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Cutting Edge



Congratulations to **Sparkling Vintage**, who decisively won all their matches yesterday to finish as the leading qualifiers in the Mixed Teams, well ahead of **Turnips** and **Edmonds**.

In his poem 'Maud Muller' John Greenleaf Whittier writes 'Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been!'. Although commiserations are for the teams that failed to survive to the knockout phase, redemption comes in the guise of the Mixed BAM and Mixed Pairs, which start today.

Meanwhile the Senior Teams still have five rounds to play. **France Seniors** lead comfortably from **England Pryor** and **Dutch Senior Team**.



Editor's Log

With so many tables in play it is nigh on impossible to spot everything interesting, but sometimes we get a little help from our friends.

At 15.35 on Saturday, I received an email from Marc van Beijserveldt:

*Operator sends me this you might have seen already:
Bulletin lead, Bd 2 at BBO:
♦8 lead under AKQJ against 6♥.
For partner's 10 and a spade ruff.*

That's why a match report from Round 4 appears in this issue.

In the evenings I take a different route back to the hotel each time. On Saturday night that saw me pass by the *Pâtisserie Gerber* (Allée de la Robertsau). Tonight, I will be on the lookout for the *Boulangerie Blackwood*. Meanwhile, for the benefit of our hosts I spotted a driving school called *Pas a Pas*.

On Saturday David Bird's article arrived with a request that I send a one-word acknowledgement. Naturally I replied 'one-word acknowledgement'. Meanwhile Barry suggested I should endeavor to find a way to use the verb 'batfowl' which refers to an obsolete method of catching birds at night (as opposed to a batsman playing a dreadful shot at cricket).



José Damiani

Championship offer

The NEW dealing machines (only) used during the championships in Strasbourg are sold during the event for delivery at the end for the occasional price of **€2650**. Visit Jannersten's stall or email anna@jannersten.com



The President Emeritus of the World Bridge Federation José Damiani, one of the most distinguished figures in the bridge world, is currently visiting the Championships. He advises you not to miss the opportunity to win a trip to Marrakech for the World Bridge Championships in August by competing in the Olympic Esports Week, 19-25 June via Funbridge and BBO. You will find all the information elsewhere in this issue.



Mixed Teams R3

In this report, I am going to show you the most interesting boards (IMHO) from each of the three matches I was able to watch on BBO. They were the matches at the three top tables after two rounds of play, so I was hoping for some good stuff already at this rather early stage. The deals themselves would have to cooperate as well, and I have to admit that I have seen more spectacular sets of 10 boards before. Still, it was by no means a sleepy session, and there thus was enough to write about. Maybe, the big numbers in the scores are drawing most of our attention but we should not forget that more often than not, certainly for us, the connoisseurs, there is much to enjoy in the not so big hands as well. Here we go.

Our three matches this round are:

- Just Mixed v Tardy**
- Netherlands 4 v Arrow**
- Ballebo v Sparkling Vintages**

The opening deal of the set was a fairly routine 3NT on which I noticed one or two declarer misplays so we better move over to board 22, the next in the set.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| ♠ Q 10 4 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A K 9 7 2 ♣ A 8 2 | ♠ K J 8 5 ♥ A K 9 7 5 ♦ J 10 ♣ J 7 | <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | | N | | W | | E | | S | | ♠ 9 7 3 2 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ 8 5 4 ♣ 10 5 3 ♠ A 6 ♥ J 4 3 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ K Q 9 6 4 |
| | N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | | |

The best contract no doubt is 3NT because you would need just either minor to behave, rather than preferably both. Still, half the field was not in 3NT but in a minor suit contract; some of them in a partscore...

Another question is how to get to 3NT in a scientific



Bart Nab

Matilda Popilov

Nathan Hetz

Judith Duursma

way. The Tardy E/W pair showed a straightforward approach.

In the Open Room of the Tardy v. Just Mixed match the latter pair bid like this:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Tardy</i> | <i>Weiss</i> | <i>Michel</i> | <i>Selway</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣* |
| 1♥ | 1♠* | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

South's 1♣ was 2+ and North's 1NT showed three spades at most. I could not see the heart stopper in the South hand, but the final contract was OK after all.

Twelve tricks when West led a low heart.

In the Closed Room, the French N/S pair seemed to show half a heart stopper each:

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Froehner</i> | <i>Celerier</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Ellia</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣ |
| 1♥ | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ |
| Dble | 3♥ | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

On a low heart lead, declarer eventually emerged with no less than all 13 tricks, a fine reward for some stylish bidding.

Two boards later, many Easts fell victims to a club disease. On the previous deal (#23) they had been looking at ♣AKQxxxx and this time they had actually been dealt an additional club...

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

At about half the number of tables in play, E/W reached 6♣. As you can imagine, it was difficult for East to silence West's pointed 6-6 in time...

There were a few exceptions, however. This was one of them:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Tardy</i> | <i>Weiss</i> | <i>Michel</i> | <i>Selway</i> |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3♣ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 4♣ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♦ | Pass | 7♣ | All Pass |

It looks to me that 4NT was intended as a sign-off but once it is taken as Blackwood, another problem arises. What is the trump suit, and do we have a clear agreement about the responses? We won't speak about possible miscounts of the number of keycards but we all have seen them happen...Down two was the rather obvious outcome.





By contrast, here is one of the successful sequences, taken from the Ballebo v Sparkling Vintages match:

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Bekkouche</i> | <i>M. Bilde</i> | <i>Danielsen</i> | <i>D. Bilde</i> |
| 1♠ | Dble | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

South's 1NT was forcing (showing clubs?) and the rest was easy enough. +400 added to +50 for a 10-IMP gain to Sparkling Vintages.

Only about 25% of the E/W pairs recorded a successful game on this board.

Over now to a few boards from the Netherlands 4 v Arrow match.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| <i>Hetz</i> | <i>Wortel</i> | <i>Pachtman</i> | <i>Hop</i> |
| — | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

This was not the best way for E/W to deal with North's weak two. Down three, +300 to the Dutch.

At the other table, Muiderberg (a convention of Dutch origin) was applied by the Israelis:

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| <i>Duursma</i> | <i>Hetz</i> | <i>Nab</i> | <i>Popilov</i> |
| — | 2♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ | 4♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

Thanks to this convention, the N/S pair found their club fit alright, but they would have been better not

to...another down two, another +100 and 9 IMPs to the Dutch.

On the next deal, about 30% of the N/S pairs reached a slam. Some were in the inferior 6NT which also produced 12 top tricks, for once. Unless you can find a way to 6♥ by South it seems every slam needs the ♠A onside and probably a heart break before you start.

The Dutch were among the successful slammers as well but here is the straightforward auction by the Just Mixed N/S pair:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Tardy</i> | <i>Weiss</i> | <i>Michel</i> | <i>Selway</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 1♣* |
| Pass | 1♦* | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | 6♣ |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | |

Apart from the 1♦ transfer, this auction needs hardly any explanation. North's 2♦ is the general MF bid, of course.

On the penultimate board of the set, this same N/S pair seemed to have talked their opponents out of a spade game.



Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Tardy</i> | <i>Weiss</i> | <i>Michel</i> | <i>Selway</i> |
| — | 2♦* | Pass | 2♠* |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

- 2♦ 4+♦ and a major
- 2♠ Asks for Pass or 2NT
- 2NT Red suits
- 3♣ To play

By way of 2♠, N/S had not only reached a club partscore but also found a way to keep E/W out of their spade fit. Well done, because their down three would have been OK if their team-mates had made 4♠. (If you happen to know the precise meaning of the auction feel free to email the Editor). This was their auction:

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Froehner</i> | <i>Celerier</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Ellia</i> |
| — | Pass | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |

So far, so good for E/W and South led the ♦9 to the ten, jack and declarer's king. With the diamond problem solved by the lead, declarer took a reasonable shot at making the contract by playing a spade to the ace and a spade to her jack. When South won the king and had both a spade and a diamond left, the contract suddenly was one down... for a 9-IMP loss to Just Mixed.

After the ♦9 lead, declarer came home at a few tables when North did play the ♦A at trick 1. Another variation occurred when West was the declarer and North found the lead of the ♠10. This lead quickly resulted in an overtrick.

Double dummy, you can always make the contract by leading the ♠J on the second round of trumps to

pin North's ♠10. This for the sake of completeness.

On the last board, we saw the difference between the sophisticated approach and the straightforward one. These were the auctions in the Ballebo v Sparkling Vintages match.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>Bekkouche</i> | <i>Bilde</i> | <i>Danielsen</i> | <i>Bilde</i> |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 2♣* | Pass | 2♦* |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♠ | All Pass | |

Gazzilli and all that but 4♠ was not the place to be when the clubs misbehaved. One down, Ballebo +50.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <i>J Henneberg</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>M Henneberg</i> | <i>Welland</i> |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

At the other table, Sabine Auken showed there was no need for delicate modern science. The 1NT call had denied spade support so she decided not to give away information. On a really bad day you might lose four diamond tricks and an ace; but this time +430 was the outcome, a Sparkling gain of 10 IMPs.

The final scores in our three matches:

Just Mixed v Tardy

20-15 or 11.85 – 8.15 V.P.

Netherlands 4 v Arrow

37-1 or 18.71 – 1.29 V.P.

Ballebo v Sparkling Vintages

1-30 or 2.32 – 17.68 V.P.



Mixed Teams Round 4

Just Mixed v Breno

I was not planning to watch anything in Round 4 until I realized that

- (a) no reporter had been assigned to cover it and
- (b) there was a cracking deal right at the start.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>K Bertheau</i> | <i>Gromoeller</i> | <i>Bessis</i> | <i>Gladiator</i> |
| — | — | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♥ | 3♦ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♥ | 4♦ | 4♥ | Pass |
| 4NT* | 5♦ | 5♥* | Pass |
| 6♥ | All Pass | | |
| 4NT | RKCB | | |
| 5♥ | 2 keycards | | |

North preferred to bid his diamonds ad infinitum rather than try an immediate 5♦ or a dramatic 4NT (which might easily backfire).

His opening lead was the ♦8 and when partner was kind enough to produce the ♦10 the return of the ♠2 allowed North to ruff. (Jennifer Mourgues, Steve Garner and Per-Ola Cullin also found a diamond underlead).

Notice that 6♠ is also defeated if the defenders start with two rounds of diamonds, promoting a trump trick for South.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Froehner</i> | <i>Dalpozzo</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Donati</i> |
| — | — | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♥ | 5♦ | Pass | Pass |
| 5♥ | All Pass | | |

North started with two rounds of diamonds and that meant +480 and 11 IMPs for Just Mixed.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>K Bertheau</i> | <i>Gromoeller</i> | <i>Bessis</i> | <i>Gladiator</i> |
| — | — | — | Pass |
| Pass | 1♥ | 1♠ | 2♣ |
| 3♠ | 4♥ | Pass | 4♠* |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | |

After South's 4♠ North could envisage a perfect hand opposite and right he was.

