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# THE RACE IS RUN

There were some desperately close finishes at the end of the tournament and our commiserations go to the teams who just missed out on qualification.

In the Open series **Switzerland** finished well clear of the **Netherlands, Italy, Israel, Denmark, Bulgaria, Sweden, Norway, England** and **Hungary**.

The Women's event saw **Sweden** finish more than a match clear of **Poland** and **Russia**, the next seven places being occupied by **Turkey, France, Hungary, England, Spain, Norway** and **Germany**.

**Netherlands** topped the Seniors way ahead of **Bulgaria, France, Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Norway, Iceland, Turkey** and **England**.

In the Mixed teams, **France** was the convincing winner, followed by **Belgium, Romania** and **Germany, Portugal, Denmark, Israel, Poland, Croatia** and **Russia**.

Good luck to everyone who has qualified to represent Europe in the World Championships and congratulations to the teams who will contest the Champions Cup.



Dear Bridge Friends

We have reached the end of an adventure that started early this year, when it became clear that Madeira could not organise the European National Teams Championships as planned in June 2021 (postponed from 2020). At that time the WBF hoped being able to organise the World Teams Championships already in September 2021, meaning the EBL was in a hurry to find a way to qualify the Zone 1 representatives.

Fully cognisant of the troubles surrounding such events in 2020 we decided to attempt an online event, of a scale we haven't seen before in official international events. We were navigating largely uncharted waters. We were obviously aware that preventing unethical conduct would be one of the biggest challenges. The first decision was therefore that no players would play from home, but that each country assembled them in domestic clusters, supervised by independent observers. The layout of the playing areas had to be arranged according to strict criteria, making unauthorised communication with partner virtually impossible. As a further security measure each Category played its own boards, allowing us to use "human shields" between members of the same team. We allowed kibitzing online, but with a 30 minute delay for a 75 minute match. It was also important to play on a platform that would allow us to basically tailor the playing environment to our strict standards. RealBridge was able to offer this and we are very grateful for their enormous support. Setting up real-time communication protocols between the EBL and RealBridge systems was a major challenge, which was solved admirably by the respective IT staff.

To illustrate the scale of this undertaking here are some numbers:

- 96 teams playing on 550+ individual computers in 31 countries.
- 58 Observers from 32 countries, with 20+ ready as reserves (of which several were used).
- 9 Tournament Directors from 8 countries.
- 5 Daily Bulletin journalists operating from different countries.
- 2 EBL Scoring staff
- 2 RealBridge IT staff.

This would have been a challenge in normal times but in the middle of a pandemic, with travel and entry restrictions constantly changing, it could have become virtually impossible. That we ended up with so few mishaps is somewhat of a miracle. All participants, NBOs, Observers, RealBridge and EBL staff have performed admirably. The players have never before in my experience been so well behaved. My initial impression is that this may have been the "cleanest" major international event ever! You all have my deepest gratitude.

You, the players, are the final judges of the success (or lack thereof) of this event. The controversy surrounding the matches against the Italian Open team was unprecedented but, fortunately, it didn't in the end affect the overall results of the qualification.

Finally, I want to congratulate all countries qualifying from this event; in alphabetical order:

WTC Women: England, France, Hungary, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey

WTC Open: Bulgaria, Denmark, England, Israel, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland.

WTC Seniors: Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland and Sweden.

WTC Mixed: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Poland, Portugal and Romania.

Champions Cup: Bulgaria, Denmark, England, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

The host country of the WTC and CC respectively are also automatically qualified, as well as the defending CC title holder.

Some of the other Zones frequently cannot fill their WTC quota in one or more Categories, and this may certainly happen this time as well considering the ongoing pandemic. If this happens Europe gets the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> such spot. Consequently it is very possible that also the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> finishers of the Qualifier ultimately get a spot.

Thank you all again for a great event and I hope to see you soon at a face-to-face event.

*Jan Kamras*  
EBL President



## RealBridge

Andy Bowles

Everyone in this event is probably now quite familiar with RealBridge, but we have been asked some questions about where it came from, how it works, and where it is going. This article gives some answers.

### Where did RealBridge come from?

RealBridge began as a lockdown project in April 2020. Graham Hazel, a former England junior international who now works in the online games industry, found himself at home with some time on his hands. By June he had the basics of what you can see now - a program where you could play bridge while seeing and talking to the other players.

Shireen Mohandes joined him, and a few frantic months later they had a product that was ready to release to the world. The early adopters included the English Bridge Union, the USBF, Bridge From Home in India, and a number of bridge clubs from different countries. After the commercial launch in November 2020, other clubs and NBOs followed.

### Who uses RealBridge?

RealBridge's customers are bridge clubs and bridge organisations. The objective is to provide a high-quality platform for organised bridge.

We work with bridge organisations all over the world, of all sizes, from small clubs with a weekly pairs event, up to national and zonal bodies. The platform is now used in over 50 countries, by more than 20 NBOs and more than 1000 bridge clubs.

During the pandemic we have helped all of these organisations to provide their members with something close to face-to-face bridge. As well as continuing to provide a game for their existing members, a lot of clubs have found new members, or reconnected with former members who had moved away.

We try to give organisers whatever they need to run an event successfully, in the way that they want to – many different formats and scoring-methods, with or without screens, with self-alerts or spoken alerts, with a simple interface for directors, an easy-to-use results interface, and a user-friendly but secure kibbitzing system.

### How does it work?

You will have noticed that RealBridge runs entirely in your web-browser, without any downloads or installations. It uses a technology called WebRTC, which is a standard for web audio/video calls implemented by browsers.

Separately, it also connects to the RealBridge game-server, which controls the movement, and the boards, keeps track of bids made and cards played, manages the scores, and sends results back to each player's web-browser.

So, when you are in RealBridge, you actually have multiple connections handling different functions.

### What happens next?

As the pandemic ends, many people are naturally keen to return to face-to-face bridge. Others are less certain, or want to continue to play some of their bridge online, or want to continue to play in clubs that are just too far to travel to. To meet this need, some bridge organisations are planning a mixture of face-to-face and online events; others are looking at hybrid events. RealBridge is working with its customers to make these plans work.

This EBL event has also demonstrated a number of benefits of playing electronically: no revokes or insufficient bids; no stacks of boards to manage; and, of course, much more secure. It also makes rulings easier and faster, because the directors had access to every bid and play, every explanation, and the time taken for each action.

Another area of interest is in online teaching. We are working on a range of new features to support online teaching and coaching.

### How did we do?

This isn't the first zonal qualifier that has been run on RealBridge, but it is the biggest, and we care a lot about making it a success. We'd be very pleased to hear your comments about our platform, good or bad.

Contact us at [support@realbridge.online](mailto:support@realbridge.online)



# ENGLAND vs SWITZERLAND

OPEN, Round 22

# ISRAEL vs NORWAY

# SPAIN vs POLAND

# DENMARK vs RUSSIA

Jos Jacobs

Four matches involving two well-placed teams so a lot to enjoy, I was hoping when I set off for the opening round on Friday. I was not to be disappointed at all, because the first board of the day already produced some remarkable scores.

Just one overtrick for +430 but still 11 IMPs to Switzerland.

In another match, nearly the same happened:

Board 1. Dealer. North. None Vul.

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

Israel v. Norway, Open Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Roll	Livgård	Levin
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

No, not at this table. Israel a routine +430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Padon	Helness	Birman	Helgemo
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	Dble	All Pass

England v. Switzerland, Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bell	Gawryś	Norton
—	1♦	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	7NT
All Pass			

Testing the day's atmosphere on the first board. Alon Birman secured an extra IMP for his side by doubling. Israel +100 and 11 IMPs to start with, for them too.

Boards 3 and 4 caused havoc at many tables. Here are a few examples.

4NT was explained as asking for aces and thus not RKC. Having heard 3 aces, South had no further problems. Gawryś then showed great politeness by passing...Down two, Switzerland +100.

No such thing at the other table

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	S. Drijver	Townsend	Brink
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

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



### England v. Switzerland again, Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bell	Gawryś	Norton
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Well judged by Klukowski with his hand very suitable for a spade game even opposite minimal values. One overtrick, Switzerland +650. To almost surely beat the contract, North has to lead a heart. On a diamond lead, however, declarer is by no means home and dry yet, because the defence will get a second chance to attack hearts before the diamonds get established.

When North led a trump, all these defensive prospects vanished. Declarer could draw trumps and give up a diamond before the ♥A was gone.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	S. Drijver	Townsend	Brink
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

No game try for the English. They even subsided when they were offered a sporting second chance. The contract made with an overtrick for another +130 to the Swiss and 13 more IMPs to them. It also made sure they would have found a sacrifice, if necessary.

In another match, both sides reached 4♠ but with a different outcome.

#### Denmark v. Russia, Open Room

West	North	East	South
Matushko	Bilde	Krasnosselski	Jepsen
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led a heart to set the contract. Denmark +100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Askgaard	Khyuppenen	Konow	Kholomeev
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Yuri Khyuppenen for Russia also led a heart. Askgaard won and returned a club. Khyuppenen won his ace but rather than continuing hearts to prepare for the setting trick in diamonds, he led a trump. Askgaard could now draw trumps and play a diamond from dummy. Upon seeing the ♠J appear in South, he suddenly saw his chance. He won the ace and played a heart himself. South took dummy's jack with his queen and underled his ♥K to declarer's seven and partner's eight but this did not help him. Either defender had to concede a ruff and discard or to lead a diamond into the tenace. Very well done indeed. Denmark +620 and 12 IMPs to them.

