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Les Jeux sont faits



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The Seniors Teams, and the Mixed Pairs have reached the semifinal stage of their respective contests, while the Mixed Teams are embarking on their quarterfinals.

There were several exciting finishes, which included **Milner** overcoming a 21 IMP penalty when some crossed wires saw only one partnership appear for almost half of the third session and **Sparkling Vintages** winning by a single IMP. **Xanadu** is topping the BAM, the leading qualifiers in the Mixed Pairs were **Migry Zur-Campanile** and **Andrew Rosenthal** and **Herbert Klumpp** and **Dieter Laidig** headed the table as the Senior Pairs Qualification moves into the second day.

The **Prize-Giving Ceremony** of the **Seniors Teams** will take place in the Hall 5 of the Venue on **Thursday 8 June at 20:10**.

Cocktails at the end.



Important Notes

Mixed Pairs Format

The qualifiers are up to 49th place.

A total number of 26 Pairs qualify to Final A: 2 from Semifinal B, drop ins from Teams' Semifinals, and the rest from Semifinal A (no less than 18).

There will be no carry-over from a stage to another.

Teams dropping in in the middle of a stage (second day of the qualification, and second day of Semifinal A) will be awarded their own average of the day (e.g. a pair scoring 51% on qualification day 2 will be considered having scored the same on day 1).

Mixed BAM Format

- There will be no semifinal stage: four days of qualification will be followed by one day final. This is necessary to accommodate all the teams dropping from the KO stage.
- The teams dropping into the BAM at any stage will be awarded whatever will be the average score at that time (e.g. after yesterday's 45 boards, average was equal to 45 VPs).
- Final A will be contested by a total of 14 Teams.
- There will be a carry-over from qualification to Final A (details to be published in due course).

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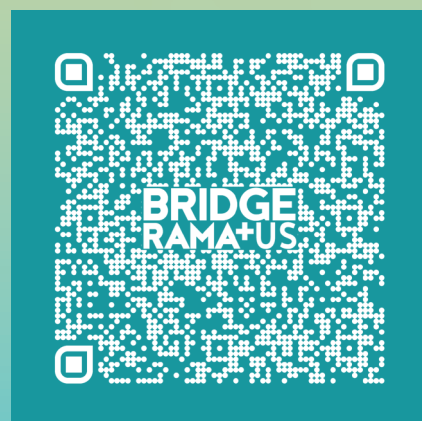
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Editor's Log

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By the greatest coincidence...the exact play by Zia that I reported in Bulletin 4 is described in his new book 'Bridge - a love story' which is due to be published next month, revealing Zia's secrets and adventures on and OFF the table over the last 50 years.

If you liked 'Bridge my way' don't miss it!



Today's events will include a demonstration of *Petit Bridge* involving more than 80 youngsters.

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Mixed Teams Round of 32 (3)

This segment soon turned out to be the most spectacular I have watched for quite a long time. Four matches to have a look at and things happening all over the place almost continuously. So, whatever my initial plans might have been, it became clear that this report should highlight as many of the exciting adventures in all four matches as possible. A comforting thought was that I could start writing it all up on Monday late afternoon, knowing that my deadline would be early Tuesday afternoon...this margin might just do, I was hoping!

Our four featured matches will be (with their scores at halftime):

- Sparkling Vintages** v **Austerlitz** 90-66
- Robinson** v **Ballebo** 51-34
- Breno** v **54Fun** 57-77
- Turnips** v **Munich** 65-69

The first board of the set was a possible slam, and it should be no surprise for my readers that in three of our featured four matches, we would register the first sizeable swing. Here are a few auctions to illustrate my point.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 9 6 3		♠ J 8 7
♥ J 10 7 6 5		♥ —
♦ 8 5 4		♦ Q J 10 6 2
♣ 8 3		♣ J 10 7 5 2
♠ A K Q	<div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 10px;">N</div> <div style="display: inline-block; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 10px;">E</div>	
♥ K Q 4		
♦ A 9 7 3		
♣ A Q 9		
		♠ 10 5 4 2
		♥ A 9 8 3 2
		♦ K
		♣ K 6 4

Turnips v Munich

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schneider	Lorenzini	Smykalla	Tartarin
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North's 3♥ apparently was high enough to scare this particular East player.

Eleven tricks, Munich +460.

Gisela Smykalla

Anne-Laure Tartarin

Cedric Lorenzini

Michael Schneider



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Halfon</i>	<i>I Luessman</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>CLuessman</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	4NT*	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

North showed a bad raise by bidding 2♥ but I think that Quentin Robert would have given 4NT a go anyway. Turnips +920 and 10 IMPs to them to regain the lead immediately.

In the Sparkling Vintages v Austerlitz match, 4NT also was a popular call, but with contrasting effects.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lobry</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Appertet</i>	<i>Auken</i>
—	Pass	Pass	2♦
3NT	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4NT	All Pass

South's 2♦ showed majors but West had a powerful hand. To me, Micheline Appertet's 4NT bid was an effort to show her weakish two-suiter after all but if this was the case, the message may have been lost on her partner. Twelve tricks, +490 to Austerlitz.

In the replay, however:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>D Delestre</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>B Delestre</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	4♥	4NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Here you can see the advantage of a well-established partnership in mixed events (in many respects...).

Dorthe Schaltz launched her 4NT bid the way it is meant to be used and Peter had no trouble whatsoever in converting the assist at the right level. Sparkling Vintages +920 and 10 IMPs to them.

