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Stars earn their Stripes

An all-Texas team from the **USA** took the lead in Friday's first set and were rock solid the rest of the way to take the gold medal in the Women's World Bridge Team Olympiad, defeating **Canada** in a well-played final.

Germany took the Bronze Medals in the Women's Series, easily holding onto their overnight lead over **Norway's** 'Bravehearts'. Congratulations to the team led by npc Christoph Kemmer, comprising Katrin Farwig & Barbara Stawowy, Daniela von Arnim & Sabine Auken, Andrea Rauscheid & Beate - 'Pony' - Nehmert.

In the Open Series, **USA** finished third, easily holding on to their advantage against **England**.

David Berkowitz & Larry Cohen, Steve Garner & George Jacobs, Ralph Katz & Howard Weinstein were captained by Chip Martel.



The winners are Mildred Breed, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson, Robin Klar, Shawn Quinn and Peggy Sutherlin. The silver medal winners are Francine Cimon, Dianna Gordon, Rhoda Habert, Beverly Kraft, Martine Lacroix and Katie Thorpe

Transnational Mixed Teams

The Internet team **e-bridge** have a commanding lead over **Bessis** after the first session of the final. However there are still two sessions to go, and you can be sure that the French team will be going flat out today.

The team from Austria will be on the rostrum tonight as they finished third. Congratulations to Doris Fischer, Jovanka Smederevac, Martin Schifko, Sascha Wernle and Andreas Gloyer. You may recall that Gloyer and Schifko were on the team that won the Universities Cup.

The team from Belgium, **Djunga**, comprising Valérie, Carcassonne, Véronique Driessens, Alain Labaere and Frans Jeunen were fourth.

A further recount has brought our total of World Champions competing in the event up to thirty-one!

WORLD TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS

	Time Schedule	
Finals		11.00 - 13.20
Finals		14.00 - 16.20

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OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

FINAL (6 of the 8 sets)

Home Team	Visiting Team	Board 1-16	Board 17-32	Board 33-48	Board 49-64
Italy	Poland	35 - 8	9 - 22	37 - 31	64 - 23
Home Team	Visiting Team	Board 65-80	Board 81-96	Total	
Italy	Poland	26 - 60	26 - 13	197 - 157	

PLAY OFF for 3rd Place

Home Team	Visiting Team	Board 1-16	Board 17-32	Board 33-48	Total
England	USA	15 - 24	15 - 39	35 - 69	65 - 132

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

FINAL

Home Team	Visiting Team	Board 1-16	Board 17-32	Board 33-48	Board 49-64
USA	Canada	28 - 28	19 - 22	49 - 8	55 - 30
Home Team	Visiting Team	Board 65-80	Board 81-96	Total	
USA	Canada	23 - 27	12 - 29	176 - 144	

PLAY OFF for 3rd Place

Home Team	Visiting Team	Board 1-16	Board 17-32	Board 33-48	Total
Germany	Norway	51 - 20	47 - 29	42 - 35	140 - 84

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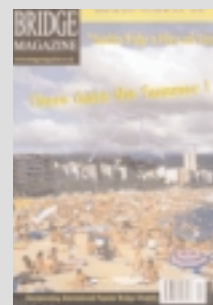
Please see **Elly Ducheyne** in the **Press Room** on the bottom floor of the MECC.

The World Championship Book will be edited by Brian Senior. Principal analysts will be Brian Senior, Eric Kokish and Barry Rigal. There will also be guest writers from around the world.

The book will include coverage of all the best of the action from all the events being held in Maastricht, including every deal of the finals and semi-finals. There will be a complete listing of all participants, all the final rankings and statistics, and many photographs.

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WORLD TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Final Ranking for places 3 to 68

e-bridge	35	Tuwanakotta	237.0
Bessis	36	Mortarotti	237.0
3 Wernle	37	van Glabbeek	236.0
4 Djunga	38	Retek	234.0
5 Hackett	280.0	39 Levy	234.0
6 Fukuda	273.0	40 Abe	233.0
7 Courtney	269.0	41 Adad	231.0
8 Meltzer	268.0	42 Rahelt	227.0
9 Meyer	267.0	43 Wolff	226.0
10 Neill	265.0	44 Gunnell	224.0
11 Kaplan	261.0	45 Kreijns	224.0
12 Renoux	260.0	46 Volhejn	224.0
13 Volina	259.5	47 Barrett	223.0
14 Ji Hong Hu	258.0	48 Je Coupe	221.0
15 Eisenberg	257.0	49 Lippo Bank II	217.0
16 Serf	257.0	50 Marsal	216.0
17 Allix	257.0	51 New Zealand	214.0
18 Erdeova	255.0	52 Marian	213.0
19 Latvia I	253.0	53 Alberti	211.0
20 Senior	251.5	54 Sykes	206.0
21 Honkavuori	248.0	55 Wood	199.0
22 Paulissen	247.0	56 Palestine	191.0
23 Basia	247.0	57 Jordan	189.5
24 Harasimowicz	246.0	58 Armstrong	153.0
25 Lippo Bank I	244.0	59 Gerard	
26 Zimmermann	244.0	60 Steiner	
27 Rising Sun	244.0	61 Amano	
28 Zuker	242.0	62 Zenit	
29 Fornaciari	240.5	63 Priebe	
30 Israel	240.0	64 Imakura	
31 de Lange	240.0	65 Sisselaar	
32 Hamaoui	239.0	66 Yoshimori	
33 Heng	239.0	67 Korving	
34 Venetina	237.0	68 Waksman	

WORLD TRANSNATIONAL MIXED TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Final

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Total
e-bridge	40			
Bessis	1			

The Unlucky Expert

In Round 8 of the World Transnational Mixed Teams, there was an opportunity for an expert defensive play in a standard situation. However, it didn't quite work as well as it was supposed to do.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
G Retek		M Retek	
		1♦	2♥
2♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

In the other room, Eva and Tom Deri for the Retek team held 4♠ to 11 tricks.

