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# The Seniors Race is almost Run

Today's final of the Seniors Teams will be between **Milner** and **France Seniors** – don't miss tonight's prize giving ceremony!

The Mixed Teams finalists will be determined today as will the fields for the finals of the Mixed and Seniors Pairs. In the Mixed, **Adrien Vinay** and **Anais Leleu** are leading the way in SFA, **Euriell Queran** and **Michael Deprouw** in SFB while **Richard Chamberlain** and **Patrick Shields** topped the Seniors Qualifier.

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# Editor's Log

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If you are a team of six, one pair sits out. If you are one of the playing pairs there are two things you might consider doing – think of them as safety plays – making sure you know which of your teammates is playing in the other room and getting the others to tell you where they plan to be in case some problem arises. That way once in a blue moon you might avoid the loss of a few IMPs in the unlikely event that no one turns up to play in the other room, or a player is taken ill. Ask Zia.

Yesterday was one of mixed emotions. We could celebrate the birthday of José Damiani while being saddened by news of the passing of Tommy Sandsmark, President Emeritus of the IBPA. We last worked together at the Championships in Tromsø where we agreed to collaborate on a book about a revolutionary bidding system. This interview with Tommy comes from Tromsø:

Interview with Tommy Sandsmark - YouTube:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1log2FFZQ\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1log2FFZQ_c)




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# Mixed Teams Round-of-16 (2)

## Sparkling Vintages v De Botton

Now we are getting towards the pointy end, and this is the first knockout match featuring two of the pre-tournament favourites in a do-or-die battle. Sparkling Vintages jumped out to a 20-IMP lead after the first stanza, which raises the question “Does De Botton have a Harry Kane in their team?”

As usual, we start with some problems for you. Firstly, with only your side vulnerable, you are North holding:

♠ 10 9 6  
♥ 6  
♦ A 6 5 2  
♣ Q J 7.6 5

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	1♥	2♠
4♣	?		

Partner’s 2♠ is weak and West’s 4♣ shows a club control and agrees hearts. What action, if any, do you take?

Next, with neither side vulnerable, you are sitting in the West seat with:

♠ Q 10 3  
♥ K 7  
♦ A K Q J 8 5  
♣ J 10

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♠	4♥	4♠
?			

What action, if any, do you take?

When the team sheets for the second stanza appeared, Auken/Welland, who have been in sparkling form of late, were left on the bench. De Botton immediately halved the deficit on an opening lead decision. On lead against 3NT, you hold a 3-count and have to choose between ♥10987 and ♣K8xxx after RHO has shown 20-21 balanced. For the Germans, Nadia Bekkouhe chose the ♥10. Nevena Senior attacked with a club and found her

partner with ♣QJxx and an outside entry: 11 IMPs to De Botton. Then came the first of today’s problem hands...

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ 10 9 6		
	♥ 6		
	♦ A 6 5 2		
	♣ Q J 7.6 5		
♠ A 6 5		♠ K	
♥ A K 6 5 2		♥ Q J 4 3	
♦ Q 7		♦ K J 8 3	
♣ K 8 4		♣ A 10 9 3	
		♠ Q J 8 7 4 2	
		♥ 10 9 7	
		♦ 10 9 4	
		♣ 2	

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>
—	—	1♥	2♠
4♣	4♠	Dble	All Pass

It is well-known that the best strategy when playing with someone who is inclined to overbid, is to overbid yourself - if they catch you underbidding to compensate, that only makes them overbid even more. However, one can take this concept too far, perhaps. Although Artur Malinowski is a self-confessed maniac, one does have to question the merits of Nevena Senior’s 2♠ overcall at ‘red’. We all recall Marty Bergen’s advice that “Colours are for Children”, but one surely has to pay some heed to the vulnerability. I’ll leave you to decide who is most responsible for this result.


Not that it was as bad as it might have been... Peter Schaltz started with a low spade to his partner’s king. The defence switched to diamonds, declarer winning the second round and playing the heart from dummy. West duly overtook and played the ♠A and a third spade. Declarer should now have only five tricks, but a discarding error later in the play allowed her to score a sixth: even so, it was still E/W +1100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vist	Danielsen	Hoftaniska	Bekkouche
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Thor Erik Hoftaniska opened an off-shape 1NT. Gunn Tove Vist started with Stayman and then jumped to 3♠, control-showing, when she found a heart fit. Hoftaniska was decidedly uninterested, but there was no keeping Vist out of slam now. The fortunate lie of the diamonds meant E/W could rack up +980, so ‘only’ 3 IMPs to Sparkling Vintages.

Board 21. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ 10 9 4	
	♥ J 9 4	
	♦ 5 4 2	
	♣ 10 9 7.6	
♠ K 6 5 3		♠ A Q J 2
♥ Q 10 2		♥ 8 7 6 3
♦ A K J 9		♦ 8
♣ 9 4		♣ A K 8 3
	♠ 8 7	
	♥ A K 5	
	♦ Q 10 7 6 3	
	♣ Q J 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vist	Danielsen	Hoftaniska	Bekkouche
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

It is possible to go for a costly penalty without anyone doing anything obviously wrong. South’s 1♦ overcall is certainly not the worst bid you’ll see at this tournament, and yet it cost 800 against a non-vulnerable game. Indeed, it is perhaps a surprise that this result was only duplicated at two of the other 15 tables where the deal was played. Declarer lost two tricks in each black suit, a heart and four trumps, three down: E/W +800.

I could have presented the East hand as a problem after 1♣-1♦-Pass-Pass-? but I can imagine the blank looks I would have gotten as everyone tried to think of a possible alternative to double. Apparently, there was one...


Closed Room

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

East’s 1♣ and both West’s Pass of 1♦ and his 1NT were alerted, so perhaps there are some inferences about the Danish auction that are not clear to this simple scribe. Quite why East cannot re-open with a double, though, remains a mystery. The Danes bid effectively to their game, but that was only E/W +450 and thus 8 IMPs to De Botton.

Both sides had a chance for a big gain on Board 24...

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P.Schaltz	Malinowski	D.Schaltz	Senior
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

All was fairly routine at this table. Nevena Senior handled this tricky South hand by opening 2NT and they landed in what is obviously the best contract. Declarer won the ♣Q lead in dummy and played two top hearts. When she started running diamonds, East had to follow three times, so two of dummy’s spades had disappeared by the time he got to ruff with the ♥Q. N/S +450.

The action in the other room was much more exciting...

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vist	Danielsen	Hoftaniska	Bekkouche
Pass	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♥*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Nadia Bekkouche decided that the South hand was too strong for 2NT, so she started with her system strong bid and then showed her diamond suit. Had Flemming Danielsen bid 3♥, Bekkouche would probably have raise to game, and there would have been no story. When he instead essayed 3NT, it promised five hearts. Danielsen showed his club control and Bekkouche attempted to sign off.

Bidding a slam off a cashing Ace-King is often fatal but, after this auction, it is hardly clear that is what has happened here. Surely South must hold a spade control, so it is far from obvious for Thor Erik Hoftaniska to lead from his ♠KJx.