East led the ♦4 and declarer won with the king, ruffed a spade, pitched his clubs on the top diamonds, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade and claimed, +980.


Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Froehner</i> | <i>Dalpozzo</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Donati</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | 2♥ | 4♠ | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♦ | All Pass | |

I'm happy to let you guess the meaning of 4NT and 5♦.

East led the ♠7 and declarer ruffed in dummy, played a diamond to the king and a club, East taking the ace and forcing dummy with another spade. The contract finished four down, -200 handing Just Mixed another 15 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>K Bertheau</i> | <i>Gromoeller</i> | <i>Bessis</i> | <i>Gladiator</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 1NT |
| Dble | Rdbl | All Pass | |

West led the ♦K and declarer won and returned the ♦4. West took the third round of the suit as East pitched the ♥2 and ♠3. Having cashed the ♥A West switched to the ♠K and the 3-3 club split meant declarer had 10 tricks and +1160.

I was about to move on to the other room when it occurred to me that I ought to mention the possibility that East may have considered bidding 2♥. Some partnerships play that they respond as if West had opened 1NT, making a Staymanic 2♣ a possibility. One might even try that absent any agreement.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Froehner</i> | <i>Dalpozzo</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Donati</i> |
| — | — | Pass | 1♦ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 1NT |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 3♣ | All Pass | |

East led the ♦3 and declarer went up with dummy's ace and played a spade for the jack and queen. When East switched to the ♥4 West won with the king, cashed the ♦KQ and exited with the ♦6. Declarer ruffed with the ♣10 and when it held, she could draw trumps and cash the ♠A, the appearance of the king giving her the rest of the tricks, +110.

Counter intuitively if West returns the ♦6 at trick four there is no way to take more than eight tricks. As it happens, if declarer draws trumps immediately the layout is such that declarer is more or less assured of nine tricks.

It was a great result for Just Mixed who won 42-9 IMPs, 18.30-1.70 VP.

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Mixed Teams R6

Just Mixed v Turnips

What can you expect in this report? A somewhat gentle start and two big boards near the end. So, there's no need to jump elsewhere; you can stay with us for the ride. We are on the BBO-1, with Just Mixed and Turnips hoping to retain their table-topping positions.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Tartarin | Weiss | Lorenzini | L.Selway |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♥* |
| Pass | 3♠ | All Pass | |

Louise Selway's pass on the first round drew a gasp of disbelief from my colleague, Marc Smith, who has somewhat eccentric views about pre-empts. "No 2♠ opening? Did she miscount her spades?"

Florian Weiss opened 2NT, drawing a 3♥ transfer response from partner. His 3♠ rebid showed 20-21 HCP and precisely two spades. It seemed it might be a great moment for their unusual methods. Selway could not expect many spade tricks in 3NT and was happy to pass 3♠.

Cedric Lorenzini led a heart to the king and ace, declarer continuing with his two top trumps. East won the ♥J with his queen and returned a heart, declarer ditching a diamond from dummy. A diamond went to East's queen, and declarer ruffed the next heart with dummy's ♠8, West discarding a diamond. Declarer had five tricks and soon added two clubs, the ♠A and a diamond ruff with the ♠10. It was a promising +140 for Just Mixed.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------------|----------|--------|
| Froehner | Franceschetti | Nehmert | Setton |
| — | — | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3♥* |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |

Pierre Franceschetti rebid 3NT. He won the heart lead with the ace, continuing with the ♣A and ♣8 to West's jack. When the ♥6 was returned to declarer's jack, Pony Nehmert won mistakenly with the queen, breaking the defensive communications. Declarer won the heart continuation, and having unblocked the spades he entered dummy with the fourth round of clubs, West pitching a diamond. After cashing the ♠A, he was able to set up and enjoy the ♦K for his ninth trick.

The excellent auction in the Open Room had not been rewarded and Turnips gained 6 IMPs.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Tartarin | Weiss | Lorenzini | L.Selway |
| 1♦ | Dble | Rdble | 1♥ |
| Dble | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |

Since we have no convention cards available, I must be careful of criticising any bidding sequence. However, if East's redouble was not conventional in some way, I would prefer a diamond bid. You can play 2♦ and 3♦, inverted or not. South's 1♥ is not

standard, on a 3-card suit; it is reminiscent of distant times when a pass would suggest playing in 1♦ redoubled. The Editor was able to ask Louise Selway and she confirmed it was natural.

After a seemingly unimpressive auction, East ended in 3NT and South led the ♣9 to partner's king. The lie of the club suit was not apparent to North, who switched to the ♠K. Lorenzini now needed to pick up the diamond suit. The diamond queen seemed the best shot, hoping for a singleton jack with North. It was covered by the king and ace, only a disappointing ♦5 appearing from Weiss.

Lorenzini crossed to the heart queen and led another diamond to South's jack. It looked like five down, but on this trick North discarded the ♣4, blocking the club suit. I can see that he felt a need to retain his hearts, but he might have thrown the ♣10 instead of the 4. 3NT ended three down.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Froehner</i> | <i>Franceschetti</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Setton</i> |
| 1♦ | Dble | 3♦ | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | Pass | 4♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

No double, no trouble! The defenders took their tricks and it was three down. Despite their Houdini escape from any doubles, this was still 7 IMPs into the Just Mixed column.

We will skip over some moderate deals that I feared I might have to use if nothing better came up. Hurray for Boards 28 and 30, is what I say.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---------|
| ♠ A 4 | | ♠ 10 9 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ K J 10 5 | | ♥ Q 7 6 3 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ 10 6 5 | | ♦ K Q J 4 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ K 7 6 5 | | ♣ — | | | | | | | | | |
| ♠ K 8 6 5 3 | <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> | | N | | W | | E | | S | | ♠ Q J 7 |
| | | N | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | E | | | | | | | | | |
| | S | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ 4 | | ♥ A 9 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ A 8 7 3 | | ♦ 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ 9 5 3 | | ♣ A Q J 10 8 2 | | | | | | | | | |

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Tartarin</i> | <i>Weiss</i> | <i>Lorenzini</i> | <i>L.Selway</i> |
| 2♠* | Pass | 3♦* | Dble |
| 4♥* | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| Pass | 5♥ | Dble | All Pass |

I had noted that 3NT by South would make on a spade lead, so East might regret raising to 3♠. I pointed out to the kibitzers that it was fairly standard for East to bid 3♦ if North had doubled 2♠; this would show a spade raise, whilst directing a diamond lead. After long thought, East bid 3♦ even though North had passed, an effort that I commended.

West's 4♥ was a splinter bid agreeing diamonds. North should probably have doubled this. When he didn't, East's 4♠ ran back to him. He might have slithered into a club contract by bidding 4NT now or doubling, but I can see why he thought there was a heart fit his way. West had shown heart shortage, and East had indicated diamonds and spades.

East risked a double of 5♥, even though an escape to 6♣ was a make (should South have considered this?) and collected 500.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Froehner</i> | <i>Franceschetti</i> | <i>Nehmert</i> | <i>Setton</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | Dble | 2♠ | 3♣ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |



Florian Weiss, TD Jacek Marciniak and Cedric Lorenzini



The recorded bidding is jumbled: 1♣ by East, 1♠ from South, Double from West and 3NT from North. The auction shown above is my best guess as to what actually happened. You are welcome to adjust it if you feel inclined.

East led the ♠K successfully, putting 3NT one down. The end result of the unimpressive bidding at both tables was 9 IMPs to Turnips. Only two pairs in the whole field reached 6♣ and they were playing in the same match, Caumel v Cooper, on Table 32.

And now, yes, I can present one big firework to end the entertainment. Thanks for waiting!

Board 30. Dealer East. NoneVul.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|
| ♠ 10 9 7 2 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <table style="border: none; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> | | N | | W | | E | | S | | ♠ A K 5 4 |
| | | N | | | | | | | | | |
| W | | | E | | | | | | | | |
| | | S | | | | | | | | | |
| ♥ K Q J 7 5 2 | ♥ A 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♦ — | ♦ A K J | | | | | | | | | | |
| ♣ 6 5 2 | ♣ A Q J 9 | | | | | | | | | | |

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Tartarin | Weiss | Lorenzini | L.Selway |
| — | — | 2♣* | Pass |
| 2♦* | 3♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 3NT | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 6♦ | All Pass | | |



Louise Selway



Anne-Laure Tartarin

East had no need to double 3♥ (for take-out); his pass was forcing after the 2♣ opening. What should West bid now? It was between 4♦ (not impossible) and a nebulous double. She chose the latter option and Lorenzini bid 3♠. This was likely to be a 4-card suit, since he had not made the bid on the previous round. What now for poor West?

Still unhappy to introduce her diamonds, she bid 3NT. West's 4NT then released the pressure cooker; at last West was able to bid her diamonds. To great cheers from the kibitzers, Anne-Laure Tartarin bid 6♦!

The ♥K lead was won in the dummy. Tartarin then cashed dummy's ♦AK and played three rounds of clubs to ditch her heart loser. After the ♦J to South's queen, declarer claimed the slam. Her spade loser would go on the fourth round of clubs. For once, courage had been rewarded handsomely.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|---------------|---------|----------|
| Froehner | Franceschetti | Nehmert | Setton |
| — | — | 2♣* | Pass |
| 2♦* | 3♥ | 3NT | All Pass |

I won't end on a damp note, analysing whether West or East here might have bid differently. You will have your own impressions on the matter. Turnips collected 10 IMPs and the final score was: Just Mixed 20 Turnips 30.



Senior Teams Round 5

I watched Nafiz Zorlu and Zia Mahmood for Milner of US/Denmark play Arne Rummel and Paul Leis for Rummel of Estonia, in a match where few IMPs changed hands, but the deals contained quite a few points of interest.

After a quiet game, Zorlu at unfavourable vulnerability held:

♠ K J 9 6 4 2
 ♥ 8 6 5
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ A 9

He overcalled 1♠ over a Precision diamond, and heard 2♥ to his left. Partner came forth with 4♠, and 5♥ to his right was passed back to Zia, who doubled. Would you sit for it? It seems somewhat illogical to me to bid, but Zorlu removed himself to 5♠ and bought a perfecta 4-4-1-4 with ♠Q ♥A ♦K and ♣K. with 5♥ getting out for 500 unless Zia put his fingers on a small diamond lead, that saved his side 4 IMPs.

