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Plenty of Close Shaves



*The Boys in the Backroom
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PRIZE GIVING

The Prize-Giving Ceremony of the Women Teams will take place in Hall 2 of the Venue on Thursday 15 June at 20:00. Cocktails at the end.

The Round of 32 in the Open Teams Championships featured some near run things. **Texan Aces** needed a last board game swing to oust **Sandfia**, as did **Lankveld** against **Chokolata**.

In the Women's quarter finals **Baker** and **Galatasaray SK** had a relatively easy passage into the semifinals, but **Green** had to work a little harder to get past **France Dames** while the favourites, **Tri Polar** needed a terrific last set to overcome the youthful **Teamnl Women**.

In the Open BAM it is **Les Fringants** who are setting the pace ahead of **Gillis & PSG**.

The Open Pairs sees **Bart Nab** and **Veri Kilijan** leading the way ahead of **Berk Basaran** and **Yusuf Sohtorik**, then **Haojun Shi** and **Baisong Shan**.

In the Women's Pairs **Jessica Larsson** and **Susanna Gross** finished the day on top, chased by **Ebru Ates** and **Tijen Ozlu** then **Hila Levi** and **Adi Asulin**.

OLYMPIC ESPORTS WEEK

Don't forget to Register for the **Online Bridge Olympic Esports Week, June 19/25.**

For details see the press release published at pages 4-5.



BOARD-A-MATCH

The Board-A-Match Open Teams will be played over four days of qualification, followed by a one day final. There might be a carry-over from the qualification to the Final, which is expected to be played by fourteen teams, including drop ins from the KO semifinals (later registrations may lead to a different number though). Teams dropping into the qualification at any stage, will be awarded as carry-over the average score at that moment (e.g. on the first day the average score was 48 VPs: that is the score awarded to the drop ins).

Results - OPEN TEAMS - Round of 32

1	ZIMMERMANN	149	1	ZIMMERMANN
	MIKADINHO	93		
2	DE BOTTON	120	2	DAISY CHAIN
	DAISY CHAIN	146		
3	VINCI	176	3	VINCI
	CROATIA	136		
4	VIDEV	138	4	VIDEV
	FRANCE PURPLE	122		
5	TEXAN ACES	111	5	TEXAN ACES
	SANDFIA	109		
6	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE	130	6	PATCHWORK DYNAMITE
	PAULISSEN	89		
7	BRENO	129	7	BRENO
	DUMBOVICH	93		
8	FRANCE GREEN	132	8	FRANCE GREEN
	BV WALDSOLMS	80		
9	SCORWAY	158	9	SCORWAY
	ZAZA BOYS	115		
10	TEAM BLACK	184.5	10	TEAM BLACK
	ORCA	121		
11	VINCIGUERRA	109	11	VINCIGUERRA
	EKIN MADEN	76		
12	PARYPACK	123	12	MAVERICKS
	MAVERICKS	138		
13	CHOKOLATA	96	13	LANKVELD
	LANKVELD	110		
14	MAURITIUS	171	14	MAURITIUS
	TEAM FUNBRIDGE	78		
15	MORAN	117	15	STREET
	STREET	135		
16	ROSENTHAL	147	16	ROSENTHAL
	MELI MELO	69		

Results - WOMEN TEAMS - QUARTERFINAL

1	TRI POLAR	145
	TEAMNL WOMEN	109
2	GALATASARAY SK	132
	STEPHY HELLES LADIES	98
3	FRANCE DAMES	105
	BAKER	149
4	MOTHERS N DAUGHTERS	97
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1	TRI POLAR
	GALATASARAY SK
2	BAKER
	GREEN

Editor's Log

Mark Horton



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I suspect just about every country in the world has a version of the television series *Masterchef*. In the original version amateur chefs compete hoping to win the title, which can have life changing results. There is also a professional version. As each series moves towards its climax there is always a scenario where the remaining chefs cook for a large group of celebrities. At the end they emerge from the kitchen where they have worked for many hours to receive the well-deserved applause of the diners.

All their work is done behind the scenes, the fruit of their labours being seen only by the guests. It is much the same with a major bridge championship. The players arrive each day to find everything in place, without perhaps appreciating the immense amount of work which goes on before, during and after the event. Equipment must be transported to the venue and then set up in readiness for the arrival of the players. By the same token when the event is over it has to be dismantled, packed and returned to base ready for the next event. Those performing behind-the-scenes deserve the utmost praise, working long hours every day to ensure that your memories will be positive.

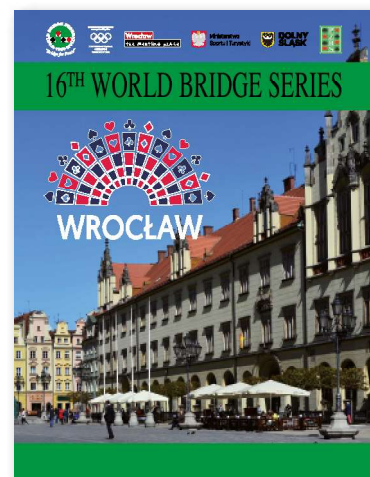
I would like to suggest that this Wednesday morning just before the start of play at 10.00, you stand and

applaud these unsung heroes for one minute as an appreciation of their unstinting efforts on your behalf.