One board later, things were happening all round Europe again:

#### Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bell	Gawryś	Norton
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West's pass as dealer offered North the chance to show his two-suiter in hearts and a minor straight away. South could see the looming misfit and quickly retreated to 2♠. Nobody doubled that but three down could not be classified as a good score. Switzerland +300.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	S. Drijver	Townsend	Brink
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♦*
4♣*	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

In the other room, both heart holders started off by awaiting developments. When East kicked off with 1NT, West made a quite normal transfer bid on which North had an easy last word to say. Down



two, another +500 and 13 more IMPs to the Swiss. They were leading by 37-0 after four boards. The final score in that match became 38-0 so you will probably understand why this report will concentrate on other matches from now on...

Take for instance the match of which we already saw a board just a moment ago.

#### Denmark v. Russia, Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Krasnosselski</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Quite an innocent-looking auction suddenly exploded. Another down two, of course, Denmark +500.

In the other room, the Danes found the right solution against unpleasant distributions in any trump suit.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Khyuppenen</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
1♥	Pass	1NT*	2♥*
Pass	2♠	3♣	Pass
3♥	Dble	3NT	All Pass

Not that 3NT was a particularly obvious contract but it proved impossible to defend.

South led a spade from his major-minor two-suiter (that's what 2♥ had shown). Dummy's ♠8 won, cashed the ♣A and led a diamond to king and ace, North playing low, of course. South exited with the ♣10 to declarer's king and the ♥9 from hand went to dummy's ace. A diamond to the queen then revealed the entire pattern of the layout, so declarer simply cashed his last top clubs and exited in the suit, forcing South to bring him two more spade tricks in the end. Denmark another +600 and 15 IMPs to take the lead 28-0.

In yet another match:

#### Spain - Poland, Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>F. Goded</i>	<i>Sobczak</i>	<i>Fractman</i>
2♦*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Multi, transfer request and an maybe unexpected (?) double by West who knew about partner's tolerance for spades from the auction. Down five, Poland +1400.

In the other room, Spain reached the same good

contract as the Danish but the essential difference was that North was on lead. When he led his spade, the ♠K scored immediately and only a clairvoyant declarer could have made the contract from here, by taking the immediate double finesse in diamonds. For the score, it hardly mattered that they had doubled and redoubled in the meantime...

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gomez</i>	<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Gonçalves</i>	<i>P. Patreuha</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
3NT	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

One down, Poland another +400 and no less than 18 IMPs to them.

In yet another match, N/S got too active in quite a different way.

#### Israel v. Norway, Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Livgård</i>	<i>Levin</i>
2♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Another well-timed opening weak two paid off. Due to the early appearance of the ♥J9 the contract went down only four, Norway +1100.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Padon</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	3♣*
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

This time, South, having shown his black two-suiter, led a club. Dummy won the ace and Birman immediately ran the ♦9. When the ace came down, he was home. Israel +750 but still 8 IMPs to Norway.

The possibly most interesting deal of the set was Board 5.

Many Norths were in 7♣. A few made it on a helpful red suit lead. Several others went down when they tried to ruff just one heart in dummy. If you ruff low, you will be overruffed, if you ruff high, you lose a trump trick. On a trump lead, it looks like it's coming down to taking the right finesse.

Antonio Palma for Portugal was in 7NT. Three other declarers also were in 7NT but they all got a helpful led which solved their problems. Palma had to cope with the ♥10 lead and went on to read the hand perfectly.



Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

He won the ace and cashed five clubs, East discarding a spade, two hearts and finally a diamond. West also discarded a diamond. Dummy discarded two spades and a diamond and then Palma cashed the ♦KA in that order, show-up squeezing East in the process. Very well done indeed for a fully deserved +2220 and a flat board. At the other table, they had led a diamond against 7NT...

The most painful swing was in the Denmark-Russia match, once again. The Danish declarer tried to ruff a heart and his Russian counterpart did not. Because they both were in 7♣, the deal brought the Russians 19 IMPs back.

Two boards later, the Russians chose the wrong moment for their sacrifice with both sides vulnerable.

Board 7. Dealer: South. All Vul.

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

### Denmark v. Russia, Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Krasnosselski</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	4♥	Pass	Pass
dbl.	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

This went down four, Denmark +1100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Askgaard</i>	<i>Khyuppenen</i>	<i>Konow</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	4♥	All Pass	

Left in peace, Khyuppenen scored +620 but his side had lost 10 IMPs.

On board 9, the Norwegians missed what looked like an easy game and still gained 8 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q 6 3				
	♥ 7 4 3 2				
	♦ Q J 7 6 3				
	♣ A				
♠ 4 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ A 2 ♣ K Q 10 8 5 4 3	<table border="1" style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A 10 9 7 5 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 7 6 2
N					
W E					
S					
	♠ K J 8				
	♥ A K Q 5				
	♦ K 10 9 4				
	♣ J 9				

### Israel v. Norway, Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aa</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>Livgård</i>	<i>Levin</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
2♣	2♦	2♠	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led a low club and that was it. Down four, Norway +200. South's 1♣ was 2+ and West's 2♣ was entirely natural, needless to say...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Padon</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Helgemo</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
3♣	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

One wonders why N/S were so afraid of bidding hearts. A new phobia?

Anyway, 4♦ made, as did 4♥ at more than 20 other tables. Still, +130 and +200 was worth 8 more IMPs to Norway. It could have been 12 to them but with another part score gain on the last board, they just turned the match into their favour: 24-19 or 11.85-8.15 V.P.

**SWEDEN vs NETHERLANDS****SENIOR, Round 16****John Carruthers****Avoidable Losses**

Sweden and Netherlands are always contenders in any bridge championship, whether it be Open, Women's, Seniors, Juniors or Mixed and this European Zone Qualifying event for the 2022 d'Orsi Trophy was no exception. When they met, Netherlands was second to France at the top of the table, just one-and-a-half VP in arrears, while Sweden lay fifth.

The match was chock-full of uncharacteristic, avoidable, errors, the majority of those by Sweden. Over the first six boards, Sweden took a 10-4 IMP lead, most of that due to Netherlands overbidding to a dreadful vulnerable game, down three, while Sweden rested comfortably in two diamonds making, for a 9-IMP gain. Then...

opening promises a four-card major in first, second and fourth seats. Hands with 11-13 HCP and no major must pass. Elmroth had three unpalatable choices: (i) pass, as he did; (ii) pretend it's a good 13 and open one notrump, or; (iii) put one of his diamonds in with his hearts and open one diamond. The Kaplan-Rubens Hand Evaluator says this hand is worth 13 HCP, so perhaps one notrump would have been a better choice. Certainly, one notrump would have resulted in them reaching game. How good game might be is another matter.

After three rounds of clubs, Eliasson drew trumps and took a heart finesse for plus 140.

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ton</i>	<i>Per Gunnar</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Gunnar</i>
<i>Lucassen</i>	<i>Eliasson</i>	<i>Kolen</i>	<i>Elmroth</i>
—	—	—	Pass(!)
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2♦ 11-12 with 2-card spade support

The South hand fell into a hole in the Eliasson/Elmroth system. They play a strong club, (13)14-16 notrumps and a nebulous diamond (promising zero diamonds), BUT, and it's a big but, a one-diamond

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Anders</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Johnny</i>	<i>Tjali</i>
<i>Morath</i>	<i>Verhees</i>	<i>Östberg</i>	<i>Tuwanakotta</i>
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

3♠ 9-11 with a good 6-card spade suit

In four spades, after the same three rounds of clubs, Verhees led a spade to the ace; the queen was a welcome sight. Declarer led the eight of spades and, when West did not cover (more on this later), Verhees led a low diamond toward his queen, intending to take a heart finesse later if the queen lost to the king. When West went up with the king and shifted to a heart, declarer won with his king, drew trumps, unblocked the diamond queen and was able to reach dummy with the ace of hearts for a heart pitch on the ace of diamonds.

West had two chances to beat the contract: the first at trick three and the second when the eight of spades was led from the dummy. If West shifts to a heart after winning with the ace of clubs and leads another heart when in with the king of diamonds, declarer is down; if West covers the eight of spades, declarer is also beaten.

North does not escape scot-free either: he must lead a diamond before leading the second spade.



Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

♠ K 2 ♥ J 9 6 4 ♦ K 8 6 5 4 3 ♣ 9	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ J 9 ♥ 8 7 5 2 ♦ J ♣ K 10 8 7 6 3	♠ 8 6 5 4 3 ♥ A K ♦ A Q 9 ♣ A Q J
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Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ A Q 4 3 ♥ J 10 3 ♦ A 9 7 5 4 ♣ 10	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span>N</span> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> <span>S</span> </div>	♠ 10 9 7 5 ♥ 6 2 ♦ Q J 10 6 3 ♣ 6 4	♠ K ♥ A K Q 8 4 ♦ 8 ♣ A K Q 8 5 2
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Open Room

	North	East	South
<b>West</b>			
Ton	Per Gunnar	Jan	Gunnar
Lucassen	Eliasson	Kolen	Elmroth
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Open Room

	North	East	South
<b>West</b>			
Ton	Per Gunnar	Jan	Gunnar
Lucassen	Eliasson	Kolen	Elmroth
—	1♦*	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT*
All Pass			

On the two-of-clubs lead to the king and ace, declarer took his 11 top tricks for plus 460.

1♦ 0+ diamonds, promises a 4-card major  
 1NT 4+ hearts, game-forcing  
 4NT ?