It was Zia's problem in the auction on the next deal. Take the South cards and plan your call.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|--------|---------|
| Leis | Zorlu | Rummel | Mahmood |
| — | 1NT | Pass | 2♣ |
| Dble | Pass | Pass | Rdbl |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 4♥ |

In an undiscussed partnership Zia correctly decided

he would be facing a five-card heart suit without a club stopper and probably not a 17-count else Zorlu might have opened 1♥. Zia determined that game rated to be no better than 50% and might be no play on a club lead...but after 5 minutes of agonized reflection he bid 4♥ and put down dummy with the comment that he expected down one. Looking at the N/S cards game does not look appealing on this auction; but there is so often some factor that turns a bad game into a good one and here it was the ♣J and the favourable location of the ♣Q. In both rooms the ♣Q was led against 4♠ and both defenders pressed on with clubs, letting declarer take a trump finesse then develop diamonds for 4 tricks. Doubtless in both rooms declarer was readying himself for the diamond finesse if it had proved necessary. No swing.

Should 4♥ make on passive defence? Unless declarer drops the ♥K offside, he has only nine tricks in theory. But it probably requires a top diamond or trump lead, then a spade shift followed by passive defence thereafter to give the defenders a chance. When 4♥ was declared by North in the Seniors, it made after a top club lead at the vast majority of tables.

By contrast to the previous deal, Milner got rather lucky here:

Zorlu held:

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

His side's unopposed sequence was:

| | |
|-----|----|
| 1♥ | 1♠ |
| 3♥ | 3♠ |
| 3NT | ?? |

Nothing really appeals does it? Zorlu experimented with 5♥ and Zia 'knew' he was facing a hand without a control, so could infer the major suit honors opposite. He raised to 6♥ with ♠7 ♥KQ8742 ♦A94 ♣AK3 and there they were in the second best slam. Zia ruffed the diamond lead, cashed the ♥A and played a club, observing the ♣J to his right. Now he tested hearts, RHO showing out on the second, then tested clubs



with some degree of confidence - but RHO showing out again. Now Zia led a spade up for his last chance - and RHO discarded rather than ruffing in. That let Zia out for down one instead of two, and the 5-0 spade break meant 6♠ had to go down as well. Only three pairs in the Seniors stayed out of slam (two in the same match).

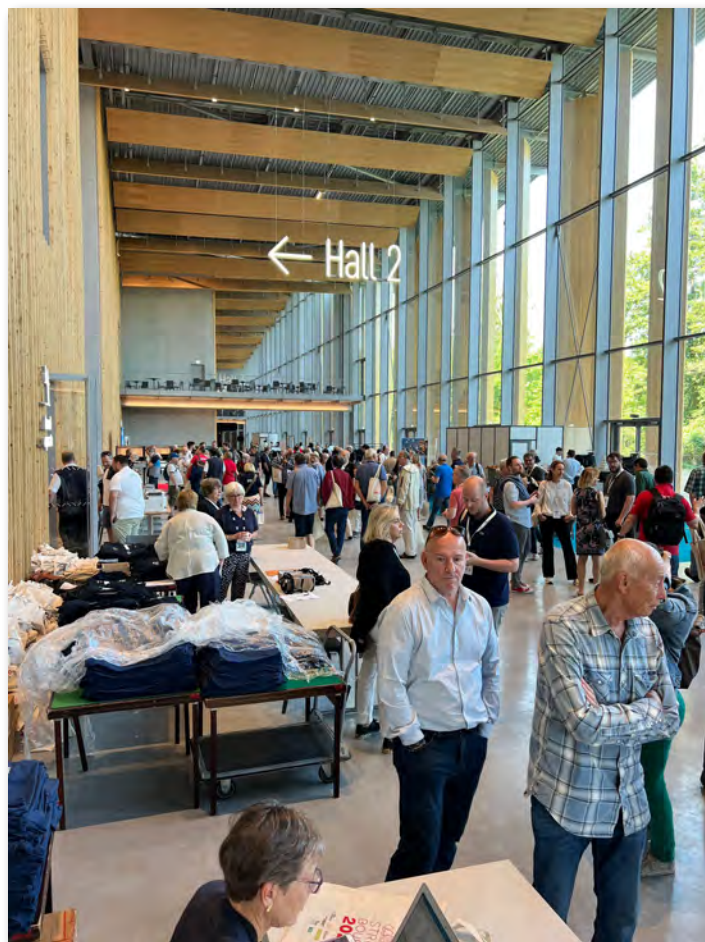
The largest swing in the match came when Zia passed Zorlu's strong no-trump with a 7-count and Zorlu wrapped up +120 while a strong club carried the Estonian pair to a poor game in the other room. That was 6 IMPs to Milner.

The match concluded in somewhat anti-climactic fashion with the last four deals consisting of N/S going down in game or partscore on the first three and E/W going down in game on the fourth. The first deal was yet another problem in the auction, this time for Zia.

Holding:

- ♠ 4
- ♥ A 9 7 6 4
- ♦ A K 7 6 4
- ♣ K Q

His side bid unopposed 1♥-1♠-2♦-2♥-??. Zia took out the 3♦ bid, as would most of us, then reconsidered and went for 2NT, which on reflection makes perfect sense. If partner passes you have surely done the right thing. Given that partner was looking at ♠AQ85 ♥32 ♦QJ ♣98732 he has an easy 3NT call, but that was one down when the spade finesse lost. Had Zia bid 3♦, though, he might have ended




up in 4♥. With hearts 3-3 it needs the lead of ♣A and another to defeat that contract. 3NT went down two in the other room.

The match ended 8-5 for Milner leaving Milner dead average and Rummel with a lot of work to do if they were to qualify.






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Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Schneider</i> | <i>Stepinski</i> | <i>Smykalla</i> | <i>Baldysz</i> |
| — | 1NT | Pass | 2♣* |
| Dble | Pass* | Pass | Redble* |
| Pass | 3♣* | Pass | 3♠ |
| All Pass | | | |

I can find no convention card for Baldysz and Stepinski so I suspect this is not a regular partnership which may explain the obvious misunderstanding that took place. A hand to put down to experience. The contract finished two light. 13 IMPs back to Munich.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Hutyra</i> | <i>I Luessmann</i> | <i>Kazmucha</i> | <i>CLuessmann</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 5♠ | All Pass | |

North's Five Spades asked South to bid the slam with some values in the suit. When dummy appeared declarer must have thought the small slam was cold, but was quickly disabused when the 5-0 trump split became apparent. Declarer lost two trump tricks but no others.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Schneider</i> | <i>Stepinski</i> | <i>Smykalla</i> | <i>Baldysz</i> |
| — | — | — | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♣* |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4♥ | Pass | 4NT* |
| Pass | 5♥* | Pass | 6♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

Nicely bid to Six Hearts. A 3-2 trump split will see declarer home and even against the 4-1 break the spade finesse would suffice; but the bridge gods were not with Baldysz and the contract failed by one trick. Another 13 IMPs to Munich.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Hutyra</i> | <i>Luessmann</i> | <i>Kazmucha</i> | <i>CLuessmann</i> |
| — | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| Pass | 2♥ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass | |


During the auction there was a hiatus with BBO communications and the correct auction and play record is somewhere out in the ether but the result is recorded as 3NT minus one. My finessing friend tells me this is the probable result.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Schneider</i> | <i>Stepinski</i> | <i>Smykalla</i> | <i>Baldysz</i> |
| — | Pass | Pass | 1♥ |
| Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 3♦ |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |

West led the ace of clubs upon which his partner played the jack and declarer the queen. West continued with the jack of spades taken by dummy's ace. A small trump was ducked, losing to East's queen and the ♣4 returned to South's king. After unblocking dummy's diamonds two rounds of hearts meant declarer had ten tricks and her contract along with 10 IMPs for Group One. West had found the lead to defeat 4♥ but needed to continue the suit, as that way an extra trump trick can be generated on the third round of clubs.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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


The BBO hiatus in the Open Room continued and the result was recorded as Four Spades Doubled down two.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Schneider</i> | <i>Stepinski</i> | <i>Smykalla</i> | <i>Baldysz</i> |
| — | — | 2♦* | Pass |
| 4♣* | 4♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |
| 2♦ | Multi | | |
| 4♣ | Transfer to partner's major | | |

The king and ace of spades were led and the ♠8 continued, dummy discarding a club as South ruffed. The play record now shows the contract failed by one trick. It was 12 IMPs more to Group One.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Hutyra</i> | <i>I Luessmann</i> | <i>Kazmucha</i> | <i>CLuessmann</i> |
| 1NT | 2♣* | Dble | Pass |
| 2♦ | Pass | 2NT | All Pass |

North's Two Clubs showed the majors. North led the ♣10 taken by South with his king, and that player immediately switched to a heart. This held declarer to his seven tricks, and a result of one down.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Schneider</i> | <i>Stepinski</i> | <i>Smykalla</i> | <i>Baldysz</i> |
| 1♣ | 1♥ | Dble | 4♦* |
| Pass | 4♥ | All Pass | |
| 4♦ | Splinter supporting hearts | | |

East led the ♣3 taken in dummy, and a trump to the king was taken by East's ace. East exited with her trump (rather than leading a diamond to their partner for a club ruff). When trumps proved to be 2-2, declarer could easily establish two extra club tricks, and thus dummy only had a losing diamond and a spade – ten tricks and 11 more IMPs to Group One.

After ten boards 76 IMPs had changed hands, more than seven and a half per board. Group One ran out winners 16.78-3.22 VPs.



Danuta Kazmucha



Mixed Teams Round 7

Sparkling Vintages v Knottenbelt

These teams come into this match with around 80 VPs from their first six matches, so both appear to be well-placed to make it into the draw for knockout stage when play finishes. However, England v Germany is always a big match, whatever the sport, even though the 'Germany' in this case is a pair of Germans augmented by a Danish quartet (chamber music after the bridge, perhaps). Sabine Auken and Roy Welland arrived in Strasbourg in fine form, having come directly from northern Poland, where they won the World Bridge Tour 2023 Masters Teams event in a thrilling finale. Who would bet against them hanging around until the end of this one too?

As usual, we start with some problems for you. Firstly, with both sides vulnerable, you are South holding:

♠ Q 6 5
 ♥ A K Q
 ♦ 7 4 2
 ♣ A K 8 6

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1NT |
| 2♠ | 3♦* | 4♠ | ? |

Your 1NT was 15-17. North's 3♦ bid is a transfer, showing invitational or better values with at least five hearts. What action, if any, do you take now?

Next, with only your side vulnerable, you are sitting in the South seat with:

♠ K Q
 ♥ K Q 8 3
 ♦ 10 6
 ♣ A 9 8 4 2

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| — | 1♦* | Pass | 1NT* |
| 4♠ | Dble | Pass | ? |

Partner's 1♦ opening almost always shows a five-card suit, and your 1NT response is a game-forcing relay. The double of 4♠ shows short spades. What action, if any, do you take?

While you mull those over, we join the action on the second deal of the match, with both East players opening a weak two in first seat at favourable.



