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## Victory belongs to the most Tenacious



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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.



If you watched any of the French Open Tennis tournament during the first week of the Transnational Championships, you may have noticed the words of the title on the stands on Court Philippe-Chartrier, center court at Roland Garros. How appropriate as we go into the final day with four titles to be decided.

Today's Open Teams final will be a domestic affair between France Green and Vinciguerra, the latter staging a huge comeback by scoring 42 IMPs without reply after losing 22 IMPs over the first 6 deals of the final session.

In the Open BAM Pharnaservice, Hellas Team, Zimmermann are covered by the proverbial handkerchief going into the final day.

In the Open Pairs Semifinal A, Sabine Auken and Roy Welland led the qualifiers, ahead of Vladimir Mihov and Julian Stefanov and Piotr Lutostanski and Krzysztof Buras.

Berk Basaran and Yusuf Sohtorik continued their domination of Semifinal B finishing ahead of Adam Mesbur and Tommy Garvey.

In the Women's Pairs Cathy & Sophia Baldysz finished on top followed by Asli Acar and Berrak Erkan and Dilek Yavas and Hatice Ozgur.

Elisabeth & Sofie Sjodal led all the way in Semifinal B followed by Mary Kelly-Rogers and Anne Fitzpatrick.

# Format

## Open Pairs

Since there were no drop ins in the Open Pairs, there will be a linear carry-over from Semifinals A to Final A. The winner of Semifinal A will get two tops (48 mp) and the last qualifier will get 0 mp.

The two pairs coming from Semifinal B will receive: the winner the same carry over of the 18th ranked in Semifinal A and the runner up 0 mp.

## Women Pairs

Since there were no drop ins in the Women Pairs, there will be a linear carry-over from Semifinals A to Final A. The winner of Semifinal A will get two tops (24 mp) and the last qualifier will get 0 mp.

The two pairs coming from Semifinal B will receive: the winner the same carry over of the 9th ranked in Semifinal A and the runner up 0 mp.

## BAM Teams

There will be a linear carry-over from the qualification stage to the Final.

The winner of the qualification will be awarded two boards (4 VPs) and the last (13th) will receive 0 VPs.

The drop in team will be awarded a carry-over equal to the 4th qualifier.

Tie-breaks will be resolved in favour of the team with a higher ranking in the qualification stage. The drop in team will win any tie-break.

## Final B

The Final B will be played jointly by pairs coming from the Open and Women Pairs, and from the BAM Teams. It will be played over two sessions of 16 boards each, starting at 10.00 and 13.30. The ending time will be around 16.00.



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# Results - OPEN TEAMS - SemiFinals

1	VINCI	104
	FRANCE GREEN	158
2	VINCIGUERRA	120
	LANKVELD	101

1	FRANCE GREEN
	VINCIGUERRA

Mark Horton



## Editor's Log

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For many people, watching sport can be compelling. For the players it is usually a case of (to slightly misquote Rudyard Kipling) of *'meeting triumph and disaster and treating those two imposters just the same'*.

Its hard to imagine how a team or individual might feel after losing an event, especially if they 'snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.'

One of the most famous examples of that is the tragedy that befell Jean van de Velde in the 1999 British Open Golf Championship at Carnoustie. By the time he reached the final hole of the event on day four, he was three shots clear of the field and could afford to take as many as 6 strokes on the Par 4. Rejecting the safety play of taking an iron off the tee, he hit a wayward driver, just missing the water. The sensible approach would have been to lay-up, ensuring an easy shot to the green when he would have three putts for the title. Again, he took the aggressive approach, attempting to reach the green, only to see his ball ricochet off some railings, and almost drop into the water before bouncing backwards into deep rough. His next shot went into the infamous Barry Burn. Our hero considered

attempting to play it, but this time sanity prevailed, and he took a one-stroke penalty drop. His fifth shot went into a greenside bunker and from there he managed to get within six feet of the hole and managed to make the putt, to finish in a three-way tie for first. He did not win the playoff.

That drama took almost 14 minutes to unfold, roughly the time it takes to play a couple of bridge deals.

Spare a thought for Fiona Brown, who on Thursday suffered one the most spectacular reverses of her distinguished career, missing a potentially match winning opportunity in the Women's teams.

I suspect that many players have had a similar experience.

One way to deal with this type of set back is, as when falling off a bicycle, to get back into the saddle as quickly as possible. So, be warned – if you face Fiona over the next couple of days, watch out!

*A great player is able to take one board at a time, never thinking about what happened before, nor about what will happen later.*

*Eric O. Kokish*

*After all, tomorrow is another day.*



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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)

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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.