Canada's George and Mari Retek also bid to 4♠ in a competitive auction and George ruffed the opening lead of the ace of hearts. At trick two he led a low club from hand and this was the opportunity for North to make the expert play of the queen! The fall of South's king was not what North had in mind and declarer could now take all 13 tricks.

Of course, clubs had not been mentioned in the auction, so North could consider himself a little unfortunate. For obvious reasons, Mr J.C., also of Canada, wishes to remain anonymous, and we respect his wishes.

No Bridge in Mensa

by David Muller

As a member of Mensa, the high IQ society, I sadly have to report that despite there being over 100 Special Interest Groups, there is no Special Interest Group (SIG) for Bridge. Special Interest Groups are groups of people within the society with a common interest. I would have thought that there would be a lot of people in the society interested in Bridge, but this does not appear to be the case. However that is about to change. Mensa is very much a do it yourself society, and since no-one else has started a Bridge SIG, I am going to have to do it myself. If there are any Mensa members at these championships, and I am sure there must be quite a few, who would like to assist me in setting up a Bridge SIG, then please contact me in the press room or by email on: dmuller@dircon.co.uk

OPEN

Italy v Poland

**FINAL
Set Two**

The second session of the Open final between Italy and Poland was one of the least exciting I can remember in World Championship play. After 11 deals, Poland had outscored Italy by 4-2 IMPs. There were just three swings of greater than 2 IMPs, and they all came near the end of the session.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	De Falco	Pszczola	Ferraro
Pass	1♦	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Tuszynski	Bocchi	Jassem
Pass	2NT	Dble	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Jacek Pszczola doubled the 1♦ opening and doubled again when Guido Ferraro's weak 2♠ response came back to him. When he next bid his hearts, Michal Kwiecien scraped up a raise to game. Ferraro led a heart to the ace and Dano De Falco returned a heart. Pszczola won and played three rounds of diamonds. Ferraro failed to ruff in front of dummy so declarer ruffed, came to the ace of spades and drew the last trump. The auction strongly indicated the distribution of the outstanding cards, including the position of the ♣K. Pszczola led his last diamond to North. De Falco could cash the fifth diamond, but then had to lead up to the ♣Q to give declarer his tenth trick and the contract; +420.

In the Open Room, 2NT showed both minors and, with three-of-either-minor available for take-out, Norberto Bocchi felt that he could afford to double despite the spade singleton. Krzysztof Jassem had no preference so passed, and must have been delighted when Giorgio Duboin removed to 3♠. Bocchi bid the inevitable 3NT and played there. Jassem guessed very well by leading the ten of clubs. That was covered by the queen and king. Bocchi ducked but won the club continuation. He played the ♥K to the ace and Piotr Tuszynski cashed the clubs then switched to the jack of spades. Declarer had pitched two diamonds on the clubs. He now cashed the top diamonds and exited with the eight



Krzysztof Jassem, Poland

of hearts, which would have endplayed South had he started with four cards in the suit. As it was, he had two spades to cash and that was four down for -200 and 12 IMPs to Poland.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kwiecien	De Falco	Pszczola	Ferraro
	Dble	Pass	INT
3♦		Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Tuszynski	Bocchi	Jassem
		2♣	Dble
3♦	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, Ferraro opened a 15-17 no trump and Kwiecien overcalled 3♦. That drew a take-out double from De Falco and Ferraro bid 3NT. I find that a slightly surprising choice. With no source of tricks, I would have thought passing and taking the money to be more normal, but then, I am not playing in a World Championship final. It was not too taxing for Kwiecien to find the diamond lead that meant a quick three down; -150.

In the other room, Bocchi's 2♣ opening was weak with both majors. Jassem doubled, one of his possible hand types being around 13-15 balanced, and Duboin bid his diamonds. Tuszynski had no clear bid now so passed and 3♦ ended the auction. Tuszynski led his trump and Jassem ducked. Duboin won and returned a second trump and again Jassem ducked. He won the third round and had to decide on a switch. Tuszynski had thrown the ♠3 followed by the ♠8. Had that been reverse attitude, a spade switch would have been clear, but according to a Pole in the vugraph audience, it was reverse count. Jassem switched to a club instead and the contract was just one down; -50 and 5 IMPs to Poland.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kwecien	De Falco	Pszczola	Ferraro
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Tuszynski	Bocchi	Jassem
Pass	3♥	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Finally a bit of action or, at least, light relief. Look first at the Open Room result and imagine how the Italians felt. Bocchi overcalled 3NT when many would have preferred to bid the spades, and Duboin decided that there could easily be a slam in the cards so showed his diamonds. Clearly, Bocchi bid 4♠ as a suggestion to play there and, equally clearly, Duboin took it as a cuebid for

diamonds. He made two cuebids and Bocchi bid 5♦ and then 6♦, both very quickly. Credit Duboin for not taking his partner's tempo into account as he drove to slam on the strength of what he believed his partner's bids to mean. Six Diamonds may have other chances, but the main one is that the spades come in. When Tuszynski led the ♠8, that did not look very likely. Duboin won the ace and played the ♣Q to Jassem's ace. He played back a diamond and Duboin won in dummy and cashed the other diamond before ruffing a heart to hand and drawing the outstanding trump. He could only make the black kings and his long trump from here for three down; -150. Had declarer ruffed a heart when in dummy with the first diamond, he could have taken two more heart ruffs and a club ruff and got out for two down.

Had you told Bocchi/Duboin that they would gain on the board, they might not have believed you, but that is what happened. De Falco's more aggressive pre-empt in the Closed Room attracted a double from Pszczola. It seems that the Poles were on different wavelengths here. Presumably the double was take-out, making it a questionable action, and Kwiecien intended 4NT as being two places to play, another questionable action given the disparity in his suits and the fact that partner would tend to bid clubs with equal length in the minors. Did Pszczola take 4NT as Blackwood, Lebensohl, or what? His 5♣ response looks curious to these eyes, and it certainly did not mean the same to Kwiecien as to Pszczola. He raised to six and that inelegant contract went no less than seven down for -350 and 5 IMPs to Italy.