When the trump lead appeared on the VuGraph screen, the general opinion was that the Danish pair had landed on their feet: not only is the ♥Q in the slot with the suit breaking, but the Great Dealer was good enough to provide declarer with a trump entry in the ♦9. The percentage line of play is to win the first trump, cash a high heart, cross to the ♦9, run the ♥J, cross back to dummy with the ♣K, draw the last trump, cash the high heart, and the ♣A then provides entry to the winning hearts on which the spade losers can be thrown. That seems to add up to 13 tricks. When declarer instead drew trumps and played hearts from the top, he was not rewarded by the fall of the ♥Q, and was thus two down. N/S -100 and 11 IMPs to De Botton, when it could easily have been a similar number in the other column.

The Norwegians benefited from playing a method seldom seen in these days when everyone wants to pre-empt as often as possible... Does anyone even remember intermediate or strong jump overcalls?

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vist	Danielsen	Hoftaniska	Bekkouche
—	—	—	1♣
2♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Gunn Tove Vist's 2♦ overcall shut North out, and Thor Erik Hoftaniska's jump to 4♥ then ended the brief auction.

This does not look like it should be a difficult defensive problem for players at this level. Bekkouche led the ♠A, Danielsen following with the ♠9. With the ♠Q in dummy, can North's signal be anything other than count? Bekkouche now cashed the ♣A and, presumably knowing that her other high spade was standing up, continued with a second club. A grateful declarer won with the ♣K and cashed two high diamonds to discard his remaining spade. The defenders made the ace of trumps to hold the contract to ten tricks: E/W +420.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P.Schaltz	Malinowski	D.Schaltz	Senior
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♠	4♥	4♠
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

After the normal 1♦ overcall, Artur Malinowski stretched to get his spades into the auction at the one-level. When Nevena Senior then bid 4♠ over East's jump to 4♥, Peter Schaltz was left with the last of the problems posed at the top of this article. High-level competitive decisions are rarely easy and no one gets them right all the time, particularly when both contracts are close to making. In this case, both 4♠ and 5♥ are two down, so perhaps it should be clearer to defend? I'll leave you to be the judge. The defence here made no mistake and collected all four of their tricks. E/W -300 and 12 IMPs to De Botton, when the loss could have been only 3 IMPs despite the defensive calamity at the other table.

De Botton won an action-packed second stanza 45-22. For a change, it seems that an English team does have someone who can put the ball in the net against Germany! De Botton leads by 3 IMPs (69-66) at the midway point of what promises to be a nail-biter of a match.



# Mixed Pairs - Stanza 6

The sixth stanza of the qualifying event was 16 deals long; I arrived at the halfway point in time to see Eric Lavat faced with an awkward play problem in his ambitious game.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K Q J ♥ 10 8 7 2 ♦ A Q 10 5 ♣ 8		♠ 9 8 4 2 ♥ Q 6 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ Q 10 5 2	♠ 10 7 5 ♥ A K 9 5 ♦ J 6 2 ♣ K 6 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Poussou</i>	<i>Lin</i>	<i>Lavat</i>	<i>Willenken</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

If you respond with hands like Lavat's you reach the odd hairy contract. Willenken led a low heart, and sitting behind Lin I could see no reason for her to find the killing defence of a low club shift to let the defenders pump dummy with repeated club plays. She took her second heart and played a spade. Declarer won and ruffed a heart, dropping the jack, led a diamond to the ♦Q, drew a second trump, cashed

the fourth heart pitching a diamond to ruff out the suit, and claimed 10 tricks.

North does better to switch to a spade at trick two. Declarer wins in dummy and plays a heart but North wins and when declarer follows with the queen a club switch is clearly indicated and is just in time to defeat the contract, South winning and returning a club.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Fenton</i>	<i>Rosenthal</i>	<i>Yuan</i>	<i>Campanile</i>
—	—	1♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

This deal demonstrated a problem with standard methods when it comes to signalling on unblock leads. Maybe Fenton ought to have raised spades after the double, but when she passed Campanile stretched to raise her partner's invitation to game. Yuan led the ♠K against 3NT and Fenton's ♠4 showed an even number. Should Yuan play her for four spades here? One could argue that with the ♣Q onside there was no chance to hold the overtricks against 3NT except by playing for this precise shape? (If declarer has a third heart they can triple squeeze you for the ninth trick, but here there are no communications for a squeeze.)

As it was, Yuan played a diamond and declarer ran the diamonds, squeezing East down to two clubs three hearts and two spades, declarer crossed to hand to lead a club up, and had 10 tricks as opposed to eight.

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# Mixed Knockout, Round of 16 (3)

On Monday afternoon, it had been my pleasant privilege to watch and report on the segment in play at that time, a segment that turned out to be very exciting and spectacular. So, I was afraid that my reporting job exactly 24 hours later would be either a disappointment or an anti-climax. The opening board of Tuesday's mid-afternoon set did not look like a good omen: it was not a slam, like it was the day before, but a simple game destined to fail on bad breaks. From board 3 onwards, however, prospects of interesting boards began to improve quickly so I will begin my report with this board. Like the day before, I will focus on the four BBO matches. These are: (with their scores at halftime):

- Sparkling Vintages** v **De Botton** 66-69
- Otra Vez** v **Medium Rare** 38-47
- Robinson** v **Bridge24** 66-56
- Bridge24 Mixed** v **Crash** 60-45

Here is that board 3.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

As you can easily see, this deal should have been a general push in 4♥ down 1. In most matches it was but there were a few odd men (!) out. Here are some of them.

Roy Welland, for team Sparkling Vintages, got the automatic ♦K lead and next played a trump to dummy's king. On the second trump, Vist inserted the



Flemming Danielsen

Nevena Senior

Artur Malinowski

Nadia Bekkouche



(known) queen, which she might well have intended as a spade suggestion. Welland then drew the last trump and, more or less stuck in his hand, exited with the ♠Q. East won his king and, to my surprise, continued not with a spade but a low club into declarer's (unknown) tenace. That was +420 to team Sparkling Vintages.

At the other table, the standard procedures for this deal (see above) were observed, so Sparkling Vintages scored another +50 and 10 IMPs.

In the Bridge24 Mixed v Crash match East also got too active

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	Janiszewski	Schmidt	Zareba
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♦	2♥
3♦	4♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

This vulnerable phantom cost Crash -800 and thus 13 IMPs when the team-mates reached the more normal 4♥ for down one.

Not surprisingly in view of their team name, Otra Vez once again showed the way:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ozbay	Nilsson	Ozgur	Palma
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♦	2♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

A careful invitational 3♥ was all Palma needed to find the winning decision. Nilsson actually made an overtrick after some help for +170. This brought her team 6 IMPs when their Turkish opponents, like most of the other N/S's, did not find a way to stop early.

Two boards later, another big swing occurred when in two of our matches, one E/W pair attempted a diamond slam.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

For team De Botton, Hoftaniska and Vist had scored +400 in 5♦ but this is what happened at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bekkouche	Malinowski	Danielsen	Senior
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		



Pierre Schmidt

Anna Zareba

Przemyslaw Janiszewski

Vanessa Zochowska

Something must have gone wrong here. Inverted minor and splinter are OK as well as 4♦ RKCB All these bids were duly alerted and so was 5♦ but its meaning remained unclear.

Against the actual ♠J lead, there seems to be an obscure DD line to make 12 tricks. Dummy's ♠Q wins the lead and then follow ♦A and ♦K. Dummy's hearts go on the top spades and the ♣Q is run to North's king. If North wins his king, you are home: ruff North's return in dummy, ruff a club high, cross to dummy's ♦10 and cash the clubs. So North should duck the ♣K. Bridge remains a beautiful card game after all!