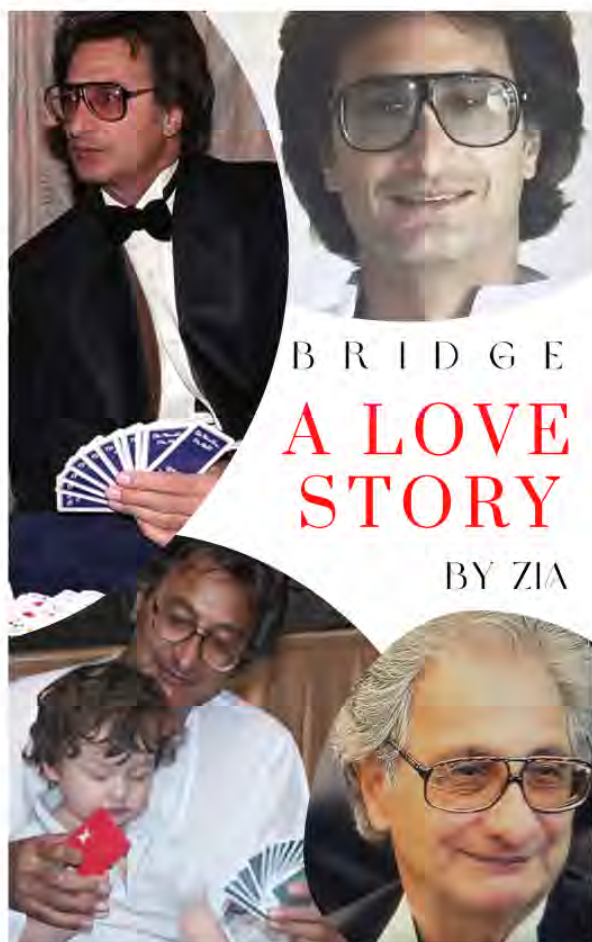
### More Information

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

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## Semi-final Open Pairs

### Day 1 Stanza 3

I came to the pairs rather late; just in time for the last six deals but found a bunch of interesting points. See what you think.

I was watching Brian Mace and Tom Jacob of New Zealand (surely the pair with the longest journey to get here – they are literally within a few miles of the antipodal point on the globe).

The first board I watched set Tom Jacob a very awkward problem.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Harrari</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Doussot</i>	<i>Mace</i>
1♦	1♠	3NT	All Pass

Mace had no reason to lead a heart (except maybe his personal data base, just like mine, would argue for not leading a spade?). when he put the ♠10 on

the table the spotlight turned to Jacob. If the layout of the cards was exactly as it was but with the minor-suit kings switched, then it would be right to take the ♠A and put a heart honour on the table. If the cards lay as they actually did, then ducking trick one was appropriate. Jacob went for the gusto, and by winning the ♠A he conceded the tenth trick. -430 was a 25% result for N/S, -400 would have been a 65% result.

On the next deal Jacob had chances both in the auction and play:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kvocek</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Vodicka</i>	<i>Mace</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Jacob was on the cusp for a jump to 4♠ but he erred heavily on the side of caution. The defence led ♦8 to the ♦A and continued diamonds rather than playing a club. Jacob ruffed and led out ♠A ♠J. when Martin Vodicka ducked, declarer ran the hearts and gave up two trump tricks for +170 and just a 22% result. I suppose if declarer had started trumps by leading the jack he might have made the duck a little harder to find. And of course crossing to hand with the ♥K to run the ♠Q produces 11 tricks and a 55% score. Bidding and making game would have been worth 86% or 98% depending on the overtrick.

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Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K 10 6 4 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ 8 7 5 ♣ 10 9 2		♠ A 3 ♥ K J 3 ♦ A K 10 4 2 ♣ Q 8 6	♠ 5 ♥ Q 8 7 6 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ A J 7 5 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Kvocek</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Vodicka</i>	<i>Mace</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Juraj Kvocek took an all-or-nothing approach facing the strong no-trump, and on 3rd/5th low club lead it must have seemed to declarer that the full board might hinge on the location of the ♣A. he put up the king, North playing the upside-down ♣10; when it held, he ran the ♠Q then led to the ♠A,

finding a 4-1 spade break that was actually extremely good news.

Now he ran the diamonds, finding South with ten cards in heart and clubs. This was the ending:

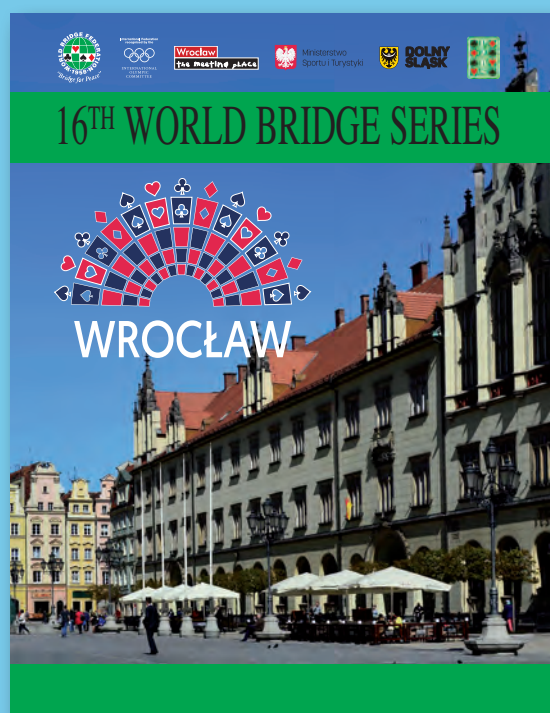
♠ K 10 ♥ 9 4 ♦ — ♣ 9 2		♠ — ♥ K J 3 ♦ 2 ♣ Q 8	♠ J 9 8 ♥ A 5 ♦ — ♣ 4
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♠ — ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ — ♣ A J 7
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The last diamond put South under the cosh. When he chose to pitch a club, Vodicka led a heart to the ace and led the club from dummy, covering North's card to endplay Mace into leading hearts at trick 12. Had North come down to two hearts and three clubs (or one heart and four clubs) he would have led a heart to the ace and a heart to the jack, which would produce 10 tricks wherever the ♥Q was.

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# Women's Teams Final (3)

Halfway in the Tri Polar v Baker match, the score stood at 86-45 to Tri Polar. After a tied 1st segment at 36 each, they had run away in the 2nd segment by 50-9 IMPs to lead by 41. So to keep any (slim?) chances alive, Baker would urgently need a substantial rally.

This was the opening board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West's 2NT in the passout position clearly brought the diamonds into the picture as the preferred minor. Good logic in view of the choice of opening bid. One overtrick, Baker +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

In the other room, West contented herself with supporting partner's suit, knowing that this need not be a 100% suit. One down, Baker another +50 and their first 5 IMPs back. Would this indeed be the beginning of their rally?