Closed Room

	North	East	South
<b>West</b>			
Anders	Jan	Johnny	Tjali
Morath	Verhees	Östberg	Tuwanakotta
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣1	Dble	3♠2
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Eliasson and Helmroth had a fatal misunderstanding about the meaning of four notrump, although their convention card clearly states that four notrump is Key-Card Blackwood after major-suit agreement. West led a spade, but threw clubs on the fourth and fifth hearts; plus 520 North/South.

Both the double of three clubs and three notrump were questionable, but neither North nor South had a redouble. Declarer kept stops in hearts and clubs before leading a spade: plus 850 for 12 tricks. That was 9 more IMPs to Netherlands.



Swedish Seniors celebrating the qualification after the last round



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Anders	Jan	Johnny	Tjali
Morath	Verhees	Östberg	Tuwanakotta
—	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♥*	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

4NT RKCB

5♥ 2 key cards, no heart queen

The Dutch had a mostly natural auction to the top spot, making it easily after testing the trumps, then ruffing a club. Plus 1510 sent 14 IMPs Netherlands' way.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ton	Per Gunnar	Jan	Gunnar
Lucassen	Eliasson	Kolen	Elmroth
—	—	1♠	All Pass

Lucassen chose not to respond and was disappointed to see that four hearts was makeable on their cards; plus 110 in one spade.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Anders	Jan	Johnny	Tjali
Morath	Verhees	Östberg	Tuwanakotta
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

- 1♣ 11-13 balanced or any 16+
- 1♦ 0-7
- 1♠ Two-way, either 4 spades in a balanced 11-13 or 5 spades in a strong hand
- 1NT Requests pass if 11-13 balanced
- 2♥ Natural in the strong version

Sweden had the opportunity here to get 11 IMPs back if Östberg could make four hearts. He ducked the diamond lead, won the continuation, led the king of hearts and a heart to the queen and played three rounds of spades. Tuwanakotta ruffed in with the ten of hearts and cashed his two high clubs for one off; minus 100 and yet another swing to Netherlands, this time just 5 IMPs.

Over the last four boards, Netherlands had outscored Sweden 38-0 to win the match 42-10, 18.15-1.85 in VP. That was enough for them to take over first place. Sweden kept fifth place, albeit further from fourth and closer to sixth.



The Tournament Directors



# FRANCE vs POLAND

WOMEN, Round 15

## Ron Tacchi

On the final day of the competition with five rounds to be played Poland lie second in the table, one place and three VPs above France. A good win by either team will ease any nerves for the rest of the day about qualifying for 'Salsa Maggiore'.

The contest was very tight, from a reporter's viewpoint it was disappointing as there were few errors. As we shall see aside from one deal the swings were minimal. It is difficult to portray the obvious tension when the boards produce flat results.

but left the Poles in a peaceable club part-score. In the fullness of time declarer brought home the contract with no exertion and even recorded an overtrick. But the undertricks in the other room were 100 a go so France gained 5 IMPs.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>Hugon</i>
—	1♥	Dble	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♣
3♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

It would appear to me as though East saw West's 3♦ bid as a game try and she was going to attempt the vulnerable game. It was a forlorn hope. Even 2♠ would have failed. The defence made no mistake and took their six tricks: a trump, two hearts and a ruff and a trick in each of the minors for three off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Halfon</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
—	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	All Pass	

1NT F1R  
2♣ 2+♣

When the French pair were unable to find a way into the auction, they avoided the pitfall of a spade contract

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>Hugon</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	All Pass
2♦	Weak multi		
2♥	Pass or correct		



Muriel Clement and Sylvie Willard

FRANCE



A resounding success for the multi.. To play in a making part-score when the opposition can make game must be regarded as a triumph. What was the French pair supposed to do? I cannot see a sensible bid from North, but South has two possibilities, firstly that she might have made a light opening and secondly, after passing initially, could show a two-suited hand, as no huge harm is likely to result. But sometimes you are just fixed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Halfon</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2♣*
2♥	3♠*	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

1NT F1R  
 2♣ 2+♣  
 3♠ Invitational with 3♠

After the light opening by South North was able to show three-card support and an invitational hand. South's hand had only increased in value during the auction and was happy to accept. The opening lead was the ♥Q which declarer ruffed. She then immediately set about establishing the club suit. When East took the first round she switched to a trump won in dummy and another club played, forcing East to take it. Another trump was returned but now declarer could draw trumps, cash the winning clubs and lead towards the ♦Q for the tenth trick and eleven IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baldysz C</i>	<i>Avon</i>	<i>Baldysz S</i>	<i>Hugon</i>
—	1♣	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

When North opened a natural club East could intervene at the one-level with 1♦, perhaps slightly perplexing South who was now probably hoping for two passes and a re-opening double. West had different ideas and was set on the course of showing her majors which she successfully did and became declarer in 2♥. Declarer took the ♣K lead in hand with the ace and returned the jack to North's queen. A trump exit was followed by the ♠Q again taken by North who played yet another trump. Declarer cashed the ♣10 in dummy discarding a diamond from hand. Now a diamond ruff in her hand gave her the entry to ruff a spade in dummy and bring her tally of tricks to eight. If at any time during the first five or six tricks North had led her singleton diamond declarer should have been defeated.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Kazmucha</i>	<i>Halfon</i>	<i>Sarniak</i>
—	2♣*	All Pass	

2♣ 10-14 6♣ or 5♣ 4M

South saw no future in removing 2♣ and West was not disposed to show her anaemic major suits, so North languished in a 2♣ contract. The lead of the ♥A was followed by a switch to the ♠Q won in hand with the ace. A heart followed taken by East's king and a trump switch ensued, West taking the ace and leading a spade for East to ruff, but it was with a natural trump trick. Another trump from the defence prohibited a heart ruff in dummy but by now declarer had eight tricks and her contract. Five IMPs to Poland

At the end of the match Poland had won a close encounter by 20-5 or 14.8-5.2 VPs.



Scoring  
POLAND



# FRANCE vs ENGLAND

OPEN, Round 28

Mark Horton

At this stage of the tournament every match is a big one for the teams hoping to qualify, but in Round 28 the encounter between England and France was likely to impact on the chances of both sides.

South led the ♣2 and declarer won with the ace, played the ♠J for the king and ace, ruffed a spade and played the ♥7 to dummy's king. When it held he ruffed a spade, ruffed a club, ruffed a spade with the ♦J, drew trumps and could cash the ♠9 for +600 and 11 IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Byrne	Rombaut	Dyke
—	—	—	1♣*
1♠	3♣*	All Pass	

- 1♣ Clubs, unbalanced or any 11-13 balanced
- 3♣ Weak, long clubs

West led the ♦K and East overtook with the ace and switched the ♠J, West winning and returning the four. East ruffed and played a heart and West won with the king and played another spade for East to ruff, two down, -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Byrne	Rombaut	Dyke
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	3♣	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♦K and dummy's ace took care of the ♥K. A spade for the ten, queen and king saw declarer ruff the heart return and play a second spade, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Volcker	Townsend	Bessis
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	3♣	Dble	Pass
4♣*	Dble	4♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bakhshi	Volcker	Townsend	Bessis
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Not the first example of a player doubling to show the other suits with no support for partner – and it again paid dividends.

Here too East led the ♦K, but +170 meant the loss of 10 IMPs.



Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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



♠ 6 2
♥ 9 7 4
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ K 7 5 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lorenzini</i>	<i>Byrne</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Dyke</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

- 2♠ Could be 5♠
- 3♠ 6+♠, 0-2 ♣
- 5♣ Cue

Declarer had to lose a trick to the ♠K, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Volcker</i>	<i>Townsend</i>	<i>Bessis</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♠	All Pass

- 2♣ 2+♣, game forcing
- 5♣ Cue
- 5♦ Cue
- 5♥ Cue

West allowed for the possibility that East's spades were headed by the KQ. Had that been the case East would have been able to bid 7♠.

Only 8 pairs bid this slam.

In the context of qualifying it was a huge win for England, 28-2, 17.16-2.84 VP and a major setback for France.

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# DENMARK vs SWEDEN

SENIOR, Round 20

John Carruthers

## The Vikings

In battle with Sweden and Denmark, the ferocious Vikings would cleave your breastbone with an axe, tear apart your ribcage and pull out your heart and eat it. Alright, maybe that was about 1300 years ago. Our modern Scandinavians are much more civilised, polite and gentle folk, except when they play each other. Then there's no one they want to beat more than their brethren. At game time, Denmark was in second place, Sweden in seventh.

Board 11 was a routine push in four hearts, then...

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Göran	Klaus	Björn	Dennis
Selldén	Adamsen	Wenneberg	Koch-P
1♣*	1♠	Pass*	2♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

1♣ 11-13 HCP balanced or 16+ any distribution  
Pass 0-7 HCP

Had Selldén held a fourth heart, four hearts would have been a pretty good contract. As it was, there were a number of ways to beat it and the Danes found one of them. The key play was not to force the dummy with a third round of spades. Then, declarer could not both cross to hand to ruff a spade low and get back to hand to draw the last trumps.

Koch-Palmund led the ace and jack of spades and shifted to a club, ducked to the queen. Adamsen

shifted to a diamond. Wenneberg took his only chance, winning with the jack of diamonds, ruffing his third spade with a high heart, and then playing hearts from the top. When hearts proved to be four-two, he was down one for minus 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Peter	Anders	Dorthe	Johnny
Schaltz	Morath	Schaltz	Östberg
1♣*	1♠	Dble*	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

1♣ 16+ HCP, any distribution  
Dble 5-7 HCP

There was a subtle difference in the auction here. Dorthe Schaltz had already shown a smattering of high-card points with her initial double, so she was not tempted to bid four hearts, as had been Björn Wenneberg at the other table.