(Suppose declarer plays a diamond to the king at trick two, pitches two hearts on the top spades and runs the ♣Q. Then it does not help North to duck, as long as declarer continues with a diamond to the ace. There is more to it than that - suppose the ♦J is not doubleton - or clubs are 3-3. Were South to cash the ♥A at trick one there is no way for declarer to get home on this layout. Editor.)

Obviously, declarer did not play this way and thus went two down. The same happened to Chalupec, who was in 6♦ for the Bridge24 Mixed team v Crash, so both De Botton and Crash scored 11 IMPs on the deal.

The next board was a matter of choosing the right game contract. This board is a fine example of the superiority of the 4-4 fit over the 5-4 fit. The 4-4 fit is by no means always a better trump suit than the 5-4 fit, but this time, with the diamonds 3-2, it would produce an extra trick because a losing spade would go on the 5th club and there is a trump left to ruff a spade.

No E/W pair reached 5♦. The popular contracts were 4♥x and 5♣, so none of these declarers registered a plus score, except the one in 5♣ who made it with the help of a defensive mistake...

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

In the Robinson v Bridge24 match, declarer only needed an unfortunate lead to bring home her contract.

In the Open Room, the Polish E/W had reached 5♣ and had gone down one for +100 to Robinson. Here are the auction and play from the Closed Room.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Buras	Botta	Sobolewska
—	—	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Botta's suggestion of a heart stopper proved more than enough when South led her 4th best heart after opening a Multi. One overtrick, another +630 and 12 IMPs to Robinson.

The next deal goes into this report as a specimen of study material. I was disappointed to see that none of the E/W pairs managed to get anywhere near the good spade slam or the nearly ice-cold club slam after South opened 1♥.





## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

The next deal was about the minimum level of spades needed to get doubled.

## Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

## Sparkling Vintages v De Botton

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vist</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Dble	2♠	All Pass	

For East, 2♠ was not yet worthwhile, and maybe rightly so. Down three, De Botton +150.

At the other table, Artur Malinowski made it easy for his opponents:

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Danielsen</i>	<i>Senior</i>
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Down four, Sparkling Vintages +800 and 12 IMPs to them.

Pretty much the same thing happened in the Bridge24 Mixed v Crash match:

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Zareba</i>
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

In France, they may have abolished the classic penalty doubles over 4♠ but not the balancing ideas. Down 4, +800 to Crash.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>Allard</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Dble	2♠	All Pass	

Chalupec was on the same wavelength as Hoftaniska just above. Down only two, Bridge24 Mixed +100 but 12 IMPs to Crash as well.

## Robinson v Bridge 24

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>E Kolesnik</i>	<i>Zalewska</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>
2♣	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West's light Precision style opening bid made it easy for Zalewska to do the necessary things. Down three, +500 to Bridge24.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Botta</i>	<i>Sobolewska</i>
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Zach Grossack also found a featherweight opening bid, so Botta had no problem either in throwing an axe at anything passing by. Down two, +300 to Robinson but still 5 IMPs to Bridge24.

Finally:

## Otra Vez v Medium Rare

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ozby</i>	<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Ozgur</i>	<i>Palma</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Maybe, the most remarkable result from our 4 matches: no double and just one down only. Medium Rare +50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bjoerk Heed</i>	<i>Hotamislig</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Tuncok</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Easy enough for Simon Hult. Otra Vez +800 for down four, good for 13 IMPs.

On the next deal, we saw lucky vulnerable game swings for some teams:

## Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

**Sparkling Vintages v De Botton**

## Open Room

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

Ten tricks, De Botton +170.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Danielsen</i>	<i>Senior</i>
—	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This is what you may run into by opening the bidding at a higher level. Nine tricks, Sparkling Vintages +600 and 10 IMPs to them.

**Bridge24 Mixed v Crash**

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Zareba</i>
—	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♣	Dble
3♥	All Pass		

In spite of his solid enough spade stopper, East could not find a further bid after partner's invitational action. Zochowska just made her contract for a score of +140 to Crash.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>Allard</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The two-way Polish Club made it easy for West to show her strong hand when North did not open. Without any red-suit fit, East could do little else than show his good stopper in spades. On a top club lead, overtaken by North to return the ♣10, declarer actually made an overtrick for +630 and 10 IMPs to Bridge24 Mixed.

On the next board, 4♠ by South was a popular place to be but not all West players joined the party. Here are some auctions, once again.

## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

**Sparkling Vintages v De Botton**

## Open Room

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

Down three, +800 to De Botton.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bekkouche</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Danielsen</i>	<i>Senior</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
All Pass			



No double, no trouble. The same down three but this time only +300 to Sparkling Vintages for an 11-IMP loss.

Approximately the same happened in the Bridge24 Mixed v. Crash match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	Janiszewski	Schmidt	Zareba
—	—	1♥	2♥
3♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

Down three, Crash +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Reess	Chalupec	Allard
—	—	1♥	3♣*
3♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Only two down for +500 to Bridge24 Mixed but still worth 5 IMPs to them.

In the Robinson v Bridge 24 match, they had entirely different ideas at both tables:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narkiewicz	E Kolesnik	Zalewska	A Grossack
—	—	1♥	4♠
All Pass			

Pic: Giorgia Botta



The obvious way to avoid being doubled...  
Down three, Bridge24 +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Buras	Botta	Sobolewska
—	—	1NT	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Whatever message South's double of 3♥ may have conveyed, it did not help N/S to get anywhere near a plus score. When North passed it, the costs were just -930 for the overtrick and thus 12 IMPs to Robinson.

On the next board, Crash gained 9 IMPs for staying out of trouble.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	Janiszewski	Schmidt	Zareba
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	3♣	Dble	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Once Zareba opened her Polish two-suiter, a plus score, e.g. in 2♠, was already out of reach.

Three Diamonds went down two, Crash +300.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	Reess	Chalupec	Allard
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

When Reess managed to bring home her contract for another +110, Crash had gained 9 IMPs.

On the next deal, no game was on for either side but the Bridge24 E/W pair succeeded in stealing one:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>E Kolesnik</i>	<i>Zalewska</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South found the very good lead of the ♣8 which should set the contract immediately but how could North know, after winning her ♣K? When she returned the ♣10, declarer won and continued by leading the ♠10 to dummy's king. Mission accomplished, Bridge24 +400.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Z Grossack</i>	<i>Buras</i>	<i>Botta</i>	<i>Sobolewska</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	All Pass

Nicely bid and just made for a useful +90 but a 7-IMP loss for Robinson.

On board 13, I finally began to understand what the theme of this set of boards had been: to double the opponents in 4♠ or not. Here again are a few auctions; they hardly need any further comments.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

### Bridge24 Mixed v Crash

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zochowska</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Schmidt</i>	<i>Zareba</i>
—	Pass	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

Down the pretty obvious four, Bridge24 Mixed +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sarniak</i>	<i>Reess</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>Allard</i>
—	Pass	2♠	3♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Same as next door but this time worth +1100 and 12 IMPs to Crash.

### Robinson v Bridge24

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>E Kolesnik</i>	<i>Zalewska</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>
—	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Photo: Zach Grossack





Here, just as in the match above, East again used the Polish-style two-suited 2♠ opening bid -- but it took E/W a little longer to find the optimum spot for N/S: another +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Buras	Botta	Sobolewska
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	2♥	4♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

When the defence missed out on their diamond ruff, the contract just went down three. Bridge24 +800 but 7 IMPs to Robinson.