The next board was about two eight-card fits. Is the

5-3 fit superior to the 7-1 fit?

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

McCallum and Baker duly found the 5-3 spade fit and when North led ♠A and another, all was well for them. I was wondering what might have happened on a diamond lead. You ruff and play a spade, but North jumps in and plays another minor suit card through dummy. You are in trouble now because the hearts are still blocked, I would think. Probably, a heart to the king and a trump from dummy does not help you either. North can win the ace and return a minor but when you ruff and cash ♠K, you can return to your hand only with your last trump. If North ducks the first spade, the ♠K wins, the ♥K is cashed and you exit in trumps. Now, South can win her trump trick whenever she wants but you are home. Anyway, Baker another +420.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

In the replay, E/W reached the superior heart fit for the simple reason that spades were never mentioned. In this denomination, ten tricks were easy but they brought Tri Polar only +170 so another 6 IMPs went to Baker. Who was talking about a rally??

On the next deal we saw a variation on a classic theme: the competition in the majors.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
—	—	—	1♥
2♥*	2♠*	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

In the Open Room, West immediately showed her black two-suiter. North made a polite heart raise by means of 2♠ but East was not interested and rightly so. When declarer took the trump finesse which lost to the queen, she was one down in regular fashion, without incurring any quite possible diamond ruffs. Baker +50.

In the Closed Room, Tebha showed her two-suiter one by one.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Fiona Brown must have been disappointed to see the ♣K appear behind her but her defensive values proved adequate nevertheless, as one would have thought. One down, Baker another +200 and another 6 IMPs. The rally was getting underway now.

On the next board, N/S found an alternative defence at the wrong moment.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
1♦	1♥	1♠	3♥
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

If South makes the normal enough looking lead of a heart, their suit, and if North, later on, ducks the ♦A once, declarer might well be struggling to get to ten tricks. Her entry position is disturbed, because she cannot get back to dummy to enjoy the diamonds in time as long as there still is a trump out. However, when South put the ♦10 on the table as her opening lead, the pattern changed. North took the ace and continued the suit but dummy won and led a trump up. Playing low would still have saved North's day because South can win and switch to a much needed club but when North, understandably so, took her king, that was one more step towards the end of the defence. North continued a diamond, ruffed by declarer with her ♠Q and next came the ♠4 to dummy's ♠8 which was allowed to win the trick when South played low. From there, dummy could play winning diamonds until South ruffed one with her ace but the ♣A was still there as an entry. Baker +620.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
1♦	1♥	2♠	3♥
All Pass			

When West did not take action opposite East's weak jump, they sold out to 3♥ which happened to make easily enough with this club layout. Baker another +140 and 13 more IMPs to them. They had managed to reduce their 41 deficit to 11 only in just four boards. What a fine rally!

We skip board 5 and this was our next suitable case for treatment.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

There really is not so much wrong with 4♥ as a final contract, except that it will not survive too many 5-1 or even 7-1 breaks in side suits. Two down, Tri Polar +200.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	3♣	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Over North's 3♣ jump, East could no longer show her exact lengths in the majors so 3NT became the final contract. North led a club to the ten (!), jack and queen but the bad breaks in the minors were to declarer's advantage, even more so as long as the ♠A was with South.

Just made, Tri Polar another +600 and a juicy 13 IMPs back to them almost immediately.

Once again, we skip some boards. This was #11.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Yes, E/W are playing a weak 1NT but a final double by East would have been far less a shot in the dark than North's eventual action itself. Her 2♦ of course had shown one major. When West tried to cash her second top club too early, the contract went only two down for just +100 to Baker.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	Dble	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

A more quite auction in the replay. Nine tricks on a heart lead, followed by a spade continuation by declarer. Tri Polar +150 and 2 IMPs to them.

The next board was a lesson in pre-empting, also in the Open event (I peeked over there...)

Photo: Sally Brock



## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
Pass		1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass		2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass				

When West did not consider her hand worth an opening bid, N/S played quietly in 4♥. The contract was just made when West obtained one diamond ruff. Tri Polar +620.

## Closed Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
3♣		Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass				

At the other table, Tebha found an opening bid. Sally Brock had little trouble when this ran to her and Fiona Brown had to find a calculator, so to speak. Down four, +800 and 5 IMPs to Baker. Rumours are that in the Open QF, somewhere the same opening bid was made and punished...

I will skip another straightforward partscore and move to the not so straightforward last board of the set.

## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Baker</i>	<i>Baroni</i>	<i>McCallum</i>	<i>K Bertheau</i>
—			2♦	Pass
3♦		Dble	Pass	4♣

In spite of her good diamond fit, Baker might still have ventured a double of 4♣. On BBO, one of the commentators sighed that it seemed to him that E/W were possibly allergic for penalty doubles. He was obviously referring to board 11 as well...

What is more: he was quite right as far as the result of this board was concerned. Four down, +200 to Baker instead of +800...

In the other room, N /S stayed well within their shell.

## Closed Room

	West	North	East	South
	<i>Tebha</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Seamon-Molson</i>	<i>Brock</i>
—		—	Pass	Pass
1NT		Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦		All Pass		

Two Diamonds made with an overtrick for +110 to Tri Polar, a gain of 3 IMPs for Baker where it should have been 12...

So at the end of a quite lively session, Baker had recouped 18 IMPs to trail by 23. It was 107-84 to Tri Polar with 14 more to play.