The defence led just one high spade before shifting to a club, ducked to the queen, then two more high spades, allowing declarer to ruff low, cash the ace and king of hearts, cross to the jack of diamond and finish the trumps for plus 170 and 6 IMPs to Denmark.



Playing area

DENMARK



Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Göran	Klaus	Björn	Dennis
Selldén	Adamsen	Wenneberg	Koch-P
—	1♥	1♠	Dble
3♥*	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

3♥ Limit-raise equivalent with 4 trumps

South led the eight of hearts. Declarer won with the ace over the jack, ruffed a heart, and played the ace of diamonds and another diamond, ruffing it in hand. On the next heart, South ruffed in with the queen of spades, declarer pitching a low club from the dummy. South led the king of diamonds; North discarded a heart and declarer ruffed. Declarer led a club to the ten, North winning with the queen and shifting to the ace and another spade. We had reached this unusual position:

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

Declarer has lost the ace and queen of spades and the queen of clubs, and must lose one more trick no matter what he does. However, he can choose to lose a trick in any of the four suits, his choice...

(i) if declarer leads the ten of hearts and ruffs it, cashes the ace of clubs and ruffs a diamond, he loses

a trump trick to North's three of spades;

(ii) if declarer leads a club to the ace, he can ruff a diamond and lead the ten of hearts, discarding a diamond, as North wins, but then the nine of spades takes the last trick;

(iii) if declarer leads a club to the ace and discards a club on either diamond, South wins, but declarer has the last two tricks on the forced crossruff;

(iv) finally, if declarer leads a club to the ace and ruffs a diamond, he can then lead the losing club and throw dummy's remaining diamond on it, again winning the nine of spades at the end.

I don't recall ever seeing that particular parlay before.

South earned plus 200 for his trouble; four spades could have been made double-dummy on the heart lead. A club lead is required to beat it double-dummy.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Peter	Anders	Dorthe	Johnny
Schaltz	Morath	Schaltz	Östberg
—	2♥*	All Pass	

2♥ 10-12 HCP, 6+ hearts

On the jack-of-spades lead, the defence got three aces and a second trump trick for plus 140 to North/South. That resulted in 2 IMPs for Denmark.

Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Göran	Klaus	Björn	Dennis
Selldén	Adamsen	Wenneberg	Koch-P.
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
4NT*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

4NT Secondary diamonds



Wenneberg evidently expected a bit more for four notrump; Selldén was two off for minus 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Peter	Anders	Dorthe	Johnny
Schaltz	Morath	Schaltz	Östberg
—	—	1♥*	Pass
2♣*	2♠	3♣	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

- 1♥ 9-13 HCP, 5+ hearts
- 2♣ Natural, not forcing

The Danes knew enough from their auction to go no higher than the five level; one off meant 2 more IMPs Denmark's way.

Board 15 gave the players a bit of a breather, with two inescapable losers in four of either major East/West for a plus-450 push. Then they were back at it.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Göran	Klaus	Björn	Dennis
Selldén	Adamsen	Wenneberg	Koch-P
1♣*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

- 1♣ 11-13 HCP balanced or 16+ any distribution
- 1♠ 8+ HCP, 4+ spades, could have a longer minor
- 2♥ The strong version with 5+ hearts, game forcing

South led a club. Declarer won and led a diamond to the king. He declined the spade finesse, so took 11 tricks for plus 660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Peter	Anders	Dorthe	Johnny
Schaltz	Morath	Schaltz	Östberg
1♣*	Pass	1♦2	Pass
1♥3	Pass	1NT4	Pass
2♥4	Pass	2♠4	Pass
3♣4	Pass	3♦4	Pass
3♥4	Pass	3♠4	Pass
5♣4	Pass	6♦	All Pass

- 1♣ 16+ HCP, any distribution
- 1♦ 6+ HCP
- 1♥ 16+ HCP, 4+ hearts
- 2♠, 3♣, 3♦, 3♥, 3♠, 5♣

All these bids were alerted, but the Schaltz convention card offers no explanations

The Danes were way more aggressive. The only bids not alerted during the auction were one heart and six diamonds, and perhaps one heart might have been! There isn't room on the convention card to explain any of the bids after one heart and there were no supplementary notes offering elucidation. One could guess that one notrump showed some sort of better hand than a minimum and began a relay sequence, despite the fact that the six bids following one notrump all look as though they could have been natural.

In any case, it was a lovely-looking auction, but the slam had no play other than a revoke, which the software would have prevented. That sent 100 points and 13 IMPs Sweden's way.

The last four boards featured three small partscore swings and a pushed game. Sweden won 22-15, 12.51-7.49 in Victory Points, a scoreline that did not reflect how much action there was. The match had been very entertaining, with all eight players having to work very hard.

### The Three Musketeers

Thanks to the efforts of Athos, Porthos and Aramis (also known as John Carruthers, Ron Tacchi and Jos Jacobs) we have been able to offer you an all too brief resume of the four qualification events. Our resident royal, Queen Francesca Canali, again turned our modest prose into works of art. Watch out for *The Return of the Musketeers!*

*Planchet*

**RESULTS - OPEN TEAMS****ROUND 27**

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
1	LITHUANIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
2	UKRAINE	SCOTLAND	26	20	12.18	7.82
3	PORTUGAL	WALES	9	40	2.00	18.00
4	SLOVENIA	BULGARIA	13	10	11.14	8.86
5	ESTONIA	LATVIA	28	21	12.51	7.49
6	HUNGARY	ROMANIA	25	2	16.59	3.41
7	CROATIA	ICELAND	22	16	12.18	7.82
8	RUSSIA	TURKEY	40	22	15.52	4.48
9	IRELAND	DENMARK	13	12	10.39	9.61
10	NETHERLANDS	GREECE	46	2	19.66	0.34
11	POLAND	BELGIUM	18	14	11.50	8.50
12	SPAIN	FRANCE	36	25	13.72	6.28
13	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	4	35	2.00	18.00
14	SWITZERLAND	ITALY	0	0	0.00	12.00
15	NORWAY	SWEDEN	25	29	8.50	11.50
16	ISRAEL	GERMANY	36	10	17.16	2.84

**ROUND 28**

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
1	LATVIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
2	SLOVENIA	ROMANIA	32	25	12.51	7.49
3	WALES	CROATIA	9	44	1.42	18.58
4	TURKEY	SCOTLAND	42	31	13.72	6.28
5	LITHUANIA	DENMARK	31	26	11.85	8.15
6	UKRAINE	GREECE	15	35	4.03	15.97
7	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL	12	35	3.41	16.59
8	BULGARIA	SPAIN	22	9	14.28	5.72
9	ESTONIA	AUSTRIA	24	8	15.05	4.95
10	HUNGARY	SWITZERLAND	13	7	12.18	7.82
11	ICELAND	SWEDEN	6	31	3.03	16.97
12	ISRAEL	RUSSIA	33	9	16.78	3.22
13	GERMANY	IRELAND	10	26	4.95	15.05
14	NORWAY	NETHERLANDS	52	6	19.86	0.14
15	POLAND	ITALY	0	0	0.00	12.00
16	ENGLAND	FRANCE	28	2	17.16	2.84

**ROUND 29**

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
1	SLOVENIA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
2	WALES	LATVIA	49	7	19.44	0.56
3	SCOTLAND	ROMANIA	29	36	7.49	12.51
4	CROATIA	LITHUANIA	9	38	2.32	17.68
5	UKRAINE	TURKEY	13	31	4.48	15.52
6	PORTUGAL	DENMARK	25	21	11.50	8.50
7	GREECE	BULGARIA	1	38	1.16	18.84
8	ESTONIA	BELGIUM	24	42	4.48	15.52
9	HUNGARY	SPAIN	36	22	14.54	5.46
10	ICELAND	AUSTRIA	10	28	4.48	15.52
11	RUSSIA	SWITZERLAND	15	45	2.16	17.84
12	SWEDEN	IRELAND	30	23	12.51	7.49
13	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	1	29	2.49	17.51
14	GERMANY	POLAND	19	12	12.51	7.49
15	FRANCE	NORWAY	20	29	6.86	13.14
16	ITALY	ENGLAND	0	0	12.00	0.00



### ROUND 30

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
1	SCOTLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
2	LITHUANIA	WALES	16	26	6.57	13.43
3	UKRAINE	SLOVENIA	44	15	17.68	2.32
4	LATVIA	PORTUGAL	27	25	10.77	9.23
5	BULGARIA	ROMANIA	38	12	17.16	2.84
6	ESTONIA	CROATIA	7	13	7.82	12.18
7	TURKEY	HUNGARY	13	35	3.61	16.39
8	ICELAND	DENMARK	5	11	7.82	12.18
9	RUSSIA	GREECE	36	10	17.16	2.84
10	IRELAND	BELGIUM	2	59	0.00	20.00
11	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	25	14	13.72	6.28
12	AUSTRIA	POLAND	19	6	14.28	5.72
13	SWITZERLAND	FRANCE	21	15	12.18	7.82
14	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	26	18	12.83	7.17
15	ITALY	ISRAEL	0	0	12.00	0.00
16	GERMANY	NORWAY	30	11	15.75	4.25