In the Breno v 54Fun match, the auctions were less scientific.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hsieh</i>	<i>Dalpozzo</i>	<i>L Chen</i>	<i>Donati</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	3♥	Dble	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Well, with the ♥A out, this contract needed more than a little luck but in view of South's opening bid at the one-level, the chances of the ♣K being right were not so bad. The singleton ♦K – is that too much to ask for? And so it proved: 54Fun +1020 when South ducked the heart lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>K Bertheau</i>	<i>Bausback</i>	<i>T Bessis</i>	<i>Ding</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	3♦	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	All Pass

Thomas Bessis duly showed his suits at the appropriate levels but when Bertheau heard no keycards, she called it a day at the five-level. 54Fun +440 but 11 IMPs to Breno.

Only in our fourth match was the board a push in 6♦. Well done there, even more so considering the fact that less than half the room was in slam!

I will skip boards 2 and 3 (not enough excitement) and move straight to board 4.

Lin-Huan Chen

Giovanni Donati

Ding-Hwa Hsieh

Federica Dalpozzo



Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K J 9 ♥ A K 10 6 ♦ A 9 ♣ 9 7 4 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 6 ♥ Q 9 3 2 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ K J 5	♠ 5 4 3 ♥ J 8 7 5 4 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ A Q
♠ 10 8 7 2 ♥ — ♦ J 8 4 3 2 ♣ 10 8 6 2			

As you can see (or might even know already), the popular and normal contract is 4♥. One nameless pair missed game, but five declarers went down, two of them in our featured matches, thus causing a big swing (12 IMPs) in favour of Robinson and Turnips. The play itself could also form a new chapter in Mark Horton's stories, entitled 'Misplay these hands with me', I think. Look at what happened here and there.

Both unsuccessful declarers got a favourable diamond lead which ran to their ♦9 in the North hand. Now they cashed the ♥A getting the bad news,

unblocked the ♦A and continued with...a low heart – a fatal mistake because East could win the ♥Q now.

As a consequence, East could play a trump on the two occasions (s)he would get the lead back in spades, thus leaving declarer a trick short.

The winning line found by most declarers, would be immediately to take the club finesse after unblocking the ♦A and cashing the ♥A. Next, a spade goes on the ♦K and East is given a spade. Because East cannot profitably return a trump, declarer is in no danger and will lose just two spades, followed by a trump at the end.

The Munich team, after losing 10 IMPs on this deal, could return the doubtful compliment to their opponents on the very next board:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 8 7 6 5 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ K ♣ 10 9 8 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 9 4 2 ♥ Q ♦ 6 5 ♣ A Q J 5 4 3	♠ J 10 ♥ J 10 6 3 2 ♦ A Q 10 7 4 ♣ 6
♠ Q 3 ♥ K 8 7 4 ♦ J 9 8 3 2 ♣ K 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schneider	Lorenzini	Smykalla	Tartarin
—	1♠	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

An entirely normal looking auction but also quite mistimed and a little unlucky. Down three, Munich +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Halfon	I Luessman	Robert	C Luessman
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	All Pass

Well, if you don't bid, you cannot possibly go down. This quiet approach proved successful for N/S on this deal. Robert went one off in his unfortunate contract for another +50 and 9 IMPs back to the Bavarians.

In the Robinson v Ballebo match it turned out that the Danish love their hearts very much...

Pic: Zack Grossack





Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Do Bilde</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>M Bilde</i>	<i>E Kolesnik</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

This was not the place to be for the Danish E/W. One down, Robinson +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>M Henneberg</i>	<i>Botta</i>	<i>J Henneberg</i>
—	1♠	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

This was not the place to be for the Danish N/S either. Down three for another +300 and 8 IMPs to Robinson.

Time now for an intermezzo. Here you can see how low we have already gone on this set of boards: a cold grand slam hand is being called an intermezzo.

More seriously: the grand was bid just twice and 11 out of our 32 E/W pairs did not reach a slam at all. One of them had a valid excuse: they doubled the opponents in 3♠ (of all places) and collected 8 undertricks for the entirely respectable score of +2000.

As an homage to the Danish, here is their fine auction to the grand:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Do Bilde</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>M Bilde</i>	<i>E Kolesnik</i>
—	—	1♦	1♥
2♥*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♥*	Pass	7♦	All Pass

Maybe, the most interesting feature of this auction is that no real explanation is required. Just a splinter, RKC, Yes and Yes would do for a fine +2140 to Ballebo, good for 13 IMPs for them.

On the next board which appears to be a pretty cold 4♠ for E/W, a wheel came off in the Sparkling Vintages v Austerlitz match.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lobby</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Appertet</i>	<i>Auken</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	1♠	3♣*
Dble	3♥	3♠	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

This time, West might have considered to support partner's spades at an even earlier stage, if at all possible (I wonder if there was a problem surrounding the 1♠ bid, as some pairs use it to deny four spades. Editor) ...Down four, +400 to Sparkling Vintages and 14 IMPs to them because the Schaltzes had no trouble in reaching 4♠, of course.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>D Delestre</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>B Delestre</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	Dble	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

Simple and effective.

On the next board, most N/S pairs played in spades, more often than not in game, which proved too high. Two N/S pairs reached 3NT which was no good either, with the diamonds wide open. However, one never knows...

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

For team Breno, Dalpozzo and Donati reached 3NT in North easily enough with Gazzilli's help and East led the ♥J to dummy's king. At trick 2, a club was led and East immediately took his ♣A to shift to a low diamond. West won the king and continued the ace. With the ♦J visible, East decided to unblock his queen – a good-looking move that brought declarer her ninth trick on this particular layout (spades not cashable without loss). So, team Breno collected +400, and an unexpected 10 IMPs when at the other table N/S languished in 4♠.

Over to the slam zone again. This deal came next.
Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

In the Turnips v Munich match, everyone avoided the slam.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schneider	Lorenzini	Smykalla	Tartarin
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	3♦	4♠
5♥	5♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

This went just one off for +100 to Turnips. The reason for it: West led the ♠A followed by the ♥A,

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Halfon	ILuessman	Robert	CLuessman
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♥	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, N/S left the five-level to the opponents and thus lost 11 IMPs in the process when the Turnips declarer just made his contract.