In the Otra Vez v Medium Rare match, the board was a quite remarkable push.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ozbay	Nilsson	Ozgur	Palma
—	Pass	2♠	3♥
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bjoerk Heed	Hotamislig	Hult	Tuncok
—	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

The normal down four at both tables: N/S +1100 and no score.

On the last deal of the set, there were a few small swings when not all N/S pairs took the sacrifice in 5♥. One N/S even managed to let the opponents play and made 4♠x for a small swing the other way. Apparently, the North player involved did not run to 5♥ opposite partner's double...

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

After another set full of action, the scores in our matches, with 14 boards to play, were:

<b>Sparkling Vintages</b> v <b>De Botton</b>	103-111
<b>Otra Vez</b> v <b>Medium Rare</b>	71-55
<b>Robinson</b> v <b>Bridge24</b>	101-76
<b>Bridge24 Mixed</b> v <b>Crash</b>	94-94

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# Mixed Teams Round of 16 (4)

## Sparkling Vintage v De Botton

After three sessions of the Round of 16 match between Sparkling Vintages and De Botton the latter had a lead of a mere 8 IMPs. Was I going to get another 'last board' decider?

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

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

This is my best interpretation of the bidding and is not what was actually recorded via BBO. The slam depends solely on the position of the ace of diamonds and so the contract was not in doubt.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>
—	—	2♣*	2♠
Dble	4♠	5♣	All Pass

East had a club in her bag which defined her hand exactly – 2♣ non-vulnerable first or second in hand showed 8-13, 5+ clubs, no four-card major. In fact perhaps too accurately as partner was not led to believe it was an opening hand and might be worth progressing further. Had East passed 4♠ West might well have expressed an opinion with a red card and

kept the loss to 3 IMPs instead of 11. De Botton had now increased their lead to 19 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

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

The One Diamond response showed hearts and then the One Heart bid denied four hearts and showed a minimum hand. It seems that South had downgraded her hand from an opening 15-17 no-trump and so avoided playing a no-hope 3NT. East led a club and the defence took the first five tricks; but when they did not take their ace of hearts at the first opportunity declarer could not be prevented from taking eight tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

An auction repeated several times. Even though West started with a spade, when declarer tried to steal a heart trick the defence was wide awake, took their ace and switched to clubs for two off. 8 IMPs to Sparkling Vintages so the lead was reduced to 11.



## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vist	Welland	Hoftaniska	Auken
—	1♣	Pass	1♦*
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

1♦ Hearts

A classic part-score battle, 'won' by North playing in his Moysian heart fit. East led the ♠10 for the jack, king and ace. Declarer crossed to dummy with a spade and played a small diamond towards hand and it was taken by East who exited with a club to dummy's ace. A small heart brought the ♥10 and declarer's jack held the trick. On the lead of the ♠9 East ruffed with the ♥4 and was overruffed by the ♥6. Another diamond forced West to win and she cashed her ace of trumps before exiting with a spade, ruffed in dummy. Now with the ♥K and ♣K declarer had eight tricks

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	All pass		

I was mildly surprised when South did not protect but partner was already a passed hand. The opening lead of the king of hearts held the trick and declarer took the continuation. The queen of diamonds was cashed and dummy entered via the ♦K. A small heart was ruffed in hand and the ace of diamonds cashed. Declarer's queen of clubs was taken by South's king and a heart returned, ruffed with the ♠4 and overruffed by the ♠6. North now led out ace and another spade which meant declarer only lost two trump tricks and could play North for the ♣10 and just make his contract. To ensure defeat North must lead a club to partner's ace and the return must be the ♠Q to create three trump tricks for the defence. Allowing the contract to make cost 5 IMPs – the lead was now a perilous 6.

## Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vist	Welland	Hoftaniska	Auken
—	—	—	1♠
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West led the ace of hearts which was ruffed by declarer who then played a small trump. That saw West rise with the ace and switch to a diamond. Now declarer had little trouble in taking ten tricks, just losing two top trumps and the ace of clubs. West needed to duck the trump lead and allow East to win and fire through another heart. Now when West takes the ace of trumps another heart can be played to force declarer for a third time and so lose an extra trump trick.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Schaltz</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>
—	—	—	1♣
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Five Diamonds was just too high. A top heart honour was ruffed in hand and a small spade played. West did well to play the ace otherwise declarer can make her contract. A club went to the queen and ace, for East to return a trump taken in hand with the ace. A spade was ruffed in dummy and the king of clubs cashed before returning to hand via a club ruff. The queen of spades was led and had to be allowed to run to East's king, but with the unkind spade distribution and the 3-1 trump split declarer now was two light so 7 IMPs to Sparkling Vintage who took the lead by a single point.

Was there going to be another last board change of leader? The answer is no as the final deal was a regulation slam; so De Botton suffered a cruel blow in losing the match by such a tiny margin.



## Mixed Teams Quarter Final (1)

### Sparkling Vintages v Otra Vez

This memorable mixed championship surges onward. Kibitzers ask me why there is no coverage of the Seniors on BBO. Perhaps because there were over 800 watching the Open table of this match, and (on previous evidence) maybe fewer than 100 would be watching a Seniors match. Sad for them, yes. And for me, when in the European Championships a year ago, I could not watch my ex-partner Taf Anthias. He was partnering Chris Dixon in the England Senior team. (When the Seniors SF was broadcast yesterday it easily attracted the most spectators. Editor)

I need four interesting deals to make up this report, and I'm pleased to note four big ticks on my sheet. Dim the lights... action!

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Auken</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT*	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Andrea Nilsson and Antonio Palma did well to reach the spade game. Roy Welland then asked partner to choose a minor-suit sacrifice. The spade lead against 5♣ doubled was ruffed, and Sabine Auken finessed the ♦10 to West's queen. King and another heart to the ace, were followed by a heart ruff and that was 300 to Sparkling Vintages.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>Bjoerk H</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	2♠*	Dble	3♣
All Pass			

Simon Hult's 2♠ showed a club raise. There may now have been a disagreement over the meaning of Dorthe Schaltz's double. Only clubs had been shown, so maybe it was for take-out of clubs, instead of showing the spade suit artificially bid. Peter Schaltz had a clear raise of an indicated spade suit, one would think. He might also have bid 3♠ in response to a take-out double. No, 3♣ was allowed to play and made 110 after three rounds of hearts launched the defence. It was a 9-IMP swing to Sparkling Vintages.

The next deal was likely to provide a high-level competitive auction. This type of board is my favourite kibitzing. It's such an important part of the game, and very instructive to watch the great stars in action. Would that be the case here?

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nilsson</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Auken</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2NT*	4♠	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

We saw Sabine Auken's double appear on the screen in total disbelief. If the opponents could ruff a spade

lead in 5♣, South held only one defensive trick. A learned kibitzer suggested that North/South reversed the ordinary meanings of pass and double. (None of the calls, not even 2NT, had been alerted). Well, that might explain it, I suppose. Auken was suggesting an advance to 5♠.

I can see that Roy Welland would not fancy going to the five-level on his shape, with the limp honours. It is only the unrevealed double-fit that makes 5♠ a profitable shot. He passed, hoping for enough defence in partner's hand to beat the club game.

