diamonds with 4♠ but Porta was not very interested and signed off in 4NT. Alas, that was already too much: one down.

At the other table Birman (Knottenbelt) in the North seat opened 2♥. East doubled, West showed his diamonds and East ended the auction with 3NT, just made. 12 IMPs to Knottenbelt.

No score in the other matches.

On Board 20 slam was missed at two tables:

Board 20. Dealer West All Vul.

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

Dyson vs Eler

West	North	East	South
<i>Sofu</i>	<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Avcioglu</i>	<i>Dyson</i>
Pass	1♣	2♠	Dble
4♠	4NT*	Pass	5♣



One overtrick and Dyson +640.

Exactly the same bidding at the other table, except that North raised partner's 5♣ to slam. Eler 12 IMPs.

SPS Poland missed slam in one room but in the other room Israel Blue got doubled in 4♠ (-800) so 5 IMPs to the Poles after all.

No score in the other matches where slam was duly bid by all N/S pairs.

On board 22 another slam swing:

Board 22. Dealer East EW Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Sliwowicz	Narkiewicz	Sabbah	Glasek
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

- 5♦ Asking for keycards with a void in diamonds (Exclusion BW), so keycards in diamonds are not mentioned in the response

Nicely done. The 5♦ bid immediately made it clear that there was an ace missing.

Disaster for Poland:

West	North	East	South
Buras	Msika	Strzemecki	Moskovitz
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♠	Dble	All Pass	

Here it was not clear which ace was missing but Msika soon told them... 17 IMPs to the Israelis.

A maybe bigger disappointment in the Dyson-Eler match where Sofu and Avcioglu (Eler) bid and made 6♠ but Townsend-Handley Pritchard had a big misunderstanding:

West	North	East	South
Townsend	Serdar	Handley-Pritchard	
Suzer	—	1NT	Pass
—	—	2♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	
5♦	All Pass		

Three off and 17 IMPs to Eler.

In the other matches there were no swings on this board.



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OPEN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUARTERFINALS – STANZA 3

IN THE BLEAK MID WINTER

MARK HORTON

According to my Copilot Search, it is -3°C in Prague at the moment and some snow is on the way. It claims to be a heady 8°C here in Shrewsbury, but the actuality is somewhat different as the long run of cold, wet weather continues. Perhaps the deals in today's third session can offer us a little sunshine.

Board 29. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Knottenbelt v Bianchi

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Porta	Norton	Bianchi	Tommasini
—	1♣*	1♠	2♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

- 1♣ 2+♣, 12-14 balanced (can have 5♦)
 18-19 balanced (not usually 5♦) or natural
 2♣ 5+♦

East led the ♠4 and when declarer won with dummy's ♠K and cashed the ♦A East followed with the ♦Q. A diamond to the jack was followed by the ♦10, a club to the king and the ♣10, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Birman	van de Paverd	Padon
—	1♣*	1♠	2♣*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, could be 5♦-3-3-2, 11-22

2♣ Diamonds

West led the ♠J and with both minor suits behaving declarer took 12 tricks, +490 but 10 IMPs for Knottenbelt.

Two pairs played in 3NT, losing 10 IMPs to 6♦/6♣, while stopping in 5♣ cost de Botton 11 IMPs.



Ben NORTON

Board 30. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Birman	van de Paverd	Padon
—	—	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♣*	Dble	Pass*
Pass	Rdbl*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

There is no indication as to the meaning of 4♣, but it got the job done.

The defenders scored a club, declarer taking the rest by establishing the diamonds, +1430. Three pairs stopped in 4♠.

Knottenbelt v Bianchi

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Porta	Norton	Bianchi	Tommasini
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT*	Dble	2♣	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Dble	4♦*
5♣	6♦	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

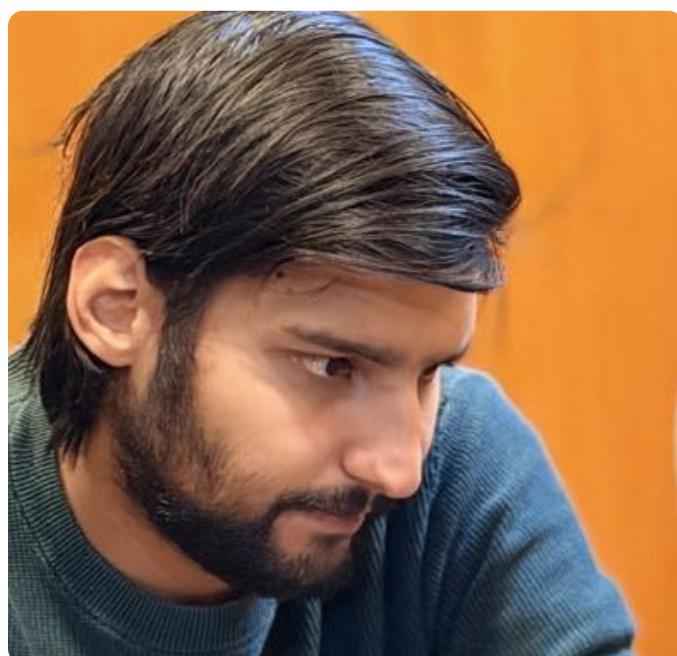
1NT 10-13

4♣ Control

4♦ Control

North probably bid 6♦ 'just in case'.

West led the ♠Q and continued with the ♣2, declarer setting up the diamonds for +1430.



