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Mixed Pairs: One More Chance



Among the participants in the Mixed Pairs on Saturday were, left, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, playing with world champion Sharon Osberg, both from the USA, and Antoine Bernheim, president of the Generali Group, playing with Blandine de Heredia, French women's title holder.

The final qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs is scheduled for this morning, and with 182 pairs going through to the final, the players on the edge will have an extra incentive to play well.

The leaders after two qualifying sessions were bunched at the top. In front with 63.00% were Chantal Haemmerli of Switzerland, playing with Italy's Alfredo Versace. Not far behind were Jill Meyers and Zia Mahmood, representing the USA with 62.39%. Right on their heels, only .01% behind them were Danuta Hocheker and Miroslaw Cichoki of Poland.

In fourth place were the German-American duo of Sabine Auken and George Jacobs, with 61.51%.

Comune

di Verona

Defending Mixed Pairs champion Jeff Meckstroth, playing with a new partner this time (Janice Seamon-Molson), is still in contention in 10th place.

The Mixed Pairs attracted 481 pairs.

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Mixed Pairs

Qualifying Session I

by Mark Horton

Opening Moves

The entry list for the mixed pairs posted on the Internet at **www.ecatsbridge.com** is 16 pages long and on every one of those you can find the names of partnerships that might be regarded as potential winners.

So selecting a pair to follow in the opening session is a haphazard affair, rather like following one of the co-ordinator's racing tips.

Given that I am typing this introduction at 08.40 you will see that I already have my apologies ready in case my selection, a new partnership from Bulgaria, fails to deliver the goods.

Dealer North. E/W Game.

 ★ 7 4 3 ♡ 10 5 4 ◇ A 4 3 ★ K J 9 7 	 ▲ A J ♡ A J ◊ J I0 ♣ 8 3 ₩ ₩ ▲ 6 5 ♡ K 8 ◊ K 7 ♣ A J 	93 02	K Q 10 2 Q 7 Q 9 8 6 Q 5 4
West	North	East	South
Panto	Karakolev	Capal	Popova
	$ \diamond $	Pass	${\sf I}\heartsuit$

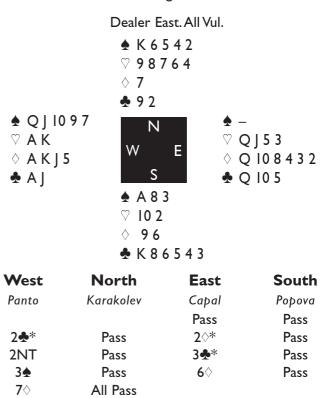
Well, if all the boards looked like this one it would be a very dull tournament. West led a trump solving one of declarer's problems (although it's hard to see how declarer could ever go down on any rational line of play – but see Brian Senior's article!) and declarer won in hand with the eight and played a

All Pass

20

Georgi Karakolev, Bulgaria

spade to East's ten. The club switch was ducked to West, and declarer won the trump return in hand, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and ruffed a spade. West could overuff and play a club but declarer ruffed and had to score a diamond trick for a regulation +110.



When the tray came back to reveal Six Diamonds West was slightly surprised. His decision to advance to a grand slam was based on the premise that East must have a void and if it happened to be in diamonds partner would obviously return to spades.

South tried a hopeful ace of spades, but declarer was soon claiming all the tricks.

Its hard to argue with success, but Six Diamonds looks a little over eager, especially since West might have had considerably more in spades given the bidding.

	Dealer South. No	
10 8 3 2 A 8 4 2 Q 6 A J 6	N W E S ▲ A Q 5 4 ♡ J 9 6 ◇ J 5 3 2 ♣ Q 2	 ▲ 6 ♡ K Q 10 7 5 ◊ K 9 8 ♣ K 8 7 5

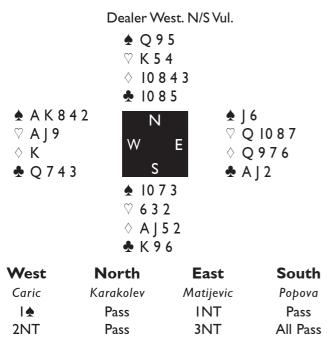
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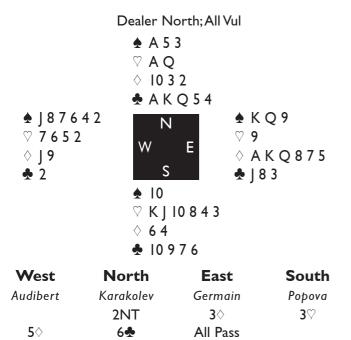
Pass

Nest	North	East	South	
Caric	Karakolev	Matijevic	Ророvа	
		-	Pass	
Pass		2 ♡	2NT*	
4 ♡	All Pass			

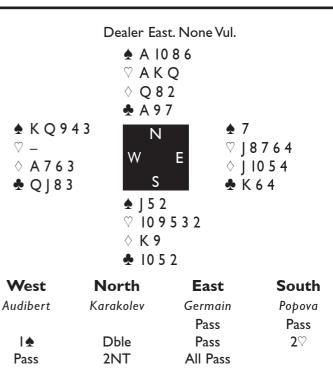
2NT was a spade raise and with East now known to be short in spades West bid game. There was nothing to the play and declarer recorded a painless +420.