Ben Handley-Pritchard

Roy Welland

Sabine Auken

Maggie Knottenbelt

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>P.Schaltz</i> | <i>Byrne</i> | <i>D.Schaltz</i> | <i>Brown</i> |
| — | — | 2♠ | Pass |
| 3♠ | Dble | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass | | | |

Peter Schaltz deemed the West hand worth a defensive spade raise, which encouraged Michael Byrne in with a takeout double. Fiona Brown bid the obvious 3NT, having no way of knowing that her side held an eight-card heart fit (although two high clubs, a club ruff and the ♦A would beat the major-suit game, and the entry position makes it hard to pick up the diamonds even if the defenders don't find their ruff).

The play did not take long. Peter Schaltz led a low club to the ten and queen. Declarer tried to slip a diamond though at trick two, but Schaltz rose with the ♦A and cashed his clubs for one down. NS -100.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Knottenbelt</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Handley-P.</i> | <i>Welland</i> |
| — | — | 2♠ | Pass |
| 2NT* | Pass | 3♠* | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Maggie Knottenbelt looked more favourably on the West hand, and she began with a 2NT inquiry. Ben Handley-Pritchard accurately evaluated his hand as a minimum, and Knottenbelt raised to game. Did she bid it to make, or was she worried about North backing in if she passed 3♠, I wonder? Whatever the reason, Roy Welland sniffed out the situation admirably and closed proceedings with a sharp double.

The defence began well, with a heart to the ace, the ♥7 back to the king, and a diamond switch. After some thought, declarer rose with the ♦A, played three rounds of clubs, ruffing, and ruffed his remaining heart

in dummy. He then played a winning club, discarding his diamond as Welland ruffed. Ben Handley-Pritchard ruffed the diamond exit and advanced the ♠Q from his hand.

Who holds the ♠A? Welland's double surely marked him with a high trump, so an astute declarer might surely play this way with ♠AQ10xxx. In that scenario, playing low would let the contract make. After much consideration, Welland chose to take no chances and contributed the ♠K to this trick. Of course, Auken had to follow with the ace, so declarer escaped for one down: NS +100 and 5 IMPs to Sparkling Vintages.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Knottenbelt</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Handley-P.</i> | <i>Welland</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1NT |
| 2♠* | 3♦* | 4♠ | 5♥ |
| All Pass | | | |

After three passes, Welland downgraded his hand to a 15-17 1NT. West's 2♠ overcall was alerted, so perhaps it showed spades and a minor. Either way, it looks like a 'brave' bid, vulnerable opposite a partner who could not open in third seat. Auken showed an invitational or better hand with at least five hearts with her 3♦ transfer, and East's jump to 4♠ then left Welland with the first of the problems posed earlier.

Looking at both the North and South hands, eleven tricks in hearts looks ambitious, and you would surely prefer to defend 4♠x and take your sure plus score. However, Welland did not have that luxury. Having downgraded his hand initially and with half of his high cards in his partner's long suit, Welland chose offense.

With an almost certain club loser, the contract appears to depend on playing diamonds for one loser. Welland ruffed the spade lead in dummy, crossed to his hand in trumps, and played a diamond to the nine. When East won with the ♦10 and returned the ♣Q, things looked bleak for declarer. Welland won the club switch

and played a second round of diamonds, ducking when West followed with the king. He ruffed the spade continuation and it looks as if all lines of play will lead to one down from here. Of course, the ultra-favourable club position rode to Welland's last-gasp rescue and thus it was zero to hero in one easy lesson: NS +650.

Personally, I'd rather have the +500 available from 4♠x. At the other table, the Danes did not offer that as an option:

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>P.Schaltz</i> | <i>Byrne</i> | <i>D.Schaltz</i> | <i>Brown</i> |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♣ |
| 1♠ | Dble* | 2♠ | Dble* |
| Pass | 3♥ | All Pass | |

Fiona Brown decided that the South hand was too strong for a 15-17 1NT, so she started with 1♣. Peter Schaltz overcalled 1♠ and Dorthe Schaltz made a tactical raise to only 2♠ after Byrne's negative double. Brown showed her extra values with a double and Byrne responded in hearts. It was hard for Brown to envision her partner's hand – surely he would hold a couple of losing spades and the South hand is a seven-loser hand, despite its 18 HCP. Thanks to the club position, she also made eleven tricks: NS +200 and 10 IMPs to Sparkling Vintages.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| <i>P.Schaltz</i> | <i>Byrne</i> | <i>D.Schaltz</i> | <i>Brown</i> |
| — | 1♦ | Pass | 2♣* |
| 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | Dble |
| All Pass | | | |

Fiona Brown forced to game with her 2♣ response and then doubled when the auction came back to her at the four-level. With both the ♦A and the ♣K onside, it seems that declarer might overcome the

bad trump break in 4♥, but there is certainly a lot of work to do, so the profitability of the sacrifice is unclear. Declarer in 4♠x lost the obvious five tricks: NS +300.

Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <i>Knottenbelt</i> | <i>Auken</i> | <i>Handley-P.</i> | <i>Welland</i> |
| — | 1♦* | Pass | 1NT* |
| 4♠ | Dble | Pass | 5♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

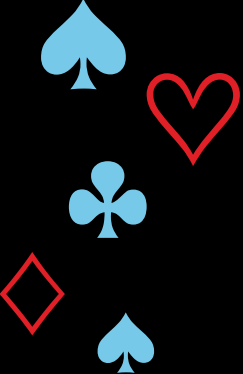
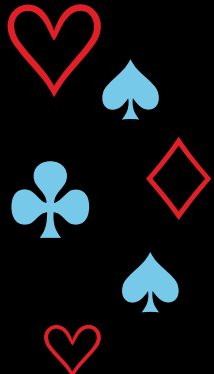
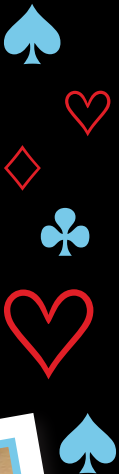
Auken opened 1♦ which almost always shows a five-card suit, and Welland showed a game-forcing hand with his 1NT response. The double of Maggie Knottenbelt's 4♠ overcall then showed short spades and posed the second of today's problems.

What does this South hand have going for it offensively? Yes, you have support for both of the other suits partner is suggesting. However, you have short diamonds and you are minimum for your original game-force, and sub-minimum with your spade values worthless in offence. Given to a bidding panel, I would expect a majority in favour of defending, but Welland opted to declare and advanced with 5♣.

Knottenbelt led her singleton heart and declarer rose with the ♥A in order to start trumps from dummy. The only real chance seems to be to find West with ♣10x. The ♣Q won the first round of trumps and Welland duly continued with the jack, covered by king and ace, but there was no sign of the ten. With two aces missing and a trump to be lost, things seem hopeless. Declarer led a diamond to the king, then advanced the ♥10, covered by the jack and queen, before exiting with the ♠K. Knottenbelt won with the ♠A and exited safely with a spade. Declarer needed to repeat the marked heart finesse, so he ruffed his spade winner in order to do so. Back in hand, Welland 'exited' with a second round of diamonds. When West again followed with a low diamond, declarer rose with the ♦Q and duly made his contract. NS +600 and yet another 7 IMPs to Sparkling Vintages.

This was an England team lacking a Michael Owen, a Gary Lineker or an Alan Shearer – despite much endeavour there was no one to actually put the ball in the net. Sparkling Vintages won 33-6 and took a large step towards ensuring their place when the knockout stage begins tomorrow. For Knottenbelt, there are still three matches to play, and plenty of time to bring David Platt off the bench. On the other side, perhaps we should dub Roy Welland "Farmer Roy" – despite spending the whole day knee-deep, he always seemed to come up smelling of roses.

School event Prize Giving



Results - Mixed Teams

Round 6

| | | | | | | |
|----|-----------------|---------------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | JUST MIXED | TURNIPS | 20 | 30 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 2 | FERM | GROUP ONE TEAM | 39 | 23 | 15.05 | 4.95 |
| 3 | NETHERLANDS 4 | 54FUN | 6 | 26 | 4.03 | 15.97 |
| 4 | EX S | SPARKLING VINTAGES | 17 | 40 | 3.41 | 16.59 |
| 5 | BRENO | ROBINSON | 21 | 21 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 6 | ALPERT | BRIDGE24 | 22 | 23 | 9.61 | 10.39 |
| 7 | TURKISH POWER | KNOTTENBELT | 8 | 48 | 0.78 | 19.22 |
| 8 | EPSILON | MUNICH | 12 | 44 | 1.85 | 18.15 |
| 9 | ARROW | EDMONDS | 7 | 36 | 2.32 | 17.68 |
| 10 | AUSTERLITZ | EMERALD | 29 | 36 | 5.49 | 12.51 |
| 11 | CRASH | CBL | 10 | 15 | 8.15 | 11.85 |
| 12 | PEPSI | TARDY | 29 | 15 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 13 | TCHIN TCHIN | BRIDGE 24 MIXED | 41 | 24 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 14 | BV WALDSOLMS | BIG HAT | 9 | 19 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 15 | MEDIUM RARE | RF KJELLERN | 44 | 12 | 18.15 | 1.85 |
| 16 | ROSENTHAL | XANADU | 40 | 8 | 18.15 | 1.85 |
| 17 | ISTANBUL | OTRA VEZ | 31 | 30 | 10.39 | 9.61 |
| 18 | ORCA | MONAS | 15 | 14 | 10.39 | 9.61 |
| 19 | JOBS | IRELAND MIXED | 38 | 24 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 20 | SWEDEN 2 | SUSHI | 25 | 9 | 15.05 | 4.95 |
| 21 | AKINOM | BLACKY | 23 | 29 | 7.82 | 12.18 |
| 22 | LA LA LAND | BRIDGESCANNER MIXED | 7 | 32 | 3.03 | 16.97 |
| 23 | BALLEBO | BLUE NOTE | 22 | 19 | 11.14 | 8.86 |
| 24 | SWISS MIXT TEAM | APAHEILI | 10 | 19 | 6.86 | 13.14 |
| 25 | PRAHA | EYTHORSOTTIR | 14 | 30 | 4.95 | 15.05 |
| 26 | VALIO | ADA | 9 | 60 | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| 27 | XYZ | TARTU | 19 | 11 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 28 | FRIENDS | FOX | 21 | 23 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 29 | DE BOTTON | KWON LEE | 28 | 22 | 12.18 | 7.82 |
| 30 | CATS N DOGS | NORDIC FOURS | 20 | 21 | 9.61 | 10.39 |
| 31 | BEATUS | MOJITO | 32 | 21 | 13.72 | 6.28 |
| 32 | CAUMEL | COOPER | 17 | 37 | 4.03 | 15.97 |
| 33 | PARS | 123KEEPITUP | 27 | 9 | 15.52 | 4.48 |
| 34 | GILLIS | BELUGALIA | 27 | 12 | 14.80 | 4.20 |
| 35 | BODIS | Bye | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.00 |