Photo: Anam Tebha



# Open Teams Quarterfinals (4)

As we approached the final session of the Open Teams semi-final between Lankveld and Rosenthal, it was Rosenthal who had the lead with a mere 12 IMPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Van Den Bos</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	

2NT	Good 19 - bad 22
3♣	Muppet Stayman
3♦	1 or 2 4-card majors
3♥	4♠
3NT	4♥

East led the ♦5 and declarer took West's queen immediately with the ace and played ace and another club. The hand record states the defence then took three diamond tricks and declarer made the rest with the aid of the spade finesse but the official scorecard states the declarer made ten tricks. Note declarer must take the diamond lead immediately otherwise the defence can switch to hearts and beat the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>De Boer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
—	2NT	All Pass	

With just a three count South elected to pass. Declarer made nine tricks by taking the opening red suit lead immediately and then playing on clubs. 6 IMPs to Rosenthal. I do not suspect many tables arrived at the cold 7♣ - yes it is - check it out.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Van Den Bos</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	1NT*	2♦*
3♠*	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
1NT	10-13 NV		
2♦	♥		
3♠	for 3NT - no ♥ stop		

South's double achieved the desired effect when North led the ace of spades and continued the suit for South to ruff. The ace of hearts was cashed and that was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>De Boer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
—	—	1♣	3♥
4♥*	4♠	Pass	Pass
6♣	6♥	Dble	All Pass

West's Six Clubs put pressure on North who elected to take out (unnecessary) insurance. The defence took their two minor suit winners and switched to a trump which held declarer to nine tricks. That added up to

14 IMPs to Rosenthal.

Rosenthal now had in excess of a 30 IMP lead.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Bakke	Van Den Bos	Brogeland
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

A simple hand: either the lead is a diamond and you go down or the lead is not a diamond and you make your contract. The kibitzers were suggesting heart lead did not seem a bad idea as with 5-5 in the minors it did not look likely that declarer could run nine tricks. Theory and practise were not in accord as when North led his heart declarer could not run nine tricks, he could run ten!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Willenken	De Boer	Helgemo	Snellers
—	Pass	Pass	3♥
3NT	All pass		

Same contract same conundrum. This time North got Lankveld back in contention when he led a diamond, to beat the contract and gain 10 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld	Bakke	Van Den Bos	Brogeland
—	—	—	1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

1♦                  4+ ♦

The ♠2 went to West's queen and the ♣2 came back for East's ace. The return of the ♣7 was taken by West with his ace and he promptly played the ♣4. Declarer ruffed this with the ace of hearts and then took a losing finesse in the trump suit for one down.



Chris Willenken

Wubbo De Boer

Agnes Snellers

Geir Helgemo

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>De Boer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble*	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

West started with two top spades, the second ruffed in hand. Declarer now played the king of hearts and when the queen appeared on the second round declarer had an overtrick and 13 IMPs. With two boards to play Rosenthal were still in the lead but by only 7 IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Van Lankveld		Bakke	Van Den
Bos	Brogeland	—	Pass
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl*	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

There were discussions as to the interpretation of the Pass over the Double. The general opinion was that it requested more information and was a positive move, The Redouble showed the first round club control. West went on to the slam perhaps because in their methods the bid of Two Spades could have been made with three cards and not only did he have four but the trump queen as well. Even after the club lead the play was trivial and declarer was soon claiming twelve tricks.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>De Boer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	1NT*
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West's Three Spades showed a minimum and that persuaded East not to progress. The same twelve tricks were taken which gave Lankveld 11 IMPs and the lead by four for the first time in this session. One board to go!

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Van Lankveld</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Van Den Bos</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
1♦*	2♣	3♦	4♦*
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

1♦                      5+♦ or 4441

East led a diamond to partner's king and declarer ruffed the diamond return. He now took six rounds of clubs, discarding three spades and two hearts from dummy, East discarded two diamonds and a heart and a spade whilst West parted with all his diamonds. North then played a spade to the ace and a heart from dummy. West went in with the ace and played the ♠K. he could sit back and wait for his heart trick. One off.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Willenken</i>	<i>De Boer</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Snellers</i>
1♦	4♣	All Pass	

An immediate pre-empt by North not only silenced the opposition but left him in a making contract. This gave Lankveld 8 IMPs. They had won the quarter-final by 12 IMPs and will face Vinciguerra in the semi-finals.



# Open Teams Semifinals (1)

## Vinci v France Green

Semi-final day dawned hot and sunny in Chandlers Ford, but I had some bridge to watch. Let's see what drama unfolded. I was watching in the Closed Room.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Hugony</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Vinci</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The cards lay favourably for declarer. Two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and one club – this would be a total of 8, with perhaps a second club trick to come. Francesco Saverio Vinci led the ♣Q, ducked, and switched to the ♥4, declarer winning with the king. Eric Mauberquez then played a second heart to the queen and ace.

Fabrizio Hugony switched to the ♠2, South's king winning. A diamond to the king was followed by a heart to the jack, and the ♥10. A club to South's 9 and dummy's jack brought declarer's total to nine. Up popped 'Claim of 10 tricks accepted +430.' No more play was recorded. Echoes of yesterday.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J.Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>L.Rombaut</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The artificial sequence left Versace as declarer in the West seat, and the ♠4 was led to South's king. When the 19-year-old Leo Rombaut switched to the ♣5, his father, Jerome, was surprised to win with the ♣7! After a diamond to the queen and dummy's ace, declarer played a heart to the king. A second heart went to the queen and ace. Back came a second diamond to declarer's ace. Declarer marked time by cashing two heart winners, but he was one down. France Green gained 10 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Hugony</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Vinci</i>
—	Pass	1♦	1♠
1NT	All Pass		

Everyone was yawning in the Open Room, sharing my views of this contract. 1NT went one down after the ♣J lead. +50 to Vinci.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J.Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>L.Rombaut</i>
—	Pass	1♦	1♠
3♦*	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Few would be brave enough to venture 3♥ on those North cards, and Jerome Rombaut was rewarded by a splendid dummy in 4♥. Ace and another diamond



were led, declarer ruffing the second round with dummy's ♥2.