Another regulation game for East/West saw South lead the three of hearts, second and fourth. North won with the king and returned the suit. Declarer won in dummy and played a club to the jack and king. South switched to ace of diamonds and a diamond and when the clubs proved to be 3-3 declarer cashed out for nine tricks.



How would you describe West's Five Diamonds? Imaginative is one possibility. Whatever, it reaped a rich reward when North, not unreasonably placing South with at most one diamond, bid a slam. East meanly cashed her two diamonds for a massive result.



East led the seven of spades and declarer took West's queen with the ace. He cashed the ace of hearts, disclosing the 5-0 break, took a second heart and then played a spade to the jack and king. West switched to the queen of clubs and declarer ducked, won the next club and exited with a club to East's king. The switch to the jack of diamonds ran to declarer's queen and he cashed the ace of hearts before exiting with a diamond. West could win and cash a club but then had to play a spade giving declarer the last two tricks and his contract – and a very good score.

Not an outstanding set of results for North/South, but to use a football metaphor it was early days and they were over average by the end of the session.



Dessy Popova, Bulgaria

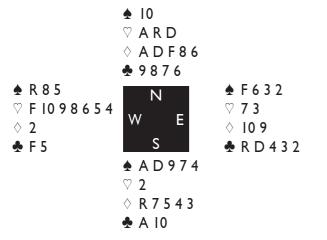
COSE DI CASA NOSTRA

Sapete come funziona. Uno arriva, si siede, si prepara per la sessione di gioco e pensa "Va bene, siamo pronti, speriamo solo che le prime mani siano di riscaldamento...". Ecco, appunto, come non detto.

Buongiorno!

Questo e' l'esordio delle qualificazioni per la coppia *Lavazza/Duboin*, che gioca il turno iniziale in N/S:

Board 17. Dich. Nord. Tutti in prima.

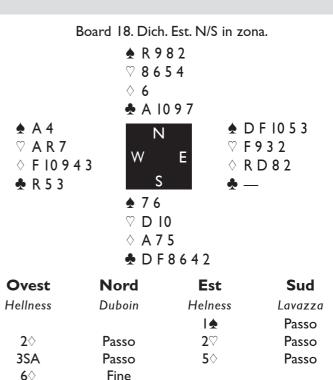


Nel foglio delle mani c'e' scritto che dichiara Est, ma non e' vero, dichiara Nord.Volevano vedere se stavate attenti...

Come vedete c'e' il grande slam a quadri. A freddo, al volo, senza tanti fronzoli, quando uno non ha ancora carburato la giusta tensione agonistica. Normalmente e' cosi', ma c'e' chi non ha bisogno di tempo per entrare in partita.

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Hellness	Duboin	Helness	Lavazza
	ا ا	Passo	♠
Passo	2 ◇	Passo	3 秦
Passo	3SA	Passo	4 🙅
Passo	4SA	Passo	6�
Passo Fine	6♡	Passo	7 ◇

Ci vuole qualche spiegazione, immagino. Pronti. L'apertura di 1 \clubsuit e' di preparazione in quanto la coppia italiana gioca il quadri forte. I \bigstar naturale, 2 \diamond naturale. 3 \clubsuit e' un relay interrogativo e 3SA mostra la monocolore (*"il 9 quarto non mi sembrava il caso di dirlo..."*). 4 \clubsuit e' richiesta d'Assi su cui 4SA sono 2 Assi e la Dama d'atout. 6 \diamond sarebbe conclusivo ma qui si e' fatta sentire una vocina che, dall'interno di Duboin, ha strillato: *"Guarda che hai lo stramassimo; non puoi passare. Fa' un tentativo, al massimo ti fermi a 6SA"*. Potendo resistere a tutto meno che alle tentazioni (Oscar Wilde), Duboin si e' prontamente uniformato ai desideri della sua vocina facendo uno sforzo con la licita di 6 \heartsuit . Questa variante e' stata accolta con entusiasmo dalla Lavazza, che ha rimandato il carrello con il 7 \diamond conclusivo. Attacco Re di fiori. No, il gioco non ha portato via molto tempo. Varra' anche per gli avversari questo riscaldamento veloce? Vediamo la mano abbinata:



Ci sono slam peggiori di questo, non tantissimi, ma ci sono. In fin dei conti potrebbe bastare l'impasse a picche e poco piu'. A 52 carte, pero', l'analista a doppio morto segnala che il limite sono 11 prese (l'analista non e' un costoso strizzacervelli, e' completamente gratutito e si esprime attraverso quello schemino in basso a destra a ciascuna mano nel foglio di sessione). Duboin ha attaccato 6 di cuori (Fante, Dama, Asso). Quadri per il Re. Asso di quadri e cuori. Re di cuori, quadri Dama, picche impasse, Re di picche e cuori taglio. 6 \diamond -2.