The session score was 22-9 to Poland, leaving the overall score after 32 boards at 44-30 in favour of Italy. Both players and spectators would hope for livelier deals the next day.

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WOMEN **Canada v USA** **FINAL Set Two**

The second set of boards did not exactly have the spectators leaping from their seats, as a long series of games and part scores saw few points change hands.

The USA were a little more accurate than their opponents, and they picked up a number of little swings to build a small but useful lead well into the session.

This deal helped them on their way:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul

♠ Q 10 9 4 3 2 ♥ 9 8 6 5 ♦ A 3 ♣ 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ J ♥ A 10 7 ♦ K Q 10 5 2 ♣ K J 9 3
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jackson	Habert	Klar	Kraft
Pass	INT	All Pass	Pass

East made the perfectly reasonable lead of the queen of diamonds, but that gave declarer a chance. West overtook the queen with the ace, and East cleared the diamonds, declarer winning the fourth round with the jack. A heart went to the jack, and a second one to the king and ace. While all this was going on, West was discarding spades. On the last diamond, declarer parted with a spade from dummy, and a club from hand, while West released a third spade. East exited with a spade to declarer's ace, and she cashed the queen of hearts, discarding a club. These cards remained:

♠ Q 10 ♥ 9 ♦ - ♣ 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ - ♥ - ♦ - ♣ K J 9 3
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	♠ K 8 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ Q 8										

Declarer has made four tricks, and needs three more. She played two rounds of spades, hoping to endplay West into lead-

ing away from the king of clubs. That was one down. The winning line, not easy to see, but perhaps indicated by the fact that East had played the two of diamonds on the fourth round of the suit, suggesting an entry in clubs, is to play the ten of clubs. East can win, but the next club will squeeze West.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Breed	Thorpe	Quinn
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	1♠

With her main suit bid against her, Thorpe led the three of clubs, and that ran to declarer's seven. She promptly cashed the ace of clubs and played another one. East went in with the king, and having seen her partner discard the two of spades and the six of hearts, switched to the jack of spades. Declarer went up with dummy's king, and cashed her clubs before playing the jack of hearts. The play record is incomplete, but clearly East can defeat the contract by winning and switching to a low diamond. She didn't do this, and declarer emerged with an overtrick, and 6 IMPs.

The American lead was up to 18 IMPs when they suffered a severe reverse.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 9 8 7 4 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ 8 3 ♣ Q 5 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N			W	E			S		♠ A ♥ K Q 8 7 4 ♦ A K 10 2 ♣ A 8 6
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jackson	Habert	Klar	Kraft
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♠
Pass	2♣	2♥	All Pass

Two Hearts was a comfortable resting-place. The opening diamond lead was covered by the jack and king, and declarer unblocked the ace of spades before cashing the ace of diamonds and playing a diamond. South ruffed in with the ten of hearts, dummy pitching a club, and switched to the ten of clubs. Declarer won with the ace, and played her last diamond, getting rid of dummy's remaining club when South ruffed in with the jack of hearts. The defence now played two rounds of trumps, so declarer could only ruff one of her losing clubs, so she had to concede a trick at the end. Still, +140 did not look too bad.



Mildred Breed, USA

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Breed	Thorpe	Quinn
Pass	1♦	Dble	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

You could have a long theoretical debate about the merits of the weak jump response in this situation, but whatever your views, the method did not show to advantage here.

West found the best lead of a heart, ducked to East's queen. She cashed the ace of spades and knocked out the ace of hearts. Declarer played the queen of diamonds, and East took the king and continued hearts. On the fourth round both declarer and West discarded diamonds, and the fifth round was ruffed and overruffed. When West returned a club, declarer was on a guess for three or four down. She put up the king, and that was -1100 and in the context of the set a massive 14 IMPs for Canada.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jackson	Habert	Klar	Kraft
2♣	Dble	Pass	INT
3♦	All Pass	Pass	2♦

Two Clubs promised a one suiter. One possible explanation for South's subsequent bid of Two Diamonds is that the double of Two Clubs was 'system on' i.e. Stayman, and the response denied a four card major. Of course, a pass would have the same meaning, but South may have wanted better clubs.

North led the four of clubs for the king and ace, and declarer played the king of diamonds. Ducking this would have enabled South to get some kind of signal from her partner, and perhaps be able to score the spade ruff, but she took her ace and cashed the ace of hearts before playing the two of clubs. North took the queen and tried to cash the king of hearts. That meant declarer could escape for one down, -50.

Not exactly a great result for North-South, with Five Clubs a playable and makeable contract.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Breed	Thorpe	Quinn
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	2♥	INT
			All Pass

West was happy to pass INT - she could even lead fourth best of her longest and strongest if she was in a humorous mood! However, her partner protected, and left South with an awkward lead to find.

She decided to underlead her ace of diamonds, and declarer won with dummy's king. The queen of hearts was covered by North's king, and she accurately switched to a club for the king and ace. Declarer played the two of diamonds, and North, not realising what had happened at trick one, ruffed. Declarer overruffed and played a middle trump. South won, and losing focus for a moment, played another low diamond. Declarer got rid of her losing club, but could not afford to come to hand to draw trumps. She played a spade to her queen and South's king. South could have returned a spade and scored a ruff, but when she played a club declarer could ruff, draw the outstanding trump, and establish her spades. She had emerged with a rather remarkable nine tricks, and Canada went ahead by 2 IMPs. An overtrick on the last board extended the lead by another IMP.