After the ace and king of trumps, all following, Rombaut led a spade, East rising with the ace.

Declarer ruffed the next diamond and played clubs. This was a fine +620 plucked from the air, worth another 11 IMPs to the French team. The board was a push in 3♥ for 170 in the other semi-final.

There was a beautiful end position on Board 7. I do not have space to show the 2♥ deal, but you can find it in the BBO archive.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Hugony</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Vinci</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2NT*	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Vinci led the ♥8 to North's ace. Hugony then cashed the ♦K before delivering a heart ruff. After a diamond back to the ace, Mauberquez ruffed the next heart with the ♠A. He then drew trumps and misguessed clubs at the end, going two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J.Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>L.Rombaut</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	

Leo Rombaut duly led the ♥8 (partner's double had shown a good suit somewhere), and dummy's ♥J won the first trick. The ♦Q was won with the ace and the ♥5 forced out declarer's ♥K. Lorenzo Lauria ran the spade suit, the defenders abandoning clubs, and scored an overtrick for +950. The resultant 15 IMPs put a significant dent in 32-1 scoreline after 9 boards.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Hugony</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Vinci</i>
—	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Alain Levy's protective 3♥ was passed by Mauberquez - quite rightly, as I see it. Whether Vince should have refrained from doubling 3♥ is less clear. North led the ♣J to South's ace. The ♣9 was returned, ruffed by North. A spade to South's ace allowed another club ruff. With four tricks already in the bag and South's trump suit still to come, Vinci may have looked ruefully at the under-employed card. The contract went two down for the loss of 200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J.Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>L.Rombaut</i>
—	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dble
Rdble*	Pass	4♣	Dble
All Pass			

Versace's redouble expressed doubt about the contract they were currently in. This was an accurate appraisal, but... what on earth could Lauria do about it? Could he secretly palm the 3NT bidding card and return it to the bidding box? They ended in the horrible contract of 4♣, doubled by South.

The commentators panned the 3NT bid, pointing out that the singleton ♥A would make communications difficult. Also, East's general values were somewhat inadequate, facing a protective suit bid. One kibitzer told me: "You are a result merchant! East's 3NT is perfectly normal." I replied that no-one else had so far agreed with this view.

Leo Rombaut cashed the ♠A and the ♣A. The ♣7 was then won with dummy's king. After the ♣6 to South's ♣8, GIB was suggesting 1400 as a suitable

admonishment for the Italians' bidding. The ♣Q was required next to achieve this, but South switched to a heart, won with the ace. The ♠10 was then covered by the jack and king. 'Claim of 7 tricks accepted +800' flashed up on the screen, recalling yesterday's scoring misadventures. All around insisted it was 1100, but the official score has not been changed at the time of writing.

A discussion with the kibitzers followed about the VG operators at this championship. I received this message from Ken: 'Hi, David. I was a VGO for 2x4 days consecutive. 4 matches of 14 deals each day. Start 10 in the morning, finish after 20h30. The majority of VGOs are from my club in Strasbourg. We are all 1st time volunteers.'

When I replied supportively, he continued: 'Being VGO is a tough job. Players often don't play their cards in a clearly visible fashion before turning them over. As you well know, at the end they play very fast.' Well said, indeed! All the volunteers deserve our sincere thanks.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Levy</i>	<i>Hugony</i>	<i>Mauberquez</i>	<i>Vinci</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Boldly bid, and it seemed that all was well with the lie of the cards. Hugony led a club to Levy's ace. A trump to the king was followed by a diamond to the ace and a trump to the queen, South's jack falling. Declarer then claimed 12 tricks for +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>J.Rombaut</i>	<i>Lauria</i>	<i>L.Rombaut</i>
—	—	Pass	1NT*
Dble	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

At the prevailing vulnerability, South's 1NT was 7-11. Lauria's rare 2NT response to partner's penalty double showed a very distributional two-suiter. How would Versace react to this?

It seemed to me that 3♣ was best. If this was one of East's suits, the fit would be found. If not, West would shortly discover which two suits East held. When Versace preferred to rebid 3♥, Lauria apparently concluded that his partner could not support either minor, and must therefore have some spade support. Versace gave 4♠ a raise, and they arrived unconvincingly (as I see it) in the place where they needed to be.

Lauria won the ♣Q lead with dummy's ace and played a trump to the queen. It is so aggravating that the next thing we see on the screen is 'Claim of 11 tricks accepted -50.'

No doubt declarer came back to hand with a heart and played a second spade, guessing wrongly when North followed with the ♠7. The session score was France Green 62 Vinci 16 and a fine of 3 IMPs for Vinci supplying their line-up late made it 65-16. It was an event - filled session, but you may think that the level of play was disappointing on a few occasions.



Fabrizio Hugony



# Threading the Needle

When Chris Willenken gives you a problem you can be sure it is going to be a difficult one!

Chris told me about this hand where he had missed a slight improvement to the line of play he had selected. See what you think:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manno	Helgemo	Di Franco	Willenken
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

The opening lead against 5♦ is not the expected trump but the ♦5 3rd and low. Do you want to take the diamond finesse the spade finesse, ruff one heart ruff two hearts - so many questions, so few answers.

Neither Chris nor I could make a firm suggestion as to what is best. Chris decided to play for a scramble, and to score all six trumps in hand. He won the ♦A (upside down ♦8 from East) and ruffed a diamond - on which East played the ♦9 and West the three. ♣A and a heart ruff followed and a second diamond ruff passed off peacefully.