If everything goes according to plan the Wroclaw World Championship book will finally make an appearance today. Copies will be on sale at the concessions.

On route to the venue on Tuesday, it struck Per Jannersten that Eric Jannerstens have attended all European Championships since 1933, bar one (when his father was dying). To make sense of this you need to know that Per's given name is Eric, even though he has always been called Per (or Pelle, which is according to the Swedish standard for nicknames; Carl becomes Calle; Oscar becomes Olle, etc.).

The first European Championship that he recalls is Vienna 1957, though he also also remembers Baden-Baden 1963 where he enjoyed the same weather as here in Strasbourg.





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PRESS RELEASE



You may have heard that the World Bridge Federation has been invited to the Olympic Esports Week ("OEW") in Singapore, June 19-25, organized by the International Olympic Committee.

The WBF, together with the platform providers BBO and Funbridge, will have a pavilion at the Free-To-Play Zone ("FTPZ") the IOC is providing, June 22-25, for a limited number (10-15) of its recognised "International Federations" during the OEW. It is a great achievement and honour for Bridge to have been selected as one of them, to showcase our progress and activities in the field of electronic sports.

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

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

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

You may also be aware that Bridge is an official sport in the upcoming Asian Games.

We thank you for your cooperation in this effort, which we believe can bring substantial benefits to the whole bridge community. However, nothing will be gained if we don't actively make use of all these promotional tools at all levels.

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

Qualification phase

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

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

Thursday off

Final

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

Ranking according to the average of the best five.

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

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

More Information

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

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

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



Open Teams Swiss Round 13

On Monday afternoon, the tension was mounting for the players, because there were only three rounds left before the sheep would be separated from the goats. So, for many teams, there was everything to play for, and maybe even more than that. In this report, I will have to stick again to the matches at the top tables, i.e. between teams already pretty certain of making it to the sheep sector.

My two match to dwell upon thus are: Zimmermann, the leaders at this point, v France Green and Partypack v Black. From both the other two matches on display, Breno v Scorway and Texan Aces v Ekin Maden, just one board is going to appear later on.

On the opening board, only overtricks were at stake; but this one came next:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Stokka	Hult	Wrang
—	—	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♣	Dble*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the Partypack v Black match, Hallberg tried to muddy the waters by responding 1♠ to partner's opening bid but this did not disturb the Partypackers at all. North led the ♠A and from there, down two was the obvious result, +300 to Partypack.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Bertheau	Ekenberg	Black
—	—	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

I can only hope the given Closed Room auction was not muddled at all. However, the final contract here also went (one) down, obviously, for another +100 and 9 IMPs to Partypack.

On the next board, Partypack continued to live up to their team name.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Stokka	Hult	Wrang
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

A normal enough contract, one would think though I'm not sure why Hallberg did not pass at his second turn. Ten tricks, Black +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Bertheau	Ekenberg	Black
—	—	—	2♦
Dble	2♥	3NT	All Pass



That's what you get with pre-empts from time to time: the opponents reach a thin game and might even make it, too. This was such a case.

South led a spade to the jack and declarer's king. A diamond went to dummy's king and North's ace and when North continued the ♠Q, declarer could unblock the ♠10 to create an extra, much needed, entry for dummy's diamonds later on. So it went: ♠K, ♦Q. then a diamond to North's jack, heart to dummy's king, club finesse to South's jack and a second, this time winning, club finesse later on. Just made, Partypack +600 and 10 IMPs to them.

In the Zimmermann v. France Green match, we also saw a big swing.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L Rombaut</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>J Rombaut</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

North led a heart to the jack and declarer's king. Diamonds came next: low to the queen and low to North's jack. Another heart went to the nine and South's ace and when South continued a club to partner's king and dummy's ace, declarer ended up with 10 tricks. France Green +180.

In the replay, they actually reached game...



Simon Ekenberg

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East's 1♠ was a transfer to 1NT.

The play went along the same lines as in the Open Room but when South won his ♥A, he did not continue a club but tried a spade. Klukowski took North's ♠Q with dummy's king and continued a low spade to his ace, the only way to get to his hand. Now a third round of diamonds put North on play to make a helpful return. A correct guess in clubs after North's heart to dummy's nine eventually led to ten tricks here as well. Zimmermann +630 and 10 IMPs to them.

The next deal was amusing, I thought:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, Hallberg opened 1NT as dealer and played there. North led a spade to South's ace and when South returned partner's suit, the defenders got six spade tricks followed by three top clubs. Down three, Partypack +300

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Black</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Dble
All Pass			

Here, East was apparently hoping to find a better spot than 1NT. He was right; at about half the tables all over the room East did the same and E/W managed to end up in a making heart contract.

However, when South made a lead-directing double, everybody was happy. When South led a diamond and continued the suit after winning his first top trump, declarer ended up with an overtrick for +380 and 12 IMPs on an innocent enough looking board.

In the Zimmermann v. France Green match, Leo Rombaut as West also opened 1NT and played there. South won partner's spade lead but before returning partner's suit, he first clarified the club situation for his partner by cashing the ♣K. This way, West could escape for only down two. Zimmermann +200.