Diana Gordon, Canada

OPEN

Italy v Poland

**FINAL
Set Three**

The Queens and I

It's a good feeling to know you have saved your team some IMPs with good guesses, and it was Lorenzo Lauria's time to shine in the third final set of the Olympiad Open series. He made two inspired plays to drop queens offside and help his team to a 37-31, increasing their lead in the final to 81-64.

The match began with an interesting irony - a major swing on a grand slam, Poland's revenge for the 14-IMP swing from the previous set when Italy accidentally stayed out of a grand slam that goes down but that any sane player would want to be in.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
	3♠	Pass	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

Despite the wealth of high cards, Giorgio Duboin and Norberto Bocchi could defeat 4♠ doubled by only two tricks for plus 300. The auction was much different in the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Lauria	Tuszynski	Versace
	2♠	Pass	3♠
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

Once Piotr Tuszynski cooperated in the slam try to cuebidding his ♣A, there was no stopping Krzysztof Jassem, who drove to the grand slam. Alfredo Versace started off with a low heart, a tipoff about where the trump queen was. Tuszynski was relieved to see the queen drop under the ace. He cashed the ♠A, played a heart to his hand, ruffed a spade high and pulled trumps. There was still an anxious moment when declarer played on diamonds - the contract was sunk if the suit didn't break - but all was well and Poland went in front in the match 45-44 with a 15-IMP swing.

Poland upped the lead by defeating 4♠ in one room while stopping in 3♠ in the other, just making.

Poland was in the lead 53-44 when this deal put the Italians back in front.



Giorgio Duboin, Italy

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
1♣	2♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Cezary Balicki's 2♦ bid was described as "preemptive but sound." Indeed, it was solid - cold for 12 tricks, although Balicki took only 11. Lauria and Versace were more enterprising.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Lauria	Tuszynski	Versace
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	1NT	Pass	2♣
Dble	Pass	3♣	Dble ⁽²⁾
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Polish club

⁽²⁾ Takeout

A very well judged auction. The opening lead was a club to Jassem's king. He switched to the ♠9, but he was marked with all the high-card points and Lauria had no other viable option to the finesse in any case. Plus 1370 was good for 13 IMPs and a 57-53 lead for Italy. Poland pulled back to within 2 IMPs when Versace went two down in 4♥ while Adam Zmudzinski held the same contract to down one.

The first of Lauria's brilliant plays occurred on the following deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Polish club

Bocchi led the ♥4 to the 8, ace and 3. The ♥5 was returned to the king. Balicki played a spade to his hand and a diamond to dummy's king, and it was over quickly. Duboin won and returned a heart for down one. The Italians' lead agreements apparently are "attitude," meaning Balicki could necessarily tell how the suit was divided. His play indicates, however, that he was relying on a 4-4 split in hearts. The alternative, of course, was to take a spade finesse, which would have led to an extra undertrick.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Lauria	Tuszynski	Versace
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	2♥ ⁽²⁾
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ No five-card major

⁽²⁾ Spades

Tuszynski led the ♥6 to Jassem's ace, and on the return of the ♥5, Tuszynski tried to conceal his heart length by playing the 7. Lauria was not taken in, however, because if Jassem had started with ♥A 5 4 2, his return would not have been the 5. Lauria played a club to the king at trick three, following that with he queen. A club was played to dummy's ace and Lauria played a spade to his king. A fourth round of clubs went to dummy's 7 and Lauria called for the ♠9. Jassem followed low and Lauria considered his play for a couple of minutes before he went up with the ace, dropping the queen. The ♠J was trick number nine. Plus 400 was a 10-IMP gain for Italy, now leading 67-55.

Poland crept back to within 5 IMPs with a gain on the next deal.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

		♠ 10 6 5 2											
		♥ J 9 6 2											
		♦ A 9 6 3											
		♣ 3											
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		♦ K 5 2		♦ Q J 10 8									
		♣ A Q J 8 7		♣ K 10 5									
West	North	East	South										
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski										
	Pass	1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass										
1♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass	INT	Dble										
Pass	Pass	Redbl	Pass										
2♣	All Pass												

⁽¹⁾ Forcing, usually a balanced hand

⁽²⁾ Hearts

Bocchi was lucky to escape with two down for minus 200. Zmudzinski led a low heart to the 7, 9 and king. Balicki took the ♦10 with the ace and switched to a trump. Zmudzinski won the ♣J, then cashed the ace and exited with the ♣7 to Bocchi's king. Bocchi played the ♠Q to the king and ace and got off dummy with a diamond. Zmudzinski won, picked up dummy's last trump with the queen and exited with a spade. Bocchi was held to five tricks: two spades, one club and two diamonds.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Lauria	Tuszynski	Versace
	Pass	1♦	INT
All Pass			

Versace won the diamond opening lead in dummy and took the club finesse. Despite the favorable division of clubs (he continued with the ace and a low one to establish four tricks in the suit), declarer could do no better than six tricks for one down.

On the following deal, the Polish defenders slipped at both tables to let different contracts through.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi 2♠	Zmudzinski All Pass

Zmudzinski led his singleton club, ducked to North's jack. The ♠Q came back, and Bocchi did well to duck that trick. The ♠9 was allowed to hold the trick, as was the ♠J. Balicki then played the ♣K, apparently meant to be suit-preference for hearts. Zmudzinski ruffed with the queen and got out with a heart, but Bocchi played the jack, ruffed out the ace and had a parking place for two of his diamonds on the ♣Q and ♥K. Plus 110.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Lauria	Tuszynski	Versace
		Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	1♠	Dble ⁽¹⁾
INT	2♣	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Takeout

Jassem led the ♠4, and the fact that the Poles lead low from doubletons made it difficult for Tuszynski to read, and he inserted the 10. Versace won the queen and played his singleton club. Jassem won the ace and, feeling very much endplayed, exited with the ♥2. Versace got it wrong, going up with the ace, but he recovered nicely when Jassem failed to spot the winning line on defense.