Palma ruffed the ♠K lead, drew trumps and made all 13 tricks. That was a windfall of +1150. As I look at it again, scanning my report for typos, I now think that Auken should not have doubled with so little defence. If she rated her hand as a raise, she should perhaps bid 5♠ herself.

What would happen at the other table, we wondered.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>Bjoerk H</i>
—	—	—	1♠
2NT*	3♠	5♣	All Pass

Mayalo Bjoerk Heed had only a 3♠ raise opposite, also a vulnerable leap to 5♣ by East. Those were two good reasons not to consider any further action. It's not as if 5♠ was guaranteed to be a good result anyway. It might have pushed West into 6♣. It was an 11-IMP pick-up for Otra Vez.

Two boards later, the scent of slams again filled the air. Yes, but which slam?

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

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



Andrea Nilsson

Roy Welland

Sabine Auken

Antonio Palma

It was as tiring for me to type all these bids as it must be for you to survey them. North made four relay bids and South described her hand. To assist our understanding of the auction, the operator informed us that ‘All bids are alerted.’ Ah, thanks. now it becomes clearer. Thirteen tricks are there, as you see: five clubs, five diamonds, two major-suit aces and a spade ruff.

“Why are they not in the grand?” two kibitzers asked me. Well, if a relay sequence two inches deep cannot identify a good grand, it shows how hard bidding can be. Look how important the  $\diamond J$  is here.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>Bjoerk H</i>
	1 $\diamond$	Pass	2 $\clubsuit$
Pass	3 $\clubsuit$	Pass	3 $\heartsuit$
Pass	4 $\clubsuit$	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5 $\heartsuit$	Pass	6 $\clubsuit$
All Pass			

What a sight for sore eyes this natural sequence is! Like fresh spring water. Again, 13 tricks were quickly made for a push board.

Three pairs made 7 $\clubsuit$ . Our congratulations go to them. Four pairs made an overtrick in 6 $\clubsuit$  (a push board in two quarterfinals). One pair stopped in 3NT, losing 14 IMPs to the grand slam.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

	$\spadesuit$ A 10 5 4 3	
	$\heartsuit$ K 8 6 3	
	$\diamond$ 5	
	$\clubsuit$ A J 8	
$\spadesuit$ Q 8 7		$\spadesuit$ J 6 2
$\heartsuit$ J 2		$\heartsuit$ 10 7 5
$\diamond$ 9 8 4		$\diamond$ A K Q J 2
$\clubsuit$ K Q 7 5 2		$\clubsuit$ 4 3
	$\spadesuit$ K 9	
	$\heartsuit$ A Q 9 4	
	$\diamond$ 10 7 6 3	
	$\clubsuit$ 10 9 6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vist</i>	<i>Welland</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Auken</i>
—	—	1 $\clubsuit$ *	Pass
1 $\spadesuit$ *	Dble	1NT	2 $\heartsuit$
All Pass			

Hoftaniska’s 1 $\clubsuit$  could be a weak NT type. A 1 $\heartsuit$  response would show spades, so 1 $\spadesuit$  suggested a normal 1NT response. North’s double (echoes of Board 3 above) might have been a double of clubs or

showing the artificially-bid spades. South’s 2 $\heartsuit$  suggests the former. The bidding died there and a look at all four hands reveals a miraculous fit with a great lie of the cards.

Auken won the  $\clubsuit K$  lead, drew two rounds of trumps and set up the spades with a single ruff. She then drew the last trump and entered a sad-looking +200 on her card.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P.Schaltz</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>D.Schaltz</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\diamond$	Dble
2 $\spadesuit$ *	4 $\heartsuit$	All Pass	

Ten tricks were made after the  $\diamond A$  lead. That was +620 and gain of 9 IMPs to Otra Vez. This was not entirely the fault of Welland and Auken. How could Dorthé Schaltz pass that East hand? Would any other quarterfinalist pass it? It’s true that a 1 $\diamond$  opening would not make the North/South route to game as difficult as 1 $\clubsuit$  had done at the other table. I see now, though, that only three tables out of eight played in 4 $\heartsuit$ , one in 3 $\heartsuit$  and four in 2 $\heartsuit$ .

Well, the luncheon bell summons me, so that concludes the entertainment. Along with my fellow commentators, Martin Cantor and Peter Lund, I had enjoyed the session. It ended with the score at: Otra Vez 34 Sparkling Vintages 15.



Simon Hult



# Seniors Teams Semi-Final (2)

## Milner v Zimmermann

There was a sensational start to the second session when team Milner fielded players at both tables.

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Starkowski	Zia	Kwiecien
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Dble*	3♦*	All Pass
Dble	4♣/♦ + 5♥/♠		
3♦	Hearts or ♣+♦		

West explained 3♦ as invitational with diamonds. South led the ♣10 and declarer put up dummy's ace and played a diamond, North taking the ace and continuing with the queen. A couple of tricks later declarer claimed for four down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Milner	Tuszynski	Lall
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♣5 for the king and ace and declarer cashed the ♥K and continued with a heart to the jack and queen as North pitched the ♦6. Declarer won the club return, drew trumps, played a spade to the ace and soon had 11 tricks, +450 and 12 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

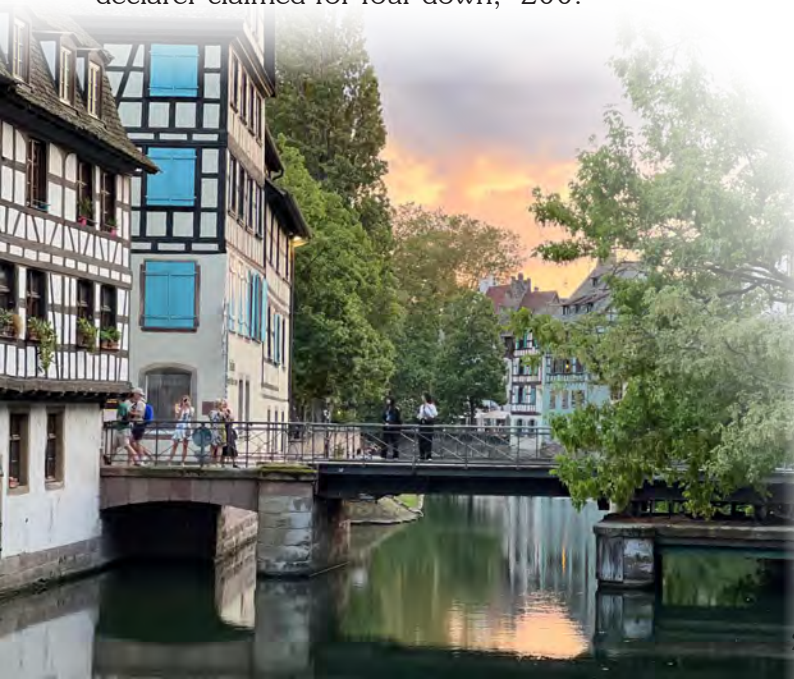
♠ 9 7 5		♠ K Q 10 3
♥ 6 4		♥ Q 10 9 3 2
♦ A 10 6 4 2		♦ K 9
♣ 10 6 2		♣ A 8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Starkowski	Zia	Kwiecien
—	Pass	1♦	1♥
2♦	2♥	3♦	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

I wonder if Marc Smith would have offered this as one of his 'problems' the question being what should West lead. When he went with the ♦A declarer had been presented with a tenth trick, +620.