In the Closed Room, East tried to find a better spot as well.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	All Pass

When the 4-4 heart fit remained undisclosed, the final contract actually went down five on a spade lead and continuation, after declarer did not take a possible 4-1 club break into account. France Green +500 and 7 IMPs to them.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

After a routine game on #5, we saw more action on the next board of the Partypack v Black match.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Stokka</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
—	—	1♠	2♥
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

A quite normal contract but with all the finesses working, declarer easily made all 13 tricks. Partypack +440.

In the other room, Bertheau showed the way how to tackle this type of hands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Black</i>
—	—	2♠	3♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Simple and well-timed. Black +920 and 10 IMPs to them.

At this point, I am going to include the biggest swing in the Texan Aces v Ekin Maden match. Alas, it was a case of gross overbidding...

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

In the Open Room, the Aces bid like this:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>	<i>Yilmaz</i>	<i>Padhye</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

One overtrick in a normal contract, Texan Aces +120. Nothing special.

It all happened in the replay:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bonin</i>	<i>Ozcan</i>	<i>Guichet</i>	<i>Kaya</i>
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

A likely upgrade and a slight overbid resulted in a far too high final contract. Down three, still undoubled but +300 and 9 IMPs to the Texan Aces.



The next deal is a lesson in pre-empting:

Board 8. Dealer West. None

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

Zimmermann v France Green

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>L Rombaut</i>	<i>S Drijver</i>	<i>J Rombaut</i>	<i>Brink</i>
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

Bas Drijver took action at very much the right moment. Down six without any problem. Clubs, diamonds and then trump tricks. Zimmermann +1400.



Peter Fredin

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Levy</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A nice application of the Hamman rule: “When 3NT is an option, just bid it”

On a low spade lead, Mauberquez made 12 tricks but his +490 still cost his team 14 IMPs.

By contrast, both West players in the Breno v Scorway match opened 3♠, played there and went just three down. We know why but we won't tell you, as you can probably imagine, dear reader...

Back again to Partypack v Black.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hallberg</i>	<i>Stokka</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Wrang</i>
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

On the ♦Q lead, taken by partner's ace, and a diamond back to the nine and declarer's king, Wrang's job had become much easier. He could return a diamond to develop one more trick in the suit now and ended up with an overtrick. Partypack +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fredin</i>	<i>Bertheau</i>	<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Black</i>
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

On the same lead and continuation, Black made 9 tricks for +150 and a 10-IMP loss.

The final board of the set produced another game swing to the Party boys.

Board 10. Dealer East. All

♠ K 9 7 5
 ♥ 10 8 3
 ♦ K 9 6 5 4
 ♣ 6

♠ A Q 8
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ A Q 8 7
 ♣ K 10 7 3

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



♠ 6 3
 ♥ J 6 4
 ♦ J 10 3 2
 ♣ A Q J 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hallberg	Stokka	Hult	Wrang
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♦	Dble
Rdbl	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South's double showed majors so North bid spades and led hearts. Bingo! One down when the diamond finesse failed. Partypack +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Bertheau	Ekenberg	Black
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1NT	Dble
Rdbl	2♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Here too, South's double showed majors but with East the declarer, it was an entirely different story. South led the ♠J, in view of partner's preferences, but declarer took the ace, crossed in clubs and finessed the ♦Q. North won his king; but what now? In view of South's ♥7 on the low diamond, North tried a heart. However South, not sure of the situation, ducked this to declarer's king rather than win his ace and continue spades to set the contract. After winning his ♥K, declarer immediately ran home for another +600 and 12 more IMPs to Partypack. They thus won the match 55-11 or 19.66 – 0.34 VP.

The final result of the other match: Zimmermann v France Green: 38-9 or 17.68 – 2.32 VP.

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Open Teams Round 15

After the first five rounds of the Swiss Qualification in the Open Teams, one of the favourites, Zimmermann, was languishing in 45th place. After 14 rounds they had risen to first, progressing five places per round. They faced the second-place team, Texan Aces, in a shoot out to see who would lead the rankings.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vallet</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bedouet</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the king of hearts which declarer took immediately and fired one back. Now declarer could not be prevented from ruffing a heart in dummy and so making his contract

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Guichet</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bonin</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

I can find no reason in the Convention card for the 2♥ bid, it might have been a BBO operator misclick for 2♦. West found the excellent lead of a trump – Brother Hubert would have been proud – to prevent declarer ruffing a heart in dummy. He was reduced to hoping to find something good in the diamond suit and when this failed to materialise he could only

muster nine tricks. A trump was the only lead to break the contract. Cashing the ace of diamonds and then switching to a trump does not work. Declarer wins the trump switch in hand and plays a small heart, the opposition must now play a second trump to North's ace to prevent the heart ruff. The simplest line is to lead a high diamond, East must ruff this otherwise South discards a losing heart and now has a winning diamond in dummy to take care of the remaining heart loser. So South overruffs and plays a small heart to rectify the count – yes you guessed right a double squeeze will now magically happen; Diamonds and clubs against West and hearts and clubs against East. 12 IMPs to Zimmermann.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vallet</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bedouet</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	1♥	Dble*
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♣
3♦	Pass	Pass	4♣
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣, 12-14 bal or 18-20 bal or 12+ 4+♣ unbal

Declarer was doomed when the opening lead was the ♦9. He won in dummy and played ace and another club ruffed in dummy. He returned to hand with the ace of trumps to ruff another club. When he tried to cash another diamond South ruffed and the defence took their two spade tricks along with two trumps for two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Guichet</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bonin</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
2♣*	Pass	2♦	3♣
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