Jassem won the next trick with the ♦A, and he could have defeated the contract by playing the ♥K and another heart, but he exited with a low heart instead. Versace won dummy's ♥10, cashed the ♣K for a diamond pitch, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a club, exiting with the ♥Q. Jassem could cash the master trumps, but then he had to lead a diamond into Versace's K-10. Plus 140 was good for another 6 IMPs to Italy.

The last deal of the set featured Lauria's second inspired play involving a queen.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ A 2		
	♥ A K 9 6		
	♦ Q 9 5 2		
	♣ K J 6		
♠ Q 8 6 3		♠ K J 10 5	
♥ J 2		♥ Q 3	
♦ 6 4 3		♦ A 10 8 7	
♣ 8 7 5 2		♣ A 9 3	
	♠ 9 7 4		
	♥ 10 8 7 5 4		
	♦ K J		
	♣ Q 10 4		
West	North	East	South
Duboin	Balicki	Bocchi	Zmudzinski
Pass	INT	All Pass	

After Bocchi led a low diamond, Balicki scampered home with five hearts, two diamonds, one club and one spade for plus 150. The Italians in the Open Room got a lot higher.

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Lauria	Tuszynski	Versace
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦ ⁽¹⁾
Pass	2NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	3♦ ⁽³⁾
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Transfer

⁽²⁾ Super-acceptance

⁽³⁾ Re-transfer

Tuszynski got off to the sneaky lead of the ♥3, and it seemed that Lauria might go wrong, playing West for Q J x in the suit. He took the jack with the ace, played a diamond to the dummy and another heart, going up with the king after some thought. When the queen dropped, Lauria had the game and another swing to Italy.

Memories of Maastricht [4]

By David Stevenson, England

Dinners in Maastricht seem to lead to special happenings. I enjoyed dinner with Al and Bev Levy and others from the Computer World Championship. Revolving toilet seats in the ladies', being asked by Rachel Bracher from England whether I was a member of the USA team (as Kit Woolsey said when I told him later, I should have replied that I was working on it!), yet another happy tour of the suburbs after we got lost on the way back, helping Bev trying to buy her way out of the car park with the wrong ticket inserted into the wrong machine and a friendly discussion with Adam Wil-davsky as to why I kept his deposit at an Appeal in Lille were the highlights!

I enjoyed my foray into Belgium with Mario Dix of Malta and his team. The restaurant had good food and a proprietor with a sense of humour - he played the British national anthem when he served the brandies. Coming out of the men's toilet I went straight on into the ladies', but the women in the party admitted it was an easy mistake: they had done the reverse.

The next night I was in a car driven by Nadine Wood - but it would not start. After a few tries and failures she got out of the car, locked the door, unlocked the door, got back in and it started first time!

You go to the toilets ("bathrooms" for our American friends) and are faced with two doors, one with a playing card marked V, the other with a mirror on the door. Which one do you enter? Knowing that "Valet" was French for jack, I went in - and found myself in my third Ladies toilet in one week!

Peter van der Linden and Ed Hoogenkamp (remember "The Walking Disaster"?) felt I had been friendly to them in the Press Room, so they bought me a drink each. They also kindly drank it when they discovered I don't drink beer! Ed has found the little black book - just after they had reconstructed all the hands, details of players and everything else that was in it!

I have finally played bridge: two Transnational matches replacing someone who had gone home to nurse a sick cow (well, that is what I was told). The first was against a very good-looking Palestinian lady: I did not make a mistake until board ten despite this obvious attempt to play on my weaknesses but then succumbed!

OPEN **Italy v Poland** **FINAL Set Four**

Italy led by 81-61 going into the fourth session of the Open final. If I was heard to complain that the previous session that I had watched had been dull, this one more than made up for it. By the time that you read this, we may well know whether this was the decisive session of the match.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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♠ 9 7 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ A 9 5
♣ A J 7 6

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♦

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
Pass	3♠ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	INT
All Pass			3NT

⁽¹⁾ Four hearts, balanced game-raise



Norberto Bocchi, Italy

On vugraph, Adam Zmudzinski led a club against Giorgio Duboin. Declarer won the queen with his ace and played ace then queen of hearts to the king. Zmudzinski switched to a low spade but, of course, there was no losing guess. Duboin actually went up with the king and made ten tricks for +630.

In the Closed Room, Alfredo Versace led a heart. Michal Kwiecien won this with the queen and ducked a diamond to Lorenzo Lauria's jack. Lauria switched to a spade and Versace won the ace and returned the suit. It looks as though declarer should at least test the clubs before anything else, but he had clearly convinced himself that the opening lead was from shortage and he passed the jack of hearts now. When that lost the defence took their spade tricks for down one; -100 and 12 IMPs to Italy.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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♠ 8 3
♥ K 10 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ A J 6

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
1♠	Pass	2NT ⁽¹⁾	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Invitational or better with three spades

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Jacek Pszczola found the passive lead of a low diamond. That gave Versace a chance and he grabbed it with both hands, picking up the spades successfully and getting home with ten tricks; +620.

With dummy having shown a side suit, a passive lead was much less attractive in the Closed Room. Norberto Bocchi led the nine of clubs, first or third highest, and Duboin won the ace and switched to the nine of hearts to the ace. Boccho thought for a while then cashed the king of clubs before returning a heart. When Zmudzinski got the trumps wrong, he was down two for -200 and 13 IMPs to Italy. The Italians had more than doubled

their lead in the first three boards of the set.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J 8 6 5 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K Q J 7 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ 9 4 3 ♥ Q J 10 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ A 8 4 2
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Hearts

Both Wests led clubs and the defence took the first five tricks - 120 and 100 to Poland; +6 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J 9 5 4 2 ♥ K 9 5 3 ♦ 9 6 5 ♣ 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ K Q 10 7 3 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ 7 ♣ K 9 7 2
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♠ A 8 6 ♥ J 10 6 2 ♦ J 4 ♣ A J 10 3					