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Nordic Fours v Croatia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mestic	Olsen	Brklic	Martensen-L.
—	—	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

When West led the ♠J declarer could win and play a diamond to the queen for all the tricks, +1460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Brogeland	Pilipovic	T Brogeland	Marinovski
—	—	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	3♣	Dble*
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♦ 0-10 weak ♥/♠

2NT Asking

3♣ Any minimum

4♣ Control

4♦ Control

4♥ Control

Stopping in game meant 13 IMPs for Nordic Fours.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A J 10 7 3
♥ A J 8 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ 5

♠ Q 6
♥ Q 9 6 5 3
♦ 9
♣ A Q 9 6 2



♠ K 9
♥ 10
♦ Q J 10 8 6 4 3
♣ J 10 8

♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ K 7 2
♦ A K
♣ K 7 4 3

Knottenbelt v Bianchi

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Porta	Norton	Bianchi	Tommasini
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣2 for the ten and king and declarer played a spade for the queen and ace, East winning the second spade and returning the ♣J for one down, -50.

This was the only table where West did not open 1♥ or 2♥. In this age of light opening bids, it is likely that North's reopening double is distributional in nature, but it is easy to see why South preferred the nine trick game to 4♠.

I'll ask the man on the Clapham Omnibus what he would bid over North's double.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Birman	van de Paverd	Padon
1♥	1♠	3♦	3♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♥ Spade support

East led the ♥10 and declarer won with dummy's ♥K and played two rounds of spades, +450 and 11 IMPs for Bianchi.

In the Mixed Teams almost everyone opened the bidding with West's cards (when West passed North tried 1♠).

2 Many Gingers v Banana

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Li	Sigsgaard	Wong	Tylvad
1♥	1♠	2♦*	2♥*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ Spade support

East led the ♥10 and declarer took 11 tricks, +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hammelv	Koo	Rosthøj	Chiang
1♥	1♠	1NT	Dble
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

This time declarer took ten tricks, +170 losing 7 IMPs.

In Creazone v Vicuna, when East opened 3♦ Nuray Sen reopened with 3♠ and Kenan Mengu raised to game, both teams collecting +450.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K J 2
♥ 2
♦ A 10 9
♣ A K J 10 8 2

♠ A 9 7 6 5 4 3
♥ Q 8
♦ Q 5 4 3
♣ —



♠ 10 8
♥ K J 10
♦ K J 8 7 6
♣ 9 7 3

♠ Q
♥ A 9 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 2
♣ Q 6 5 4

Knottenbelt v Bianchi

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Porta	Norton	Bianchi	Tommasini
—	—	Pass	3♥
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

Opening 3♥ is a question of style.

Overcalling 3♠ may be the same, (Larry Cohen writes 'You can't preempt a preempt.') although



the suit is skinny.

North led the ♠A and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A and claimed, +730.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Birman	van de Paverd	Padon
—	—	Pass	3♥
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

Apart from the lead being the ♣K, it was the same story here, no swing.

3♠ was doubled three times, 4♠ doubled twice. No one led the ♥2 (if partner wins and returns a diamond the defenders should get five tricks). Across all three events there were numerous doubled spade contracts. North always started with a top club.

When South did not open there was one outstanding result from the Mixed Teams:

Ashe v Wapo

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	Ashe	Zawislak	Maricic
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♦*	Dble	2♥*	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

2♦ 4-10, 6+♥/♠

2♥ Pass or correct

3♣ Club support

When North doubled and then introduced his suit South, holding a 'cologne' (4711) pressed the accelerator button.

East led the ♦7 but declarer could win and set up the hearts for +1370.

They were the only pair in all the events to bid 6♣.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
M Schaltz	P Busse	Duursma	G Busse
—	—	Pass	2♦*
3♠	3NT	Dble	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Close, but a 13 IMP loss.



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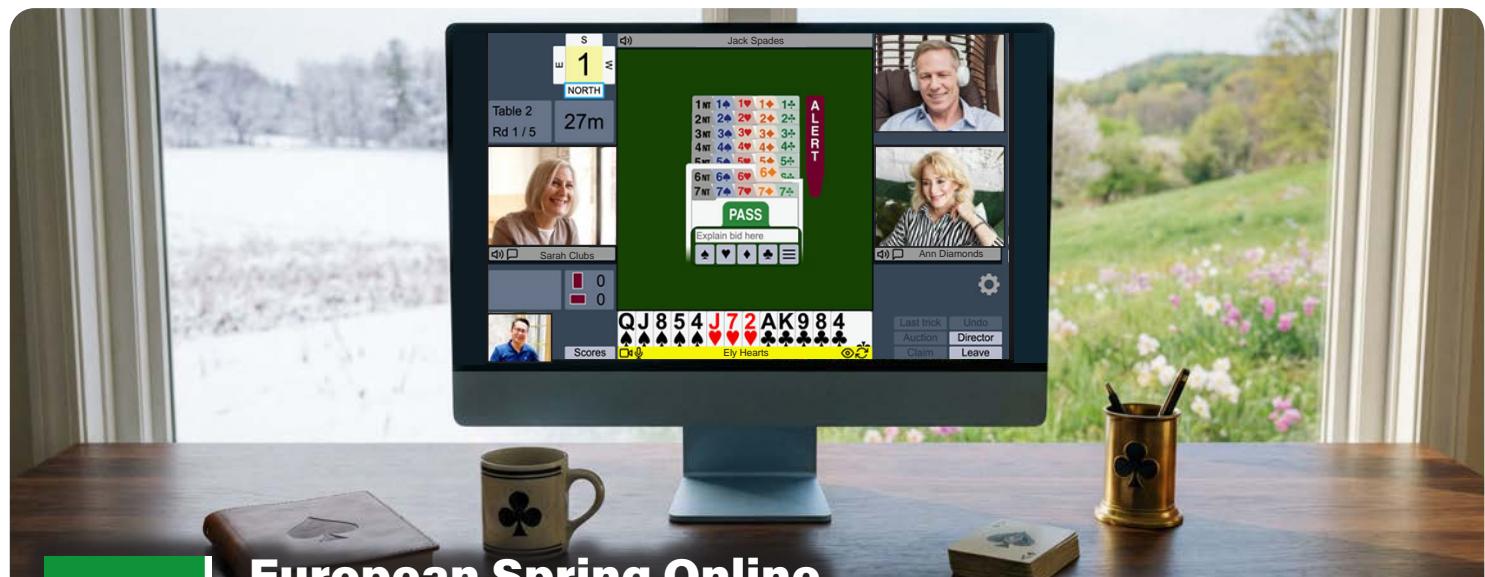
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BUTLER RANKING