Basically, the same two things happened in the Robinson v Ballebo match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Do Bilde	A Grossack	M Bilde	E Kolesnik
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	1♠	2♥	4♠
5♥	All Pass		

Here, declarer made an easy enough overtrick in 5♥ by adopting the correct line of play. Diamond lead taken by the ace, over to the ♠K, heart finesse, draw the last trumps, ♠A for a diamond discard, ♣A (!) and exit in diamonds. Now South (or North, if he wants to) has to give a ruff and discard, or North has to open up the clubs to lose his natural trick in the suit.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	M Henneberg	Botta	JHenneberg
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	3♦*	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

A more logical one off here for just +100 to Robinson but another 11 IMPs to Ballebo.

In the Breno v 54Fun match, there also was an 11-IMP swing to Breno for 4♠x-1 in one room and 5♥ just made (!) in another.

In the Sparkling Vintages v Austerlitz match both tables reached 5♠x but because Roy Welland as North had opened 2♠ as dealer(!), he was the declarer and thus got the ♥Q lead from East, resulting in down three and a 5 IMP gain to Austerlitz.

Another slam zone case on the next board.

More than half the room was in 6♥, mostly by West (of course) but on a few occasions, East was the declarer.



Board 10. Dealer East, All Vul.

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

Only one declarer managed to make 12 tricks with the help of a spade lead from South. With the ♠Q already a trick, you can afford to lose a club trick but then you would ruff out the clubs, taking the diamond finesse in the process, for a spade discard on the 5th club.

In all four of our featured matches, there thus was another big swing: 13 IMPs to Austerlitz, Munich, Breno and Ballebo. The latter team thus took the lead after this board, completing a hattrick of double-figure swings with it.

Time now for some quietness at the Western front, in attendance of the grandiose apotheosis of this tremendous set of boards.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

As you can easily see, there are about 14 top tricks so, maybe, 7NT is the ideal place to be. Out of our 32 E/W pairs, only 20 agreed to this suggestion of mine and thus scored +1520. Two pairs were happy to stay in 6NT for +1020 and the rest were in 7♦, most of the time undoubled – and sometimes even making when North failed to lead a heart. In our four featured matches, we saw the two most interesting variations of the E/W auctions.

The first occurred in the Turnips v Munich match.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schneider	Lorenzini	Smykalla	Tartarin
—	—	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠*	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		

East showed her 22-24 with 2NT and after Stayman and a negative response West's 4♦ was RKC for diamonds. Upon hearing 3 keycards, West knew enough and correctly so. When South launched a warning sign, West turned left in wanting to increase his score, but he would have done better to turn right to 7NT, which would indeed have increased his score...

Lorenzini was not impressed and knew what to do. One down, Turnips +200 for a 17 IMP gain. Needless to say, Robert and Halfon reached 7NT without much ado.

In the Breno v 54Fun match, we saw our other variation.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hsieh	Dalpozzo	L Chen	Donati
—	—	2NT	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♦	Dble
All Pass			

E/W found a fine way to reach their grand but Donati seemed to have the last word when E/W did not react to his clear warning. North, however, did not react correctly to it either when she elected to lead a spade...

That was -1630 for the Italians and a loss of just 3 IMPs in comparison with the +1520 from their teammates, so a great chance missed but little harm done.

The scores in our matches with 14 more boards to play thus became:

Sparkling Vintages v Austerlitz	120-88
Robinson v Ballebo	82-81
Breno v 54Fun	96-108
Turnips v Munich	123-118



Mixed Teams Round of 32 (4)

Ferm v Medium Rare

The final session in the Mixed Round of 32 saw Ferm take on Medium Rare. Ferm, world champions in Wroclaw last year, were 17 IMPs adrift, mainly due to the last board of the previous session where they played in 7♦ and suffered an opening lead ruff whilst their opponents rested in 7NT with fifteen top tricks.

On Board 15 Medium Rare gained 4 IMPs on a part-score to put them 21 ahead.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ozbay	Drijver	Ozgur	L. Madsen
2♠*	Dble	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

2♠	♠ and a minor
3♥	Lebensohl
4NT	Quantitative
5♣	Clubs
5NT	Pick a slam

North was not 110% certain that 5♣ was natural so he carefully asked South to choose the final contract. (I forgot to ask Bas Drijver if a jump to 4♠ would be keycard. Editor)

On the lead of the ace of diamonds declarer was able to claim at trick two.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Hotamisligh	Von Arnim	Tuncok
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Is South worth a try? Auctions after a 2NT opener are notoriously difficult and a lot of time needs to be allocated to come up with agreements for a situation that is not common. Only seven pairs managed a making slam and two others failed in 6♥. Declarer was not hard pressed to record twelve tricks. 10 IMPs to Ferm, now only 11 behind.

Pic: Christina Lund Madsen





Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q ♥ Q 10 8 ♦ A 6 ♣ A K Q 7 5 4 2</p> <p>♠ 10 6 5 3 ♥ K J 7 6 4 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ K J 8 2 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ K J 9 8 ♣ 10 3</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A 9 7 4 ♥ 3 2 ♦ Q 10 5 4 ♣ J 8 6</p>	
N						
W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozbay</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>L. Madsen</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard

A thin slam but Ferm were pushing to close the gap. East led the ♥3 which declarer ducked in dummy and West won with his king. West had now to decide/guess which ace was in partner's hand as that there was one was apparent from the Blackwood response. I can see no reason for one rather than the other, though North failed to cuebid 4♠. Maybe I am seeing things with the gift of hindsight and all four hands. Whatever reasoning could be applied, West chose to lead a diamond and now declarer had twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Hotamisligh</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Tuncok</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
2♥	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North saw no future in bidding on and watched his partner claim twelve tricks after the lead of a spade to East's ace.