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

It does seem that you would rather be able to repeat the diamonds on the West cards, but Balicki/Zmudzinski do not play a 3♦ rebid from West as forcing. What some would describe as their inferior methods worked very well here. Can Lauria really be criticized for bidding 3NT in the Closed Room? He got the contract played from the wrong side and a heart lead quickly put paid to his chances; one down for -50. Meanwhile, having been forced by his methods to bid clubs at his second turn, Zmudzinski then did well to bid 3NT from the correct side at his next turn. A heart lead ran to the queen and Zmudzinski ran the diamonds. Duboin threw two clubs on the diamonds so had no winning option when Zmudzinski next led a club to the king. If he ducked, a spade lead would establish an 11th trick for declarer. When he actually won and cashed the ♠A, that too was 11 tricks; +460 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ - ♥ A K 10 5 4 3 ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ 8 6 5 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ Q 8 7 5 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ J 6 ♣ A K 9 2	♠ K J 10 9 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ J 7 4
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
2♥	Pass	2♠	3♦
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
2♦	Pass	2♥	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

It is surprising how often that heart holding provides a stopper after a weak two opening. Where Duboin was not certain which major was held on his left, it seemed that the most descriptive bid he could make on the South cards was 2NT. That was raised to game and Zmudzinski led a low heart to Cesary Balicki's queen. On a passive return, declarer reaches a position where he can afford the by then marked endplay in spades to make 11 tricks. Balicki, however, switched to the ten of spades at trick two. Duboin knew that the king was probably on his right, but he could not afford to take the risk. When he rose with the

♠A, he had only ten tricks for +430.

In the other room, Kwiecien did know what suit was held on his left and 2NT seemed less attractive than a diamond overcall. The defence to 3♦ was perfect. Versace led the ace of hearts and continued with a high heart spot for Lauria to ruff. Back came a spade and, after ruffing, Versace again underled his heart to put partner in to give him a second spade ruff for down one; -50 and 10 IMPs to Italy.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10 9 7 6 5 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ Q J 8 ♥ K Q J 4 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ 10 8 5
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwecien
3♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
	3NT	4♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
All Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦

In the Closed Room, Lauria presumably thought that 4♥, coming from a passed hand, had to be a fit-non-jump, guaranteeing spade support. Versace presumably thought otherwise. The 3-3 heart split meant that hearts played almost as well as would spades have done, but Lauria was still three down for -300.

The mini no trump and diamond transfer kept East/West out of the auction in the Open Room. Three Diamonds made exactly for +110; 5 IMPs to Poland.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 7 6 ♥ A 9 6 4 ♦ A ♣ A Q 10 7 4 2	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ K Q 8 5 3 ♥ K Q 8 7 2 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ -
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♠ J 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ Q J 9 8 7 6 2 ♣ K 3					

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwecien
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
		6♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
2♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
		7♥	All Pass

Poor Zmudzinski - he was happy enough about what was going on when Balicki cuebid 4♣, though making your first cuebid on a void in partner's suit is not many people's idea of a recipe for a comfortable life. But then, having checked on key cards, Balicki tortured him with a 6♣ grand slam try. From Balicki's perspective, this was confirming the club void and showing interest in seven if partner had the other three aces. Zmudzinski was not so sure what he was being asked for, and decided to hedge his bets by cuebidding 6♦. Now Balicki, assuming that his message had got across and that Zmudzinski was cooperating, jumped to 7♥. There was no way to avoid a spade loser so the contract was one down; -100.

Lauria/Versace bid smoothly to the small slam; +1430 and 17 IMPs to Italy.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q 4 3 ♥ K Q J 8 ♦ A K 6 ♣ A K Q	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ K J 10 5 ♥ 5 3 ♦ J 2 ♣ J 9 5 3 2
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♠ A 7 2 ♥ A 9 6 4 ♦ 10 9 8 5 ♣ 10 8					

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwecien
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	All Pass		

Another smooth Italian auction, this time featuring Puppet Stayman, led to a quick and easy +460.

In the Open Room, Zmudzinski's 2NT rebid showed a good 21 to 24. Balicki checked for a major-suit fit then, perhaps still thinking about the previous board and looking for a perfect-fit slam to get his money back, moved with 4♣ over 3NT. More torture for Zmudzinski, who was certainly still thinking about the previous board. However, he knew that the initial 1♦ response was limited to around a six-count, and it was very unlikely that he had what was required facing clubs and spades. Zmudzinski signed-off in 4NT. After a diamond lead to dummy's jack, Zmudzinski had the same 11 tricks as in the other room; +460 and a flat board.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
2♣	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Declarer has only to get one of the majors right to make 4♥, so East/West did well to save. Five Clubs doubled was two down when declarer got the spades right; -300.

Four Spades doubled looked to have a chance of escaping for one down in the Open Room. Duboin cashed the queen then king of diamonds, then the ace of hearts. A second heart forced dummy to ruff, and Balicki led the queen of spades to the king



Lorenzo Lauria, Italy

and ace. Balicki ruffed his remaining diamond and played a club to the king. The nine of spades went to Bocchi's jack, but he could now put dummy in by leading the ten of clubs. With nothing but clubs left on table, there was no way to prevent Bocchi from getting a club ruff for two down; -300 and a push.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
2♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass	4♥	Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
2♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass	5♠	Pass

Neither East/West pair's auction was totally convincing, the problem being that neither West was in a position to ask for just for aces, because RKCB was in use. Zmudzinski used 4NT anyway, but then had to guess that the ♣A was the missing key card. A spade lead allowed Zmudzinski to make all 13 tricks, while a club was led in the other room; 1 IMP to Poland.