Round 7

| | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|---------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | TURNIPS | FERM | 36 | 11 | 16.97 | 3.03 |
| 2 | JUST MIXED | 54FUN | 16 | 34 | 4.48 | 15.52 |
| 3 | SPARKLING VINTAGES | KNOTTENBELT | 23 | 6 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 4 | MUNICH | EDMONDS | 12 | 20 | 7.17 | 12.83 |
| 5 | GROUP ONE TEAM | NETHERLANDS 4 | 8 | 17 | 6.86 | 13.14 |
| 6 | BRENO | BRIDGE24 | 19 | 16 | 11.14 | 8.86 |
| 7 | ROBINSON | MEDIUM RARE | 24 | 4 | 15.97 | 4.03 |
| 8 | ROSENTHAL | ALPERT | 23 | 13 | 13.43 | 6.57 |
| 9 | TCHIN TCHIN | EX S | 13 | 41 | 2.49 | 17.51 |
| 10 | PEPSI | EMERALD | 24 | 26 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 11 | BIG HAT | CBL | 25 | 31 | 7.82 | 12.18 |
| 12 | CRASH | JOBS | 19 | 15 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 13 | ISTANBUL | TURKISH POWER | 13 | 35 | 3.61 | 16.39 |
| 14 | ORCA | AUSTERLITZ | 19 | 24 | 8.15 | 11.85 |
| 15 | OTRA VEZ | EPSILON | 42 | 7 | 18.58 | 1.42 |
| 16 | BRIDGESCANNER MIXED | SWEDEN 2 | 32 | 18 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 17 | BV WALDSOLMS | MONAS | 31 | 14 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 18 | ADA | TARDY | 25 | 3 | 16.39 | 3.61 |
| 19 | BRIDGE 24 MIXED | ARROW | 12 | 30 | 4.48 | 15.52 |
| 20 | BLACKY | BALLEBO | 13 | 23 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 21 | EYTHORSOTTIR | RF KJELLERN | 26 | 4 | 16.39 | 3.61 |
| 22 | XANADU | APAHEILI | 23 | 16 | 12.51 | 7.49 |
| 23 | IRELAND MIXED | AKINOM | 23 | 3 | 15.97 | 4.03 |
| 24 | XYZ | BLUE NOTE | 21 | 23 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 25 | SUSHI | FOX | 24 | 11 | 14.28 | 5.72 |
| 26 | SWISS MIXT TEAM | FRIENDS | 29 | 15 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 27 | DE BOTTON | LA LA LAND | 28 | 23 | 11.85 | 8.15 |
| 28 | TARTU | COOPER | 4 | 41 | 1.16 | 18.84 |
| 29 | BEATUS | PARS | 20 | 32 | 6.00 | 14.00 |
| 30 | PRAHA | NORDIC FOURS | 48 | 6 | 19.44 | 0.56 |
| 31 | CATS N DOGS | KWON LEE | 22 | 8 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 32 | GILLIS | VALIO | 34 | 17 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 33 | BODIS | MOJITO | 13 | 24 | 6.28 | 13.72 |
| 34 | 123KEEPITUP | BELUGALIA | 22 | 17 | 11.85 | 8.15 |
| 35 | CAUMEL | Bye | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.00 |

Results - Mixed Teams

Round 8

| | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | TURNIPS | 54FUN | 20 | 17 | 11.14 | 8.86 |
| 2 | SPARKLING VINTAGES | JUST MIXED | 37 | 2 | 18.58 | 1.42 |
| 3 | ROBINSON | FERM | 32 | 17 | 14.80 | 5.20 |
| 4 | EX S | NETHERLANDS 4 | 22 | 19 | 11.14 | 8.86 |
| 5 | EDMONDS | ROSENTHAL | 10 | 23 | 5.72 | 14.28 |
| 6 | BRENO | KNOTTENBELT | 11 | 46 | 1.42 | 18.58 |
| 7 | MUNICH | CBL | 29 | 18 | 13.72 | 6.28 |
| 8 | GROUP ONE TEAM | BRIDGE24 | 19 | 32 | 5.72 | 14.28 |
| 9 | OTRA VEZ | EMERALD | 30 | 32 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 10 | PEPSI | TURKISH POWER | 23 | 30 | 7.49 | 12.51 |
| 11 | ALPERT | ADA | 46 | 1 | 19.76 | 0.24 |
| 12 | BV WALDSOLMS | MEDIUM RARE | 5 | 27 | 3.61 | 16.39 |
| 13 | BRIDGESCANNER MIXED | CRASH | 23 | 45 | 3.61 | 16.39 |
| 14 | BIG HAT | ARROW | 35 | 30 | 11.85 | 8.15 |
| 15 | AUSTERLITZ | TCHIN TCHIN | 32 | 28 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 16 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR | JOBS | 43 | 36 | 12.51 | 7.49 |
| 17 | ORCA | IRELAND MIXED | 12 | 13 | 9.61 | 10.39 |
| 18 | BALLEBO | XANADU | 36 | 4 | 18.15 | 1.85 |
| 19 | ISTANBUL | SWEDEN 2 | 19 | 20 | 9.61 | 10.39 |
| 20 | COOPER | MONAS | 32 | 45 | 5.72 | 14.28 |
| 21 | PRAHA | SUSHI | 37 | 39 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 22 | TARDY | BLACKY | 10 | 37 | 2.66 | 17.34 |
| 23 | BLUE NOTE | SWISS MIXT TEAM | 25 | 17 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 24 | BRIDGE 24 MIXED | EPSILON | 26 | 4 | 16.39 | 3.61 |
| 25 | XYZ | APAHEILI | 23 | 19 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 26 | PARS | DE BOTTON | 8 | 51 | 0.45 | 19.55 |
| 27 | RF KJELLERN | CATS N DOGS | 37 | 19 | 15.52 | 4.48 |
| 28 | AKINOM | GILLIS | 23 | 8 | 14.80 | 5.20 |
| 29 | LA LA LAND | FOX | 49 | 11 | 18.97 | 1.03 |
| 30 | FRIENDS | BEATUS | 15 | 13 | 10.77 | 9.23 |
| 31 | MOJITO | TARTU | 29 | 4 | 16.97 | 3.03 |
| 32 | KWON LEE | CAUMEL | 28 | 39 | 6.28 | 13.72 |
| 33 | BODIS | 123KEEPITUP | 22 | 24 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 34 | VALIO | BELUGALIA | 61 | 5 | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| 35 | NORDIC FOURS | Bye | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.00 |

Round 9

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------------|---------------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | TURNIPS | SPARKLING VINTAGES | 3 | 43 | 0.78 | 19.22 |
| 2 | 54FUN | ROBINSON | 22 | 32 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 3 | KNOTTENBELT | ROSENTHAL | 26 | 18 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 4 | EX S | ALPERT | 21 | 25 | 8.50 | 11.50 |
| 5 | MUNICH | JUST MIXED | 0 | 36 | 1.29 | 18.71 |
| 6 | NETHERLANDS 4 | BRIDGE24 | 10 | 17 | 7.49 | 12.51 |
| 7 | FERM | EDMONDS | 6 | 29 | 3.41 | 16.59 |
| 8 | MEDIUM RARE | CRASH | 21 | 9 | 14.00 | 6.00 |
| 9 | TURKISH POWER | OTRA VEZ | 26 | 19 | 12.51 | 7.49 |
| 10 | EMERALD | BALLEBO | 13 | 16 | 8.86 | 11.14 |
| 11 | GROUP ONE TEAM | BIG HAT | 32 | 11 | 16.18 | 3.82 |
| 12 | PEPSI | BRENO | 11 | 44 | 1.70 | 18.30 |
| 13 | CBL | AUSTERLITZ | 18 | 10 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 14 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR | ARROW | 23 | 22 | 10.39 | 9.61 |
| 15 | BLACKY | TCHIN TCHIN | 16 | 32 | 4.95 | 15.05 |
| 16 | IRELAND MIXED | BV WALDSOLMS | 34 | 17 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 17 | MONAS | BRIDGE 24 MIXED | 10 | 28 | 4.48 | 15.52 |
| 18 | ORCA | BRIDGESCANNER MIXED | 11 | 45 | 1.56 | 18.44 |
| 19 | DE BOTTON | JOBS | 37 | 20 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 20 | ADA | SWEDEN 2 | 17 | 18 | 9.61 | 10.39 |
| 21 | BLUE NOTE | ISTANBUL | 34 | 24 | 13.43 | 6.57 |
| 22 | SUSHI | LA LA LAND | 21 | 14 | 12.51 | 7.49 |
| 23 | RF KJELLERN | PRAHA | 23 | 19 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 24 | XYZ | AKINOM | 5 | 45 | 0.78 | 19.22 |
| 25 | COOPER | SWISS MIXT TEAM | 31 | 24 | 12.51 | 7.49 |
| 26 | APAHEILI | MOJITO | 31 | 23 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 27 | XANADU | TARDY | 8 | 35 | 2.66 | 17.34 |
| 28 | EPSILON | VALIO | 27 | 19 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 29 | FRIENDS | CATS N DOGS | 28 | 17 | 13.72 | 6.28 |
| 30 | BEATUS | GILLIS | 16 | 39 | 3.41 | 16.59 |
| 31 | CAUMEL | PARS | 23 | 44 | 3.82 | 16.18 |
| 32 | NORDIC FOURS | BODIS | 35 | 20 | 14.80 | 5.20 |
| 33 | FOX | 123KEEPITUP | 24 | 6 | 15.52 | 4.48 |
| 34 | KWON LEE | BELUGALIA | 10 | 31 | 3.82 | 16.18 |
| 35 | TARTU | Bye | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.00 |