This along with the part-score gains meant that after six boards Ferm had outscored Medium Rare 32-4 giving them a lead of 9.

There then followed five deals with no swings. So, we arrive at the last deal.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 7 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ 10 8 5 4 ♣ J 9 5 3</p> <p>♠ K Q 10 3 ♥ Q J 9 8 7 4 ♦ Q 6 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ 9 8 6 ♥ A K 6 ♦ J 7 3 ♣ Q 10 8 2</p>	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A J 5 4 2 ♥ — ♦ A K 9 2 ♣ A K 6 4</p>	
N						
W E						
S						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozbay</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>L. Madsen</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Strangely West's inability to make a cuebid over partner's 4♣ may well have helped East decide to consider the grand slam, as if partner did not hold the ace or king of hearts then there must be useful points elsewhere. Always pleasant to see Josephine make an appearance, most times these days 5NT has a different meaning. No doubt with a little fear and trembling West admitted to two top spade honours and bid the grand slam. South eased East's passage when the ace of hearts was led. You could feel the tension, even over the internet, as East probably realised that the result of the match rested on this deal. Ruffing in hand, a small spade went to dummy's queen and another heart was ruffed. Again a pause as declarer rechecked the workings and led a diamond to dummy's queen and heaved a huge sigh of relief when the king of hearts appeared when another heart was ruffed. Thirteen tricks were now there. Declarer can always make his contract on any lead via a crossruff. Only five pairs reached grand slam, with one of them failing, and one pair even managed to play in 4♥ (breaking Burn's law).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Hotamisligh</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Tuncok</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

East was never going to get the information that useful points were available in the minors and settled for the small slam.

The swing was 11 IMPs to Medium Rare who now pipped Ferm by two points.

Another deal for the editor's collection to go in his next edition of 'Last Board'.



Senior Teams Round 15

Going into the final qualifying round both teams needed to avoid disaster to qualify for the KO stage. Pryor had just been blitzed in its previous match, so no doubt were feeling just a little edgy.

Board 21. Dealer North. Both Vul.

♠ A 7 3 ♥ A J 10 2 ♦ 9 8 2 ♣ J 10 7		♠ K 6 5 ♥ K 8 3 ♦ 7 6 5 3 ♣ K 8 6	♠ 10 8 4 2 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ A K Q J 10 ♣ 4 ♠ Q J 9 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ 4 ♣ A Q 9 5 3 2
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Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Marcowicz	Shields	Moszczynski	Chamberlain
—	1♦	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Blat	Pryor	Bizon
—	1♦	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

3♣ invitational

3♦ had five obvious losers, but when Malcolm Pryor led a club declarer could have finessed and risked three down if he was wrong. Marek Blat rose with the ace and discovered he wasn't sure of one down even now, since the defenders might be able to get the force going if hearts did not behave. In fact he did escape for one down.

In the other room Victor Marcowicz's choice of the ♠7 (middle from three) marked him with either ♠AQ973 or three spades as Richard Chamberlain followed with the ♠J – perhaps the nine being a better false card? Krzysztof Moszczynski shifted to the ♣8 and when Chamberlain like his counterpart in the other room rejected the finesse he had created a seventh winner for the defense. No swing.

On the next deal Shields defended a partscore very

nicely to give declarer an ace-jack guess which he figured to get wrong. Credit to Moszczynski for not being fooled, but it was still an overtrick IMP for Pryor.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

♠ K 9 8 4 ♥ K 9 ♦ J 10 9 5 4 2 ♣ 4		♠ 7 3 ♥ A Q J 7 4 ♦ A 7 6 3 ♣ A 2 ♠ J 2 ♥ 10 8 6 5 ♦ Q 8 ♣ Q 7 6 5 3	♠ A Q 10 6 5 ♥ 3 2 ♦ K ♣ K J 10 9 8
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Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Marcowicz	Shields	Moszczynski	Chamberlain
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♥	All Pass

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Kendrick	Blat	Pryor	Bizon
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	2NT*	All Pass	

2NT intended to show a two-suiter...but not so interpreted.

Defending 2♥, Shields sensibly took two spades and shifted to trumps, but that let declarer wrap up ten rather than nine tricks. No tragedy with E/W cold for 5♦ as the cards lay, if West was declarer – but rather curiously, Pryor/Kendrick had a chance for 600 on defence. Against 2NT after a top heart lead and a low heart to the king the defenders can clear diamonds while keeping dummy off lead, and take five tricks in each red suit and the club ace. Alas for them Kendrick had a finger-fehler to play the ♥K to trick one and when he continued hearts that meant only +100 and a painful loss of 2 IMPs.

Both E/W pairs then missed a laydown small slam on which even a grand slam would be heavy favorite against normal breaks. The score was 2-2 after five deals. Then the IMPs started to swing.



Board 26. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

<p>♠ 4 ♥ 9 7 6 2 ♦ A Q ♣ A 9 8 7 5 3</p> <p>♠ K Q J 10 3 ♥ 5 ♦ J 9 7 6 3 2 ♣ 10</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 9 8 6 ♥ A J 8 4 ♦ 10 8 ♣ Q J 6 2</p> <p>♠ A 7 5 2 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ K 4</p>	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marcowicz</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Moszczynski</i>	<i>Chamberlain</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
3♠	1-4 majors		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Blat</i>	<i>Pryor</i>	<i>Bizon</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
2♣*	3NT	All Pass	
2♣	one major and one minor		

This board was certainly extremely unlucky for Chamberlain. Marcowicz after considerable reflection led a top spade against 4♥. Chamberlain played for relatively normal breaks, winning the spade, ruffing a spade and then taking the top diamonds and leading the ♦A and a club to his ♣K. Marcowicz ruffed and led a diamond, letting East score his small trump and return a third club. Chamberlain ruffed in with the ♥10 and could ruff one spade low in dummy but had to surrender the overruff on the fourth spade.