AFTER QUARTER FINALS

BIANCHI Sergio - PORTA Federico	1.29	14	ITA-ITA
HELGEMO Geir - HEIBERG-EVENSTAD Nicolai	1.12	42	NOR-NOR
SUZER Ugurcan - SERDAR Ekrem	0.82	56	TUR-TUR
BYRNE Michael - KNOTTENBELT Maggie	0.82	28	ENG-ENG
NIJSSEN Oscar - VAN DE PAVERD Tim	0.79	42	NED-NED
MALINOWSKI Artur - ERICHSEN Espen	0.75	28	ENG-NOR
ARASZKIEWICZ Konrad - KOTOROWICZ Krzysztof	0.60	42	POL-POL
CHARLSEN Thomas - HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	0.31	42	NOR-NOR
DYSON Andrew - CROUCH Peter	0.14	56	ENG-ENG
BURAS Krzysztof - STRZEMECKI Wojciech	0.07	42	POL-POL
AVCIOGLU Huseyin Kerem - SOFU Serkan	0.02	56	TUR-TUR
SABBAH Ofek - SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	-0.05	56	ISR-ISR
BIRMAN Alon - PADON Dror	-0.25	56	ISR-ISR
MSIKA Daniel - MOSKOVITZ Ido	-0.29	56	ISR-ISR
NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz - GLASEK Grzegorz	-0.32	28	POL-POL
GIUBILO Valerio - PORTA Federico	-0.61	28	ITA-ITA
HO Wai Lam - HO Gordon	-0.61	56	HKG-HKG
GIUBILO Valerio - BIANCHI Sergio	-0.64	14	ITA-ITA
TOMMASINI Stefano - NORTON Ben	-0.81	42	ENG-ENG
SZE Shun Sum Alan - CHIU Wai-Lap Abby	-0.84	56	HKG-HKG
HANDLEY-PRITCHARD Ben - TOWNSEND Tom	-0.98	56	ENG-ENG



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SEMIFINALS A & B

RESULTS AFTER ROUND 4

SEMIFINAL A

1	FAJERWERKI	76.82
2	BRIDGESCANNER	75.18
3	ALTSCHULER	69.62
4	KALISH	69.47
5	LOIBEN	68.54
6	FORMIDABLES	67.83
7	ZIMMERMANN	62.05
8	OLCZYK	60.04
9	CROATIA	56.86
10	4EKO2FAZOKLUBO	56.40
11	ISTARI	55.94
12	ANGELS	55.53
13	BRENO	55.06
14	JUSTJUMP	54.55
15	OVERDECK	54.08
16	TO BID OR NOT TO BID	53.85
17	CRESTA RUN	51.83
18	VIMAPHAN	50.52
19	NEW BROOM	49.61
20	MAVERICKS	48.42
21	FRANCE GREEN	48.18
22	BEAUTY WITH PRETZELS	47.98
23	TEAM META	47.12
24	NIKOS	46.76
25	SWISS SENIORS	45.59
26	SAYIN ABIM	44.80
27	BARIS	40.40
28	POLAND U21 B	40.22
29	PATRICK SAADA	36.60
30	VALLON BRIDGE	36.13
31	FOURSQUIRE	36.01
32	LATVIA	34.79
33	LUPO VELOCE	33.76
34	CERCOL	33.13
35	KROWKA	29.71
36	WARSAW UNIVERSITY	22.64

SEMIFINAL B

1	GILLIS	65.31
2	44FUN	58.36
3	CAFIERO	51.16
4	BORTOLETTI	46.08
5	CZECHIA U23	43.80
6	GDANSK	43.64
7	ASCHAFFENBURG	42.97
8	SLOVAKIA BLUE	42.14
9	MALA ZOVE	34.35
10	BAMBI	33.62
11	POLAND U21 A	31.79
12	CZECHIA U31	17.70