### ROUND 31

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
1	WALES	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
2	SCOTLAND	SLOVENIA	32	25	12.51	7.49
3	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	37	35	10.77	9.23
4	ROMANIA	UKRAINE	33	24	13.14	6.86
5	PORTUGAL	CROATIA	19	14	11.85	8.15
6	BULGARIA	TURKEY	61	16	19.76	0.24
7	DENMARK	ESTONIA	20	15	11.85	8.15
8	HUNGARY	GREECE	18	31	5.72	14.28
9	ICELAND	BELGIUM	5	60	0.00	20.00
10	RUSSIA	SPAIN	12	32	4.03	15.97
11	IRELAND	AUSTRIA	19	30	6.28	13.72
12	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	20	19	10.39	9.61
13	SWEDEN	POLAND	41	35	12.18	7.82
14	ISRAEL	FRANCE	38	17	16.18	3.82
15	ENGLAND	GERMANY	39	12	17.34	2.66
16	NORWAY	ITALY	0	0	0.00	12.00

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 31 QUALIFICATION FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP

1		SWITZERLAND	385.09
2		NETHERLANDS	372.34
3		ITALY	372.00
4		ISRAEL	364.63
5		DENMARK	363.18
6		BULGARIA	352.65
7		SWEDEN	352.54
8		NORWAY	349.29
9		ENGLAND	341.69
10		HUNGARY	340.71
11		FRANCE	314.98
12		UKRAINE	312.90
13		BELGIUM	311.76
14		SPAIN	310.36
15		POLAND	300.76
16		RUSSIA	296.82
17		TURKEY	293.54
18		PORTUGAL	291.43
19		GERMANY	287.46
20		CROATIA	281.50
21		IRELAND	281.11
22		WALES	280.40
23		GREECE	279.64
24		LITHUANIA	270.17
25		ICELAND	268.71
26		SCOTLAND	260.15
27		AUSTRIA	250.82
28		LATVIA	249.67
29		ROMANIA	245.41
30		SLOVENIA	233.23
31		ESTONIA	209.96

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 31 QUALIFICATION FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1		SWITZERLAND	385.09
2		NETHERLANDS	372.34
3		ISRAEL	364.63
4		DENMARK	363.18
5		BULGARIA	352.65
6		SWEDEN	352.54
7		NORWAY	349.29
8		ENGLAND	341.69
9		HUNGARY	340.71
10		FRANCE	314.98
11		UKRAINE	312.90
12		BELGIUM	311.76
13		SPAIN	310.36
14		POLAND	300.76
15		RUSSIA	296.82
16		TURKEY	293.54
17		PORTUGAL	291.43
18		GERMANY	287.46
19		CROATIA	281.50
20		IRELAND	281.11
21		WALES	280.40
22		GREECE	279.64
23		LITHUANIA	270.17
24		ICELAND	268.71
25		SCOTLAND	260.15
26		AUSTRIA	250.82
27		LATVIA	249.67
28		ROMANIA	245.41
29		SLOVENIA	233.23
30		ESTONIA	209.96

**RESULTS - WOMEN TEAMS****ROUND 15**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
21	HUNGARY	ICELAND	45	27	15.52	4.48
22	GERMANY	IRELAND	22	16	12.18	7.82
23	BELGIUM	SCOTLAND	34	6	17.51	2.49
24	SWITZERLAND	RUSSIA	9	14	8.15	11.85
25	TURKEY	ISRAEL	26	7	15.75	4.25
26	ENGLAND	NORWAY	12	5	12.51	7.49
27	SWEDEN	SPAIN	9	27	4.48	15.52
28	NETHERLANDS	ESTONIA	22	27	8.15	11.85
29	PORTUGAL	DENMARK	1	17	4.95	15.05
30	POLAND	FRANCE	20	5	14.80	5.20

**ROUND 16**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
21	HUNGARY	ISRAEL	28	1	17.34	2.66
22	SWITZERLAND	NORWAY	2	38	1.29	18.71
23	SPAIN	BELGIUM	49	6	19.55	0.45
24	ESTONIA	IRELAND	25	22	11.14	8.86
25	ICELAND	PORTUGAL	23	18	11.85	8.15
26	GERMANY	FRANCE	16	32	4.95	15.05
27	SCOTLAND	POLAND	32	12	15.97	4.03
28	RUSSIA	DENMARK	19	16	11.14	8.86
29	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	22	24	9.23	10.77
30	ENGLAND	SWEDEN	7	46	0.90	19.10

**ROUND 17**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
21	HUNGARY	IRELAND	5	32	2.66	17.34
22	ICELAND	BELGIUM	12	17	8.15	11.85
23	SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	26	23	11.14	8.86
24	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	17	19	9.23	10.77
25	RUSSIA	NORWAY	26	11	14.80	5.20
26	TURKEY	SPAIN	21	25	8.50	11.50
27	ENGLAND	ESTONIA	29	16	14.28	5.72
28	SWEDEN	PORTUGAL	30	16	14.54	5.46
29	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	39	25	14.54	5.46
30	DENMARK	POLAND	13	35	3.61	16.39

**ROUND 18**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
21	HUNGARY	SWITZERLAND	6	38	1.85	18.15
22	BELGIUM	ISRAEL	21	10	13.72	6.28
23	NORWAY	IRELAND	27	24	11.14	8.86
24	SPAIN	ICELAND	13	17	8.50	11.50
25	GERMANY	ESTONIA	26	20	12.18	7.82
26	SCOTLAND	PORTUGAL	12	14	9.23	10.77
27	RUSSIA	FRANCE	14	1	14.28	5.72
28	TURKEY	POLAND	37	3	18.44	1.56
29	DENMARK	ENGLAND	13	13	10.00	10.00
30	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	16	13	11.14	8.86

**ROUND 19**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
21	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	24	3	16.18	3.82
22	IRELAND	SWITZERLAND	36	23	14.28	5.72
23	ISRAEL	ICELAND	1	22	3.82	16.18
24	NORWAY	GERMANY	31	19	14.00	6.00
25	SCOTLAND	SPAIN	18	42	3.22	16.78
26	RUSSIA	ESTONIA	30	11	15.75	4.25
27	TURKEY	PORTUGAL	36	52	4.95	15.05
28	ENGLAND	FRANCE	50	1	20.00	0.00
29	POLAND	SWEDEN	16	12	11.50	8.50
30	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	14	56	0.56	19.44

**RANKING AFTER ROUND 19**

1		SWEDEN	249.35
2		POLAND	225.40
3		RUSSIA	223.10
4		TURKEY	221.56
5		FRANCE	214.40
6		HUNGARY	204.57
7		ENGLAND	202.21
8		SPAIN	191.57
9		NORWAY	190.31
10		GERMANY	187.41
11		DENMARK	182.69
12		BELGIUM	181.64
13		PORTUGAL	181.47
14		NETHERLANDS	174.76
15		SCOTLAND	170.45
16		IRELAND	169.05
17		ESTONIA	165.27
18		SWITZERLAND	157.15
19		ICELAND	153.15
20		ISRAEL	153.09

**RESULTS - SENIOR TEAMS****ROUND 20**

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
41	PORTUGAL	LATVIA	12	13	9.61	10.39
42	GREECE	SWITZERLAND	46	15	18.00	2.00
43	ICELAND	GERMANY	33	12	16.18	3.82
44	RUSSIA	NETHERLANDS	9	18	6.86	13.14
45	SPAIN	HUNGARY	24	39	5.20	14.80
46	ROMANIA	ESTONIA	28	24	11.50	8.50
47	BULGARIA	ENGLAND	12	16	8.50	11.50
48	NORWAY	BELGIUM	15	33	4.48	15.52
49	TURKEY	FRANCE	48	0	20.00	-1.00
50	SCOTLAND	IRELAND	23	33	6.57	13.43
51	DENMARK	SWEDEN	15	22	7.49	12.51
52	ISRAEL	POLAND	35	7	17.51	2.49

**ROUND 21**

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
41	PORTUGAL	RUSSIA	16	40	3.22	16.78
42	SPAIN	ICELAND	23	43	4.03	15.97
43	ESTONIA	GREECE	20	1	15.75	4.25
44	BULGARIA	LATVIA	31	9	16.39	3.61
45	BELGIUM	SWITZERLAND	7	47	0.78	19.22
46	GERMANY	TURKEY	38	23	14.80	5.20
47	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS	13	48	1.42	18.58
48	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	3	49	0.14	19.86
49	POLAND	ROMANIA	40	18	16.39	3.61
50	ISRAEL	ENGLAND	18	12	12.18	7.82
51	NORWAY	DENMARK	19	31	6.00	14.00
52	FRANCE	IRELAND	26	13	14.28	5.72

**ROUND 22**

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
41	PORTUGAL	GREECE	38	33	11.85	8.15
42	ICELAND	LATVIA	12	29	4.71	15.29
43	RUSSIA	SWITZERLAND	18	3	14.80	5.20
44	SPAIN	GERMANY	14	29	5.20	14.80
45	ESTONIA	NETHERLANDS	13	19	7.82	12.18
46	HUNGARY	BULGARIA	6	31	3.03	16.97
47	BELGIUM	ROMANIA	47	7	19.22	0.78
48	ENGLAND	TURKEY	7	21	5.46	14.54
49	SCOTLAND	NORWAY	8	36	2.49	17.51
50	SWEDEN	FRANCE	14	19	8.15	11.85
51	IRELAND	POLAND	10	32	3.61	16.39
52	DENMARK	ISRAEL	6	26	4.03	15.97