In 3NT declarer took the third spade and crossed to a diamond to lead a heart to his hand and a diamond to dummy to lead a second heart, and after much reflection put in the ♥10. Well done.

That was 12 IMPs to Victor when with normal luck the swing might well have gone the other way. However, the luck went the other way on the next deal when in 4♠ Moszczynski had to negotiate ♠KQJ865 facing a small doubleton for one loser. He led the king, and when his LHO produced the ♠9 he rejected the finesse on the next round, and found the ♠9 had been singleton. But since Kendrick/Pryor had played 3NT with a diamond stopper of ♦Q10x facing a singleton, down three, the Polish gain was 3 IMPs rather than 11.

Poland did add 11 IMPs on the next deal when a Precision 2♣ kept Chamberlain from overcalling 2♠ with a 5-1-4-3 nine-count. That meant his side

defended a making 4♥ while the spade overcall in the other room over a 1♣ opener saw Kendrick/Pryor sell out to just 2♠ and concede 140. All of a sudden those 11 IMPs meant the Pryor team looked like it might fall at the final hurdle.

The E/W pairs had yet one more chance to be heroes...but nobody seemed to be keen to enter a telephone booth and rip off their disguises.

Board 29. Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ 8 ♥ 10 8 4 2 ♦ A J 9 8 ♣ J 10 6 5</p> <p>♠ K 10 5 3 ♥ A K Q J 9 3 ♦ Q 2 ♣ 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A Q 6 4 ♥ 6 5 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ A 9 7 2</p> <p>♠ J 9 7 2 ♥ 7 ♦ 10 7 4 3 ♣ K Q 8 4</p>	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marcowicz</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Moszczynski</i>	<i>Chamberlain</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kendrick</i>	<i>Blat</i>	<i>Pryor</i>	<i>Bizon</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

3NT Game forcing spade raise

Both Souths were dealt a natural club lead. Both declarers played the ♠AQ and conceded down one. with 6♥ a far better spot in both theory and practice, cui culpa? (There is a case for declarer to ruff a club at trick 2 – I'll leave you to work out why. Editor) I suppose once West agrees spades, he cannot take control because of the diamond issue. But still it seems odd that no pair in the Seniors got to 6♥. The four-card major system in the Closed Room left them little chance of playing hearts.

The final deal saw both E/W pairs reach a sensible slam that was missed at quite a few tables. The qualifying event finished just in time for Pryor, since Norway's comeback against Milner ended with them losing narrowly – enough for the UK team to sneak through.



Mixed Teams Round-of-16 (1)

Sparkling Vintages v De Botton

The world champions, Ferm, went out by 2 IMPs I see. More painful than losing by 20 or so, I always say. Well, we have a great match to watch now. Let's get on with the it straight away.

In the Closed Room, North-South had a bidding problem on this:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A Q J 9 7 ♣ K 8 4 2</p>	<p>♠ K ♥ 10 4 2 ♦ 10 6 5 4 3 ♣ A Q 7 5</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ Q 10 6 5 3 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ K 8 ♣ 9 6</p>
<p>♠ A J 8 7 ♥ A K J 9 6 ♦ 2 ♣ J 10 3</p>			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vist</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
—	1♣	1♠	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♦ Transfer

Gunn Tove Vist led the ♠K, allowed to win, and switched to the ♣5, drawing the 9 and jack. A diamond to the queen and king was followed by the ♣6 return. West took his ♣A while he could, and declarer had the remainder for +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
—	1♦	2♠	All Pass

Thomas Charlsen could see a fair-sized penalty coming his way. Against 2♠. He passed, expecting a double from his partner (who should be short in spades). None came, and I can certainly understand

why Nevena Senior elected to pass. Three down, undoubled, was +150 for North-South and an early 7 IMPs to Sparkling Vintages.

Suppose the Closed Room bidding was posed as a 'Who do you blame?' problem in some bridge magazine. What would your answer be? Now that I look at it again, I think South should bid 3♥.

Not long afterwards, when we already had three commentators on board, someone unknown to me joined us, uninvited. I explained to him that four commentators would be too many, and there were other tables available. He took this personally, thanking me sarcastically for my hospitality.

I was reminded of a horrible moment some 15 years ago, when around 30 commentators assigned themselves to the first session of a Bermuda Bowl final. They were simultaneously analysing what would happen on the first board, tapping away furiously. It took some while for the great Roland Wald to clear this pitch invasion.

Back on the present match, I had to explain that it was nothing personal. He might note that there weren't four commentators at once for TV football matches.



Gunn Tove Vist



Martin Cantor, Peter Lund and I moved on to fresh pastures.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vist</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Roy Welland's 1♠ was an artificial game-force. Even if we had convention cards available, I would still need a crystal ball to explain each step of the subsequent relay auction. (I would like to understand the bids as much as you would.) My brain could not possibly accommodate a relay system, at an age where I often can't recall where my reading glasses are. I will merely note that a contract of 4♥ was reached.

The ♣4 lead went to the 10, queen and king. Sabine Auken played a diamond to the king, followed by three rounds of trumps. After a club to the 9 and jack, Thor Erik Hoftaniska returned the ♠8; South's 10 was covered by the jack and ruffed in dummy. A diamond loser went away on the ♣A, and a club ruff was followed by a diamond to the 10 and jack. A diamond to West's ace was the third trick for the defence. At trick 12, Vist had to return a spade into declarer's ace-queen. The relay sequence had been accurate indeed. It was +620.

Let's hope they are not using such incomprehensible methods at the other table. Fingers crossed!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Nevena Senior's 4♠ was Exclusion RKCB, asking for keycards outside the spade suit. Thomas Charlsen's third-step response showed two (the ♥AK) without the ♥Q. So, it was a snappy auction to 6♥. Could this be made?