There must have been two very disappointed pairs in the Women's final, and also two very relieved pairs. The Canadian East/West pair bid and made 7♦ for a wonderful +2140. But that only held their loss on the deal to 2 IMPs! In the other room, USA bid and made 7NT for 2220. Scary.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ K Q 9 7 4 2 ♦ — ♣ A 8 6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: black;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		E	W		S	♠ J 4 3 ♥ 3 ♦ Q J 9 5 4 3 ♣ K Q 4
N		E						
W		S						
♠ K 8 6 ♥ 8 6 ♦ K 7 6 2 ♣ J 9 5 2		♠ A 5 2 ♥ A J 10 5 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ 10 7 3						

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Pszczola	Lauria	Kwiecien
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmudzinski	Bocchi	Balicki	Duboin
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦ ⁽¹⁾	2♦	2♥
3♦	3NT	Pass	4♦
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

⁽¹⁾ Hearts

The Polish North/South pair got too high in the Closed Room. Had South been certain that he was facing a diamond void, he might have been less enthusiastic than when he thought that his ace might be facing a singleton. Perhaps his 6♥ bid was too much, despite his aces. Six Hearts was down one for -50.

The Italian auction went much better. Bocchi's 3NT showed a heart slam try with no spade control. When Duboin cuebid 4♦, he therefore had to also hold a spade control. When Bocchi redoubled to show his diamond void, Bocchi had already done his bit and did not have any reason to go past game. Duboin made 11 tricks for +450 and 11 IMPs to Italy.

The lively session ended with Italy holding a very useful lead of 145-84. There were still 64 boards to play, but the signs were not looking good for Poland.

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Appeal No. 21

Hackett v Volina

Appeals Committee:

Joan Gerard (Chairman, USA), David Stevenson (Scribe, England), Jens Auken (Denmark), Herman De Wael (Belgium), John Wignall (New Zealand).

Transnational Mixed Teams Round 4

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
P Hackett	Gromov	B Cronier	Gromova
	1♦	INT	2♣
Db1 ⁽¹⁾	All Pass		

Comments:

⁽¹⁾ Alerted West to South as penalty oriented. Explained East to North as points together with the comment that it is the first time they played together.

Contract:

Two clubs doubled, played by South.

Result:

Five tricks, N/S -500.

TD's statement of Facts:

The TD was called at the end of play. North claimed that if he had known the double is for penalty he would have redoubled

and the final contract would have been two diamonds redoubled.

The Director:

Normal procedure was followed, ie various Directors and some players were consulted about the ruling.

Ruling:

Score adjusted to Both sides receive:
2♦x-1 by North (N/S -100)

Relevant Laws:

Law 40C, 21B3.

East/West appealed.

Present:

All players.

The Players:

West said that the double had been discussed but was not on the convention card. He said he believed the explanations on the two sides were equivalent, and that North should realise it was unlikely to be taken out.

North said that if he realised the double was likely to be left in it is easier to find a redouble. The 1♦ opening showed four plus diamonds and an unbalanced hand.

The Committee:

Considered the two explanations were not equivalent. On a scale of doubles such as PENALTY - PENALTY ORIENTED - OPTIONAL - COMPETITIVE - TAKEOUT West had described a Penalty Oriented double, East had described an Optional double. However the difference was not very great and was not enough for the Committee to believe that there had been damage. East was likely to be passing whatever the meaning. The attraction of redoubling was not very great especially since North's 1♦ showed an unbalanced hand, with a club shortage very likely given the auction, thus suggesting that the club suit opposite would be good. South would not be likely to bid on a medium club suit because of the expectation of shortage opposite.

The Committee's decision:

Original table result restored.

Deposit:

Returned.

Closing Ceremony

Tonight the Closing Ceremony of the Bridge Olympiad 2000 will take place in the MECC in Maastricht. The program is as follows:

18.00: Cocktail in the Expo Foyer.

19.00: Prize giving ceremony in Auditorium I.

After the Prize Giving Ceremony there will be a Victory Banquet in the Expo Foyer. In an easy atmosphere you can meet your bridge friends, enjoy the buffet and dance to the live music.

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Up from the Nafsika!

By Athanasios Nonymous, Greece

I am so famous that not even my teammates know who I am. Yesterday, I noticed that our team has the most nationalities on it (five if you count the silly Belgian). When I asked Paul if he minded representing the Netherlands to get the count up (he's originally from Washington DC) he responded, "as long as I can remain anonymous, I don't mind what country I am supposed to represent". From now on, he shall be known as Aristoteles, my twin brother.

Of course you have by now figured out that I am a member of the Wood team, and our main objective on day four was to avoid taking home the Wood-en spoon. Some people have suggested we should add an S to our team name, but I don't think that will work, as we are 27 below par as it is.

At the start of the fourth day, we exchanged Aristoteles for Arthur, our long lost third triplet from Liverpool. He helped the team to two more victories and so, with spoons way out of sight, I was allowed back in the team. I only cost us 24 imps with two dubious decisions, but a third decision was right on.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Athanasios			
		2♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dbf	Pass	Pass	4NT
Dbf	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dbf	All Pass		

Even my opponents congratulated me afterwards for the fine bid of 4♥. After three doubles, I asked if everyone realized who had the points on this board.

The whole table was stunned when I did not ruff partner's opening lead. We should have played trumps of course, but even as late as the tenth trick, partner could have played diamonds which would have brought us 800. She did not, and so it would be three down. My revoke then brought declarer to only -300, but that was still 11 imps to the Woodies.

Despite all that, the third win was in the bag, a nice birthday present for one of our Ladies, Avril (who really should marry one of the brothers).

For the last match, even the Directors got into the act, and table 23 was not to be found. They had placed a name tag "Nafsika" on one table though, and there I got to play against a third World Champion. Imagine my surprise at the first round of bidding on board:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 7 ♥ K Q 6 2 ♦ J 8 ♣ A K J 7	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 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	♠ J 8 6 5 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ 8 4 3
N					
W E					
S					
♠ 2 ♥ A 9 7 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ Q 10 9 6 5 2					
West	North	East	South		
Athanasios	WC				
			1♣		
Dble	1♦	1♠	2♣		
4♠	Dble	All Pass			

Looking at the vulnerability, I realize we are not going to score enough by defending diamonds, so I bid game. Three club ruffs later we had given away another 800.