Torneo a coppie? Allora senza atout...

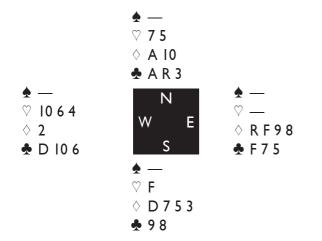
Perche' ci sta quel famoso decino che sposta punti, posizioni, umore e quanto altro puo' servire.

Board 8. Dich. Ovest. Tutti in prima.

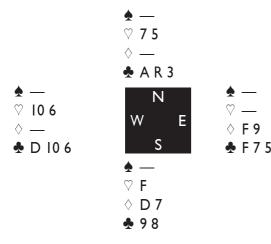
 ▲ F 8 6 ♡ R 10 6 4 3 ◇ 2 ◆ D 10 6 4 	 ▲ D 9 7 4 ♡ A 7 5 ◇ A 10 ▲ A R 3 W E S ▲ A R 2 ♡ D F 2 ◇ D 7 5 3 ◆ 9 8 2 	▲ ♡ ◊	10 5 9 8 R F 9 8 6 4 F 7 5
Ovest	Nord Duboin	Est	Sud Lavazza

2 ♡	2♠	Passo	3♡
Passo	3SA		Fine

La sottoapertura di 2° in Ovest mostrerebbe, per sistema, una monocolore a cuori. E' un modo come un altro per dire che si e' presenti al tavolo, che non si e' rimasti in albergo. Come alternativa si potrebbe starnutire. Scherzo, diciamo che e' una sottoapertura un po' aggressiva. La giusta decisione della coppia italiana, 3SA al posto di 42, e' gia' premiata dalle Il prese a disposizione dei due contratti, ma non bisogna accontentarsi e cambiare board. Prima tocca giocare. L'attacco 9 di cuori e' stato coperto da tutti (e forse Ovest poteva astenersi). Dopo 5 colpi a picche Duboin e' arrivato qui.



Guardate, Est e' stato costretto a mantenere la quarta di quadri per impedire al dichiarante di giocare Asso di quadri e quadri con successiva scopertura delle carte. Duboin ha proseguito lo stesso Asso di quadri e quadri per il Re di Est. **Rinfresco:**



No, su qualsiasi ritorno di Est, non ce n'e' piu' per nessuno. Tutte del dichiarante. 3SA + 3.

In casa Ovvero uno dei tanti scontri in famiglia:

Board 12. Dich. Ovest. N/S in zona.



	♠ D ♡ R ♦ 10 ♣ 10	54 843	
 ▲ A R 8 4 2 ♡ A F 9 ◊ R ♣ D 7 4 3 	₩ ▲ 10 ♡ 6 3	E S 7 3 3 2 F 5 2	F 6 D 10 8 7 D 9 7 6 A F 2
Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
ornaciari	Duboin	Gigliotti	Lavazz
1.0	D	100	D

С Fo za Passo $|\heartsuit$ Passo ISA Passo Passo 2 Passo 2SA Passo 3SA Fine

I ♣ di Ovest e' forte. La risposta di I ♡ corrisponde a 8 o piu' punti, massimo due controlli (Re un controllo, Asso due controlli). La Lavazza ha attaccato piccola quadri e la Gigliotti, in presa con il Re secco del morto, ha anticipato picche. Duboin e' entrato con la Dama ed e' tornato quadri, per il 7 ed il Fante. Cuori da Sud, Fante, piccola. Picche per il Fante e 10 di cuori a girare. Re di cuori e fiori. 3SA - I.

Board LL Dich, Sud, Tutti in prima

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	♠ R F	- 7 /	
	♡ 3		
		1074	
	🍨 I 0	943	
10832	Ν	N ♠ 6	
♡ A 8 4 2		♡ R	D 10 7 5
◊ D 6	W	E \diamond R	98
📥 A F 6		S 🔶 R	875
	🔶 A [D 5 4	
	♡ F 9	6	
♦ F 5 3 2			
	♣ D 2		
Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
Fornaciari	Duboin	Gigliotti	Lavazza
			Passo
ISA	Passo	2 ♦	Passo
2♡	Passo	3♣	Passo

4♡

Sembrerebbe una mano da 10 prese, e l'analista conferma. Ma c'e' un rischio. Se in Nord decidete di attaccare fiori, per esempio, rischiate di regalare l'undicesima. Perche' il 10 di fiori gira fino al Fante, 3 colpi di cuori, Asso di fiori, fiori impasse al 9 di Nord e si cede una quadri e una picche. Duboin ha attaccato fiori. 4% + 1? No, perche' ha scelto il 4 di fiori e non il 10.4♡ mi.