Peter Schaltz could expect the ♦K to be in the dummy after North's Blackwood call. Some brave souls might hazard a lead of the ♦3. No, the chosen card was the ♦A, which was helpful for declarer. Charlsen won the diamond continuation with the king and played a club to East's jack and his king. After drawing trumps in three rounds, he played a club to the... wait for it... the ace. When the queen fell from East, he was able to claim his 1430.

So, there you have it. Relay and natural methods had both proved 100% accurate. Even so, de Botton gained 13 IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

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

SabineAuken's 2♦ may seem a bit pointless, not even taking away much bidding space. However, it is possible that such a move may interfere with an intended relay sequence by the opponents. (Four or five bulletin readers, among the countless thousands, may know the answer to this.)

After the RKCB bids, West showed one key-card, plus the ♠Q and the ♣K. East's 6♦ was a grand-slam try, and West hoped that his club sequence would fill any gaps. Sadly, this was not the case. Declarer struggled to the end but had to lose a heart trick for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P.Schaltz	Senior	D.Schaltz	Charlsen
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♥	Pass*	2♦
2♠	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

There is no way on God's earth (not in the Chandlers Ford portion, anyway) that I can explain all these slam auctions to you. That's hopeless, I realize, but it's what happens when the writers are not on site to ask questions. I tried entering 'Dorthe Schaltz four diamonds' into Google Search. There were 112,000 hits. The first one, dated 2004, bore a headline of: 'Experts Said Slam Would Fail, But a Danish Teenager Made It'. However, I could find nothing to assist us with the present auction.

The ♥K was led and declarer soon claimed twelve tricks. It was 14 IMPs to Sparkling Vintages.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vist	Welland	Hoftaniska	Auken
—	3♠	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The ♦4 was led, and Hoftaniska had no need to apologise for the dummy that he laid out. Auken won with the ace, seeing declarer's queen, and continued with the ♣A, drawing the ♣2 from her partner. The ♠A completed a neat defense. The defenders had claimed the three tricks that were their due.

The general opinion was that it was likely to a push board. But... would it appear in my report if that were the case?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P.Schaltz	Senior	D.Schaltz	Charlsen
—	2♦*	Pass	2♥
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

Senior led the ♠Q to partner's ace and, somewhat surprisingly, Charlsen returned a spade to declarer's king. After ruffing his remaining spade, Peter Schaltz called for dummy's ♦K. Charlsen won with the ace, declarer's queen appearing. The ♣A would have stood up now, but South was tempted to play another diamond for a possible trump promotion. Not the right move, as you see. Declarer ruffed with the ♥10 drew trumps and claimed the contract. BBO shows an overtrick being made for +1050 and 15 IMPs, which differs from the play account. I am sure our esteemed editor, Mark Horton, will sort this out for us. (The official score is +1050. If declarer tries playing the ♦K from dummy South is bound to cover, so he tried a sneaky jack. If declarer is 3-8-0-2 putting up the ace is a losing play, but when declarer decided not to play it the queen scored and it was easy to score the overtrick. Esteemed Editor.)

It had been an entertaining first session with Sparkling Vintages winning by 44 IMPs to 24.



Sabine Auken

Bracket - Mixed Teams

1	SPARKLING VINTAGES	182
	AUSTERLITZ	94

2	DE BOTTON	157
	EMERALD	142

3	FERM	128
	MEDIUM RARE	130

4	ALPERT	108
	OTRA VEZ	120

5	ROBINSON	150
	BALLEBO	100

6	BRIDGE24	134
	BLUE NOTE	122

7	ROSENTHAL	93
	GROUP ONE TEAM	156

8	KNOTTENBELT	88
	AKINOM	120

9	EDMONDS	140
	TCHIN TCHIN	63

10	NETHERLANDS 4	131
	CBL	92

11	BRIDGESCANNER MIXED	129
	CRASH	190

12	JUST MIXED	103
	BRIDGE 24 MIXED	158

13	TURKISH POWER	162
	EYTHORSDOTTIR	162

14	COOPER	117
	EX S	80

15	BRENO	151
	54FUN	118

16	TURNIPS	157
	MUNICH	139

1	SPARKLING VINTAGES	123
	DE BOTTON	122

2	MEDIUM RARE	75
	OTRA VEZ	114

3	ROBINSON	148
	BRIDGE24	88

4	GROUP ONE TEAM	162
	AKINOM	90

5	EDMONDS	140
	NETHERLANDS 4	63

6	CRASH	132
	BRIDGE 24 MIXED	103

7	TURKISH POWER	130
	COOPER	108

8	BRENO	100
	TURNIPS	133

1	SPARKLING VINTAGES
	OTRA VEZ

2	ROBINSON
	GROUP ONE TEAM

3	EDMONDS
	CRASH

4	TURKISH POWER
	TURNIPS

Bracket - Senior Teams

1	ZIMMERMANN	148	1	ZIMMERMANN
	BBCX	71		MILNER
2	MILNER	135	2	FRANCE SENIORS
	VICTORS	122		DUTCH SENIOR TEAM
3	FRANCE SENIORS	162	2	
	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	73		
4	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	107		
	ENGLAND PRYOR	96		