You see how tricky opening leads can be.



## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Milner	Tuszynski	Lall
Pass	Pass	1♣*	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

West led the ♠7 and declarer had to be content with nine tricks, another 10 IMPs going to Zimmermann.

## Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Starkowski	Zia	Kwiecien
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♥	3♣	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

I thought East faced a tricky decision after North's intervention. If there are two quick losers in hearts then you probably need to find partner with a minimum of the ♠A and the ♦K to have any chance of making 5♦. Is it worth making a try with 4♣ over 3♦, hoping there will be 10 tricks if partner signs off?

On this layout 11 tricks were easy enough, +150.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Milner	Tuszynski	Lall
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Playing Polish Club this was a predictable auction once North did not overcall.

South led the ♠2 and declarer took dummy's ace, played three rounds of clubs ruffing and drew trumps to pocket 11 tricks and another 10 IMPs, taking the set score to 37-0.

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Starkowski	Zia	Kwiecien
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠5 and the defenders took the first round of the suit, allowed declarer to win trick two with the ♠10 and took the third trick via South's queen when declarer played back the nine. South switched to the ♣8 and declarer won, played a diamond to the jack and king and took the rest, +430.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Milner	Tuszynski	Lall
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

North led the ♦4 and declarer took South's queen with the ace, unblocked dummy's ♥K, came to hand with a club, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a club high and claimed 12 trick for +170 and a loss of 6 IMPs.

You don't particularly want to be in 6♣, but you certainly want to be in game. If 3♣ is not forcing perhaps East should rebid 4♣, hoping that 5♣ will be as good (or better) than 3NT.



## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Starkowski	Zia	Kwiecien
—	—	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2♦ Spade support

East led the ♥9 and West took the ace and switched to the ♦10 for the queen and king. East cashed the ♦J and ♦A and exited with the ♠3. Declarer won with the ace and played the ♣K, hoping to create an entry to dummy. East prevented that by ducking so declarer continued with the ♠Q. When West followed with the ♠10 declarer should have overtaken it and ruffed a diamond, but having omitted to do so he could only exit with a club, East winning and exiting with a spade, ensuring the setting trick would go to the ♦7, -100.

You may have spotted that having taken two diamond tricks East can continue with a low diamond (perhaps the seven is best) forcing West to ruff, after which it should be clear for West to return a heart.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Milner	Tuszynski	Lall
—	—	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
Dble	All Pass		

East led the ♦A and continued with the king and jack, declarer winning as West parted with the ♠2 followed by the ♠10. The best declarer could do was cash his spades and play a heart to the king and ace, but that meant he was two down in top tricks, -500 and a 9 IMP loss.

## Board 28. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zorlu	Starkowski	Zia	Kwiecien
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♣	2♠	3♣	4♣*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♠	Pass	7♠
All Pass			

4♣ Cuebid  
4♥ Cuebid  
4NT RKCB  
5♥ 2 keycards  
5NT Grand slam try

Whatever the precise meaning of 6♠, it almost certainly denied possession of either minor suit king, increasing the likelihood that North's hearts were headed by the ♥AK. I'll leave you to judge if that was enough for South to go all in. The BBO commentators offered ♠Axxx ♥AJxxx ♦Qx ♣Qx as a possible hand for North.

West led the ♣Q and declarer was soon claiming, +2210.

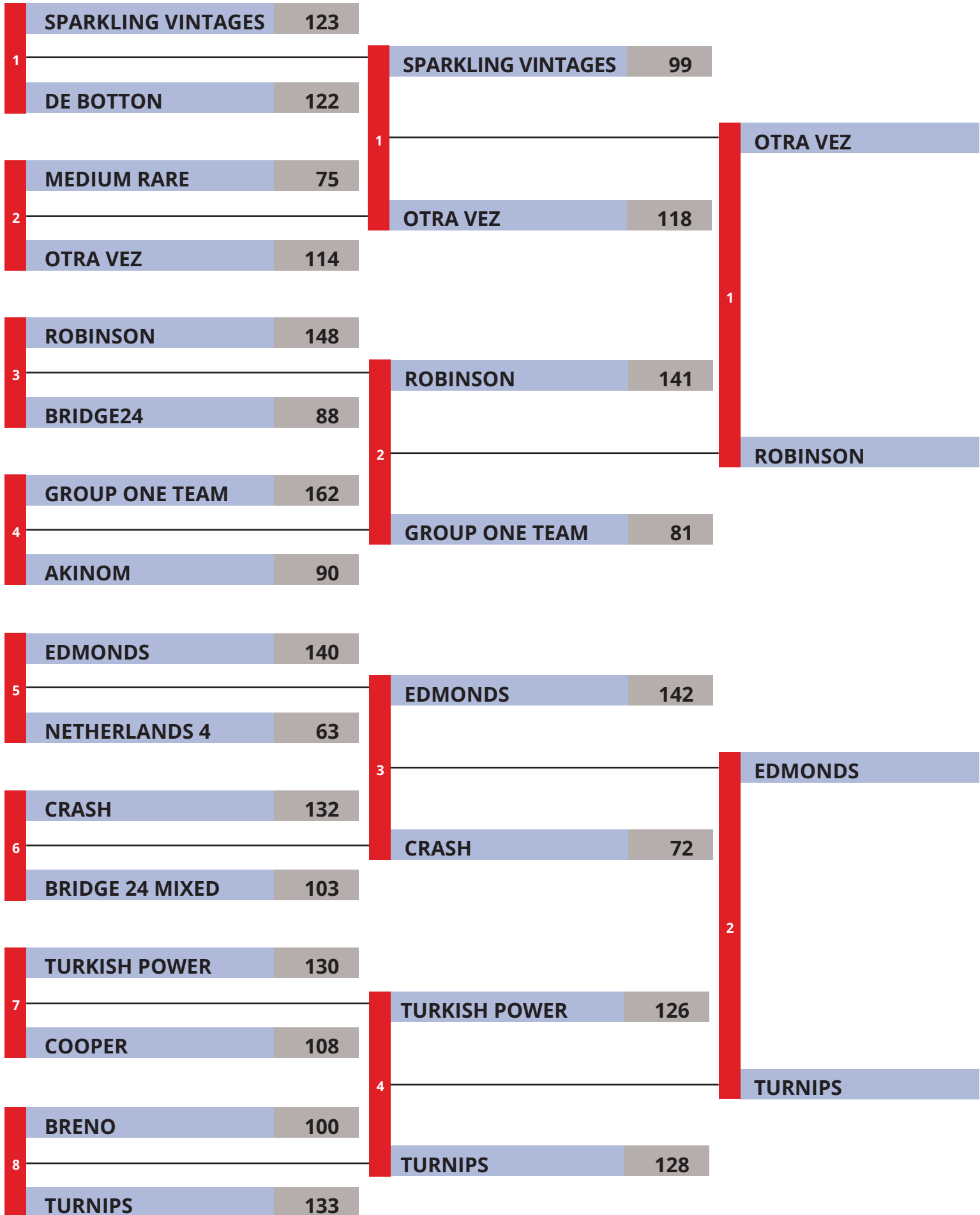
## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Milner	Tuszynski	Lall
3♣	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
4NT	RKCB		
5♥	2 keycards		

I wonder what would have happened if South had bid 6♦ over 5♥? It was suggested by Peter Lund, the point being that if North bids 6♥ over it you know you are facing a suit headed by the ♥AK.