I know West plays 2♣ here as a transfer with some partners but I do not have a convention card for this pairing. Although West later showed his heart support there was no appetite for game. Against the minor-suit contract East led the ♦2 (low from a doubleton) to West's king. The heart return saw East take the ace and play another. In hand, declarer led a club to the queen and when another was led to the king East took the ace and played a third round. Now declarer was two off – 'but the spade finesse works' I hear you cry, and so it does but the rules state you need to be in the opposite hand to lead towards it but now there was no entry to hand. Declarer needed to play a spade when he was in hand with a heart to limit his loss to one off. 12 IMPs to Zimmermann,

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vallet</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Bedouet</i>	<i>Brink</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	3♠
4♣*	4♠	5♦	5♠
5NT	6♠	Dble	Pass
7♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			
1♣	2+♣		
4♣	♦		

N/S applied the maximum pressure. West appears to be taking a gamble that East has a first-round heart control, unfortunately there was insufficient bidding

space to find out. Not an unreasonable gamble, after all partner has opened vulnerable and is known to have a maximum of five points in the minors. A question you may well not have discussed fully with partner is the double of 6♠. Is it penalty?, spade control? And then what would a pass have meant? Whatever the agreements, the ace of hearts was in the hand on lead and so the contract was without hope. Had the lead been a spade the contract can be made by ruffing two spades in the short hand but relies on being able to reach the other twice in clubs, which in turn means that the diamonds must split 4-1.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Klukowski</i>	<i>Guichet</i>	<i>Kalita</i>	<i>Bonin</i>
—	Pass	2♣*	3♦*
Dble	4♦	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
2♣	Precision		
3♦	Majors		

I am not confident that the auction recorded on BBO was accurate save for the first and last bids. It did not appear that E/W had any ambitions of slam. Declarer quickly wrapped up twelve tricks and must have thought that IMPs would be gained by the opposition but it was in fact 13 IMPs to Zimmermann.

At the end of the match Zimmermann had won comprehensively 19.22- 0.78 VP leaving them at the head of the rankings at the conclusion of the qualification stage.



Sjoert Brink



Open Teams Round of 32 (1)

Zimmermann v Mikadinho

This will be my first look at the Zimmermann team. Mikadinho will provide tough opposition and I am looking forward to the session. Here we go!

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhaegen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Two 13-counts and they bid to the excellent 6♣. Bravo, is what I say! Even though the route there was an after-dark journey, totally unknown to me. Luc Tijssen won the heart lead with dummy's ace and finessed the ♣J to South's king. After a trump return, twelve tricks were claimed, for +920. (This was the only table in either event where 6♣ was reached. Meli Melo's Franck Riehm was the only defender to find a spade lead against 5♣, holding declarer to 11 tricks. Editor)

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Van de Paverd</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
—	—	1♣	1♦
Dble*	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

At adverse vulnerability, both the 1♦ overcall and the 3♦ pre-emptive raise were not actions that would meet with general approval. North-South rated them as a price worth paying, to upset some unerring sequence from their illustrious opponents. They were duly caught when Brink's double was left in by Bas Drijver

"They were playing with fire and they've got burnt," was my commentary on the matter. We expected an accurate defence and that's exactly what we got. Brink led the queen and ace of hearts and switched to the ♣8. Drijver put up the ♣A, after some thought, and took a third heart trick with the jack. The ♠10 switch ran to dummy's queen, and East rose with the ace when a trump was played. A spade to the ace and a spade ruff by East with the ♦9, were followed by the ♦K.

Declarer claimed five tricks for a loss of 1100. That was only 5 IMPs to Zimmermann after the slam bid at the other table.

Take my word for it – Boards 4 through 10 fully deserve to be brushed under the carpet. That will not be the fate of the remaining boards of this session. Despite the fact that lunch is increasingly on my mind, I will cover all four of them.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhaegen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	3♠*	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

Michal Nowosadzki's 3♠ asked partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper. Tijssen applied pressure with his double, and North backed out into 4♦, ending the auction. The untouchable heart game was left to wither on the vine.

The ♣K lead drew the ♣Q from partner and the ♠J switch was covered by the king and ace. When queen and another spade came next, declarer ruffed with the ace and claimed his +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Van de Pavverd</i>	<i>S.Drijver</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
2♦*	Dble*	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Three tricks were available against 5♣, but North understandably reckoned that a diamond game would have some chance.

Drijver led the ♠J, covered by the king and ace. Brink then scored his ♠Q, all following. Time stood still while he considered what to do next. A third spade might effect a trump promotion. If that was the target, West might need to cash a club first, to prevent declarer ditching a club when the defenders' trump trick was promoted. As the cards lay, of course, a third spade would have conceded the contract.

To loud applause from the kibitzers, despite watching their screens, Brink produced the ♣J, drawing partner's ♣2. Declarer ruffed high on the next round of spades (even ♦1053 with East would have been promoted)



Pierre Zimmermann

and conceded one down. It had been an exciting board to watch.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhaegen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
3♣	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	4♦
All Pass			

Most of the world's bridge teachers would collapse in shock after West's 3♣ pre-empt. Where were the '3 of the top 5 honours'? Did he not realize that the 'no 4-card major on the side' rule applied also to 5-card majors?