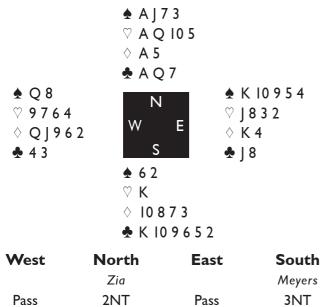
Fine

Practice Makes Perfect

The last time Zia Mahmood and Jill Meyers played together in a big tournament, it was for practice in advance of their entry in the World Mixed Pairs in Verona. The result was a win in the Bobby Nail Life Master Pairs.

They started off well in the opening qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs with a solid 61% effort. On the following board, the second of the day, Zia worked a bit of his hocus pocus (albeit with the help of the opponents) to emerge with two extra overtricks.





All Pass

It's easy to see that a club slam is easy to play. Bidding slam is another matter.

The opening lead was the $\blacklozenge9$, which went to the queen and ace. Ordinary players might unblock the $\heartsuit K$ then run clubs, hoping that something good would happen at the end.

Not Zia. He started on clubs immediately, giving the opponents unaccountable discarding problems. With three discards to make on dummy's club suit, Zia tossed the $\bigstar 3$, then the $\bigstar J$, followed by the $\diamond 5$. East discarded a couple of hearts (West did, too, plus the $\diamond Q$ at one point). After running clubs, Zia overtook dummy's $\heartsuit K$ with the ace, and when the jack fell under the $\heartsuit Q$, cashed two more tricks in that suit. East, clinging to her diamond stopper, let go all of her spades, and in the end Zia produced the $\diamond A$ and the good $\bigstar 7$ for 13 tricks and most of the matchpoints.



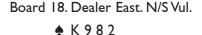
On the next deal, Meyers had to make a decision at trick one – and she did the right thing.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

 ▲ A Q 9 ♡ 10 6 ◇ A K Q ▲ K 6 	IN \\/	2 7 5 4 E ↓ J 7 ♡ A ◊ J 7 • Q 0 5 2 4 3	Q J 3 2 7
West	North Zia	East	South Meyers
	Pass	Pass	Pass
LA	_		
	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Zia started off with a low club. Meyers considered whether to play the ace or to insert the 10. After a brief study, during which she eyed the ominous-looking heart suit in dummy, Meyers played the ace – a good move as it turned out. Had she inserted the 10, declarer would have taken all the tricks, thanks to the successful heart finesse. The spade finesse obviously works, but declarer wouldn't have had to take it – there's a showup squeeze in the end if declarer cashes redsuit tricks in the proper order.

Boards 15 and 16 produced consecutive grand slams for North-South, but Zia and Meyers bid only one of them. They made up for one of the missed slams with excellent defense on the following deal.



	I R / U L	
	♡8654	
	♦ 6	
	🕭 A 1097	
 ▲ A 4 ♡ A K 7 ◊ J 10 9 4 3 ▲ K 5 3 	N W E S ♣ 76 ♡ Q 10 ◊ A 75 ♣ Q J 8 6 4 2	 ▲ Q J 10 5 3 ♡ J 9 3 2 ◇ K Q 8 2 ◆ —
	-	

West	North	East	South
	Zia		Meyers
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
3NT	Pass	4 \diamond	Pass
4 ♡	All Pass		

This was not the best contract – certainly not for game – and declarer did not find the best line of play to minimize the damage. Zia and Meyers took full advantage.

The opening lead of the $\clubsuit Q$ was covered by the king and ace, ruffed, and declarer took a spade finesse at trick two. Zia won the $\bigstar K$, considered his next play for a moment, and returned a low heart to the 3, 10 and ace.

Declarer then ruffed a club, played a spade to the ace and ruffed dummy's last club, then put the $\Diamond K$ on the table. Meyers won the $\Diamond A$ and exited with the $\heartsuit Q$.The $\heartsuit K$ was declarer's last trick. Zia ruffed the diamond continuation, pulled dummy's last trump with the 8 and played a club to Meyers' hand. That was four down for plus 200 and most of the matchpoints.

Zia and Meyers shone on defense again two boards later.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul. ♠ Q | 3 ♡ 1082 ♦ | 10 8 7 762 ♠ AK9764 10 N ♡ K 7 5 3 **964** W ♦ 3 ♦ A 6 5 4 2 S A O 5 📥 A K | 8 852 V AQ 🔶 10943 West East South North

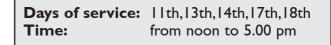
	Zia		Meyers
♠	Pass	2◇	Pass
2♡	Pass	3 🛧	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Meyers hit on the opening lead of the $\heartsuit Q$, which held. The $\heartsuit J$ followed, and it, too, was a winner. Concerned at this point mostly with overtricks – or the chance for a plus should Zia get in somehow – exited with the $\Diamond K$, which produced an unexpected bonus. Declarer took the $\Diamond A$ and ran the $\bigstar 10$ to Zia's queen. He returned his last heart to Meyers' ace, and she cashed the $\Diamond Q$, following with the $\Diamond 9$, which Zia overtook. The $\Diamond 10$ was the seventh trick for the defenders, earning Plus 300 when they might have been Minus 650 in defense against 4 \bigstar .