Results - Mixed Teams

Round 10

| | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|---------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 1 | SPARKLING VINTAGES | ROBINSON | 20 | 14 | 12.18 | 7.82 |
| 2 | TURNIPS | KNOTTENBELT | 10 | 19 | 6.86 | 13.14 |
| 3 | JUST MIXED | ALPERT | 18 | 23 | 8.15 | 11.85 |
| 4 | 54FUN | EDMONDS | 1 | 51 | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| 5 | BRIDGE24 | EX S | 16 | 26 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 6 | ROSENTHAL | MEDIUM RARE | 19 | 18 | 10.39 | 9.61 |
| 7 | BRENO | TURKISH POWER | 10 | 42 | 1.85 | 18.15 |
| 8 | GROUP ONE TEAM | BALLEBO | 20 | 6 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 9 | NETHERLANDS 4 | MUNICH | 22 | 18 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 10 | EMERALD | CBL | 0 | 19 | 4.25 | 15.75 |
| 11 | BRIDGESCANNER MIXED | FERM | 22 | 19 | 11.14 | 8.86 |
| 12 | CRASH | OTRA VEZ | 5 | 22 | 4.71 | 15.29 |
| 13 | TCHIN TCHIN | IRELAND MIXED | 30 | 18 | 14.00 | 6.00 |
| 14 | BRIDGE 24 MIXED | DE BOTTON | 14 | 20 | 7.82 | 12.18 |
| 15 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR | AUSTERLITZ | 16 | 19 | 8.86 | 11.14 |
| 16 | ARROW | AKINOM | 14 | 29 | 5.20 | 14.80 |
| 17 | BIG HAT | SWEDEN 2 | 20 | 31 | 6.28 | 13.72 |
| 18 | BLUE NOTE | SUSHI | 36 | 5 | 18.00 | 2.00 |
| 19 | PEPSI | ADA | 8 | 12 | 8.50 | 11.50 |
| 20 | BLACKY | BV WALDSOLMS | 17 | 13 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 21 | RF KJELLERN | MONAS | 9 | 17 | 7.17 | 12.83 |
| 22 | COOPER | TARDY | 33 | 6 | 17.34 | 2.66 |
| 23 | JOBS | PRAHA | 16 | 18 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 24 | ISTANBUL | LA LA LAND | 30 | 13 | 15.29 | 4.71 |
| 25 | APAHEILI | ORCA | 18 | 24 | 7.82 | 12.18 |
| 26 | EPSILON | GILLIS | 22 | 41 | 4.25 | 15.75 |
| 27 | FRIENDS | PARS | 17 | 20 | 8.86 | 11.14 |
| 28 | SWISS MIXT TEAM | MOJITO | 22 | 13 | 13.14 | 6.86 |
| 29 | XYZ | VALIO | 13 | 29 | 4.95 | 15.05 |
| 30 | NORDIC FOURS | XANADU | 8 | 22 | 5.46 | 14.54 |
| 31 | FOX | CATS N DOGS | 14 | 3 | 13.72 | 6.28 |
| 32 | BEATUS | BODIS | 26 | 19 | 12.51 | 7.49 |
| 33 | CAUMEL | 123KEEPITUP | 12 | 29 | 4.71 | 15.29 |
| 34 | TARTU | BELUGALIA | 27 | 19 | 12.83 | 7.17 |
| 35 | KWON LEE | Bye | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.00 |

Ranking after Round 10

| | | |
|----|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | SPARKLING VINTAGES | 146.67 |
| 2 | TURNIPS | 130.47 |
| 3 | EDMONDS | 129.71 |
| 4 | KNOTTENBELT | 129.25 |
| 5 | ROBINSON | 126.38 |
| 6 | JUST MIXED | 124.65 |
| 7 | TURKISH POWER | 122.51 |
| 8 | ALPERT | 121.57 |
| 9 | EX S | 120.97 |
| 10 | GROUP ONE TEAM | 118.59 |
| 11 | ROSENTHAL | 117.45 |
| 12 | MEDIUM RARE | 116.48 |
| 13 | NETHERLANDS 4 | 115.43 |
| 14 | BRIDGE24 | 114.84 |
| 15 | CBL 114.82 | |
| 16 | 54FUN | 114.28 |
| 17 | OTRA VEZ | 112.84 |
| 18 | TCHIN TCHIN | 110.53 |
| 19 | BRIDGESCANNER MIXED | 109.55 |
| 20 | BLUE NOTE | 108.56 |
| 21 | MUNICH | 107.79 |
| 22 | DE BOTTON | 107.48 |
| 23 | BRENO | 107.14 |
| 24 | FERM | 106.82 |
| 25 | AKINOM | 106.70 |
| 26 | BALLEBO | 104.81 |
| 27 | EYTHORSDDOTTIR | 104.42 |
| 28 | AUSTERLITZ | 103.96 |
| 29 | BRIDGE 24 MIXED | 103.69 |
| 30 | EMERALD | 103.51 |
| 31 | CRASH | 103.07 |
| 32 | COOPER | 102.31 |
| 33 | IRELAND MIXED | 102.13 |
| 34 | SWEDEN 2 | 101.47 |
| 35 | ADA | 98.81 |
| 36 | ISTANBUL | 98.64 |
| 37 | BLACKY | 98.35 |
| 38 | ARROW | 97.92 |
| 39 | MONAS | 97.70 |
| 40 | BIG HAT | 97.61 |
| 41 | PEPSI | 97.26 |
| 42 | GILLIS | 95.17 |
| 43 | PRAHA | 94.41 |
| 44 | ORCA | 93.89 |
| 45 | RF KJELLERN | 93.85 |
| 46 | JOBS | 93.78 |
| 47 | BV WALDSOLMS | 93.59 |
| 48 | SWISS MIXT TEAM | 91.81 |
| 49 | APAHEILI | 91.32 |
| 50 | SUSHI | 90.91 |
| 51 | PARS | 88.35 |
| 52 | VALIO | 88.08 |
| 53 | FRIENDS | 87.80 |
| 54 | LA LA LAND | 87.58 |
| 55 | TARDY | 87.39 |
| 56 | XANADU | 86.69 |
| 57 | FOX 85.66 | |
| 58 | EPSILON | 84.15 |
| 59 | MOJITO | 83.70 |
| 60 | XYZ 80.30 | |
| 61 | BEATUS | 78.85 |
| 62 | NORDIC FOURS | 77.79 |
| 63 | TARTU | 77.08 |
| 64 | 123KEEPITUP | 75.98 |
| 65 | CATS N DOGS | 75.82 |
| 66 | KWON LEE | 70.99 |
| 67 | CAUMEL | 70.67 |
| 68 | BODIS | 69.18 |
| 69 | BELUGALIA | 58.07 |



Results - MIXED TEAMS - Round of 32

1 SPARKLING VINTAGES
AUSTERLITZ

2 DE BOTTON
EMERALD

3 FERM
MEDIUM RARE

4 ALPERT
OTRA VEZ

5 ROBINSON
BALLEBO

6 BRIDGE24
BLUE NOTE

7 ROSENTHAL
GROUP ONE TEAM

8 KNOTTENBELT
AKINOM

9 EDMONDS
TCHIN TCHIN

10 NETHERLANDS 4
CBL

11 BRIDGESCANNER MIXED
CRASH

12 JUST MIXED
BRIDGE 24 MIXED

13 TURKISH POWER
EYTHORS DOTTIR

14 COOPER
EX S

15 BRENO
54FUN

16 TURNIPS
MUNICH

Results - MIXED TEAMS - Butler

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| AUKEN Sabine | WELLAND Roy | 2.19 | 70 | Germany | Germany |
| SARNIAK Anna | JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw | 1.53 | 30 | Poland | Poland |
| SOHTORIK Yusuf | ERENGIL Yasemin | 1.50 | 70 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| SARNIAK Anna | PATREUHA Patryk | 1.45 | 20 | Poland | Poland |
| WEISS Florian | SELWAY Louise | 1.44 | 80 | Austria | England |
| BAREKET Ilan | NOSACKI Michal | 1.40 | 10 | Israel | Israel |
| BURGESS Oliver | DHONDY Heather | 1.29 | 70 | England | England |
| FRANCESCHETTI Pierre | SETTON Hilda | 1.18 | 60 | France | Switzerland |
| RUBINS Karlis | ALFEJEVA Jelena | 1.15 | 80 | Latvia | Latvia |
| GROSSACK Adam | ROBINSON Linda | 1.15 | 20 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| BOHNSACK Susanne | BOHNSACK Sandro | 1.11 | 98 | Germany | Germany |
| CRONIER Philippe | CRONIER Benedicte | 1.09 | 70 | France | France |
| TEMBOURET Romain | NATAF Paula | 1.02 | 60 | France | U.S.A. |
| BYRNE Michael | BROWN Fiona | 1.00 | 70 | England | England |
| KALITA Jacek | BALDYSZ Cathy | 0.96 | 100 | Poland | Poland |
| ZMUDA Justyna | KLUKOWSKI Michal | 0.96 | 70 | Poland | Switzerland |
| KANDOLU Ozlem | ASLAN Bulent | 0.94 | 90 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| DEMUY Vincent | GOLD Marusa | 0.94 | 80 | U.S.A. | England |
| SEMENTA Antonio | CUZZI Monica | 0.88 | 80 | Italy | Italy |
| ZATORSKI Piotr | DUFRAT Katarzyna | 0.88 | 80 | Poland | Poland |
| VERSACE Alfredo | RIMSTEDT Cecilia | 0.85 | 20 | Italy | Sweden |
| NEHMERT Pony Beate | FROEHLER Christian | 0.78 | 60 | Germany | Germany |
| ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry | ROSENTHAL Andrew | 0.75 | 60 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| SMEDEREVAC Jovanka | FREEMAN Jacob | 0.75 | 80 | France | Canada |
| CHARLSEN Thomas | SENIOR Nevena | 0.71 | 70 | Norway | England |
| BROCK Sally | COPE Simon | 0.71 | 80 | England | England |
| LORENZINI Cedric | TARTARIN Anne-Laure | 0.70 | 80 | France | France |
| HOP Jacco | WORTEL Meike | 0.70 | 100 | Netherlands | Netherlands |
| SAUTAUX Monika | SZCZEPANSKI Radoslaw | 0.70 | 100 | Poland | Poland |
| DUGUET Michel | DUGUET Marlene | 0.68 | 60 | France | France |
| MAUBERQUEZ Eric | MONOD Emmanuelle | 0.66 | 68 | France | France |
| HULT Simon | BJOERK HEED Mayalo | 0.66 | 100 | Sweden | Sweden |
| STEPINSKI Jeremi | BALDYSZ Sophia | 0.65 | 60 | Poland | Poland |
| GROSSACK Zachary | ROBINSON Linda | 0.63 | 30 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| UZUNHASAN Mert | GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale | 0.63 | 70 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| GOTARD Thomas | DI BACCO Victoria | 0.63 | 40 | Germany | Germany |
| OZGUR Hatice | OZBAY Tolga | 0.61 | 100 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| BAUSBACK Nikolas | DING Hong | 0.61 | 100 | Germany | U.S.A. |
| CLEMENT Muriel | THUILLEZ Laurent | 0.60 | 30 | France | France |
| HENNEBERG Marlene | HENNEBERG Jens Ove | 0.57 | 90 | Denmark | Denmark |
| GROSSACK Adam | KOLESIK Emma | 0.56 | 80 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| ALP Zeynep | KEPEKCI Mehmet Faruk | 0.54 | 100 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| DRIJVER Bas | MADSEN Christina Lund | 0.54 | 80 | Switzerland | Denmark |
| DELESTRE Blandine | DELESTRE Daniel | 0.51 | 70 | France | France |
| AHLESVED Catharina | AHLESVED Krister | 0.51 | 100 | Sweden | Sweden |
| LUESMANN Claudia | LUESMANN Ingo | 0.49 | 100 | Germany | Germany |
| NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz | ZALEWSKA Joanna | 0.46 | 90 | Poland | Poland |
| DIETRICH Alexander | DI BACCO Victoria | 0.45 | 20 | Germany | Germany |
| AUBONNET Brigitte | JOLIGEON Francois | 0.44 | 70 | France | France |
| SCHALTZ Dorte | SCHALTZ Peter | 0.43 | 70 | Denmark | Denmark |
| THUILLEZ Pascale | THUILLEZ Laurent | 0.41 | 70 | France | France |
| BEKKOUCHE Nadia | DANIELSEN Flemming | 0.38 | 60 | Denmark | Denmark |
| ERICHSEN Espen | ERICHSEN Helen | 0.38 | 50 | England | England |
| D'OREY CAPUCHO Manuel | LARA Maria Joao | 0.38 | 100 | Portugal | Portugal |
| KALKERUP Bettina | NORRIS John | 0.38 | 100 | Denmark | Denmark |
| BARONI Irene | ZALESKI Romain | 0.37 | 60 | Italy | Italy |
| BREWIAK Grazyna | LATOS Tomasz | 0.36 | 50 | Poland | Poland |
| WILLENKEN Chris | LIN Amber | 0.34 | 70 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| STUYCK Dominique | BAHBOUT Sam | 0.34 | 50 | Belgium | Belgium |
| PALMA Antonio | NILSSON Andrea | 0.33 | 100 | Portugal | Sweden |
| ZACK Yaniv | BENIN-BARR Ronnie | 0.32 | 60 | Israel | Israel |
| HOFTANISKA Thor Erik | VIST Gunn Tove | 0.30 | 80 | England | Norway |
| HOMME Marianne | HOMME Egil | 0.28 | 100 | Norway | Norway |
| ZOBU Ahu | ARONOV Victor | 0.28 | 100 | Turkiye | Bulgaria |
| EYTHORSOTTIR Hjordis | DWYER Kevin | 0.26 | 100 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| GOODMAN Peter | MACHALE Aoife | 0.23 | 100 | Ireland | Ireland |
| KOKTEN Namik | ALUF Tuna | 0.23 | 70 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| DONATI Giovanni | DALPOZZO Federica | 0.23 | 70 | Italy | Italy |
| ELLIA Emmanuel | CELERIER Patricia | 0.22 | 100 | France | France |
| VERSACE Alfredo | ALPERT Claire | 0.22 | 60 | Italy | U.S.A. |
| GARNER Steve | TEBHA Anam | 0.21 | 70 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| BRINK Sjoert | FERM Barbara | 0.20 | 50 | Switzerland | U.S.A. |
| NIKOLENKOV Dmitrij | HAIDORFER Andrea | 0.18 | 60 | Switzerland | Switzerland |
| ROSENBERG Michael | ROSENBERG Debbie | 0.17 | 70 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| HALFON Donatella | ROBERT Quentin | 0.17 | 60 | France | France |
| SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick) | SHASHOU Nathalie | 0.16 | 100 | England | England |
| EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik | ZACK EFRAIMSSON Anna | 0.14 | 90 | Sweden | Sweden |
| ZOCHOWSKA Joanna | SCHMIDT Pierre | 0.14 | 70 | France | France |
| BOTTA Giorgia | GROSSACK Zachary | 0.14 | 70 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| BASARAN Berk | ELMAS Tuna | 0.13 | 90 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| PSZCZOLA Jacek | SAKR May | 0.13 | 100 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| HETZ Clara | PACHTMAN Ron | 0.12 | 100 | Israel | Israel |
| HARDING Marianne | GILLIS Simon | 0.11 | 89 | Norway | England |
| GONCALVES PEREIRA Paulo | ROSADO Alexandra | 0.11 | 100 | Portugal | Portugal |
| TUNCOK Cenk | HOTAMISLIGIL Selen | 0.10 | 100 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| VON ARNIM Daniela | DE WJIS Simon | 0.10 | 70 | Germany | Netherlands |
| DIETRICH Alexander | SCHWALBACH Kathrin | 0.10 | 40 | Germany | Germany |
| ANJER Maja Rom | SAETERDAL Atle | 0.05 | 100 | Norway | Norway |
| WOOLDRIDGE Joel | EDMONDS Jodi | 0.04 | 50 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |

Results - MIXED TEAMS - Butler

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| BAHNIKOVA Eva | BAHNIK Petr | 0.03 | 100 | Czech Republic | Czech Republic |
| SMYKALLA Gisela | SCHNEIDER Michael | 0.02 | 100 | Germany | Germany |
| DESAGES Olivier | MOURGUES Jennifer | 0.00 | 100 | France | France |
| FISCHER Brigitta | RIMSTEDT Ola | 0.00 | 100 | Hungary | Sweden |
| BAREKET Ilan | SAADA Nathalie | -0.01 | 90 | Israel | Israel |
| NAB Bart | DUURSMA Judith | -0.03 | 100 | Netherlands | Netherlands |
| HENNER Christal | IVATURY Uday | -0.04 | 80 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| LANGELAND Aase | EIDE Harald | -0.05 | 100 | Norway | Norway |
| OLSEN Svein Arild Naas | SIGSGAARD Julie Marina | -0.06 | 90 | Norway | Denmark |
| SCHANKA Martin | KOHUTOVA Lucie | -0.06 | 100 | Czech Republic | Czech Republic |
| ZACK Yaniv | NOSACKI Michal | -0.08 | 40 | Israel | Israel |
| WOODCOCK Andrew | DRAPER Catherine | -0.10 | 100 | England | England |
| GOTARD Thomas | SCHWALBACH Kathrin | -0.13 | 40 | Germany | Germany |
| BURAS Krzysztof | SOBOLEWSKA Ewa | -0.13 | 60 | Poland | Poland |
| McCALLUM Karen | JOHANNSSON Axel | -0.13 | 60 | U.S.A. | Australia |
| GOMBERT Sylvie | VOLCKER Frederic | -0.14 | 50 | France | France |
| YILMAZ M.Gokhan | PISAK Mehves | -0.14 | 50 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| BERNARD Julien | PEPIC Selena | -0.14 | 100 | France | Serbia |
| ROMANOVSKA Maija | BETHERS Janis | -0.16 | 100 | Latvia | Latvia |
| OURSEL Christophe | AVON Danielle | -0.16 | 80 | France | France |
| LEWIS Linda | LEWIS Paul | -0.18 | 100 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| NYSTROM Fredrik | CLEMENTSSON Sanna | -0.19 | 80 | Sweden | Sweden |
| POPLILOV Matilda | HETZ Nathan | -0.19 | 100 | Israel | Israel |
| CHEN Lin-Huan | HSIEH Ding-Hwa | -0.20 | 100 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| VAN MIDDELEM Guy | STUYCK Dominique | -0.20 | 50 | Belgium | Belgium |
| TIHANE Aivar | IHER Mirjam | -0.21 | 90 | Estonia | Estonia |
| GROMOELLER Michael | GLADIATOR Anne | -0.22 | 60 | Germany | Germany |
| LAHRMANN Christian | TODD Katherine | -0.22 | 100 | Denmark | U.S.A. |
| BESSIS Thomas | BERTHEAU Kathrine | -0.23 | 70 | France | Sweden |
| HANDLEY-PRITCHARD Ben | KNOTTENBELT Maggie | -0.23 | 60 | England | England |
| WRANG Frederic | KWON Haeryung | -0.23 | 90 | Sweden | Korea |
| BREKKA Geir | LINDSTROEM Mona | -0.25 | 100 | Norway | Norway |
| JANISZEWSKI Przemyslaw | ZAREBA Anna | -0.26 | 70 | Poland | Poland |
| KRANYAK John | SCHNELWAR Susan | -0.27 | 30 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| ROSSARD Martine | ROMANOWSKI Jerzy | -0.27 | 48 | France | France |
| CULLIN Per-Ola | MICHIELSEN Marion | -0.30 | 90 | Sweden | Sweden |
| HAGEN Eskil | BLAAGESTAD Lise | -0.31 | 100 | Norway | Norway |
| LOBRY Francis | APPERTET Micheline | -0.37 | 60 | France | France |
| SAESELLE Irene | AMIGUET Jerome | -0.39 | 70 | Switzerland | Switzerland |
| SUT Inci | KAYA Emre | -0.41 | 100 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| MALINOWSKI Artur | DE BOTTON Janet | -0.42 | 50 | England | England |
| TALYIGAS Peter | HEGEDUS Orsolya | -0.42 | 90 | Hungary | Hungary |
| JAROSZ Aleksandra | PATREUHA Patryk | -0.44 | 80 | Poland | Poland |
| WROBEL Michal | SUSZANOWICZ Natalia | -0.44 | 100 | Poland | Poland |
| BROGELAND Tonje Aasand | STOKKVIK Dag-Jorgen | -0.44 | 100 | Norway | Norway |
| CAUMEL Jean Patrick | MARECHAL Monique | -0.44 | 90 | France | France |
| GUENDEL Marius | SCHWALBACH Kathrin | -0.45 | 20 | Germany | Germany |
| DIAS Paulo | KIM Youngmee | -0.46 | 90 | Portugal | Korea |
| ATAY Sevinc | EROL Burak | -0.47 | 30 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| BARDEN Paul | ROBINSON Claire | -0.48 | 100 | England | England |
| AYDAR Yalcin | YILMAZ Zeynep | -0.49 | 80 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| SAELENMINDE Erik | FUGLESTAD Ann Karin | -0.49 | 89 | Norway | Norway |
| LHUISSIER Nicolas | ROLLAND Sabine | -0.50 | 70 | France | France |
| PLACKETT Richard Mark | DESCHAPPER Mia | -0.50 | 60 | Wales | Wales |
| LEVITINA Irina | VAINIKONIS Vytautas | -0.51 | 100 | U.S.A. | Lithuania |
| KANDEMIR Ismail | NUHOGLU Sevil | -0.53 | 100 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| OZTURK Erdem | CAKICI Ferda | -0.54 | 100 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| VINCENT Christine | ABOU CHANAB Bachar | -0.54 | 70 | Switzerland | Switzerland |
| Iavicoli Federico | DI LORENZO Anastasia | -0.57 | 49 | Italy | Italy |
| SUZER Ugurcan | ATES Ebru | -0.57 | 70 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| JARLVIK Fredrik | TRENDAFILOVA Tatyana | -0.64 | 100 | Sweden | Sweden |
| BILDE Dorte Cilleborg | BILDE Morten | -0.67 | 100 | Denmark | Denmark |
| ERGIN Pinar | EROL Burak | -0.68 | 40 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| BERTHEAU Peter | ANDERSSON Ann-Sophie | -0.68 | 50 | Sweden | Sweden |
| BEAUVILLAIN Edouard | VITETTA Michele | -0.69 | 70 | France | France |
| DOWLING-LONG Hilary | STEWART Peter | -0.69 | 100 | Ireland | Ireland |
| BERNAL Francisco | RIMSTEDT Cecilia | -0.75 | 40 | Colombia | Sweden |
| CLEMENT Muriel | TEMBOURET Romain | -0.80 | 40 | France | France |
| PORTAL Dominique | VOLCKER Frederic | -0.80 | 50 | France | France |
| TAUBE Aire | DAHL Leevi | -0.81 | 90 | Estonia | Estonia |
| KOVACHEV Valentin | MARQUARDT Diana | -0.82 | 100 | Bulgaria | U.S.A. |
| WAKSMAN Sophie | ARFAOUI Bechir | -0.84 | 90 | France | France |
| NETTLETON Diana | PASKE Thomas | -0.85 | 60 | England | England |
| MERCIL Yasemin | ARSLAN Mustafa | -0.90 | 60 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| WESTERMANN Daniela | DONNER Bernhard | -0.91 | 98 | Germany | Germany |
| VANDERVORST Mike | MOMMAERTS Laure | -0.91 | 100 | Belgium | Belgium |
| KAZMUCHA Danuta | HUTYRA Maciej | -0.92 | 60 | Poland | Poland |
| LESLIE Paula | JONES Martin | -0.92 | 60 | Scotland | England |
| BARBOSA Joao | SIM Yoonbo | -0.93 | 90 | Portugal | Korea |
| SEALE Catherine | HELNESS Fredrik | -0.94 | 100 | England | Norway |
| TARDY Stephane | MICHEL Sophie | -0.97 | 100 | Monaco | France |
| LIU Carrie | SILIN Maxim | -1.08 | 60 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. |
| GUENDEL Marius | DI BACCO Victoria | -1.20 | 40 | Germany | Germany |
| REES Vanessa | ALLARD Alexandre | -1.22 | 60 | France | France |
| POON Hua | MIN Grace Sangwon | -1.26 | 90 | Singapore | Korea |
| BOCKEN Patrick | MIERZWA Aleksandra | -1.28 | 60 | Belgium | Belgium |
| MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine | POULSEN Flemming | -1.32 | 90 | Denmark | Denmark |
| ERGIN Pinar | ELER Cuneyt | -1.33 | 60 | Turkiye | Turkiye |
| MORAES Jose | ARRAIANO Rita | -1.38 | 69 | Portugal | Portugal |
| BODIS Gyula | SZUCS Villo | -1.46 | 90 | Hungary | Hungary |
| BYLUND Dan | STROMBERG Helena | -1.67 | 90 | Sweden | Sweden |