Play starts at 10.00

Results - Senior Pairs

1	KLUMPP Herbert	L Aidig Dieter	GER - GER	58.31
2	LESGUILLIER Regis	MARLIER Jean-Louis	FRA - FRA	56.72
3	VAN GLABBEEK Hedwig	MAAS Willem jan	NED - NED	56.69
4	PLEKSEPP Tonis	JULLIS Toivo	EST - EST	55.03
5	MILASZEWSKI Miroslaw	FILIPOWICZ Karol	POL - POL	54.60
6	FABRITIUS Joakim	WARDI Finn	FIN - FIN	53.84
7	BERGHEIMER Serge	LAGADEC Herry	FRA - FRA	53.77
8	THOMASSEN Arne	HANTVEIT Helge	NOR - NOR	53.33
9	THOMPSON Patrick	OLAFSSON Magnus	USA - ISL	53.14
10	SOULET Philippe	STEUER Patrick	FRA - FRA	52.62
11	KAND Jaak	VOHANDU Priit	EST - EST	52.19
12	DEN BOER Henk	MEIJER Egbert	NED - NED	52.13
13	JACOB Tom	MACE Brian	NZL - NZL	52.00
14	WITEK Marek	LICHAWSKI Kazimierz	POL - POL	51.75
15	BURMANIA Harry	LINSE John	NED - NED	50.96
16	BAKKE Tor	ANDERSSSEN Rune Brenderford	NOR - NOR	50.54
17	SAVIN Daniel Octavian	URSEANU Dan	ROM - ROM	50.41
18	DAVID Jacques	TAQUOI Jacques	FRA - FRA	49.98
19	ZIVKOVIC Gojko	DERIVAZ Jean-Pierre	SUI - SUI	49.91
20	COHEN-SKALLI Albert	LEBERT Jean Pierre	FRA - FRA	49.67
21	ROTH Marion	LUCACIU Alexander	FRA - FRA	49.64
22	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	DE LIEDEKERKE Tanguy	BEL - BEL	49.35
23	CORIAT Martine	SOULET Patricia	FRA - FRA	49.16
24	HASHIMOTO George	ANDERSSON Thomas	SUI - SUI	48.83
25	RUMMEL Aarne	LEIS Paul	EST - EST	48.37
26	GUITTA Gilles	ATTALI Jean Pierre	FRA - FRA	45.63
27	NIKITINE Ruth	SCHURTER Peter	SUI - SUI	44.73
28	ENGEL Joseph	MOLHO Rejan	ISR - ISR	44.36
29	BUCHLEV Nedju	LESNICZAK Jacek	GER - GER	43.05
30	MATEI Cornel Dumitru	GLIGA Radu	ROM - ROM	42.77
31	BOMPIS Marc	EISENBERG Marc	FRA - FRA	38.47
32	LECONTE Marie-Christine	JACQUES Jean	FRA - FRA	37.66

Play starts at 10.00

Results - Mixed Pairs

1	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA	59.65
2	BAHNIKOVA Eva	BAHNIK Petr	CZE - CZE	56.94
3	ZOBU Ahu	ARONOV Victor	TUR - BUL	56.32
4	CAMPAGNANO Debora	HUIBAN Jean-Marc	ITA - FRA	55.29
5	OLSEN Svein Arild Naas	SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	NOR - DEN	55.27
6	FISCHER Brigitta	RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE	55.25
7	LOBRY Francis	APPERTET Micheline	FRA - FRA	54.93
8	KOKTEN Namik	ALUF Tuna	TUR - TUR	54.85
9	SCHANKA Martin	KOHUTOVA Lucie	CZE - CZE	54.82
10	TIHANE Aivar	IHER Mirjam	EST - EST	54.66
11	ELSELEHDAR Ahmed Nayer	FARHANI GONCALVES Maissa	EGY - TUN	54.58
12	PAULISSEN Gert-Jan	PAULISSEN Severine	NED - FRA	54.44
13	BYLUND Dan	STROMBERG Helena	SWE - SWE	54.12
14	GOBEKLI Altug	TOKER Fatma Dicle	TUR - TUR	53.93
15	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	53.91
16	GONCALVES PEREIRA Paulo	ROSADO Alexandra	POR - POR	53.89
17	GARNER Steve	TEBHA Anam	USA - USA	53.88
18	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	53.75
19	DUGUET Michel	DUGUET Marlene	FRA - FRA	53.53
20	YILMAZ M.Gokhan	NAHMIYAS Rakel	TUR - TUR	53.37
21	SUZER Ugurcan	ATES Ebru	TUR - TUR	53.35
22	BERNARD Julien	PEPIC Selena	FRA - SER	53.27
23	LHUISSIER Nicolas	ROLLAND Sabine	FRA - FRA	53.24
24	EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik	ZACK EFRAIMSSON Anna	SWE - SWE	53.15
25	GODFREY Lizzie	GIAVARINI Rene	FRA - FRA	53.02
26	WILLENKEN Chris	LIN Amber	USA - USA	52.81
27	GOODMAN Peter	MACHALE Aoife	IRL - IRL	52.72
28	KARLYKOV Petro	REITMANN Marina	UKR - UKR	52.69
29	USZYNSKI Wojtek	WHEELER Anna	POL - FRA	52.61
30	TARDY Stephane	MICHEL Sophie	MON - FRA	52.59
31	LANGELAND Aase	EIDE Harald	NOR - NOR	52.58
32	ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	ISR - ISR	52.37
33	MERCAN Nese	AKSUYEK Ender	TUR - TUR	52.30
34	VINAY Adrien	LELEU Anais	FRA - FRA	52.02
35	ROMANOVSKA Maija	BETHERS Janis	LAT - LAT	51.70
36	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	FREEMAN Jacob	FRA - CAN	51.63
37	STUYCK Dominique	BAHBOUT Sam	BEL - BEL	51.63
38	LEVY Anne-Frederique	GOUBIN Thierry	FRA - FRA	51.37
39	OURSEL Christophe	AVON Danielle	FRA - FRA	51.36
40	HAMORI Zsuzsa	HONYEK Andras	HUN - HUN	51.35
41	TRAVIS Barbara	REYNOLDS Peter	AUS - AUS	51.29
42	LAVAT Eric	POUSSOU Geraldine	FRA - FRA	51.07
43	NATT Shahzaad	LEEMING India	ENG - ENG	50.88
44	MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta	LASZCZUK Jaroslaw	POL - POL	50.81
45	UZUNHASAN Mert	GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	TUR - TUR	50.77
46	HAGEN Eskil	BLAAGESTAD Lise	NOR - NOR	50.73
47	BEAUVILLAIN Edouard	VITETTA Michele	FRA - FRA	50.70
48	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	50.68
49	BEDOUET Pierre	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	FRA - FRA	50.52
50	OZER Ahmet Murat	KANLIKILIC Ferda	TUR - TUR	50.52
51	HOMME Marianne	HOMME Egil	NOR - NOR	50.43
52	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	STOKKVIK Dag-Jorgen	NOR - NOR	50.41
53	SOHTORIK Yusuf	ERENGIL Yasemin	TUR - TUR	50.37
54	SCHIRESON Olivia	VALLET Esteban	USA - FRA	50.32
55	SIMANAITIENE Sonata	GRIGORAITIS Ramunas	LTU - LTU	50.30