SWISS CUP

BUTLER RANKING SEMIFINAL A

AFTER ROUND 4

ENGEL Joseph - COHEN Dani	1.79	ISR-ISR	28
TWARDOWSKI Andrzej - BOGUCKI Darek	1.71	POL-POL	42
PAWLAK Andrzej - VALCHEV Vasil	1.52	POL-POL	42
VAINIKONIS Erikas - ARLOVICH Andrei	1.39	LTU-LTU	28
KOWALSKI Dariusz - SIELICKI Tomasz	1.36	POL-POL	28
NANDI Kaustabh - ROY Sagnik	1.32	IND-IND	28
BRZUSTOWSKI Jerzy - PAWLUK Tomasz	1.29	POL-POL	28
TOLEDANO Oren - ZAMIR Ami	1.10	ISR-ISR	42
HOPFENHEIT Guido - REIM Sebastian	1.05	GER-GER	56
BAREKET Ilan - SAADA Nathalie	1.00	ISR-ISR	28
OKUNIEWSKI Wojciech - CIESLAK Grzegorz	1.00	POL-POL	42
ZORLU Nafiz - UCAR Ali	1.00	TUR-TUR	42
NOWOSADZKI Michal - NOWAK Kamil	0.98	SUI-POL	42
POULSEN Flemming - KOLDING Viktor	0.96	DEN-DEN	56
UMSHAUS Peter - TERRANEO Christian	0.96	AUT-AUT	56
AVIRAM Yoram - ALTSHULER Gilad	0.95	ISR-ISR	56
GRIGORIU Mihai - CERNAT Ovidiu	0.93	ROM-ROM	14
KRASA Mikulas - SLOVAKOVA Pavla	0.88	CZE-CZE	56
VAINIKONIS Vytautas - OLANSKI Wojtek	0.86	LTU-LTU	28
GIERULSKI Boguslaw - SKRZYPczAK Jerzy	0.80	LTU-LTU	56
MANNO Andrea - PALMA Antonio	0.73	ITA-POR	56
VIDOVIC Toni - KATUSIC Filip	0.71	CRO-CRO	28
KALISH Avi - GRINBERG Nir	0.71	ISR-ISR	42
KALITA Jacek - KLUKOWSKI Michal	0.62	SUI-SUI	42
FILIPOWICZ Dominik - CIESLAK Jaroslaw	0.62	POL-POL	42
HASHIMOTO George - ANDERSSON Thomas	0.61	SUI-SUI	28
ZAPADINSKIY Evgeny - SOLODAR Philip	0.50	ISR-ISR	28
BENDRE Kaustubh - KUSHARI Sayantan	0.45	IND-IND	42
CHUMAK Yuliy - KUPRIIANOV Evgenii	0.43	UKR-CYP	42
KUBAC Nezih - YILMAZ M.Gokhan	0.43	TUR-TUR	56
ATTANASIO Dario - LANZAROTTI Massimo	0.41	ITA-ITA	56
IONITA Marius - TEODORESCU Cornel	0.39	ROM-ROM	56
PACHTMAN Ron - ZATORSKI Piotr	0.36	ISR-POL	56
FERENCA Matko - LESKOVAR Viktor	0.36	CRO-CRO	42
COLDEA Ionut - GHIGHECI Ovidiu	0.36	ROM-ROM	42
MAHMOOD Zia - RIMSTEDT Ola	0.27	USA-SWE	56
CATZEFLIS Christian - GORETTI Massimo	0.26	SUI-SUI	42
KLIMIUK Milena - JANIK Mateusz	0.24	POL-POL	42
BALASOVS Jurijs - ILZINS Janis	0.23	LAT-LAT	56
TALYIGAS Peter - VIKOR Attila	0.21	HUN-HUN	56
MUKHERJEE Sumit - TEWARI Rajeshwar	0.19	IND-IND	42
TRENKA Peter - KEMENY Gyorgy	0.18	HUN-HUN	56
NAWROCKI Piotr - WIANKOWSKI Piotr	0.18	POL-POL	28
KANDEMIR Ismail - KAYA Emre	0.17	TUR-TUR	42
RYBNIKOV Gennadii - SAPOSNICOV Oleg	0.14	UKR-UKR	42
DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos - VROUSTIS Vassilis	0.12	GRE-GRE	42

BERGER Heinrich - LAUSS Wolfgang	0.11	AUT-AUT	56
REIM Andrea - PABST Philipp	0.09	GER-GER	56
GUENDEL Marius - DI BACCO Victoria	0.09	GER-GER	56
VERHEES Jr Louk - BAKHSHI David	0.05	NED-ENG	42
YADLIN Doron - ORENSTEIN Eitan	0.05	ISR-ISR	42
CHOTTIN Philippe - ROMBAUT Leo	0.00	FRA-FRA	28
FORYS Wiktoria - MISZCZUK Karolina	-0.04	POL-POL	28
NAWROCKI Piotr - OLCZYK Jerzy	-0.04	POL-POL	28
AROIX Jean-Luc - TIGNEL Jeremie	-0.12	FRA-FRA	42
MAGNUSSON Stephan - AMIGUET Jerome	-0.14	SUI-SUI	56
GERLI Aldo Giovanni - OVERDECK John	-0.16	ITA-USA	56
DJILOVIC Josko - MIJIC Ante	-0.21	CRO-CRO	42
FORYS Wiktoria - PANCEWICZ Szymon	-0.21	POL-POL	28
FRANCHI Arrigo - DI FRANCO Massimiliano	-0.23	ITA-ITA	56
RADKO Boleslaw - KASZOWSKI Dominik	-0.31	POL-POL	42
STOECKLI Francois - STOECKLI Jeremie	-0.32	SUI-SUI	56
McGUIRE Brian - ATISEN Sebastian	-0.32	ENG-ENG	56
ANDRUSZKIEWICZ Jakub - PALUSZEK Konrad	-0.36	POL-POL	56
TER LAARE Marco - ALKEMADE Willem (Wil)	-0.39	NED-NED	56
FILIMON Adrian Gheorghe - IANCU Stefan	-0.41	ROM-ROM	56
KRASA Ondrej - HUMPAL Michael	-0.43	CZE-CZE	56
IZWANTOWSKI Jan - TOKARSKI Wojciech	-0.43	POL-POL	42
GRUE Joe - RIMSTEDT Mikael	-0.45	USA-SWE	56
VAN DER NEUT Jaap - ZWART Peter	-0.50	NED-NED	56
ZACK Yaniv - COHEN Ilan	-0.50	ISR-ISR	28
ZIVKOVIC Gojko - DERIVAZ Jean-Pierre	-0.52	SUI-SUI	42
DROGEMULLER Mette - ROLF-LARSEN Andreas	-0.54	DEN-DEN	56
ARGAY Zsolt - KEMENY Mark	-0.57	HUN-HUN	56
CALLAGHAN Brian - ORSMOND Graham	-0.57	ENG-ENG	56
BURG Thomas - ZELNIK Peter	-0.68	AUT-AUT	56
NUHOGLU Sevil - ERENGIL Yasemin	-0.86	TUR-TUR	14
ANKLESARIA Keyzad - MASKARA Subodh	-0.89	IND-IND	28
GUNEV Rosen - BRICIU Marius	-0.91	BUL-ROM	56
VAGI Mate - ZABRADI Benjamin	-0.93	HUN-HUN	56
MULTON Franck - ZIMMERMANN Pierre	-0.93	SUI-SUI	28
BAREKET Ilan - LENGY Assaf	-0.93	ISR-ISR	14
TURANT Maciej - PANCEWICZ Szymon	-0.93	POL-POL	14
FILIPOWICZ Dominik - OLCZYK Jerzy	-1.00	POL-POL	14
DEHEEGER Colin - BEDOUET Pierre	-1.05	FRA-FRA	42
TRENDAK Lukasz - DARKIEWICZ-MONIUSZKO Grzegorz	-1.27	POL-POL	56
PATREUHA Jakub - PATREUHA Patryk	-1.31	POL-POL	42
RUBINS Karlis - OLLA Edgars	-1.41	LAT-LAT	56
DUBOIN Giorgio - WARD-PLATT Kiki	-1.46	ITA-USA	28
KANDEMIR Ismail - NUHOGLU Sevil	-1.50	TUR-TUR	14
KAHRAMAN Ahmet - CALISKAN Erdal	-1.54	TUR-TUR	28
LENGY Assaf - SAADA Patrick	-1.69	ISR-ISR	42
TURANT Maciej - LASOTA Tomasz	-1.96	POL-POL	28
BLICHARZ Maksymilian - WOJCIECHOWSKI Igor	-2.25	POL-POL	28
KAYA Emre - ERENGIL Yasemin	-3.57	TUR-TUR	14
ALUF Sedat - DEDEHAYIR Ahmet	-3.71	TUR-TUR	14
LASOTA Tomasz - MISZCZUK Karolina	-4.14	POL-POL	14