So the last match does not provide another win, but I did manage 3, a huge improvement over Rhodes. Where's the next Olympiad? And will it have a Nafsika room?

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Never Give Up

The all Austrian team Wernle, was always in the thick of things in the Transnational Mixed Teams, and eventually ended up as one of the four semi-finalists. They had a slice of luck on this deal from Round 12, but declarer still had to take advantage of it.

to the slam via Key Card Blackwood, South showing two key cards and the queen of trumps.

If North is the declarer, the slam will almost certainly made - at any rate it cannot be defeated by force.

With South as declarer, a diamond lead is fatal, but East had not doubled, and West had two useful pieces of information. East had not doubled Four Diamonds, and South had not cue bid in hearts. Perhaps seeing the chance for a coup, West led a low heart! Declarer put up the king, and then drew trumps. Her next move was a heart to the ten, as East was clearly marked with the ace.

The appearance of the jack was a blow, but declarer was not down yet, as she had the diamond finesse in reserve. East could and almost certainly should have returned a club, but she played a diamond. When her queen held, declarer could see her way home. She played a diamond to the ace, and went for the ruffing heart finesse. It was quite a shock to see East show out, but the hand was not yet over. Jovi ruffed, and played out her trumps. When the last one hit the deck, this was the position:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Wernle		Smederevac
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

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

One No-Trump was 14-17 and the response showed a spade suit and slam interest. North fancied neither, and signed off, but Maria Erhart has infected Jovi, and she made another try. When North cue bid in diamonds, she was endplayed into playing spades, and that was potentially serious when her side went on

West had to part with a club, and when the now redundant eight of hearts was discarded from dummy, it was East's turn to feel the heat.

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THANKS TO ALL

By Jean-Paul Meyer

Being coordinator for both VuGraph, and Daily Bulletin can be strenuous work or a sinecure, depending on how the tasks are done by your teams. My two weeks in Maastricht were nearly cloudless. In that respect I want to thank Mark Horton, our everywhere present editor, Brent Manley and Brian Senior, hard working assistant editors, Ron Tacchi, to whom we are in debt for many good photographs and of course Stelios Hatzidakis, our effective layout editor. We have to apologize for some mistakes random in the pages we published such as the error yesterday in the timetable of the Transnational.

The Rama room appreciated commentaries by - in alphabetical order, Richard Colker, Lucky Dana, Eric Kokish, Barry Rigal and Bobby Wolff, plus our guest star Kit Woolsey. The audience enjoyed to the full their analysis and humorous comments. Thanks to all of them, they were part of the big success of these Championships in the Netherlands.

Number of deals

If no sets of boards are forfeited in the finals today, a total of 66,692 boards will have been played at these championships.

The Appeals Committee further tells us that there have been 21 appeals, which means the Board-Appeal-Ratio (BAR) for Maastricht is 0.31. Compare that to Bermuda (0.33) and Malta (0.70) and we see that the Directors are getting better all the time!

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Ed's Column door Ed Hoogenkamp

Rama-meisje

Soms slaagt de ene partner erin de ander een biedraadsel op te geven dat hij met de beste wil van de wereld niet op kan lossen. Dit overkwam de Pool Adam Zmudzinski in de vierde zitting van de finale tegen Italië. De spelers waren te zien op een groot videoscherm in de vugraphzaal. Uit zijn wanhopige gebaren, het diepe gepeins en het hulpeloze hoofdschudden bleek overduidelijk dat hij werkelijk geen flauw benul had wat er aan de hand was. Het spel lag zo:

O/Allen

♠ 7 6 ♥ A 9 6 4 ♦ A ♣ AV 10 7 4 2	N W O Z	♠ HV 8 5 3 ♥ HV 8 7 2 ♦ H 4 3 ♣ -	
	♠ B 2 ♥ 5 3 ♦ VB 9 8 7 6 2 ♣ H 3		
West	Noord	Oost	Zuid
<i>Zmudzinski</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Balicki</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
		1♠	pas
2♣	pas	2♥	pas
3♥	pas	4♣	pas
4♦	pas	4SA	pas
5♦	pas	6♣	pas
.....			

Op dit moment was west totaal zoek en verloren. Wat betekende 6♣ in godsnaam? Uit de stoel van Cezary Balicki bekeken kunnen wij dat wel raden. Zijn partner had drie azen aangegeven met 5♦. Hij wilde overbrengen dat west 7♥ moest bieden als hij alle azen behalve ♣A had! Zmudzinski, die werkelijk geen flauw idee had, bood uiteindelijk 6♦. Vermoedelijk wist hij zelf niet wat dat nu weer betekende maar in ieder geval was het lekker laag en kon het bieden nog alle kanten op. Balicki bood vervolgens vlot 7♥. Hij interpreteerde 6♦ als een positief antwoord, 6♥ zou negatief geweest zijn. Blijkbaar dacht hij er geen moment aan dat zijn partner zijn bod wel eens niet begrepen zou kunnen hebben. Zmudzinski legde zijn dummy neer en verdween van tafel richting toilet. Hij zag de bui al hangen. Balicki keek hevig ontdaan naar de dummy waarachter inmiddels de lady-speaker de plaats van Zmudzinski had ingenomen. Hij smeed zijn potlood in een hoek, ging een down en begon vervolgens door het luik in rap Pools te schelden tegen het rama-meisje. Wat hij precies zei kunnen we slechts raden. Misschien wel: 'Blijf jij maar zitten, je doet het waarschijnlijk beter dan die \$!%#\$(*&# \$ Adam?

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Law 68D

With reference to the dissenting opinion attached to Appeal no. 16 the WBF Laws Committee has subsequently ruled that the Director and the Appeals Committee applied the current law correctly. Mr. Polisner's argument is for a change in the law.