"We'd better not watch any more, class. The standard in this event is quite awful!"

On the unexpected lie of the cards, 3NT was in fact cold for an overtrick. Tijssen's penalty double triggered an unsurprising retreat to 4♦, however, and ten tricks were made when the ♥A was onside. That was +130 to Zimmermann.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Van de Pavverd</i>	<i>S.Drijver</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass	3♦	3♠	3NT
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Brink's 4♠ was admirable, and it triggered a long pause from Nijssen in the South seat. The spade game could be beaten only by a trump lead (it would be two down on a trump continuation). Meanwhile 4NT would be a freak make, even on a club lead. Eventually, Nijssen settled for 5♦. Had he tried 4NT, he would surely have been doubled into a diamond retreat, anyway. After a club lead, East took his side's three tricks for one down. It had been another excellent board to kibitz.



The attention-grabbing boards kept on coming:

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhaegen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	1♣	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

A spade lead to South's ace was followed by a club to North's king. Declarer won the ♣9 return with the ace, cashed the ♠K and ruffed a spade in dummy. Trumps were played next and +620 soon claimed. Was there any reason to expect a swing?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Van de Paverd</i>	<i>S.Drijver</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
—	1♣	1♦	1♥*
Dble	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

Was a natural 2♥ available to West on the first round? If so, it would perhaps be a better move than

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indicating hearts with a double. East might have found a raise. Brink bid 2NT at his next turn, drawing 3♥ from partner and 3♠ from South. With a spade shortage indicated across the table, we were expecting 4♥ from Brink. No, he passed it out. Two down undoubled was the result and that was 9 IMPs to Mikadinho.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Verhaegen</i>	<i>Nowosadzki</i>	<i>Tijssen</i>	<i>Zimmermann</i>
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

With 13 likely top tricks, this was a disappointing stop in game. Many pairs use 2NT as a Blackout bid by responder, on all hands that are not good enough for game. Any other bid then becomes game-forcing. 2NT cannot have been Blackout here since Zimmermann raised to 3NT. With his massive ♦K, North seems to be worth another try, maybe 4♦ or 4NT. The ♣K was led and 13 tricks soon claimed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brink</i>	<i>Van de Paverd</i>	<i>S.Drijver</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

That was a better auction, worthy of the 11-IMP swing their way. Only 5 pairs out of 32 stopped in game. The 7 pairs who bid and made a grand slam deserve our congratulations.

The first session had ended in splendid fashion, with Zimmermann leading Mikadinho by 29 IMPs to 24.



Open Teams Round of 32 (2)

Daisy Chain v De Botton

With Daisy Chain (France/Italy/Denmark/Switzerland) and De Botton (England/Norway) having finished ninth and tenth in the Swiss qualifying stage, one would expect the head-to-head match between the two to be a close-run affair. We joined hundreds of kibitzers watching the action live on BBO VuGraph as the second stanza began with Daisy Chain ahead 40-22 after the opening 14 boards.

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

♠ —
♥ A 10 9 7 5 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ K J 5 3

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	4♥	4♠	5♥
5♠	?		

What action, if any, do you take?

Next, with neither side vulnerable you hold as South:

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♠	2♦	?

What do you bid?

While you consider those, we join the action on the opening deal of the match. High-level competitive situations often present the most difficult decisions, and they also often swing large numbers of IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Madala</i>	<i>De Botton</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	2♦
4♥	Dble	4♠	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

Artur Malinowski did not have a support double available to show his three-card heart fit, so he chose to rebid his moderate diamond suit. When Janet



de Botton then doubled West's 4♥ splinter bid, Malinowski had a tough choice over East's 4♠. With his trumps well-placed, he expects 4♠ to go down, but the penalty is unlikely to be enough to offset the vulnerable game bonus that may be available in hearts.

Agustin Madala decided that he had described his hand in terms of offense, and doubled 5♥ to show some defensive values. Now the spotlight shifted onto Dennis Bilde in the East seat. Leading either a diamond or a spade would allow declarer to get home in 5♥x, but Bilde accurately fished out the ♣4. De Botton could not afford to ruff this in dummy, so she pitched a spade and West won with the ♣A. Declarer subsequently ruffed two clubs in dummy, but there were still two diamonds to be lost, so she was one down. N/S -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Setton</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	4♥	4♠	5♥
5♠	6♥	Dble	All Pass

Pierre Franceschetti's first-round jump to the four-level seems rather wild to this humble scribe, but it certainly injected pace into the auction. Franceschetti was thus faced with the first of today's problems at his second turn.

Pass would, presumably, be forcing, inviting partner to bid 6♥, and that seems to be about right. On this layout, of course, South would have no doubt about the right action and she would have collected the +300 available from 5♠x and the 11 IMPs that

went with it.

Franceschetti took the unilateral action to bid on. Thor Erik Hoftaniska's ♠A opening lead was not the best start for the defence, but declarer still had two unavoidable diamond losers. N/S -200 and an exciting push to open the set.

Shortly thereafter came a bidding test for the N/S pairs. Both South players had to answer the second of the problems posed above.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Setton</i>
—	1♠	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Hilda Setton answered the problem with a simple spade raise. When Franceschetti then competed to the three-level, Setton raised to game. Sniffing out the inconsistency in the auction, Thomas Charlsen



Agustin Madala

Janet De Botton

Artur Malinowski

Dennis Bilde

applied a well-judged double.