SWISS CUP

BUTLER RANKING SEMIFINAL B

AFTER ROUND 4

LYSEK Matyas - DANEK Petr	3.21	CZE-CZE	14
WALACH Ivo - LYSEK Matyas	2.29	CZE-CZE	14
KVOCEK Juraj - VODICKA Martin	1.64	SVK-SVK	14
CHEN Lin-Huan - HSIEH Ding-Hwa	1.55	USA-USA	55
BROGELAND Boye - BAKKE Christian	1.09	NOR-NOR	56
KOZYCKOWSKI Jerzy - COMANESCU Lucian	1.05	POL-GER	56
SAELENSMINDE Erik - GILLIS Simon	1.00	NOR-ENG	28
KONSTACKA Emma - DANEK Petr	0.82	CZE-CZE	28
NYSTROM Fredrik - UPMARK Johan	0.79	SWE-SWE	28
CATA Stefano - PENNESTRI Carmelo	0.75	ITA-ITA	28
AUSTBERG Per Erik - RASMUSSEN Arild	0.71	NOR-NOR	28
CAPPELLINI Paolo - PAONE Alessandro	0.68	ITA-ITA	28
KROENING Detlev - KARIMI Omid	0.66	GER-GER	56
JARZABKOWSKI Andrzej - SUCHODOLSKI Piotr	0.46	POL-POL	56
KLANJSCEK Jasmina - CEKOL Zorana	0.34	CRO-CRO	56
CAFIERO Maurizio - ROSSO Roberto	0.27	ITA-ITA	56
VODICKA Michal - KOROS Boris	0.07	SVK-SVK	28
BAUSBACK Nikolas - KONDOCH Hartmut	0.05	GER-GER	55
TOMCANI Jan - KVOCEK Juraj	0.00	SVK-SVK	28
KOWALSKI Apolinary - BORTOLETTI Carlo	-0.19	POL-ITA	42
BOCCHI Norberto - GANDOLIA Alessandro	-0.21	ITA-ITA	42
VACHTARCIKOVA Nikol - DROZD Matej	-0.26	CZE-CZE	42
MICHALSKI Jakub - ADAMCZAK Jakub	-0.36	POL-POL	14
PROBST Sandra - MRKIC Iva	-0.41	CRO-CRO	56
WNUK Wojciech - ADAMCZAK Jakub	-0.50	POL-POL	28
TURANT Krzysztof - ADAMCZAK Michal	-0.67	POL-POL	42
LUCZECZKO Jan - GRABALA Szymon	-0.80	POL-POL	56
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WALACH Ivo - KARLIK Petr	-0.93	CZE-CZE	14
LYSEK Matyas - KONSTACKA Emma	-0.93	CZE-CZE	14
MICHALSKI Jakub - PROKOPOWICZ Marcel	-0.96	POL-POL	28
LINDENTHAL Erika - POLAP Klaus	-1.00	GER-GER	56
KOESTER Peer - HUEBNER Horst	-1.38	GER-GER	56
ROMANOWSKI Cenek - FRANZ Vojtech	-1.48	CZE-CZE	27
ROMANOWSKI Cenek - VACHTARCIK Lukas	-1.54	CZE-CZE	28
KARLIK Petr - KUBAT Frantisek	-2.04	CZE-CZE	28
DROZD Matej - VACHTARCIK Lukas	-2.46	CZE-CZE	13

MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFICATION

RESULTS AFTER ROUND 4

1	LAKO	66.48	25	BERNAL	40.48
2	DAISY CHAIN	61.30	26	GERMANY	40.40
3	CROATIA	60.45	27	SPEZIA BRIDGE	40.16
4	COLORADO	58.20	28	ZHANG	39.67
5	DRONKA	54.79	29	EMI	38.35
6	TEAM LLAMA	54.39	30	ALICE	37.62
7	DAUGAVA	54.27	31	GOLD BARS	36.98
8	FRIENDS	50.23	32	MILANBRIDGE.COM	33.94
9	ALLEZ	49.90	33	ASHE	33.53
10	NORDIC FOURS	48.51	34	VICUNA	32.46
11	BANANA	47.85	35	TURQUOISE	31.70
12	CARE	46.59	36	LUTZ	31.38
13	SV BRIDGE CLUB	44.92	37	NETTLETON	30.73
14	FRENCH CONNECTION	44.60	38	GROUP ONE TEAM	30.25
15	BC MUENCHEN	43.97	39	SORRY MISSCLICK	29.15
16	OFER	43.96	40	LUNDBERG	28.72
17	BLUE NOTE	43.60	41	BUNIO	27.52
18	BAHNICI	42.98	42	REBID	27.03
19	GOLDBERG	42.94	43	2 MANY GINGERS	23.49
20	BEKKER	42.63	44	SALLYS ACES	23.47
21	CREAZONE	41.61	45	RENATE	21.03
22	WAPO	41.49	46	GAMBA	20.85
23	AKINOM	41.42	47	NAMBAJUAN	18.17
24	TUTTI FRUTTI	41.24			