A special stamp to celebrate the 2006 World Championships in Verona has been issued by the Italian Mail Service. It is available along with related philatelic items at the Post Office desk in the basement, beside the registration desk.





IL GIORNALE DI VERONA



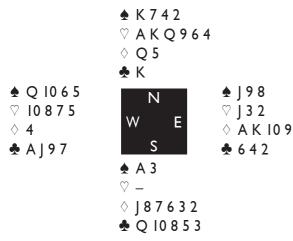
Smoking Reminder

Tournament officials have noted that smoking has occurred in some restrooms at the Centro Congressi. The violations were overlooked on the first day, but the ban on smoking will be vigorously enforced from now on, including appropriate penalties.

Session I Qualifying Mixed Pairs

With several hundred pairs to choose from, it was a matter of luck as much as anything whether we would choose the tables at which something newsworthy happens. Of course, the beauty of matchpointed pairs is that every board is equally important, so that there is rarely a completely dull deal. I started by watching a few deals featuring the top Israeli pair. Migry Zur-Campanile and Michael Barel, then went to watch the same deals at the table featuring French pair Alain and Anne-Frederique Levy.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Fernolend	Barel	Assassa	Zur-Campanile
			Pass
Pass	\square	Pass	INT
Pass	3♡	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Alain	Rosetta	Anne-Frederique
			Pass
Pass	\square	Pass	INT

Two identical auctions saw the North players declare $3\heartsuit,a$ contract which is easily beaten double dummy but not so easily in real life.

Iman Assassa of Germany led a top diamond then switched to the two of clubs. Michael Fernolend thought about that for a while then went up with the ace and switched to a spade. Too late! Barel won in hand and cashed the top hearts then played the $\Diamond Q$ to East's king. He won the spade return in dummy and threw his remaining spades on the $\clubsuit Q$ and $\Diamond J$; +140.

Argentina's Ammarita Rosetta also cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a club, the six. Alejandro Bianchedi ducked that so the bare king won. Alain Levy cashed three rounds of hearts then played the $\Diamond Q$ to the king. He played the jack on the diamond return and that was ruffed. Levy threw a spade and had one more spade to lose at the end; also +140. After cashing a diamond, East needs to find the spade switch to prevent declarer from establishing both minor-suit winners in time to get rid of both spade losers. A spade at trick two and a second round when the defence is next on lead means one down.

by Brian Senior

♠ J 8 6 ♡ K I0 6 ◇ 2 ♣ Q I0 6	W	7 4 3 5 3 E 2 2 5 3	Vul. 10 5 9 8 K J 9 8 6 4 J 7 5
West	North	East	South
Fernolend	Barel	Assassa	Zur-Campanile
Pass All Pass	l♠	Pass	3NT
West	North	East	South
Bianchedi	Alain	Rosetta	Anne-Frederique
2♡ All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
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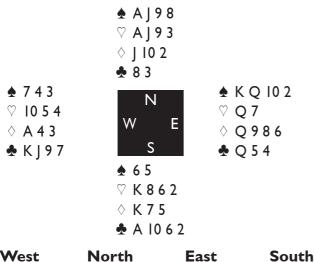


Michael Barel, Israel

Fernolend did not have an opening bid in his methods so it was left to Barel to open the North hand. Migry Zur-Campanile responded 3NT, normally 3-3-(4-3), and Barel judged to play there. With the same number of tricks available in spades and in no trump, that is the key to a decent matchpoint score. Alas, declarer established an eleventh trick then had a physical slip-up and pulled a wrong card, holding her to ten tricks; +430 These morning starts!

Bianchedi did have an opening bid available and used it, 2^{\heartsuit} promising five hearts plus a four-card or longer minor. Levy overcalled 2NT and was raised to game. Rosetta led the nine of hearts to dummy's queen, ducked. Levy cashed all the spades then ducked a club, won the diamond return and cashed his winners, then led the $\Diamond 10$ at trick twelve and West had to concede the last trick to dummy's $\Diamond Q$; +460 and a good score for North/South.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Versace	Barel	Haemmerli	Zur-Campanile
	I \diamond	Pass	\square
Pass	2♡	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Bahnik	Alain	Krausova	Anne-Frederique
	All Pass		

Barel opened the borderline North hand and was soon putting down dummy in $2\heartsuit$. Alfredo Versace led a spade, ducked to the ten, and Chantal Haemmerli switched to a low club. Declarer ducked that to Versace's nine and back came a second spade. Zur-Campanile won dummy's ace and played the jack of diamonds, which was covered all around. Now Versace switched back to clubs, the queen forcing the ace. Knowing the trump position, it is possible to get home from here by playing the suit, but declarer did not have that information available to her and instead ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the ten, and led dummy's last spade. When West followed to the spade, declarer tried throwing away her last diamond, but East did likewise and a diamond over-ruff meant that the contract was one down for -50.