Results - Senior Teams

Round 6

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|----|---------------------|-------------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 51 | GERMANY | NORWAY | 14 | 31 | 4.71 | 15.29 |
| 52 | GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS | RUMMEL | 14 | 31 | 4.71 | 15.29 |
| 53 | ZIMMERMANN | LES MOUSQUETAIRES | 37 | 42 | 8.15 | 11.85 |
| 54 | MILNER | BUCHAREST SENIORS | 15 | 23 | 7.17 | 12.83 |
| 55 | FRANCE SENIORS | VICTORS | 37 | 35 | 8.77 | 9.23 |
| 56 | ROTH | SWISS SENIORS | 25 | 15 | 13.43 | 6.57 |
| 57 | DUTCH SENIOR TEAM | ENGLAND PRYOR | 30 | 18 | 14.00 | 6.00 |
| 58 | LA FONTAINE | BBCX | 9 | 32 | 3.41 | 16.59 |

Round 7

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|----|---------------------|-------------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 51 | NORWAY | ENGLAND PRYOR | 24 | 34 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 52 | BBCX | LES MOUSQUETAIRES | 19 | 20 | 9.61 | 10.39 |
| 53 | GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS | BUCHAREST SENIORS | 13 | 21 | 7.17 | 12.83 |
| 54 | ZIMMERMANN | FRANCE SENIORS | 8 | 17 | 6.86 | 13.14 |
| 55 | SWISS SENIORS | MILNER | 6 | 19 | 5.72 | 14.28 |
| 56 | VICTORS | DUTCH SENIOR TEAM | 14 | 39 | 3.03 | 16.97 |
| 57 | GERMANY | ROTH | 20 | 6 | 14.54 | 5.46 |
| 58 | LA FONTAINE | RUMMEL | 11 | 17 | 7.82 | 12.18 |

Round 8

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|----|---------------------|-------------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 51 | ENGLAND PRYOR | ROTH | 33 | 6 | 17.34 | 2.66 |
| 52 | RUMMEL | BUCHAREST SENIORS | 7 | 22 | 5.20 | 14.80 |
| 53 | BBCX | FRANCE SENIORS | 11 | 19 | 7.17 | 12.83 |
| 54 | GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS | SWISS SENIORS | 6 | 14 | 7.17 | 12.83 |
| 55 | DUTCH SENIOR TEAM | ZIMMERMANN | 12 | 15 | 8.86 | 11.14 |
| 56 | MILNER | GERMANY | 56 | 13 | 19.55 | 0.45 |
| 57 | NORWAY | VICTORS | 8 | 13 | 8.15 | 11.85 |
| 58 | LA FONTAINE | LES MOUSQUETAIRES | 13 | 24 | 6.28 | 13.72 |

Round 9

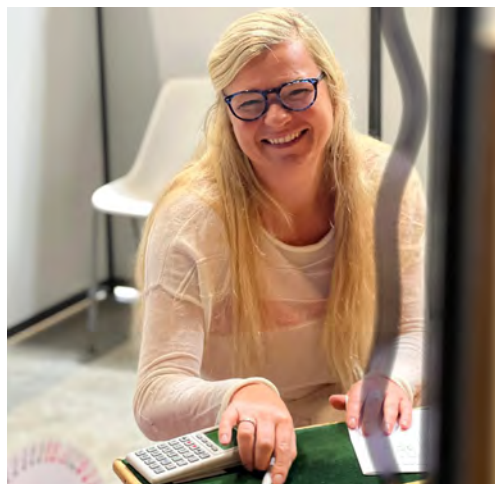
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| 51 | ROTH | VICTORS | 13 | 30 | 4.71 | 14.89 |
| 52 | LES MOUSQUETAIRES | FRANCE SENIORS | 14 | 22 | 7.17 | 12.83 |
| 53 | RUMMEL | SWISS SENIORS | 8 | 22 | 5.46 | 14.54 |
| 54 | BBCX | DUTCH SENIOR TEAM | 23 | 24 | 9.61 | 10.39 |
| 55 | GERMANY | GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS | 29 | 11 | 15.52 | 4.48 |
| 56 | ZIMMERMANN | NORWAY | 19 | 8 | 13.72 | 6.28 |
| 57 | ENGLAND PRYOR | MILNER | 22 | 24 | 9.23 | 10.77 |
| 58 | LA FONTAINE | BUCHAREST SENIORS | 7 | 8 | 9.61 | 10.39 |

Round 10

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|----|---------------------|-------------------|----|----|-------|-------|
| 51 | VICTORS | MILNER | 20 | 16 | 11.50 | 8.50 |
| 52 | BUCHAREST SENIORS | SWISS SENIORS | 4 | 14 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 53 | LES MOUSQUETAIRES | DUTCH SENIOR TEAM | 18 | 13 | 11.85 | 8.15 |
| 54 | RUMMEL | GERMANY | 13 | 23 | 6.57 | 13.43 |
| 55 | NORWAY | BBCX | 27 | 4 | 16.59 | 3.41 |
| 56 | GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS | ENGLAND PRYOR | 6 | 45 | 0.90 | 19.10 |
| 57 | ROTH | ZIMMERMANN | 19 | 22 | 8.86 | 11.14 |
| 58 | LA FONTAINE | FRANCE SENIORS | 0 | 39 | 0.90 | 19.10 |

Ranking after Round 10

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|----|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | FRANCE SENIORS | 135.99 |
| 2 | ENGLAND PRYOR | 117.83 |
| 3 | DUTCH SENIOR TEAM | 116.12 |
| 4 | NORWAY | 115.79 |
| 5 | LES MOUSQUETAIRES | 115.61 |
| 6 | BBCX | 111.58 |
| 7 | MILNER | 111.31 |
| 8 | ZIMMERMANN | 108.09 |
| 9 | VICTORS | 104.94 |
| 10 | ROTH | 101.59 |
| 11 | GERMANY | 89.83 |
| 12 | BUCHAREST SENIORS | 87.51 |
| 13 | SWISS SENIORS | 83.80 |
| 14 | GEHAKTMOLEN SENIORS | 75.97 |
| 15 | RUMMEL | 67.86 |
| 16 | LA FONTAINE | 50.78 |





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PRESS RELEASE



You may have heard that the World Bridge Federation has been invited to the Olympic Esports Week ("OEW") in Singapore, June 19-25, organized by the International Olympic Committee. The WBF, together with the platform providers BBO and Funbridge, will have a pavilion at the Free-To-Play Zone ("FTPZ") the IOC is providing, June 22-25, for a limited number (10-15) of its recognised "International Federations" during the OEW. It is a great achievement and honour for Bridge to have been selected as one of them, to showcase our progress and activities in the field of electronic sports.

The FTPZ will be a large exposition at the Suntec Convention Centre, and tens of thousands of visitors are expected. It is an important opportunity for all of us, NBOs as well as the WBF, to showcase Bridge as a modern sport - adopting the latest technology, including Artificial Intelligence.

At our pavilion we will live-stream tournaments on both platforms with both local and international competitors, provide "Minibrige" demonstrations, show play on Lovebridge tablets on site and various other promotional activities. Many activities can be followed online on YouTube, and possibly Twitch.

Leading up to the tournaments in Singapore we are arranging qualification events on both BBO and Funbridge and would appreciate it if you would promote these through all your channels of communication including social media, NBO bulletins and website, event flyers and direct mailings. Attached you will find the detailed format of these qualifying events. The overall winner on each platform will be invited (travel and accommodation) to the Transnational week (August 28 - September 2) during the World Championships in Marrakech, and there will be a ranking by country with prizes in the form of the platforms' "currencies".

You may also be aware that Bridge is an official sport in the upcoming Asian Games. We thank you for your cooperation in this effort, which we believe can bring substantial benefits to the whole bridge community. However, nothing will be gained if we don't actively make use of all these promotional tools at all levels.

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Programme for Online Bridge Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25

Qualification phase

19/21, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Tournaments of 6 boards (100 tournaments available)
(0.50 Babydollars BB\$ on BBO) (25 diamonds on Funbridge) per tournament

Best five tournaments to qualify with a minimum average of 55 %

Thursday off

Final

23/25 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, free of charge, 8 Tournaments of 6 boards (50 tournaments available)

Ranking according to the average of the best five.

Players should register on the sites and may play on either one or both. They should follow the online instructions, stating which Federation they belong to.

Registration implies complete acceptance of the BBO, Funbridge and WBF rules.

More Information

Additional information about this event will be available on the BBO and Funbridge websites:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/>

<https://www.funbridge.com/>