The loss of 13 IMPs meant Zimmermann had won the set 59-19 to lead 72-55.

# Bracket - Mixed Teams



## Bracket - Senior Teams

1	ZIMMERMANN	148	1	ZIMMERMANN	82	1	MILNER
	BBCX	71		MILNER	100		FRANCE SENIORS
2	MILNER	135	2	FRANCE SENIORS	110		FRANCE SENIORS
	VICTORS	122		DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	78		
3	FRANCE SENIORS	162	3	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	107		
	LES MOUSQUETAIRES	73		ENGLAND PRYOR	96		
4	DUTCH SENIOR TEAM	107					
	ENGLAND PRYOR	96					

Play starts at 10.00

## Results - Senior Pairs

1	CHAMBERLAIN Richard	SHIELDS Patrick	ENG - ENG	57.64
2	VAN GLABBEEK Hedwig	MAAS Willem jan	NED - NED	57.02
3	KLUMPP Herbert	L Aidig Dieter	GER - GER	56.43
4	GODED Federico	VINCENT Herve	ESP - FRA	55.84
5	ZELIGMAN Shalom	MELMAN Victor	ISR - USA	54.75
6	MILASZEWSKI Mirosław	FILIPOWICZ Karol	POL - POL	54.74
7	BURMANIA Harry	LINSE John	NED - NED	53.94
8	BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	POL - POL	53.47
9	WITEK Marek	LICHAWSKI Kazimierz	POL - POL	53.41
10	FABRITIUS Joakim	WARDI Finn	FIN - FIN	53.20
11	PLEKSEPP Tonis	JULLIS Toivo	EST - EST	52.82
12	THOMASSEN Arne	HANTVEIT Helge	NOR - NOR	52.53
13	LESGUILLIER Regis	MARLIER Jean-Louis	FRA - FRA	52.43
14	SOULET Philippe	STEUER Patrick	FRA - FRA	52.36
15	JACOB Tom	MACE Brian	NZL - NZL	52.01
16	BERGHEIMER Serge	LAGADEC Herry	FRA - FRA	50.73
17	COHEN-SKALLI Albert	LEBERT Jean Pierre	FRA - FRA	50.61
18	THOMPSON Patrick	OLAFSSON Magnus	USA - ISL	50.45
19	DEN BOER Henk	MEIJER Egbert	NED - NED	50.18
20	BAKKE Tor	ANDERSSEN Rune Brenderford	NOR - NOR	49.96
21	BUCHLEV Nedju	LESNICZAK Jacek	GER - GER	49.78
22	ZIVKOVIC Gojko	DERIVAZ Jean-Pierre	SUI - SUI	49.68
23	PRYOR Malcolm	KENDRICK David	ENG - ENG	49.36
24	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	DE LIEDEKERKE Tanguy	BEL - BEL	49.36
25	SAVIN Daniel Octavian	URSEANU Dan	ROM - ROM	49.30
26	GUITTA Gilles	ATTALI Jean Pierre	FRA - FRA	49.24
27	ROTH Marion	LUCACIU Alexander	FRA - FRA	49.24
28	KAND Jaak	VOHANDU Priit	EST - EST	48.63
29	NIKITINE Ruth	SCHURTER Peter	SUI - SUI	48.23
30	HASHIMOTO George	ANDERSSON Thomas	SUI - SUI	48.20
31	RUMMEL Aarne	LEIS Paul	EST - EST	48.12
32	ENGEL Joseph	MOLHO Rejan	ISR - ISR	48.07
33	CORIAT Martine	SOULET Patricia	FRA - FRA	48.04
34	LEVY Alain	BENIADA Guy	FRA - FRA	46.64
35	MATEI Cornel Dumitru	GLIGA Radu	ROM - ROM	44.79
36	BOMPIS Marc	EISENBERG Marc	FRA - FRA	42.58
37	DAVID Jacques	TAQUOI Jacques	FRA - FRA	41.09
38	LECONTE Marie-Christine	JACQUES Jean	FRA - FRA	32.99

Play starts at 10.00

# Results - Mixed Pairs Semifinal A

1	VINAY Adrien	LELEU Anais	FRA - FRA	61.05
2	FISCHER Brigitta	RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE	58.87
3	NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	ZALEWSKA Joanna	POL - POL	57.35
4	ROMANOVSKA Maija	BETHERS Janis	LAT - LAT	56.35
5	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA	54.88
6	GARNER Steve	TEBHA Anam	USA - USA	54.86
7	MALINOWSKI Artur	MALINOWSKA Marilyn	ENG - ENG	54.15
8	TUNCOK Cenk	HOTAMISLIGIL Selen	USA - USA	54.13
9	PAULISSEN Gert-Jan	PAULISSEN Severine	NED - FRA	53.50
10	ELSELEHDAR Ahmed Nayer	FARHANI GONCALVES Maissa	EGY - TUN	53.43
11	OURSEL Christophe	AVON Danielle	FRA - FRA	53.02
12	LHUISSIER Nicolas	ROLLAND Sabine	FRA - FRA	52.81
13	UZUNHASAN Mert	GUMRUKCUOGLU Lale	TUR - TUR	52.72
14	TRAVIS Barbara	REYNOLDS Peter	AUS - AUS	51.87
15	BEDOUEZ Pierre	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	FRA - FRA	51.83
16	WROBEL Michal	SUSZANOWICZ Natalia	POL - POL	51.51
17	ZOBU Ahu	ARONOV Victor	TUR - BUL	51.45
18	LEVY Anne-Frederique	GOUBIN Thierry	FRA - FRA	51.42
19	DUGUET Michel	DUGUET Marlene	FRA - FRA	51.17
20	OLSEN Svein Arild Naas	SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	NOR - DEN	51.12
21	USZYNSKI Wojtek	WHEELER Anna	POL - FRA	51.10
22	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA	50.93
23	HOFTANISKA Thor Erik	VIST Gunn Tove	ENG - NOR	50.70
24	GOODMAN Peter	MACHALE Aoife	IRL - IRL	50.66
25	BYLUND Dan	STROMBERG Helena	SWE - SWE	50.64
26	HAGEN Eskil	BLAAGESTAD Lise	NOR - NOR	50.48
27	SUZER Ugurcan	ATES Ebru	TUR - TUR	50.42
28	MERCAN Nese	AKSUYEK Ender	TUR - TUR	50.20
29	MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	ROM - ROM	49.69
30	BEAUVILLAIN Edouard	VITETTA Michele	FRA - FRA	49.19
31	TIHANE Aivar	IHER Mirjam	EST - EST	48.96
32	LANGELAND Aase	EIDE Harald	NOR - NOR	48.69
33	HAMORI Zsuzsa	HONYEK Andras	HUN - HUN	48.67
34	MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta	LASZCZUK Jaroslaw	POL - POL	48.63
35	YILMAZ M.Gokhan	NAHMIYAS Rakel	TUR - TUR	48.58
36	BERNARD Julien	PEPIC Selena	FRA - SER	48.42
37	SCHANKA Martin	KOHUTOVA Lucie	CZE - CZE	48.26
38	LAVAT Eric	POUSSOU Geraldine	FRA - FRA	48.14
39	STUYCK Dominique	BAHBOUT Sam	BEL - BEL	47.89
40	BREWIAK Grazyna	LATOS Tomasz	POL - POL	47.64
41	BAHNIKOVA Eva	BAHNIK Petr	CZE - CZE	47.57
42	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	47.17
43	BURAS Krzysztof	SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL	47.11
44	EFRAIMSSON Bengt-Erik	ZACK EFRAIMSSON Anna	SWE - SWE	47.03
45	OZBAY Tolga	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	46.95
46	KARLYKOV Petro	REITMANN Marina	UKR - UKR	46.80
47	NATT Shahzaad	LEEMING India	ENG - ENG	46.80
48	TARDY Stephane	MICHEL Sophie	MON - FRA	46.75
49	CAMPAGNANO Debora	HUIBAN Jean-Marc	ITA - FRA	46.14
50	SAUTAUX Monika	SZCZEPANSKI Radoslaw	POL - POL	46.06
51	LOBRY Francis	APPERTET Micheline	FRA - FRA	45.95
52	ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	ISR - ISR	45.73
53	KOKTEN Namik	ALUF Tuna	TUR - TUR	45.72
54	GOBEKLI Altug	TOKER Fatma Dicle	TUR - TUR	43.32
55	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	FREEMAN Jacob	FRA - CAN	42.75
56	GODFREY Lizzie	GIAVARINI Rene	FRA - FRA	42.34