**ROUND 23**

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMPs 1	IMPs 2	VPs 1	VPs 2
41	PORTUGAL	ICELAND	6	37	2.00	18.00
42	RUSSIA	GREECE	9	38	2.32	17.68
43	SPAIN	LATVIA	29	3	17.16	2.84
44	ESTONIA	SWITZERLAND	18	16	10.77	9.23
45	BULGARIA	GERMANY	25	0	16.97	3.03
46	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	29	9	15.17	4.03
47	TURKEY	HUNGARY	27	4	16.59	3.41
48	ROMANIA	SCOTLAND	33	19	14.54	5.46
49	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	23	24	9.61	10.39
50	POLAND	NORWAY	16	11	11.85	8.15
51	FRANCE	ISRAEL	29	3	17.16	2.84
52	IRELAND	DENMARK	9	17	7.17	12.83

**RANKING AFTER ROUND 23**

1		NETHERLANDS	303.81
2		BULGARIA	278.13
3		FRANCE	278.03
4		DENMARK	277.09
5		SWEDEN	259.61
6		POLAND	255.53
7		NORWAY	253.65
8		ICELAND	250.12
9		TURKEY	249.77
10		ENGLAND	246.53
11		GERMANY	244.91
12		BELGIUM	243.90
13		PORTUGAL	232.34
14		GREECE	222.41
15		IRELAND	208.59
16		ISRAEL	208.46
17		ROMANIA	207.47
18		SCOTLAND	204.41
19		ESTONIA	202.99
20		HUNGARY	197.59
21		RUSSIA	184.65
22		LATVIA	173.33
23		SPAIN	167.30
24		SWITZERLAND	158.43

**RESULTS - MIXED TEAMS****ROUND 18**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
61	PORTUGAL	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
62	IRELAND	CROATIA	15	35	4.03	15.97
63	NORWAY	SCOTLAND	53	10	19.55	0.45
64	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	16	6	13.43	6.57
65	SPAIN	WALES	20	21	9.61	10.39
66	BELGIUM	SWEDEN	27	27	10.00	10.00
67	DENMARK	ISRAEL	17	26	6.86	13.14
68	SWITZERLAND	RUSSIA	6	24	4.48	15.52
69	ENGLAND	POLAND	3	36	1.70	18.30
70	FRANCE	ROMANIA	19	17	10.77	9.23
71	LATVIA	GERMANY	28	6	16.39	3.61

**ROUND 19**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
61	TURKEY	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
62	SPAIN	SCOTLAND	12	22	6.57	13.43
63	IRELAND	BELGIUM	9	29	4.03	15.97
64	PORTUGAL	DENMARK	24	5	15.75	4.25
65	SWITZERLAND	CROATIA	29	5	16.78	3.22
66	POLAND	NORWAY	5	16	6.28	13.72
67	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	26	12	14.54	5.46
68	GERMANY	WALES	37	0	18.84	1.16
69	SWEDEN	LATVIA	18	32	5.46	14.54
70	ROMANIA	ISRAEL	8	2	12.18	7.82
71	RUSSIA	ENGLAND	38	3	18.58	1.42

**ROUND 20**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
61	IRELAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
62	SCOTLAND	PORTUGAL	14	56	0.56	19.44
63	CROATIA	TURKEY	22	39	4.71	15.29
64	NORWAY	SPAIN	36	21	14.80	5.20
65	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	33	6	17.34	2.66
66	DENMARK	WALES	19	11	12.83	7.17
67	SWITZERLAND	SWEDEN	11	48	1.16	18.84
68	POLAND	ISRAEL	22	10	14.00	6.00
69	RUSSIA	FRANCE	10	21	6.28	13.72
70	GERMANY	ENGLAND	8	7	10.39	9.61
71	ROMANIA	LATVIA	30	15	14.80	5.20

**ROUND 21**

	<b>TEAM 1</b>	<b>TEAM 2</b>	<b>IMPs 1</b>	<b>IMPs 2</b>	<b>VPs 1</b>	<b>VPs 2</b>
61	SCOTLAND	Bye	0	0	12	0.00
62	TURKEY	IRELAND	14	6	12.83	7.17
63	PORTUGAL	SPAIN	7	19	6.00	14.00
64	CROATIA	BELGIUM	17	7	13.43	6.57
65	DENMARK	NORWAY	18	2	15.05	4.95
66	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	30	19	13.72	6.28
67	POLAND	WALES	19	24	8.15	11.85
68	FRANCE	SWEDEN	37	11	17.16	2.84
69	ISRAEL	GERMANY	24	20	11.50	8.50
70	LATVIA	RUSSIA	0	42	0.56	19.44
71	ENGLAND	ROMANIA	23	0	16.59	3.41

**RANKING AFTER ROUND 21**

1		FRANCE	301.03
2		BELGIUM	272.05
3		ROMANIA	246.51
4		GERMANY	244.57
5		PORTUGAL	241.60
6		DENMARK	234.06
7		ISRAEL	230.86
8		POLAND	225.90
9		CROATIA	224.67
10		RUSSIA	224.01
11		TURKEY	216.70
12		LATVIA	214.27
13		NETHERLANDS	203.51
14		SWEDEN	184.27
15		WALES	183.23
16		SWITZERLAND	181.05
17		NORWAY	180.96
18		SCOTLAND	169.64
19		IRELAND	167.17
20		ENGLAND	166.98
21		SPAIN	139.25

**BUTLER RANKING****OPEN**

BRINK Sjoert	DRIJVER Bas	1.16	230	Switzerland
KARLYKOV Petro	CHUMAK Yuliy	1.01	70	Ukraine
BIRMAN Alon	PADON Dror	0.96	220	Israel
CHUMAK Yuliy	TRIFONOV Konstantyn	0.88	90	Ukraine
NAB Bart	DRIJVER Bob	0.78	180	Netherlands
WINKLER Gabor	DUMBOVICH Miklos	0.72	200	Hungary
RIMSTEDT Mikael	RIMSTEDT Ola	0.68	220	Sweden
HANLON Tom	McGANN Hugh	0.67	240	Ireland
KONOW Kasper	ASKGAARD Michael	0.60	180	Denmark
TSONCHEV Ivan	MARASHEV Vladimir	0.57	190	Bulgaria
VERHEES Jr Louk	VAN PROOIJEN Ricco	0.56	190	Netherlands
GAWRYS Piotr	KLUKOWSKI Michal	0.54	250	Switzerland
SHUKHMEYSTER Borys	DRAGAN Volodymyr	0.54	120	Ukraine
AA Terje	LIVGARD Allan	0.54	200	Norway
KARAKOLEV Georgi	DANAILOV Diyan	0.49	200	Bulgaria
GRUDE Tor Eivind	BAKKE Christian	0.48	190	Norway
DENNING Paul	PLACKETT Richard Mark	0.46	200	Wales
KAYA Emre	OZCAN Okan	0.43	210	Turkey
BILDE Dennis	JEPSEN Emil	0.40	220	Denmark
GRAVERSEN Hans Christian	CASPERSEN Henrik	0.39	180	Denmark
BERTHEAU Peter	HULT Simon	0.39	180	Sweden
PALMA Antonio	DIAS Paulo	0.36	220	Portugal
GIERULSKI Boguslaw	SKRZYPCZAK Jerzy	0.34	240	Lithuania
HERBST Ilan	HERBST Ophir	0.34	170	Israel
BYRNE Michael	DYKE Kieran	0.31	170	England
DE ROOS Steve	ARTS Geert	0.31	190	Belgium
DE DONDER Steven	BAHBOUT Sam	0.30	210	Belgium
HELNESS Tor	HELGEMO Geir	0.29	190	Norway
BAKHSHI David	TOWNSEND Tom	0.27	210	England
BESSIS Michel	CABANES Bernard	0.25	120	France
BELL Michael	NORTON Ben	0.23	200	England
HEGEDUS Gal	SZEGEDI Balazs	0.23	210	Hungary
BOREVKOVIC Goran	ZUNIC Luka	0.20	230	Croatia
KHOLOMEEV Vadim	KHYUPPENEN Yury	0.17	200	Russia
STRAFNER Michael	WEINBERGER Simon	0.16	220	Austria
GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	PATREUHA Jakub	0.14	170	Poland
MULLER Bauke	DE WIJS Simon	0.13	210	Netherlands
BESSIS Thomas	VOLCKER Frederic	0.12	220	France
GODED Federico	FRACTMAN Gabriel	0.12	190	Spain
KRASNOSEL'SKI Mikhail	MATUSHKO Georgi	0.12	190	Russia
JONSSON Birkir	MAGNUSSON Ragnar	0.11	180	Iceland
ZUBAN Vitaly	DRAGAN Volodymyr	0.10	80	Ukraine
ZIMMERMANN Pierre	PIEDRA Fernando	0.05	100	Switzerland
MARCINOWSKI Piotr	SOBCZAK Mateusz	0.04	190	Poland
DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	KARAMANLIS Philippos	0.04	140	Greece