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MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

BUTLER RANKING

AFTER ROUND 4

GRZEJDZIAK Igor - GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	2.04	POL-POL	28
LUESSMANN Claudia - LUESSMANN Ingo	1.91	GER-GER	56
ZOCHOWSKA Joanna - SCHMIDT Pierre	1.89	FRA-FRA	28
BERTHEAU Kathrine - ABRAGI Andreas	1.86	SWE-SWE	28
LORENZINI Cedric - MICHIelsen Marion	1.86	FRA-SWE	42
ERBIL Erdinc - ALUF Maisy	1.64	TUR-TUR	14
OZBAY Tolga - ERYANIK Ceyda	1.54	TUR-TUR	28
OZKURT Kenan - OZKOK KOCAMAN Ilkay	1.50	TUR-TUR	28
DELESTRE Blandine - DELESTRE Daniel	1.40	FRA-FRA	42
HERBST Ophir - ASULIN Adi	1.36	ISR-ISR	56
WANG Wen Fei - HAMPSON Geoff	1.34	HKG-USA	56
ZORIC Vedran - SVER Nikica	1.21	CRO-CRO	42
SIKORA Jacek - SIKORA Marta	1.21	POL-POL	42
PILIPOVIC Marina - MARINOVSKI Kiril	1.11	CRO-CRO	28
PETELKO Lia - RETTER Koren	1.09	ISR-ISR	56
OZER Ahmet Murat - KANLIKILIC Ferda	1.02	TUR-TUR	42
KAZMUCHA Danuta - GAWEL Wojciech	1.00	POL-POL	42
DOBROWOLSKI Marcin - MADUZIA Anna	0.98	POL-POL	42
WEISS SELWAY Florian - WEISS SELWAY Louise	0.91	AUT-AUT	56
CECERE Amedeo - MARCELLI Cristina	0.90	ITA-ITA	42
BUSSE Piotr - BUSSE Grazyna	0.88	POL-POL	56
MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine - OLSEN Svein Arild Naas	0.86	DEN-NOR	56
ROBERT Quentin - TARTARIN Anne-Laure	0.86	FRA-FRA	42
SORESINI Antonella - GUGLIELMI Enrico	0.86	ITA-ITA	42
PREDDY Kay - SELWAY Norman	0.80	ENG-ENG	56
CIMA Leonardo - DESSI Barbara	0.74	ITA-ITA	42
WONG Hoi-Kei - LI Suet Yu Zoe	0.71	HKG-HKG	28
YADLIN Israel - MORAN OHAYON Orit	0.71	ISR-ISR	56
GLADIATOR Anne - JANSON Bjorn	0.66	GER-GER	56
VALIMARESCU Dan - FILIMON Irina Elena	0.64	ROM-ROM	56
SIMIC Olga - SIMIC Mihailo	0.64	SER-SER	56
BERTHEAU Kathrine - YETTICK Garth	0.64	SWE-USA	28
SAFTA Florin - GUJA Alexandra	0.63	ROM-ROM	56
NEIMANIS Janis - ANDERSONE Ilze	0.61	LAT-LAT	56
JANSONS Ugis - VEKSA Natalija	0.59	LAT-LAT	56
BERTHEAU Peter - MADSEN Christina Lund	0.59	SWE-DEN	56
CHODOROWSKA Irena - CHODOROWSKI Jan	0.55	POL-POL	56
WARE Peggy - JONES Spencer	0.52	USA-USA	56
JAGNIEWSKI Rafal - LUCKA Dominika	0.50	POL-POL	42
BRKLJACIC Tihana - MESTRIC Mate	0.48	CRO-CRO	42
GROMANN Ingrid - CAPPELLER Joachim	0.39	GER-GER	56
GOLD David - NETTLETON Diana	0.34	ENG-ENG	56
ZMUDA Justyna - MARCINOWSKI Piotr	0.33	POL-POL	42
LANTARON Luis - MEDIERO Marina	0.32	ESP-ESP	28
WONG Wai Man Flora - CHUI Daniel Siu Wai	0.32	HKG-HKG	28
BROGELAND Tonje Aasand - BROGELAND Anders	0.32	NOR-NOR	56
GOLDBERG Lars - GOLDBERG Ulla-Britt	0.32	SWE-SWE	56
KOO Hor Yung Charmian - CHIANG Jeffrey	0.32	HKG-HKG	56
AUKEN Sabine - WELLAND Roy	0.31	DEN-DEN	42
BAHNIK Ondrej - KOHUTOVA Lucie	0.27	CZE-CZE	56
PISANI Rosanna - MARINO Leonardo	0.21	ITA-ITA	42
VINCENT Christine - ABOU CHANAB Bachar	0.21	SUI-SUI	56
ROSSARD Martine - ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	0.17	FRA-FRA	42
POPLILOV Lilo - POPLILOV Matilda	0.17	BUL-ISR	42
MENGU Kenan - SEN Nuray	0.16	TUR-TUR	56
PIEDRA Fernando - MARTORELL Almudena	0.14	SUI-ESP	42