It might have been better to take the spade ruff at this moment. (That would have been seven tricks in the bag: two hearts three diamonds and two spades. Now when you ruff the heart West is decompressed - the opposite of squeezed. He wants to pitch a diamond and a spade to stop declarer ruffing safely

in hand but cannot to both. When he discards a diamond in this ending, with the lead in North:

♠ Q 8 7  
♥ —  
♦ 10 6  
♣ —

♠ —  
♥ —  
♦ K  
♣ J 5 4 3

♠ K 10  
♥ K Q  
♦ —  
♣ 10

♠ —  
♥ 10 8  
♦ —  
♣ A K 8

If declarer plays for this precise position he leads a diamond, and now it doesn't matter whether East has a high or low singleton club, the contract is cold. If he has a small trump declarer can score his ♣8 at once. If he has a high trump South overruffs the ♦10 and exits in hearts. West must ruff his partner's winner and lead into the trump tenace.

At the table, when Willenken ruffed a heart before playing ace and another spade, West could pitch a spade. now after ♠A and a spade ruff the same ending had been reached but with the lead in South.

You can still bring home 5♣ but only by playing ♣A and then exiting a heart. If you play a heart first East wins and leads another heart and the defence score two more tricks.

The full deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

♠ J 6 3  
♥ J 7  
♦ K 7 5 3  
♣ J 5 4 3

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

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

# Results - Open Pairs - Semifinal A

1	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER	56.70
2	MIHOV Vladimir	STEFANOV Julian	BUL - BUL	56.04
3	LUTOSTANSKI Piotr	BURAS Krzysztof	POL - POL	55.35
4	LOONSTEIN Tomer	BANIRI Ilai Ilan	ISR - ISR	54.29
5	SIMONSEN Steffen Fredrik	JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	NOR - NOR	54.25
6	DE DONDER Steven	DE ROOS Steve	BEL - BEL	54.13
7	DEHAYE Bernard	DEHAYE Clovis	BEL - BEL	54.11
8	ARGELAZI Eliran	ROSENTHAL Lee	ISR - ISR	54.07
9	ISPORSKI Vladislav Nikolov	KERMEDCHIEV Nicolay	BUL - BUL	53.96
10	SHI Haojun	SHAN Baisong	CHN - CHN	53.45
11	BROGELAND Boye	BAKKE Christian	NOR - NOR	53.36
12	NIJSSEN Oscar	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	NED - NED	53.05
13	KONOW Kasper	ASKGAARD Michael	DEN - DEN	52.85
14	PAULISSEN Gert-Jan	BAHBOUT Sam	NED - BEL	52.81
15	SEBBANE Lionel	SEGUINEAU Paul	FRA - FRA	52.61
16	TJARNEMO Hakan	CARBONNIER Pierre	SWE - SWE	52.48
17	BEAUMIER Dominique	CAILLIAU Ivan	FRA - FRA	52.43
18	ZEITAK Aviv	KHUTORSKY Nir	ISR - ISR	52.42
19	KAPLAN Adam	TODD Robert	USA - USA	52.41
20	NG Chi-Cheung Baron	MAK Kwok-Fai	HKG - HKG	52.08
21	BRUNET Frederic	ANCESSY Arnaud	FRA - FRA	51.97
22	LAHRMANN Christian	KOLESNIK Finn	DEN - USA	51.90
23	VOZABAL David	SLEMR Jakub	CZE - CZE	51.78
24	BAREKET Ilan	LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	51.56
25	PAGAN Ian	NATT Shahzaad	ENG - ENG	51.32
26	ROMANOWSKI Jerzy	ROZWADOWSKI Wojciech	FRA - POL	51.30
27	BALIAN Jean-Paul	DEHEEGER Colin	FRA - FRA	51.03
28	MOHOTA Basant	MOHOTA Anurag	IND - IND	50.96
29	KERLERO DE ROSBO Marc	DUFFOUR Francois	FRA - FRA	50.69
30	JACOB Tom	MACE Brian	NZL - NZL	50.63
31	VENTIN Juan Carlos	PALMA Antonio	ESP - POR	50.62
32	KARLYKOV Petro	CHUMAK Yuliy	UKR - UKR	50.57
33	LIE Terje	FASTING Espen C.	NOR - NOR	50.33
34	MALINOWSKI Artur	BAKSHI David	ENG - ENG	50.28
35	VAHK Tonno	VAHK Jasper	EST - EST	50.16
36	ERCAN Sehmus	KILICARSLAN Hilmi	TUR - TUR	50.08
37	VOLHEJN Vit	MACURA Milan	CZE - CZE	50.08
38	NAB Bart	KILJAN Veri	NED - NED	50.04
39	HARARI David	DOUSSOT Bernard	FRA - FRA	49.95
40	UZUM Dogan	KIZILOK Omer	TUR - TUR	49.92
41	TRENKA Peter	KEMENY Gyorgy	HUN - HUN	49.71
42	TEODORESCU Cornel	MORARU Dan	ROM - ROM	49.45
43	MATEOS-RUIZ Franck	RINGUET Pascal	FRA - FRA	49.24
44	HELGEMO Geir	WILLENKEN Chris	NOR - USA	49.17
45	RIMSTEDT Mikael	GROSSACK Zachary	SWE - USA	48.94
46	JANSONS Ugis	IMSA Adrians	LAT - LAT	48.63
47	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	PATREUHA Patryk	POL - POL	48.62
48	KVOCEK Juraj	VODICKA Martin	SVK - SVK	48.39
49	MARILL Philippe	ZANASI Gabriele	FRA - ITA	48.28
50	ANDREA Landry	POULAT Simon	FRA - FRA	47.99
51	BELL Sarah	BELL Mike	ENG - ENG	47.70
52	SIMANAITIENE Sonata	GRIGORAITIS Ramunas	LTU - LTU	47.68
53	WILDAVSKY Adam	LIN Amber	USA - USA	47.62
54	ABRAGI Andreas	HEIBERG-EVENSTAD Nicolai	SWE - NOR	47.23
55	KEAVENEY Gay	GLYNN Enda	IRL - IRL	47.00
56	JACOB Nick	McALLISTER John Grayson	NZL - USA	46.70
57	CHEN Jun	HUO Shiyu	CHN - CHN	46.03
58	DUGUET Michel	BOURVIS Thierry	FRA - FRA	45.00
59	HAUSEUX Francois	LEBAS MARC	BEL - BEL	43.91
60	TENEV Tenyu	VIDEV Kolyo	BUL - BUL	43.76
61	GULYAS Daniel	HODOSI Peter	HUN - HUN	43.04
62	STOKKA Adam	WRANG David	SWE - SWE	41.96
63	ERGIL Esat	ALTINDAG Anil	TUR - TUR	41.58
64	DESAGES Olivier	MOURGUES Jennifer	FRA - FRA	40.32