FREDIN Peter	SYLVAN Johan	0.03	180	Sweden
SABATE Jordi	GODED Gonzalo	-0.01	200	Spain
BRGULJAN Karlo	RASE Davor	-0.01	190	Croatia
LEVIN Amir	ROLL Josef	-0.02	190	Israel
DELIMPALTADAKIS Nikos	VROUSTIS Vassilis	-0.03	40	Greece
SAPOUNAKIS Aris	PROTONOTARIOS Manolis	-0.05	190	Greece
ROMBAUT Jerome	LORENZINI Cedric	-0.06	240	France
GOMEZ Ramon	GONCALVES Pedro	-0.07	190	Spain
REPS Klaus	FRITSCH Joerg	-0.09	220	Germany
KASIMIR Udo	JOKISCH Peter	-0.09	140	Germany
JASSEM Krzysztof	PATREUHA Patryk	-0.10	220	Poland
VANCHEV Angel	ZAHARIEV Zahari	-0.11	190	Bulgaria
HAY James	PEDEN Derrick	-0.12	190	Scotland
SARMENTO Paulo	BARBOSA Joao	-0.12	200	Portugal
VAINIKONIS Erikas	ARLOVICH Andrei	-0.14	170	Lithuania
BALASOVIS Jurijs	BETHERS Uldis	-0.14	210	Latvia
LINDE Julius	SCHWERDT Christian	-0.15	220	Germany
SZABO Csaba	SZEGEDI Balazs	-0.15	80	Hungary
SZABO Csaba	WINKLER Gabor	-0.16	90	Hungary
VANDERVORST Mike	CAPUTO Philippe	-0.17	180	Belgium
GROMOV Andrey	GULEVICH Anna	-0.20	190	Russia
SMILGAJS Andris	JANSONS Ugis	-0.21	180	Latvia
POTTAGE Julian	RATCLIFF Tony	-0.25	190	Wales
AAVA Jyri	MIRME Mikk	-0.29	190	Estonia
KNOB Markus	WANHA Clemens	-0.32	220	Austria
KARLYKOV Petro	TRIFONOV Konstantyn	-0.36	130	Ukraine
PUNCH Sam	PETERKIN Stephen	-0.36	190	Scotland
EIDI Michel	VROUSTIS Vassilis	-0.38	170	Greece
STEFANSSON Stefan	SIGURJONSSON Gudjon	-0.40	200	Iceland
SENK Matija	RUS Gregor	-0.41	220	Slovenia
AGICA Marius	MUGIOIU Alexandru Cristian	-0.42	190	Romania
DOGAN Irfan	KAHRAMAN Ahmet	-0.44	190	Turkey
KAHYAOGLU Yusuf	KANDEMIR Ismail	-0.46	180	Turkey
GRIGORIU Mihai	IANCU Stefan	-0.49	210	Romania
ADAMSON Alex	SANDERS Derek	-0.50	200	Scotland
SASEK Tomislav	LESKOVAR Viktor	-0.50	160	Croatia
COTESCU Darrian Bogdan	IODACHE Dragos	-0.53	180	Romania
LAMFORD Paul	JONES Gary	-0.55	190	Wales
PIMENTA Carlos	LUCAS Carlos	-0.56	160	Portugal
TENN Marko	AASMAE Joel	-0.61	190	Estonia
FITZGIBBON Nicholas	MESBUR Adam	-0.71	180	Ireland
ERLINGSSON Hrannar	KRISTINSSON Sverrir	-0.74	200	Iceland
ADAMIC Tomaz	DRINOVEC DRNOVSEK Barbara	-0.76	180	Slovenia
KARPOV Maksim	VAHE Vilmar	-0.83	200	Estonia
BENDIKS Janis	BETHERS Janis	-0.83	190	Latvia
CARROLL John	MORAN Mark	-0.88	160	Ireland
VAINIKONIS Vytautas	OLANSKI Wojtek	-0.90	170	Lithuania
ZUBAN Vitaly	SHUKHMEYSTER Borys	-0.91	90	Ukraine
JESENICNIK Aleksandra	ORAC Tolja	-0.94	180	Slovenia
KARAMANLIS Philippos	PROTONOTARIOS Manolis	-0.98	40	Greece
WEISS Florian	SCHEBERAN Philip	-1.47	140	Austria

**BUTLER RANKING****WOMEN**

RIMSTEDT Cecilia	GRONKVIST Ida	0.89	150	Sweden
OZAN Eren	KANDOLU Ozlem	0.88	110	Turkey
YAVAS Dilek	KURANOGLU Serap	0.73	120	Turkey
LARSSON Jessica	BERTHEAU Kathrine	0.69	150	Sweden
SMITH Nicola	SENIOR Nevena	0.63	130	England
VIST Gunn Tove	HESKJE Torild	0.61	150	Norway
WILLARD Sylvie	HALFON Donatella	0.50	140	France
BILDE Lone	RASMUSSEN Helle	0.49	130	Denmark
FERNANDEZ Margarita	DE LORENZO Paula	0.46	120	Spain
VEGH Mariann	BALABANOVA Kamelia	0.44	130	Switzerland
SARNIAK Anna	KAZMUCHA Danuta	0.42	140	Poland
DUFRAT Katarzyna	TACZEWSKA Joanna	0.42	110	Poland
YAKOVLEVA Maria	PAVLUSHKO Olga	0.37	190	Russia
KRIFTNER Susanne	PLATH Mieke	0.36	160	Germany
CLEMENT Muriel	LEVY Anne-Frederique	0.35	100	France
BALDYSZ Cathy	BALDYSZ Sophia	0.33	130	Poland
VANDENBOSSCHE Caroline	STAS Marie-Francoise	0.29	140	Belgium
TICHY Eszter	ZALAI Agnes	0.22	120	Hungary
LAJOS Hanka	SZUCS Villo	0.21	190	Hungary
BROCK Sally	BROWN Fiona	0.20	130	England
HERNANDEZ Maria Eugenia	MESTRES Montserrat	0.19	130	Spain
PETELKO Lia	MAMAN Gai	0.17	190	Israel
CHRISTENSEN Malene H	VISSER Esther	0.15	130	Netherlands
PONOMAREVA Tatiana	KHONICHEVA Elena	0.10	190	Russia
McGOWAN Elizabeth (Liz)	McQUAKER Fiona	0.08	140	Scotland
LEITAO Mariana	RUSSO Rita	0.07	190	Portugal
BILDE Dorte Cilleborg	BUUS THOMSEN Anita	0.06	130	Denmark
HUGON Elisabeth	AVON Danielle	0.05	140	France
HALLQVIST Louise	JOHANSSON Ylva	-0.03	80	Sweden
O'KEEFFE-BROWN Rebecca	PENDER Gilda	-0.08	130	Ireland
ARNOLDS Carla	KOLEN Sandra	-0.10	140	Netherlands
HARALDSDOTTIR B Maria	INGOLFSDOTTIR Harpa Fold	-0.14	130	Iceland
HARDING Marianne	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	-0.15	140	Norway
PIIBELEHT Ines	TAUBE Aire	-0.17	120	Estonia
OZBAY Irem	OZGUR Hatice	-0.17	150	Turkey
IHER Mirjam	LAAN Susanna	-0.22	130	Estonia
DRAPER Catherine	FAWCETT Gillian	-0.23	120	England
HEGEDUS Orsolya	ZALAI Agnes	-0.25	40	Hungary
VERBEEK Martine	WITTEVEEN Els	-0.26	110	Netherlands
OLIVEIRA Anabela	DE MAGALHAES PEREIRA Ana	-0.29	190	Portugal
SMYKALLA Gisela	DELLA MONTA Annaig	-0.29	130	Germany
KENNY Joan	FITZGERALD Jeannie	-0.32	130	Ireland
ADAMSON Sheila	MILNE Abigail	-0.33	110	Scotland
NIELSEN Anna Gudlaug	STURLAUGSDOTTIR Helga	-0.36	130	Iceland
CAUWELS Sylvie	USKUP Burcu	-0.36	140	Belgium
DOWLING-LONG Hilary	PART Siobhan	-0.38	120	Ireland
GROMANN Ingrid	WENNING Karin	-0.43	90	Germany
SEPP Tuul	KUUSK Pihel	-0.45	130	Estonia
GREENWOOD Fiona	PALMER Julia	-0.53	130	Scotland
MEYERSON Elianna	DUC Laurence	-0.59	140	Switzerland
EGE Tina	FARHOLT Stense	-0.61	120	Denmark
CASTELLS Laura	CASTELLS Marina	-0.62	130	Spain
HARDEMAN Annemie	TOPIOL Yael	-0.64	100	Belgium
GRUDE Liv Marit	OIGARDEN Bodil Nyheim	-0.68	90	Norway
FIBERT Gal	SCHARO Shira	-0.70	70	Israel
GUDNADOTTIR Alda	JONSDOTTIR Arngunnur	-0.93	120	Iceland
PETELKO Adel	ROITMAN Ziv	-1.03	120	Israel
GERSTEL Madeleine	CHENG Erna	-1.11	110	Switzerland