BAHNIKOVA Eva - BAHNIK Petr	0.07	CZE-CZE	56
SAUTAUX Monika - WOZNIAK Tomasz	0.07	POL-POL	56
DELLE CAVE Giuseppe - CARE Livia	0.07	ITA-ITA	28
SZCZEPANSKI Radoslaw - PIETRZYK Agnieszka	0.05	POL-POL	56
CHMURSKI Bartosz - OCYLOK Dominika	0.02	POL-POL	42
JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw - SUSZANOWICZ Natalia	0.00	POL-POL	28
OZGUR Hatice - OZBAY Tolga	-0.07	TUR-TUR	28
BERNAL Francisco - OZBAY Irem	-0.07	COL-TUR	28
SASSELLI Marco - SAESSELI Irene	-0.09	SUI-SUI	56
SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick) - SHASHOU Nathalie	-0.14	ENG-ENG	56
GOBEKLI Altug - OZAYDIN TANRIOVER Zerrin	-0.17	TUR-TUR	42
SCHALTZ Martin - DUURSMA Judith	-0.21	DEN-NED	42
ERDOGDU Helin - TORUN Bulent Ozgur	-0.21	TUR-TUR	56
MACURA Milan - MACUROVA Michaela	-0.21	CZE-CZE	28
EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik - ZACK EFRAIMSSON Anna	-0.29	SWE-SWE	56
PIGULSKI Adam - PUCYK Martyna	-0.34	POL-POL	56
PAOLUZI Simonetta - MONTANARI Matteo	-0.36	ITA-ITA	42
HARAMATI Ofer - BRAJOVIC Ana Zorana	-0.38	ISR-SER	56
FOLTYN Adrian - KLUPS Aleksandra	-0.41	POL-POL	56
BAREL Michael - KATZ Paz	-0.43	ISR-ISR	42
SAPORTA Pierre - SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO Renata	-0.45	FRA-FRA	42
NEHMERT Pony Beate - FROEHNERR Christian	-0.48	GER-GER	56
HOLOWACZ Michal - CHMIELEWSKA Antonina	-0.50	POL-POL	56
WNUK Tomasz - KREGLEWSKA-WNUK Anna	-0.52	POL-POL	42
TYLVAD Daniel - SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	-0.54	DEN-DEN	56
KANDULA Paweł - ZYCHLINSKA Małgorzata	-0.64	POL-POL	56
LIRAN Inon - BEKKER Jeny	-0.64	ISR-ISR	56
ASHE Steven - MARICIC Jovana	-0.69	USA-SER	42
SMITH Abbey - PASKE Thomas	-0.70	ENG-ENG	56
REES Tim - PUNCH Sam	-0.71	WAL-SCO	28
FRANCESCHETTI Pierre - SETTON Hilda	-0.75	FRA-SUI	28
MISZEWSKA Ewa - ZAWISLAK Slawek	-0.75	POL-POL	56
HOLOWACZ Krzysztof - CHMIELEWSKA Magdalena	-0.75	POL-POL	56
BILDE Dorte Cilleborg - BILDE Morten	-0.81	DEN-DEN	42
STEPINSKI Jeremi - ZALEWSKA Joanna	-0.89	POL-POL	28
SARNIAK Anna - CHALUPEC Igor	-0.93	POL-POL	42
ALPER Toygar - OZAN Eren	-0.95	TUR-TUR	42
ROSTHOEJ Ella - HAMMELEV Nikolaj	-1.00	DEN-DEN	56
VERSACE Alfredo - ALPERT Claire	-1.00	ITA-USA	42
PIEDRA Fernando - SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	-1.07	SUI-ESP	14
MERCIL Yasemin - ARSLAN Mustafa	-1.07	TUR-TUR	56
KORBEL Daniel - ZHANG Susan	-1.11	USA-USA	56
BROCK Sally - GRAY Jonathan	-1.14	ENG-ENG	56
BREWIAK Grazyna - HUTYRA Maciej	-1.14	POL-POL	42
MROZ Blazej - BANAS Gabriela	-1.16	POL-POL	56
BABSCH Andreas - SCHRECKENBERGER Ulrike	-1.20	AUT-AUT	56
GOTARD Barbara - GOTARD Tomasz	-1.39	GER-GER	28
HERMANN Sophie - CRISAFULLI SADABA Patricio	-1.48	AUT-AUT	42
JANECZEK Marta - BUNIKOWSKI Andrzej	-1.48	POL-POL	56
ERBIL Erdinc - KURTOGLU ZABCI Hatice Akten	-1.50	TUR-TUR	28
MARINONI Pier Andrea - ROMANO Elisa	-1.57	ITA-ITA	28
SMYKALLA Gisela - SCHNEIDER Michael	-1.64	GER-GER	56
HULT Simon - LUNDBERG Anne-Marie Katarina	-1.66	SWE-SWE	56
LANTARON Luis - SAINZ DE VICUNA Maria	-1.68	ESP-ESP	28
HEGEDUS Orsolya - WEINBERGER Simon	-1.74	HUN-AUT	42
SMEDEREVAC Jovanka - ADELSBERGER Heimo	-1.88	FRA-DEN	42
THORPE Stefan - ADELSBERGER Renate	-1.93	NED-AUT	42
WROBEL Michal - KALISORAS Justyna	-1.96	POL-POL	28

OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFICATION

RESULTS AFTER SESSION 3

1	GROSSACK Zachary	HOTAMISLIGIL Selen	USA - USA	62.93
2	SOBCZAK Mateusz	BLICHARZ Grzegorz	POL - ENG	60.89
3	RUTHSTROM Leif	AHLEN Nils	SWE - SWE	58.10
4	SOFFER Ram	SHEFFY Ron	ISR - ISR	56.95
5	SCHEBERAN Philip	EDER Felix	AUT - AUT	56.62
6	GINOSSAR Itamar	RICH Joseph	ISR - ARG	56.38
7	RUS Gregor	STEFANEC Kristijan	SLO - CRO	56.26
8	MARTENS Krzysztof	WITEK Marek	POL - POL	56.08
9	ZAIDENBERG Nezer Jacob	LAVI Shalom	BUL - ISR	55.89
10	GRZYBEK Eugeniusz	LESNICZAK Jacek	POL - GER	55.87
11	JANIK Stanislaw	SOLECKI Piotr	POL - POL	54.85
12	GISIN Eitan	ZAIDENBERG GATT Sophie	ISR - ISR	54.18
13	KRASNOSELSKI Mikhail	FEOFANOV Maxim	ISR - ISR	53.76
14	KNOB Markus	WANHA Clemens	AUT - AUT	53.76
15	BROUNS Marc	THYS Carine	BEL - BEL	53.49
16	SLEMR Jakub	PYSZKO Adam	CZE - CZE	53.44
17	ZIPOVSKI Dimitraki	RADISIC Goran	SER - SER	53.16
18	VOLHEJN Vit	VOLHEJN Petr	CZE - CZE	52.49
19	SAVINI Marco	BALANESCU Alexandru-Ervin	ITA - SUI	52.19
20	BURGESS Oliver	LAWSON Judith	ENG - ENG	52.15
21	CARLETTI Alessandro	VIGNAGA Gianluca	ITA - ITA	52.04
22	VAN DEN BERGH Nic	VAN DEN BERGH Anke	BEL - BEL	51.89
23	KORKMAZ Can	OZGEZ Cengiz	TUR - TUR	51.82
24	LECANTE Francois	RAIKO RAIKOVSKY Vadim	FRA - FRA	51.34
25	BORA Serdal	MERMER Ilhan	TUR - TUR	51.25
26	JELENIEWSKI Andrzej	TARNOGRODZKI Leszek	POL - POL	51.19
27	GALBAVA Gabriela	GALBAVY Stepan	CZE - CZE	50.77
28	PAVLUSHKO Olga	IVANOV Anatoly	ESP - ESP	49.87
29	GRODZICKI Lukasz	HANDKE Pawel	POL - POL	49.70
30	SZYMONIK Pawel	CZECH Slawomir	POL - POL	49.41
31	BOHNSACK Sandro	AGA Ezgi Ece	GER - GER	48.71
32	FAILLA Giuseppe	DE MICHELIS Luca	ITA - ITA	48.51
33	LANGER Darina	GOKCE Hakan	SUI - SUI	48.27
34	SARTORIO Claudio	MARTINI Giorgio	ITA - ITA	47.77
35	WLODKOWSKI Robert	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	47.68
36	TEGMEN Mehmet Alper	KILICARSLAN Hilmi	TUR - TUR	47.66
37	OZCIKAN Azad	OZCAN Ihsan	TUR - TUR	47.27
38	MEYTAL Kfir	MEYOUHAS Yacov	ISR - ISR	47.15
39	CAUMEL Jean Patrick	TAQUOI Jacques	FRA - FRA	46.85
40	OLMER Adam	BABICKOVA Anna	CZE - CZE	46.79
41	LOHAY Karol	KRATKY Jan	SVK - CZE	46.77
42	LEKKI Janusz	RADZIKOWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	45.79
43	ALTINDAG Anil	GURER Emine Nigar	TUR - TUR	45.64
44	BELCAK Peter	HENC Marian	SVK - SVK	45.03
45	DURSUN Baris	BAYSAL Dursun	TUR - TUR	44.89
46	GOLDBERG Jerry	SEAMAN Eleanor	USA - USA	44.80
47	LUKIANIUK Andrzej	RZECHULA Andrzej	POL - POL	44.25
48	KIEPURA Marek	GRUSZECZKA Joanna	POL - POL	44.03
49	CIESLAK Sylwester	LASOTA Pawel	POL - POL	43.53
50	GALUBINSKI Krzysztof	BORUTA Barbara	POL - POL	43.44
51	DENIZCI Volkan	CEVIK Zeynep	TUR - TUR	43.37
52	O'FARRELL Daniel	SMOCZYNSKI Szczepan	IRL - ENG	42.18
53	SUBASI Kemal	HURI Necla	TUR - TUR	41.20
54	DRUCH Jan	DAWIEC Anna	POL - POL	41.06
55	MYLONAKIS Periklis	SIDIROPOULOS Pavlos	GRE - GRE	39.38

Swiss Open

Hotel Hilton Zurich-Airport 17.-19. April 2026

Tournament Director: Peter Eidt



Friday, April 17, 2026 - Imps (Butler)

Program: Mise en place 2.15 pm

Session starts 2.30 pm

Tournament fee: SFr. 45.—per player

1st Place: CHF 500

2nd Place: CHF 300

3rd Place: CHF 200

Red points (Swiss Federation) awarded

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - Pairs

Open I for all players and Open II for 2nd série players

Program: Mise en place 11.45 am

Session 1 starts 12.00 am

Session 2 starts 4.00 pm

Tournament fee: SFr. 70.—per player

Open I:(20 tables)

1st Place: CHF 1200

2nd Place: CHF 800

3rd Place: CHF 600

4th Place: CHF 400

5th Place: CHF 200

Open II:(10 tables)

1st Place: CHF 500

2nd Place: CHF 400

3rd Place: CHF 300

4th Place: CHF 200

Red and green points (Swiss Federation) awarded

Sunday, April 19, 2026 - Teams

Program: Mise en place 09.45 am

Session starts 10.00 am

Tournament fee: SFr. 70.—per player

(16 tables)

1st Place: CHF 1200

2nd Place: CHF 800

3rd Place: CHF 600

Red points (Swiss Federation) awarded

Prize ceremony after each tournament

Accommodation: Accommodation has been reserved at the Hilton Hotel at the special rate of SFr 175.-- per night including breakfast and VAT for double or SFr 155.-- for single occupancy. For reservation, please contact Andrea Schoellkopf.

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