# Results - Open Pairs - Semifinal B

1	BASARAN Berk	SOHTORIK Yusuf	TUR - TUR	60.70
2	MESBUR Adam	GARVEY Tommy	IRL - IRL	58.84
3	CAMMARATA Michele	VALSEGA Cristiano	ITA - ITA	56.69
4	BOEYKENS Leo	HUYBRECHT Hans	BEL - BEL	55.89
5	BELLICAUD Luc	GUTH Romaric	FRA - FRA	55.71
6	LEGRAS Remi	CHESNY Philippe	FRA - FRA	55.17
7	PETELKO Lia	RETTOR Koren	ISR - ISR	54.60
8	MICHAUD-LARVIERE Xavier	DE MENDEZ Thierry	MON - SUI	54.37
9	DEWASME Isabelle	VANDERVORST Mike	BEL - BEL	54.19
10	BAHCECI Hakan	AYDAR Yalcin	TUR - TUR	54.09
11	VON ARNIM Felix	SIEGEL Arne	GER - GER	53.96
12	SJOQVIST Mans	SAFSTEN Johan	SWE - SWE	53.85
13	KAYSER Christian	LACOUR Bernard	FRA - FRA	53.80
14	ALUF Sedat	KAYA Erdogan	TUR - TUR	53.73
15	DINKIN Sam	FREEMAN Jacob	USA - CAN	53.20
16	BALASOVS Jurijs	BETHERS Uldis	LAT - LAT	52.92
17	MOLINA Philippe	GALINSKY Yoram	FRA - FRA	52.74
18	JOURDAIN Jean-Francois	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	BEL - BEL	52.66
19	CLARET Michel	KIEFFER Jean Francois	FRA - FRA	52.61
20	BASKAN Burak	TARHAN Turker	TUR - TUR	52.55
21	GUENOUN Raphael	LAUGIER Bernard	MAR - FRA	52.55
22	KOWALSKI Dariusz	SIELICKI Tomasz	POL - POL	52.50
23	CIMA Leonardo	BIANCHI Ettore	ITA - USA	52.48
24	KOWALSKI Apolinary	JANKAUSKAS Arunas	POL - LTU	52.35
25	STEPINSKI Jeremi	HUTYRA Maciej	POL - POL	52.32
26	STRZEMECKI Wojciech	DOBRYNSKI Maciej	POL - POL	52.31
27	ILZINS Janis	BALODIS Martins	LAT - LAT	52.10
28	MERCAN Nese	AKSUYEK Ender	TUR - TUR	51.88
29	WEISSELBERGER Yves	KHANFIR Samir	FRA - FRA	51.84
30	BOGUICKI Darek	KAVALENKA Andrei	POL - LTU	51.69
31	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER	51.55
32	PIGOT Peter Jr	O'GORMAN Derek	IRL - IRL	51.24
33	DEMUY Vincent	GOLD Marusa	USA - ENG	50.91
34	MATHIEU Philippe	PETROV Vojislav	GLP - FRA	50.89
35	RENSON Denis	DAVID Olivier	FRA - FRA	50.79
36	PIIBELEHT Tiit Hendrik	PIIRISILD Riko	EST - EST	50.61
37	LIOSSIS Georgios	VOVOS Konstantinos	GRE - GRE	50.40
38	COUNIL Jean-Louis	BENOIT Alain	FRA - FRA	50.09
39	SABBAH Ofek	SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	ISR - ISR	50.08
40	COYNE Ciaran	WALSH David	IRL - IRL	49.84
41	BOWLES Andy	MOHANDES Shireen	ENG - ENG	49.64
42	HANSSON Erik	MANN Castor	SWE - SWE	49.60
43	LEVOY Quentin	CLAESSENS Jérôme	FRA - BEL	49.60
44	ZACK Yaniv	COHEN Ilan	ISR - ISR	49.31
45	KOVACHEV Valentin	KRAL Ronald Peter	BUL - USA	48.83
46	WEBER Stefan	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER	48.61
47	ASHE Steven	ZORANOVIC Jovana	USA - SER	48.30
48	BARNE Steve	RAPOPORT Michel	FRA - USA	48.02
49	HUYBRECHT Emile	WAUTERS Tom	BEL - BEL	47.88
50	SUZER Ugurcan	DEMIRSAN Murat	TUR - TUR	47.64
51	BELLEFROID Patrick	VITETTA Michele	FRA - FRA	47.47
52	COVALIU Sergiu	SHEFFY Ron	ISR - ISR	47.43
53	ADAMIC Tomaz	DRINOVEC DRNOVSEK Barbara	SLO - SLO	46.90
54	ANDERSEN Michael Krogh	JENSEN Bo	DEN - DEN	46.76
55	PRUUL Karl-Markus	MAASIK Martin	LAT - LAT	46.72
56	HACKETT Justin	TAYLOR Martin	ENG - ENG	46.69
57	METZDORFF Olivier	DOUGE Eric	FRA - FRA	46.68
58	LANGER Darina	GWINNER Hans-Herman	SUI - GER	46.65
59	RENAUD Jacques	TAQUOI Jacques	SUI - FRA	46.17
60	ZOBU Ahu	AKHUN Mustafa	TUR - TUR	45.88
61	BROUNS Marc	THYS Carine	BEL - BEL	45.73
62	TSEYTLIN Igor	SHUSTERMAN Borys	UKR - UKR	45.70
63	LOHAY Karol	HENC Marian	SVK - SVK	45.51
64	GONFREVILLE Jacques	COMMEROT Philippe	FRA - FRA	44.96
65	BAUSBACK Nikolas	SEITER Ansgar	GER - GER	44.63
66	CAUMEL Jean Patrick	DAVID Jacques	FRA - FRA	44.58
67	TEGMEN Mehmet Alper	BASBILIR Mustafa	TUR - TUR	43.37
68	LECANTE Francois	RAIKO RAIKOVSKY Vadim	FRA - FRA	43.36
69	CHIPAIL Gheorghe	CONSTANTINESCU Razvan	ROM - ROM	43.12
70	CLEMENTSSON Bonnie	CLEMENTSSON Jan	SWE - SWE	42.22
71	ZEEBERG Niels	KOLDING Viktor	DEN - DEN	41.66
72	NEHMERT Pony Beate	DING Hong	GER - USA	41.48