It was possible to let this contract through on the opening lead, but Hoftaniska got the defence off to the best start by opening a trump to ten, jack and king. Declarer led his club towards dummy, but Hoftaniska stepped in with the ♣A and played a second round of trumps. Franceschetti could discard one red-suit loser on the ♣K and take one diamond ruff in dummy, but he still had to lose two hearts and two diamonds. N/S -300 looked like an excellent board for the Norwegians.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	De Botton	Bilde	Malinowski
—	1♠	2♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Artur Malinowski has his own set of rules, and his bidding often does not conform to the ‘norm’, but it’s hard to argue with success. Many would consider this South hand too weak to bid 2♥. Malinowski not only bid 2♥ but then raised to game when De Botton competed to the three-level. And, quite right he was too, as there was no defence to 4♥.

West led the ♦K. Malinowski ruffed and ran the ♥J to East’s queen. Bilde returned a trump, declarer winning in his hand when Madala did not contribute his ♥K to the trick. Malinowski continued with the ♠10 to the ace and the club from dummy. East played low and Malinowski won with the ♣K. When both defenders followed to the ♠Q, declarer claimed ten tricks. N/S +420 and 12 IMPs to De Botton, more than halving the deficit.



Artur Malinowski

Both teams missed a chance to gain on the next deal...

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Franceschetti	Hoftaniska	Setton
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♠	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

Everyone bid what their hand was worth, and the end results was the Par contract.

The defence started with two rounds of clubs. Declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the jack and ace, and ruffed the third round of clubs. Cashing the ♠A revealed the position in that suit, but declarer recovered well, crossing to the ♦K, taking a winning heart finesse, cashing the ♥A and exiting with a third round of hearts. Charlsen could now ruff his remaining heart in dummy and the defenders could make the ♠Q at some point, but that was all. E/W +140.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	De Botton	Bilde	Malinowski
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♣	2♠	3♠
4♥	Dble	4♠	5♣
All Pass			

After the same start, Malinowski valued his maximum pass more highly than his counterpart at the other table. Whilst his 3♠ cue-bid carried his side into minus territory, it also persuaded Agustin Madala that his hand was worth game opposite a simple raise. De Botton was quite right to double 4♥, and it was perhaps surprising to see Malinowski choose not to defend. Perhaps he thought the double of 4♥ showed extra values rather than an interest in defending? The other big surprise was that neither

Madala nor Bilde could find a double of 5♣. That left De Botton to play for 50s. There were three of them: E/W +150 and probably both pairs at this table were happy to find that the deal was a push.

Our final deal was a bidding test for E/W...

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Madala	De Botton	Bilde	Malinowski
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

Dennis Bilde passed as Dealer and then jumped to 2NT facing his partner's 1♦ opening, so his hand was very tightly defined. When Madala offered 3NT as a contract, Bilde judged well that the minor honours in the red suits made his hand worth one

more try, but Madala was not interested opposite a flat 10-11 count. Perhaps had Bilde tried with 4♦ rather than 4NT, Madala might have looked more favourably upon his hand? E/W +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Charlsen	Franceschetti	Hoftaniska	Setton
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

After the same start, Hoftaniska made a clear slam try by going beyond 3NT. When he then confirmed his willingness to play in diamonds, Charlsen raised to slam.

Slam is a little better than the trump finesse. If the ♦K is onside then 6♦ has 12 easy tricks by simply conceding a trick to the ♥K. If the trump finesse fails, you have the (admittedly small) extra chance of finding the ♥K doubleton onside. (It's about the same as going all-in with top pair, top kicker only to find your opponent with small trips, but winning the pot when you complete your backdoor flush.) On this layout, it was that small extra chance that came home for declarer. E/W +1370 and 12 IMPs to De Botton.

Having begun the second stanza 18 IMPs behind, De Botton won the set 42-2 to take a 22-IMP lead (64-42) at the halfway point of the match. One gets the feeling that there is plenty of bridge still to be played in this one.