Results - Mixed Pairs

56	WRANG Frederic	KWON Haeryung	SWE - KOR	50.27
57	HENNER Christal	IVATURY Uday	USA - USA	50.17
58	VANDERVORST Mike	MOMMAERTS Laure	BEL - BEL	50.15
59	HARDING Marianne	GILLIS Simon	NOR - ENG	49.96
60	ELLIA Emmanuel	CELERIER Patricia	FRA - FRA	49.88
61	BARDEN Paul	ROBINSON Claire	ENG - ENG	49.87
62	BASKAN Burak	SALHON Riva	TUR - TUR	49.51
63	MORAES Jose	ARRAIANO Rita	POR - POR	49.47
64	RIMBAUD Laurence	RIMBAUD Pierre	FRA - FRA	49.47
65	AYDAR Yalcin	YILMAZ Zeynep	TUR - TUR	49.42
66	CAUMEL Jean Patrick	MARECHAL Monique	FRA - FRA	49.32
67	BREKKA Geir	LINDSTROEM Mona	NOR - NOR	49.28
68	PETELKO Lia	RETTOR Koren	ISR - ISR	49.12
69	BERTHEAU Peter	ANDERSSON Ann-Sophie	SWE - SWE	49.05
70	ALP Zeynep	KEPEKCI Mehmet Faruk	TUR - TUR	49.00
71	KANDEMIR Ismail	NUHOGLU Sevil	TUR - TUR	48.88
72	MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	SUI - SUI	48.73
73	QUERAN Euriell	DEPROUW Michael	FRA - FRA	48.70
74	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN	48.66
75	LYBAEK Astrid Steen	BOLVIKEN Erik	NOR - NOR	48.61
76	HAUSEUX Francois	STAS Marie-Francoise	BEL - BEL	48.51
77	BOCKEN Patrick	MIERZWA Aleksandra	BEL - BEL	48.40
78	RUS Gregor	DRNOVSEK Tina	SLO - SLO	48.36
79	LANGER Darina	GWINNER Hans-Herman	SUI - GER	48.32
80	ROSENBERG Michael	ROSENBERG Debbie	USA - USA	48.32
81	ERGIN Pinar	EROL Burak	TUR - TUR	48.20
82	SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick)	SHASHOU Nathalie	ENG - ENG	48.16
83	MAUBERQUEZ Eric	MONOD Emmanuelle	FRA - FRA	48.02
84	TALYIGAS Peter	HEGEDUS Orsolya	HUN - HUN	47.82
85	McGEE Antoinette	McGEE Tos	IRL - IRL	47.76
86	BODIS Gyula	SZUCS Villo	HUN - HUN	47.72
87	BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	ISR - ISR	47.70
88	SORESINI Antonella	GUGLIELMI Enrico	ITA - ITA	47.69
89	LIBBRECHT Wilfried	SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	FRA - FRA	47.31
90	DOWLING-LONG Hilary	STEWART Peter	IRL - IRL	47.31
91	OZTURK Guzide	ELER Cuneyt	TUR - TUR	47.19
92	PHELAN John	PHELAN Lucy	IRL - IRL	47.03
93	Iavicoli Federico	DI LORENZO Anastasia	ITA - ITA	46.31
94	KOVACHEV Valentin	MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	46.15
95	DELESTRE Blandine	DELESTRE Daniel	FRA - FRA	45.70
96	ZUCCHINI Giancarlo	AZZIMONTI Annarita	ITA - ITA	45.68
97	HOYLAND Sven Olai	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	45.53
98	TAUBE Aire	DAHL Leevi	EST - EST	45.49
99	PAPAZISSIS Constantine	ARSLANOGLU Marianthi	GRE - GRE	45.49
100	GHOSN Rita	BRAENDVANG Morten	LIB - NOR	45.17
101	MERCIL Yasemin	ARSLAN Mustafa	TUR - TUR	44.81
102	ENGEL Zvi	SAVRANSKY Ziva	BEL - BEL	44.74
103	SEALE Catherine	HELNESS Fredrik	ENG - NOR	44.28
104	POON Hua	MIN Grace Sangwon	SIN - KOR	43.48
105	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	43.25
106	DANCHAUD Mauricette	CHAPUIS Christian	FRA - FRA	43.03
107	BOHNSACK Susanne	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER	42.95
108	MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	SUI - SUI	42.54
109	BELLEFROID Patrick	MENARD Sophie	FRA - FRA	40.50

Results - Mixed BAM

After Round 15 the ranking is:

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	FERM	104.00
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7	ALPERT	95.00
	XYZ	95.00
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10	ORCA	91.00
11	EX S	90.00
	EPSILON	90.00
13	ARROW	88.00
14	KNOTTENBELT	85.00
15	SWEDEN 2	83.00
16	EYTHORSDOTTIR	82.00
17	TCHIN TCHIN	81.00
18	SWISS MIXT TEAM	78.00
19	BV WALDSOLMS	75.00
20	BEATUS	64.00

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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/>

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