The North hand would be passed by the majority of French players, I suspect, and that was Levy's choice. Nobody else had anything to say either. Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

1	soard 10. Dea	ier East. All v	ui.
	▲ K 6 5 ♡ 987 ◊ 7 ♣ 92		
 ▲ Q J 10 9 ♡ A K ◇ A K J 5 ▲ A J 	W S	E ♦ (_ Q
	▲ A 8 3 ♡ 10 2 ◇ 9 6 ♣ K 8 6		
West	North	East	South
Versace	Barel	Haemmerli	Zur-Campanile
		Pass	Pass
2 📥	Pass	2 ◇	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♢	Pass
4 \diamond	Pass	5 ◇	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Bahnik	Alain	Krausova	Anne-Frederique
		Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	$ \diamond$	Pass
2♠			-
	Pass	3♢	Pass

I shall be interested to see how many pairs got to the cold grand slam. Seven Diamonds is cold if the trumps break twoone or the club is onside, yet getting to 6° is clearly not a trivial task and will no doubt have scored well.



Migry Zur-Campanile, Israel

Versace's 2th opening was his side's second-strongest opening, not quite game-forcing. Two Diamonds was a relay and 2th showed at least eight or nine playing tricks with a spade suit, forcing for one round. When Haemmerli showed her diamond suit, Versace raised, but Haemmerli's only outside control was a shortage in her partner's main suit, so that she had no convenient cuebid. Haemmerli just raised herself to game and chalked up an inadequate +640.

The Czech Republic's Milos Bahnik opened with a strong I♣ and rebid 2♣, forcing, over the negative response. When Anna Krausova showed her diamonds, Bahnik had to make a committal decision whether to bypass 3NT in search of a diamond slam, or settle for the highest scoring game with what was an essentially balanced hand. He elected to go quietly, and 3NT ended the auction. Again, West was discouraged by her spade shortage facing known strength. Bahnik won the heart lead, cashed the second heart and ran the diamonds. He cashed the queen and jack of hearts then led the queen of clubs to tempt a cover. When Anne-Frederique played low, Bahnik thought for a while, but then got it right by playing the jack, so had twelve tricks for +690.

 ▲ 10 8 3 2 ♡ A 8 4 2 ◇ Q 6 ▲ A J 6 		9 7 0 7 4 9 4 3 E 2 5 4 6 3 2	
West	North	East	South
Maksymetz	Barel	Sivelind	Zur-Campanile
			Pass
Pass	Pass	$ \heartsuit$	Pass
2 ♣ (i)	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	
40	All Pass		
(i) Drury			
West	North	East	South
D. Fraser	Alain	S. Fraser	Anne-Frederique
			Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	40	All Pass

Bryan Maksymetz did not open the West hand. When Sara Sivelind opened $I\heartsuit$ he used Drury then respected his partner's weak rebid, so that the fair game had been reached. However, Barel had a normal enough balancing double and now Sivelind took the opportunity to introduce her club suit to help partner to judge – it was clear that North/South would find a satisfactory spade fit. Maksymetz had both a fourth trump and a good club holding so jumped to game.

Zur-Campanile led a trump, which Sivelind won in hand. She started with the king of clubs and a second club to the queen and ace. Now she drew trumps and played a diamond to the queen and ace. There was only one trump left in dummy and two minor-suit losers to be ruffed, so Sivelind had to concede a spade and a diamond; ten tricks for +420.

Canada's Douglas Fraser opened INT, 11-14, and Sandra Fraser used Stayman then raised the $2\heartsuit$ response to game. Levy found the costly lead of the ten of clubs, which ran to the jack. Fraser played a heart to dummy then a diamond to the queen and ace. He won the diamond return with the king, drew trumps and gave up a spade. Anne-Frederique won the \bigstar and played the jack of diamonds. Fraser ruffed, ruffed a spade and picked up the clubs with a third-round finesse against the nine; 11 tricks for an excellent +450.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q 9 ♡ K 5 ◇ 10 ♣ 10	5 4 8 4 3	
 ▲ A K 8 4 2 ◇ A J 9 ◇ K ♣ Q 7 4 3 	W	E S 7 3 2 5 2	J 6 Q 10 8 7 Q 9 7 6 A J 2
West	North	East	South
laksymetz	Barel	Sivelind	Zur-Campanile
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2 ◇	Pass
3♡	Pass	4 ♡	All Pass

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West	North	East	South
D. Fraser	Alain	S. Fraser	Anne-Frederique
♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Frasers got to 3NT and Anne-Frederique led a low diamond to dummy's bare king. When Sandra took the club finesse, Anne-Frederique won the king and switched to a heart for the jack and king. Alain switched back to diamonds but declarer could simply cover and had a second diamond stopper; nine tricks for +400.