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18	CHEN Jun	HUO Shiyu	CHN - CHN	54.76
19	JACOB Nick	McALLISTER John Grayson	NZL - USA	54.60
20	UZUM Dogan	KIZILOK Omer	TUR - TUR	54.26
21	SJOQVIST Mans	SAFSTEN Johan	SWE - SWE	54.14
22	MATEOS-RUIZ Franck	RINGUET Pascal	FRA - FRA	54.13
23	KEAVENEY Gay	GLYNN Enda	IRL - IRL	53.98
24	CAUMEL Jean Patrick	DAVID Jacques	FRA - FRA	53.97
25	LEGRAS Remi	CHESNY Philippe	FRA - FRA	53.84
26	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	MAK Kwok-Fai	HKG - HKG	53.72
27	ASHE Steven	ZORANOVIC Jovana	USA - SER	53.70
28	VOZABAL David	SLEMR Jakub	CZE - CZE	53.70
29	MICHAUD-LARIVIERE Xavier	DE MENDEZ Thierry	MON - SUI	53.61
30	VOLHEJN Vit	MACURA Milan	CZE - CZE	53.56
31	BEAUMIER Dominique	CAILLIAU Ivan	FRA - FRA	53.29
32	VENTIN Juan Carlos	PALMA Antonio	ESP - POR	53.28
33	ARGELAZI Eliran	ROSENTHAL Lee	ISR - ISR	53.25
34	KOWALSKI Dariusz	SIELICKI Tomasz	POL - POL	53.21
35	LIE Terje	FASTING Espen C.	NOR - NOR	52.95
36	ZEITAK Aviv	KHUTORSKY Nir	ISR - ISR	52.88
37	WEISSELBERGER Yves	KHANFIR Samir	FRA - FRA	52.67
38	KERLERO DE ROSBO Marc	DUFFOUR Francois	FRA - FRA	52.57
39	MARILL Philippe	ZANASI Gabriele	FRA - ITA	52.47
40	BOWLES Andy	MOHANDES Shireen	ENG - ENG	52.38
41	VAHK Tonno	VAHK Jasper	EST - EST	52.33
42	KAYSER Christian	LACOUR Bernard	FRA - FRA	52.18
43	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	ROZWADOWSKI Wojciech	FRA - POL	52.02
44	COYNE Ciaran	WALSH David	IRL - IRL	51.79
45	LEVOY Quentin	CLAESSENS Jérôme	FRA - BEL	51.78
46	WILDAVSKY Adam	LIN Amber	USA - USA	51.76
47	JOURDAIN Jean-Francois	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	BEL - BEL	51.75
48	TEODORESCU Cornel	MORARU Dan	ROM - ROM	51.73
49	SIMANAITIENE Sonata	GRIGORAITIS Ramunas	LTU - LTU	51.70
50	KAPLAN Adam	TODD Robert	USA - USA	51.40
51	DESAGES Olivier	MOURGUES Jennifer	FRA - FRA	51.36
52	HARARI David	DOUSSOT Bernard	FRA - FRA	51.11
53	TRENKA Peter	KEMENY Gyorgy	HUN - HUN	50.75
54	BELLEFROID Patrick	VITETTA Michele	FRA - FRA	50.72
55	MOHOTA Basant	MOHOTA Anurag	IND - IND	50.67
56	DUGUET Michel	BOURVIS Thierry	FRA - FRA	50.45
57	RENSON Denis	DAVID Olivier	FRA - FRA	50.43
58	CHIPAIL Gheorghe	CONSTANTINESCU Razvan	ROM - ROM	50.40
59	COVALIU Sergiu	SHEFFY Ron	ISR - ISR	50.39
60	TJARNEMO Hakan	CARBONNIER Pierre	SWE - SWE	50.25
61	DINKIN Sam	FREEMAN Jacob	USA - CAN	50.07

Results - Open Pairs

62	HACKETT Justin	TAYLOR Martin	ENG - ENG	50.05
63	STRZEMECKI Wojciech	DOBRZYNSKI Maciej	POL - POL	49.93
64	JACOB Tom	MACE Brian	NZL - NZL	49.85
65	ZACK Yaniv	COHEN Ilan	ISR - ISR	49.67
66	TOLUN Reha	ONCEL Mehmet Ugur	TUR - TUR	49.58
67	ADAMIC Tomaz	DRINOVEC DRNOVSEK Barbara	SLO - SLO	49.50
68	SUZER Ugurcan	DEMIRSAN Murat	TUR - TUR	49.43
69	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	49.40
70	STEPINSKI Jeremi	HUTYRA Maciej	POL - POL	49.22
71	BAUSBACK Nikolas	SEITER Ansgar	GER - GER	49.20
72	LOBRY Francis	DELESTRE Daniel	FRA - FRA	49.12
73	HUYBRECHT Emile	WAUTERS Tom	BEL - BEL	48.94
74	BEKKOUCHE Nadia	DANIELSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN	48.83
75	GUENOUN Raphael	LAUGIER Bernard	MAR - FRA	48.79
76	PIIBELEHT Tiit Hendrik	PIIRISILD Riko	EST - EST	48.73
77	NEHMERT Pony Beate	DING Hong	GER - USA	48.55
78	SEN Tezcan	KAYTAZ Bulent	TUR - TUR	48.42
79	BOGUCKI Darek	KAVALENKA Andrei	POL - LTU	48.24
80	ANDERSEN Michael Krogh	JENSEN Bo	DEN - DEN	48.22
81	BARNE Steve	RAPOPORT Michel	FRA - USA	48.14
82	CLEMENTSSON Bonnie	CLEMENTSSON Jan	SWE - SWE	48.13
83	ILZINS Janis	BALODIS Martins	LAT - LAT	48.11
84	WEBER Stefan	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER	48.07
85	ZARKESCH Flora	BOEDDEKER Robert	GER - GER	47.91
86	BALIAN Jean-Paul	DEHEEGER Colin	FRA - FRA	47.56
87	LANGER Darina	GWINNER Hans-Herman	SUI - GER	47.35
88	PETELKO Lia	RETTOR Koren	ISR - ISR	47.33
89	TUNCOK Cenk	OZBAY Tolga	USA - TUR	47.30
90	PRUUL Karl-Markus	MAASIK Martin	LAT - LAT	47.02
91	CIMA Leonardo	BIANCHI Ettore	ITA - USA	46.71
93	BALASOVJS Juris	BETHERS Uldis	LAT - LAT	46.32
94	KVOCEK Juraj	VODICKA Martin	SVK - SVK	46.31
95	DEMUY Vincent	GOLD Marusa	USA - ENG	46.25
96	ALUF Sedat	KAYA Erdogan	TUR - TUR	46.23
97	ROMANOVSKA Maija	BETHERS Janis	LAT - LAT	46.22
98	MOLINA Philippe	GALINSKY Yoram	FRA - FRA	46.07
99	NARKIEWICZ Grzegorz	LATOMSKI Jacek	POL - POL	45.98
100	SABBAH Ofek	SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	ISR - ISR	45.82
101	KARLYKOV Petro	CHUMAK Yuliy	UKR - UKR	45.68
102	ZEEBERG Niels	KOLDING Viktor	DEN - DEN	45.62
103	HAUSEUX Francois	LEBAS MARC	BEL - BEL	45.60
104	BOEYKENS Leo	HUYBRECHT Hans	BEL - BEL	45.33
105	BAHCECI Hakan	AYDAR Yalcin	TUR - TUR	45.01
106	LOHAY Karol	HENC Marian	SVK - SVK	44.89
107	LECANTE Francois	RAIKO RAIKOVSKY Vadim	FRA - FRA	44.83
108	CLARET Michel	KIEFFER Jean Francois	FRA - FRA	44.79
109	DINC Sedat	OZKURT Kenan	TUR - TUR	44.70
110	METZDORFF Olivier	DOUGE Eric	FRA - FRA	44.58
111	MERCAN Nese	AKSUYEK Ender	TUR - TUR	44.50
112	PIGOT Peter Jr	O'GORMAN Derek	IRL - IRL	44.49
113	HANSSON Erik	MANN Castor	SWE - SWE	44.41
114	VON ARNIM Felix	SIEGEL Arne	GER - GER	44.06
115	KOWALSKI Apolinary	JANKAUSKAS Arunas	POL - LTU	43.34
116	TEGMEN Mehmet Alper	BASBILIR Mustafa	TUR - TUR	42.84
117	TSEYTLIN Igor	SHUSTERMAN Borys	UKR - UKR	42.72
118	KOVACHEV Valentin	KRAL Ronald Peter	BUL - USA	41.51
119	RENAUD Jacques	TAQUOI Jacques	SUI - FRA	41.37
120	BROUNS Marc	THYS Carine	BEL - BEL	40.41
121	CAMMARATA Michele	VALSEGA Cristiano	ITA - ITA	39.46
122	GONFREVILLE Jacques	COMMEROT Philippe	FRA - FRA	39.03