# Results - Mixed Pairs Semifinal B

1	QUERAN Euriell	DEPROUW Michael	FRA - FRA	60.11
2	SCHIRESON Olivia	VALLET Esteban	USA - FRA	57.56
3	ROSENBERG Michael	ROSENBERG Debbie	USA - USA	57.29
4	BODIS Gyula	SZUCS Villo	HUN - HUN	56.86
5	LYBAEK Astrid Steen	BOLVIKEN Erik	NOR - NOR	56.70
6	VANDERVORST Mike	MOMMAERTS Laure	BEL - BEL	55.87
7	BERTHEAU Peter	ANDERSSON Ann-Sophie	SWE - SWE	55.45
8	POON Hua	MIN Grace Sangwon	SIN - KOR	54.96
9	BARDEN Paul	ROBINSON Claire	ENG - ENG	54.29
10	RUS Gregor	DRNOVSEK Tina	SLO - SLO	54.09
11	BASKAN Burak	SALHON Riva	TUR - TUR	54.05
12	HOMME Marianne	HOMME Egil	NOR - NOR	54.00
13	HARDING Marianne	GILLIS Simon	NOR - ENG	53.57
14	HOYLAND Sven Olai	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	53.47
15	BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	ISR - ISR	53.30
16	PETELKO Lia	RETTOR Koren	ISR - ISR	53.25
17	TALYIGAS Peter	HEGEDUS Orsolya	HUN - HUN	53.17
18	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	STOKKVIK Dag-Jorgen	NOR - NOR	52.84
19	MERCIL Yasemin	ARSLAN Mustafa	TUR - TUR	52.74
20	BOCKEN Patrick	MIERZWA Aleksandra	BEL - BEL	52.42
21	HAUSEUX Francois	STAS Marie-Francoise	BEL - BEL	52.14
22	LANGER Darina	GWINNER Hans-Herman	SUI - GER	51.74
23	MAUBERQUEZ Eric	MONOD Emmanuelle	FRA - FRA	51.66
24	SORESINI Antonella	GUGLIELMI Enrico	ITA - ITA	51.36
25	BREKKA Geir	LINDSTROEM Mona	NOR - NOR	51.33
26	DELESTRE Blandine	DELESTRE Daniel	FRA - FRA	51.31
27	PAPAZISSIS Constantine	ARSLANOGLU Marianthi	GRE - GRE	51.26
28	Iavicoli Federico	DI LORENZO Anastasia	ITA - ITA	50.08
29	KANDEMIR Ismail	NUHOGLU Sevil	TUR - TUR	50.06
30	ALP Zeynep	KEPEKCI Mehmet Faruk	TUR - TUR	49.82
31	SIMANAITIENE Sonata	GRIGORAITIS Ramunas	LTU - LTU	49.60
32	RIMBAUD Laurence	RIMBAUD Pierre	FRA - FRA	49.48
33	ELLIA Emmanuel	CELERIER Patricia	FRA - FRA	49.27
34	KOVACHEV Valentin	MARQUARDT Diana	BUL - USA	48.66
35	ZUCCHINI Giancarlo	AZZIMONTI Annarita	ITA - ITA	48.64
36	WRANG Frederic	KWON Haeryung	SWE - KOR	48.47
37	SEALE Catherine	HELNESS Fredrik	ENG - NOR	48.38
38	MORAES Jose	ARRAIANO Rita	POR - POR	48.19
39	OZER Ahmet Murat	KANLIKILIC Ferda	TUR - TUR	47.83
40	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN	47.65
41	BELLEFROID Patrick	MENARD Sophie	FRA - FRA	47.63
42	OZTURK Guzide	ELER Cuneyt	TUR - TUR	47.46
43	DANCHAUD Mauricette	CHAPUIS Christian	FRA - FRA	47.15
44	GHOSN Rita	BRAENDVANG Morten	LIB - NOR	46.96
45	AYDAR Yalcin	YILMAZ Zeynep	TUR - TUR	46.74
46	MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	SUI - SUI	46.66
47	ERGIN Pinar	EROL Burak	TUR - TUR	46.07
48	McGEE Antoinette	McGEE Tos	IRL - IRL	45.49
49	PHELAN John	PHELAN Lucy	IRL - IRL	45.22
50	HENNER Christal	IVATURY Uday	USA - USA	45.19
51	BOHNSACK Susanne	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER	45.05
52	TAUBE Aire	DAHL Leevi	EST - EST	44.28
53	LIBBRECHT Wilfried	SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	FRA - FRA	43.71
54	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN	43.33
55	CAUMEL Jean Patrick	MARECHAL Monique	FRA - FRA	42.83
56	SOHTORIK Yusuf	ERENGIL Yasemin	TUR - TUR	42.46
57	DOWLING-LONG Hilary	STEWART Peter	IRL - IRL	42.17
58	ENGEL Zvi	SAVRANSKY Ziva	BEL - BEL	40.52

# Results - Mixed BAM

After Round 23 the ranking is:

1	XANADU	169.00
2	FERM	156.00
3	APAHEILI	154.20
4	BRIDGE 24 MIXED	151.00
5	54FUN	148.00
6	BRENO	147.80
7	ALPERT	144.00
8	COOPER	142.40
9	ORCA	142.00
10	NETHERLANDS 4	139.60
11	SWEDEN 2	139.40
12	BRIDGESCANNER MIXED	138.00
13	EX S	136.00
14	JUST MIXED	135.70
15	MUNICH	133.00
16	EPSILON	131.00
17	ARROW	129.00
18	EYTHORSDDOTTIR	125.30
19	KNOTTENBELT	125.00
	XYZ	125.00
21	SWISS MIXT TEAM	124.00
22	TCHIN TCHIN	118.00
23	BV WALDSOLMS	106.00
24	BEATUS	103.00

## 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](mailto:anna@jannersten.com)



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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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President, World Bridge Federation

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WBF President Emeritus



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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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