## Results - Women Pairs - Semifinal A

1	BALDYSZ Cathy	BALDYSZ Sophia	POL - POL	59.89
2	ACAR Asli	ERKAN Berrak	TUR - TUR	56.67
3	YAVAS Dilek	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR	55.56
4	LEVI Hila	ASULIN Adi	ISR - ISR	55.36
5	KAZMUCHA Danuta	JAROSZ Aleksandra	POL - POL	53.74
6	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	SVER Nikica	FRA - CRO	53.57
7	ALBERTI Anja	WODNIANSKY Beatrix	GER - GER	52.89
8	SEAMON-MOLSON Janice	BERTHEAU Kathrine	USA - SWE	51.42
9	SMYKALLA Gisela	DELLA MONTA Annaig	GER - GER	49.86
10	BAKER Lynn	McCALLUM Karen	USA - USA	49.77
11	BROWN Fiona	ERICHSEN Helen	ENG - ENG	49.54
12	KANDOLU Ozlem	ELMAS Tuna	TUR - TUR	49.23
13	LARSSON Jessica	GROSS Susanna	SWE - ENG	48.70
14	BONES Turid	BREKKE Kaja	NOR - NOR	48.44
15	HUGON Elisabeth	MONOD Emmanuelle	FRA - FRA	48.32
16	GROMANN Ingrid	WENNING Karin	GER - GER	48.29
17	POULAIN Catherine	KLAEYLE Michelle	FRA - FRA	47.75
18	ATES Ebru	OZLU Tijen	TUR - TUR	47.75
19	KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	IRL - IRL	47.73
20	GODFREY Lizzie	DAUVERGNE Sophie	FRA - FRA	47.10
21	ONEILL Molly	WEINGOLD Joanne	USA - USA	46.37
22	HACKETT Barbara	NETTLETON Diana	GER - ENG	46.31
23	O'KEEFFE-BROWN Rebecca	PENDER Gilda	IRL - IRL	44.81
24	CLENCH Gilly	GREENWOOD Diane	WAL - IRL	43.22

## Results - Women Pairs - Semifinal B

1	SJODAL Elisabeth Grasholt	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR	57.23
2	KELLY-ROGERS Mary	FITZPATRICK Anne	IRL - IRL	56.05
3	NUHOGLU Sevil	ERENGIL Yasemin	TUR - TUR	54.10
4	WAELTI Vreni	DUC Laurence	SUI - SUI	50.59
5	BALABANOVA Kamelia	BILLIET Cecilia	SUI - SUI	48.83
6	GHOSN Rita	PAULISSEN Severine	LIB - FRA	47.66
7	BENZ Janine	JUSTITZ Marijke	SUI - SUI	46.88
8	PETELKO Adel	ROITMAN Ziv	ISR - ISR	46.48
9	SIMON Nicole	LAMENDIN Marie Christine	FRA - FRA	42.19

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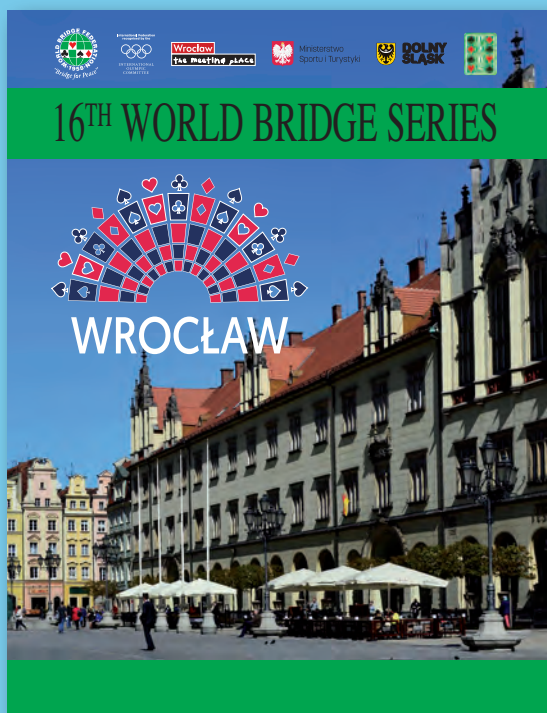
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