Maksymetz rebid $2\clubsuit$, which could have been various hands, then showed a strong hand with his $3\heartsuit$ bid over the $2\diamondsuit$ relay. Sivelind raised to game, hoping to find him with a four-card suit, but the four-three fit played very nicely. Barel led a club to the king and Zur-Campanile cashed the ace of diamonds then reverted to clubs, Maksymetz winning dummy's ace. He cashed the queen of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, played three rounds of spades, ruffing, then cashed the jack of clubs and ruffed the last diamond. There was just the heart king to lose; +420 and a lot of matchpoints for East/West.

QUALIFYING MIXED PAIRS

(After 2nd Session)

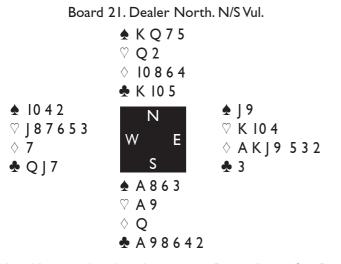
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I	Chantal HAEMMERLI - Alfredo VERSACE	64.06	61.93	63.00	76	Katalin MEZEI - Laszlo HONTI			55.28
2	Jill MEYERS - Zia MAHMOOD	61.90	62.93	62.39	77	Heather DHONDY - Ross HARPER	51.92	58.46	55.19
3	Danuta HOCHEKER - Miroslaw CICHOCKI	58.64	66.11	62.38	78	Irene SAESSELI - Fernando PIEDRA	56.27	54.09	55.18
4	Sabine AUKEN - George JACOBS	56.55	66.47	61.51	79	Pauline GUMBY - Warren LAZER		56.43	
5	Carla ARNOLDS - Ton BAKKEREN	60.80	61.45	61.11	80	Caroline VANDEN BOSSCHE - Guy VAN MIDDELEM	57.41	52.71	55.06
6	Anna SARNIAK - Leszek SZTYRAK	59.17			81		57.85	52.20	55.03
7	Marianne HARDING - Jan Tore BERG	61.22			82	Eli SOLHEIM - Ivar M.ANFINSEN		55.19	
8	Doris FISCHER - Bernd SAURER	63.74			83	Anne BEAUMIER - Dominique BEAUMIER	53.58	56.36	54.97
9	Jan MARTEL - Chip MARTEL	61.97	57.15	59.56	84	Lydie TRAJMAN - Shapour MOHTASHAMI		56.44	
10	Janice SEAMON-MOLSON - Jeff MECKSTROTH	62.81	56.24	59.52	85	Sara SIVELIND - Bryan MAKSYMETZ	59.92	49.69	54.81
11	Linda LEWIS - Arnold FISHER	57.22	61.75	59.48	86	Beatrix KUZSELKA - Gareth BARTLEY	55.37	54.19	54.78
12	Candice FEITELSON - Jacek PSZCZOLA	61.68	57.03	59.36	87	Marilina VANUZZI - Franco GARBOSI		59.60	
13	Debora CAMPAGNAÑO - Giampaolo FRANCO	59.33	59.37	59.35	88	Desislava Borissova POPOVA - Georgi KARAKOLEV	51.37	58.46	54.76
14	Eva BERGLUND - Daniel SIVELIND	60.02	58.66	59.34	89	Frances HINDEN - Jeffrey ALLERTON	62.97	46.51	54.74
15	Bep VRIEND - Anton MAAS	62.95	55.63	59.29	90	Larissa PANINA - Michael ROSENBLUM	57.17	52.25	54.71
16	Valerie SAUVAGE - Patrick BOGACKI	57.09	61.37	59.23	91	Zeynep ALP - Okay GUR	63.14	46.15	54.65
17	Annarita AZZIMONTI - Giancarlo ZUCCHINI	61.92	56.07	59.00	92	Karen WILLENKEN - Chris WILLENKEN	55.08	54.10	54.59
18	Jill LEVIN - Bobby LEVIN	59.32	58.64	58.98	93	Makiko HAYASHI - Nobuyuki HAYASHI	54.66	54.50	54.58
19	Tatiana PONOMAREVA - Alexander DUBININ	54.06	63.86	58.96	94	Judith GARTAGANIS - Nicholas GARTAGANIS		51.35	
20	Victoria GROMOVA - Andrei GROMOV	56.58	61.34	58.96	95	Rosalien BARENDREGT - Vincent KROES	54.33	54.73	54.53
21	Laurence BACO - Franck MULTON	60.02	57.78	58.90	96	Nadine WOOD - Paul DEPORTE		56.46	
22	Hema DEORA - Jyotindra SHAH	59.46	58.24	58.85	97	Marisa BONORI - Gabriele GAVELLI	51.58	57.32	54.45
23	Karen MCCALLUM - Matt GRANOVETTER	62.62	55.06	58.84	98	Kathy FALLENIUS - Peter FREDIN		56.04	
24	Kathrine BERTHEAU - Brad MOSS	62.72			99	Claudia VECHIATTO - Joerg FRITSCHE		49.74	
25	Shawn QUINN - Gaylor KASLE	53.51			100	HedwigVan GLABBEEK - Willem Jan MAAS		54.32	