**BUTLER RANKING****SENIORS**

ABECASSIS Michel	LEVY Alain	1.01	170
TUWANAKOTTA Tjali	VERHEES Jan	0.94	150
SCHOU Steen	HANSEN Jorgen Cilleborg	0.85	130
COENRAETS Philippe	BIGDELI Faramarz	0.78	190
KWIECIEN Michal	STARKOWSKI Wlodzimierz	0.73	200
VAN EIJCK Willem	GOSSCHALK Willem	0.70	150
KUTTNER Gyorgy	ZOLD Ferenc	0.69	150
ELMROTH Gunnar	ELIASSON Per Gunnar	0.59	160
KARADENIZ Mesut	INCE Mehmet Ali	0.59	70
WENNEBERG Bjorn	SELLDEN Goran	0.56	140
KOCH-PALMUND Dennis	ADAMSEN Klaus	0.56	160
MARSAL Reiner	KLUMPP Herbert	0.54	180
HENRIQUES Jose Carlos	FOLQUE Luis	0.47	150
HRISTOV Hristo	STOYANOV Alexandar	0.47	230
JOHNSEN Sverre	STOKKELAND Aasmund	0.43	150
NEDELTCHEV Zlatko	SIMEONOV Krasimir	0.41	230
KOLEN Jan	LUCASSEN Ton	0.38	160
HERMANNSSON G S.	EYSTEINSSON Bjorn	0.37	150
ZOTOS Loukas	KANNAVOS Panagiotis	0.36	190
INCE Mehmet Ali	EKINCI Orhan	0.35	150
MIKKELSEN Jan	FARSTAD Arve	0.27	140
MOSSOP David	HALLBERG Gunnar	0.26	160
BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	0.25	180
JONSSON Thorlakur	INGASON Haukur	0.20	170
KEAVENEY Gay	GLYNN Enda	0.19	150
FRYDENBERG Odd A.	EIDE Lars	0.18	160
HACKETT Paul D	SENIOR Brian	0.14	160
SOULET Philippe	BOMPIS Marc	0.07	180
AVCIOGLU Huseyin Kerem	ZORLU Nafiz	0.06	230
SAVIN Daniel Octavian	URSEANU Dan	0.03	160
SCHILHART Norbert	BUCHLEV Nedju	0.01	140
SHORT Brian	GOODMAN Alan	-0.02	159
HASSETT John	HOLLAND John	-0.05	140
JORGENSEN Adalsteinn	ARMANNSSON Sverrir	-0.05	140
TRIANDAPHYLLOPOULOS T	BOMPOLAKIS Stavros	-0.05	130
MARILL Philippe	PILON Dominique	-0.07	110
CHAPPELL Mark	FERMIN Jesus	-0.09	170
KAPLAN Alain	POLET Guy	-0.12	189
GONCALVES Carlos	PINTO Eduardo	-0.14	160
KAND Jaak	VOHANDU Priit	-0.15	150
KALISH Avi	GRINBERG Nir	-0.15	190
PLEKSEPP Tonis	JULLIS Toivo	-0.15	150
TYMIANKER Noah	BERKMAN Meir	-0.17	110
CHELU Eugen	BREABAN Lucian	-0.20	160
SCHALTZ Dorthe	SCHALTZ Peter	-0.21	170
HERTZKA Roni	ROSLER Amnon	-0.23	160
MORATH Anders	OSTBERG Johnny	-0.23	160
ASH Mike	FERRARI Robert	-0.24	150
O'BRIEN Brendan J	MILNE Ranald	-0.28	160
ROZENBLYUM Mikhail	RAPOPORT Vadim	-0.28	160
LESNICZAK Jacek	KOZYCZKOWSKI Jerzy	-0.32	140
RUMMEL Aarne	KALMA Ivar	-0.33	160
BALLAS Dimitris	GAROUFALIS Michalis	-0.35	140
GONCALVES Manuel	PESSANHA Paolo	-0.36	150
BIRINS Sergei	RUBENIS Bruno	-0.37	230
FOLDI Jozsef	FOGARAS Andras	-0.38	160
MARKOWICZ Victor	MOSZCZYNSKI Krzysztof	-0.46	80
DE PARTEARROYO David	SACRISTAN Antonio	-0.48	140
JOHNSON David	STAS Jacques	-0.53	80
GOODMAN Peter	WALSH Terry	-0.53	140
MURDOCH John	SIME Iain	-0.53	150
MALINSKIS Alfreds	ILZINS Ivars	-0.54	120
GUDKOV Anatoli	KORNILOV Petr	-0.55	160
ZIVKOVIC Gojko	DERIVAZ Jean-Pierre	-0.57	160
DRAGHICESCU Serban	STANCESCU Constantin	-0.64	140
HASHIMOTO George	ANDERSSON Thomas	-0.67	160
SHKURAT Sergei	SERBIN Alexander	-0.80	140
FIERZ Gerard	SCHURTER Peter	-0.80	140
PURGAILIS Maris	OZOLINA Gundega	-0.86	110
BALAS Angel	GOLMAR Alfonso	-1.06	90
GAL Peter	JAKAB Sandor	-1.13	150

**BUTLER RANKING****MIXED**

REESS Vanessa	SEBBANE Lionel	1.47	130	France
GROMOELLER Michael	GLADIATOR Anne	1.47	90	Germany
CARCASSONNE-L. Valerie	LABAERE Alain	1.22	160	Belgium
IONITA Marius	STEGAROIU Marina	1.14	140	Romania
ZOCHOWSKA Joanna	SCHMIDT Pierre	0.92	130	France
KIZILOK Omer	KUTUK Basak	0.76	140	Turkey
KREFELD Camilla Bo	HAMMELEV Johan	0.67	150	Denmark
DUBININ Alexander	RUDAKOVA Elena	0.58	150	Russia
SAKOWSKA Natalia	BUTRYN Piotr	0.52	130	Poland
BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	0.51	130	Israel
CRONIER Philippe	CRONIER Benedicte	0.50	140	France
ZORIC Vedran	SVER Nikica	0.46	160	Croatia
BARBOSA Juliano	PESSOA Sofia	0.44	169	Portugal
RUBINS Karlis	ALFEJEVA Jelena	0.44	200	Latvia
GONCALVES PEREIRA Paulo	ROSADO Alexandra	0.37	150	Portugal
DAUWE Gunther	DOBBELS Tine	0.33	110	Belgium
SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	NOWAK Kamil	0.33	159	Poland
CRUZEIRO Jorge	BRITO Ana	0.28	80	Portugal
MARINA Bogdan	BALINT Mihaela	0.21	120	Romania
EGGELING Marie	GRUENKE Paul	0.19	170	Germany
VAN CLEEFF Jan	WITVLIET Marina	0.19	150	Netherlands
SCHIPPERS-BOSKLOPPER Elly	STIENEN Rene	0.17	150	Netherlands
HELNESS Gunn	HELNESS Fredrik	0.17	170	Norway
DEWASME Isabelle	DEHAYE Bernard	0.15	130	Belgium
PILIPOVIC Marina	STANICIC Ognjen	0.12	120	Croatia
PREDDY Kay	SELWAY Norman	0.08	120	England
KHAZANOV Igor	LEBEDEVA Maria	0.05	130	Russia
BUUS THOMSEN Signe	JEPSSEN Peter	0.03	130	Denmark
DISLEY Tony	PIERCE Ceri	-0.05	150	Wales
ZACK Yaniv	BARR Ronnie	-0.08	80	Israel
HENNEBERG Marlene	HENNEBERG Jens Ove	-0.08	120	Denmark
ASPLUND SIVELIND Sara	ASPLUND Karl	-0.10	130	Sweden
CORRAL Mari Carmen	GONCALVES Miguel	-0.11	200	Spain
AITCHISON Susan	FORSYTH James	-0.12	130	Scotland
ALUF Sedat	SANUS Sirma	-0.13	110	Turkey
BRKLJACIC Tihana	MESTRIC Mate	-0.14	120	Croatia
NIKOLENKOV Dmitrij	HAIDORFER Andrea	-0.16	130	Switzerland
MIHAI Geta	MIHAI Radu	-0.16	140	Romania
BERGDAHL Tommy	OVELIUS Emma	-0.18	170	Sweden
VINCENT Christine	ABOU CHANAB Bachar	-0.18	130	Switzerland
NOONAN John	CUMMINS Carol Anne	-0.22	160	Ireland
JOHANSEN Lars Arthur	GRUDE Marian	-0.23	120	Norway
TAL Noga	PACHTMANN Ron	-0.25	129	Israel
HAEUSLER Helmut	VON ARNIM Daniela	-0.32	140	Germany
NEWELL Sandra	MCAULIFFE Michael	-0.33	140	Ireland
ROMANOVSKA Maija	LORENCIS Martins	-0.38	150	Latvia
GERASIMOV Alexej	VOROBAYCHIKOVA Olga	-0.38	120	Russia
THOMAS Adrian	DESCHEPPER Mia	-0.38	120	Wales
SAESSELI Irene	IGLA Bartlomiej	-0.45	140	Switzerland
GRZEJDZIAK Igor	GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	-0.47	109	Poland
MCKINNON Robert	FERGUSON Catherine	-0.57	140	Scotland
PLANT George	ROZMAN Malgorzata	-0.61	130	Scotland
KOKTEN Namik	ALUF Tuna	-0.63	150	Turkey
HINDEN Frances	OSBORNE Graham	-0.67	150	England
JARLVIK Fredrik	TRENDAFILOVA Tatyana	-0.69	100	Sweden
DHONDY Heather	FAWCETT Joe	-0.71	129	England
RODERICK Mark	WOODRUFF Laura	-0.74	130	Wales
MITCHELL Louise	WALSH David	-0.77	90	Ireland
ROMANOVSKA Maija	NEIMANIS Janis	-0.80	50	Latvia
VERDEGAAL Renee	THIELE Mark	-0.97	100	Netherlands
LYBAEK Astrid Steen	ELLINGSEN Kristian	-1.14	110	Norway
CHAMORRO ESTEVEZ Alfonso	BONNY MIRANDA Maria Dolores	-1.28	120	Spain
GONZALEZ LAMAS Eduardo	BONNY MIRANDA Maria Dolores	-1.82	79	Spain