Results - Women Pairs

1	LARSSON Jessica	GROSS Susanna	SWE - ENG	60.07
2	ATES Ebru	OZLU Tijen	TUR - TUR	57.90
3	LEVI Hila	ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	57.40
4	ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	BOURQUARD Annik	FRA - FRA	56.90
5	HUGON Elisabeth	MONOD Emmanuelle	FRA - FRA	53.66
6	LESLIE Paula	REMEN Solvi	SCO - NOR	52.25
7	ONEILL Molly	WEINGOLD Joanne	USA - USA	52.08
8	HELNESS Gunn	LINDSTROEM Mona	NOR - NOR	51.83
9	HACKETT Barbara	NETTLETON Diana	GER - ENG	51.67
10	BALABANOVA Kamelia	BILLIET Cecilia	SUI - SUI	51.50
11	O'KEEFE-BROWN Rebecca	PENDER Gilda	IRL - IRL	51.08
12	NUHOGLU Sevil	ERENGIL Yasemin	TUR - TUR	50.88
13	CHENG Erna	WAELTI Vreni	SUI - SUI	50.33
14	SMYKALLA Gisela	DELLA MONTA Annaig	GER - GER	50.25
15	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	50.08
16	GODFREY Lizzie	DAUVERGNE Sophie	FRA - FRA	50.08
17	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	49.75
18	PHELAN Lucy	MITCHELL Louise	IRL - IRL	48.50
19	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	48.42
20	PETELKO Adel	ROITMAN Ziv	ISR - ISR	48.09
21	RIGNEY Teresa	PART Siobhan	IRL - IRL	47.84
22	GHOSN Rita	PAULISSEN Severine	LIB - FRA	47.50
23	BENZ Janine	JUSTITZ Marijke	SUI - SUI	46.65
24	CLENCH Gilly	GREENWOOD Diane	WAL - IRL	46.59
25	GROMANN Ingrid	WENNING Karin	GER - GER	46.25
26	KANDOLU Ozlem	ELMAS Tuna	TUR - TUR	46.17
28	MEYERSON Elianna	DUC Laurence	SUI - SUI	43.01
29	SIMON Nicole	LAMENDIN Marie Christine	FRA - FRA	38.77

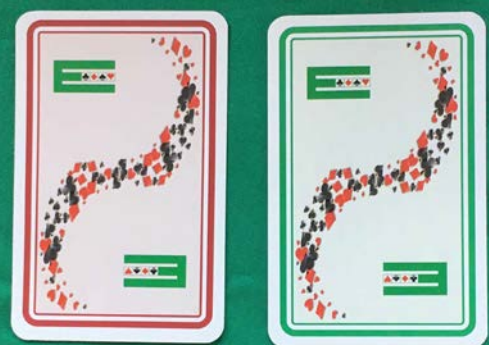
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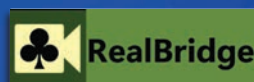
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