26	Pia ANDERSSON - Árne LARSSON	62.44			101			57.61	
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28	Carol Ann CLIFFORD - Baxter CLIFFORD	60.04	56.30	58.17	103	Marta JANECZEK - Andrzej BUNIKOWSKI	45.81	61.63	54.07
29	Ronnie BARR - Ilan HERBST	56.40	59.55	57.97		Sue BACKSTROM - Kauko KOISTINEN		54.69	
30	Tuna ALUF - Namik KOKTEN	61.08	54.73	57.88	105	Valerie CARCASSONNE-LABAERE - Herve HUNTZ	53.88	54.15	54.02
31	Wietske Van ZWOL - Huub BERTENS	60.72	54.98	57.85	106	Sylvie DUMON - Marcel SIMEONI	56.60	51.38	53.99
32	Jillian HAY - Tony NUNN	58.42	57.22	57.82	107	Francesca CARAFA - Matteo MONTANARI	50.10	57.84	53.97
33	Michelle BRUNNER - John HOLLAND	52.82	62.72	57.77	108	Pat DAVIES - Gwynn DAVIS	43.98	63.75	53.87
34	Fiona BROWN - Hugh MCGANN	67.75	47.60	57.67	109	Anne Marie KITABGI - Alain NAHMIAS	56.16	51.57	53.87
35	Jana POKORNA - Zdenek JANSA	56.59	58.30	57.44	110	Claire TORNAY - Michael RADIN	52.19	55.33	53.76
36	Sally STRUL - Aubrey STRUL	61.54	53.31	57.43		Jeanine MOERS - Jean-Pierre BOUVERESSE	49.91	57.53	53.72
37	Migry ZUR-CAMPANILE - Michael BAREL	50.17	64.42	57.29		Ilaria ASCIONE - Fabio ZAMPINI		57.98	
38	Sandra LUCCHESI - Sergio DEVOTO	61.83			113	Daniele ALLOUCHE-GAVIARD - Juan Carlos VENTIN	62.07	45.27	53.67
39	Rozanne POLLACK - Bill POLLACK	61.76				Susie MILLER - Marcelo BRANCO		48.96	
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42	Sue PICUS - Barry RIGAL	58.05				Vera CALDARELLI - Franco FONTI			53.44
43	WangWEN FEI - Dai Jian MING	58.86			118	Gunn HELNESS - Tor HELNESS		55.88	
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	Bettina ARTMER - Andreas BABSCH		54.21		400	Francoise MONDOR - Fred MONDOR	44.38 45.86 45.12
	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS		52.85		401		48.81 41.27 45.04
	Raffael GREPPI - Gabriele PELIZZARI		48.96			Barbara NIST - Steve SIDELL	47.50 42.54 45.02
	Danielle AVON - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE		48.54			Fulvia GATTESCHI - Giuseppe BAU	52.89 37.09 44.99
	Donna COMPTON - Chris COMPTON Sandy DAVIES - Tom GISBORNE		43.89 49.29			Stacy JACOBS - Steve GARNER Anna KRAUSOVA - Milos BAHNIK	48.86 41.06 44.96
	Jane DAWSON - Bobby RICHMAN		45.27			Francesca GRAGNANI - Marcello PETROZZIELLO	50.42 39.41 44.91 40.08 49.41 44.74
	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV		48.51			Aida de Vries SALDZIEVA - Gerben DIRKSEN	47.64 41.62 44.63
	Milka IVANCIC - Zoran BOHACEK		49.31			Rosa Yb LUI - Robert Sb LUI	46.05 43.15 44.60
	Ellie FITZGERALD - James FITZGERALD		46.00			Louise SOLOMON - Warner SOLOMON	42.38 46.79 44.59
	Alessandra URBANI - Rocco LATORRE		52.21			Sue GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK	49.43 39.74 44.58
	Caroline GREGSON - Victor SILVERSTONE	39.19	56.82	48.00	411	Vera SCHULZOVA - Zdenek LASTOVICKA	52.14 36.84 44.49
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	Wendy KRAUSE - Arnie KRAUSE		47.81			Zoraida DIEBOLD - Lutz DOHNERT	46.69 41.66 44.18
	Despina KANELLOPOULOU - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS					Francesca CARNICELLI - Carlo MANTEGAZZA	40.70 47.43 44.06
	Laurence BERTRAND-RISPAL - Daniel THOUROUDE					Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING	50.19 37.90 44.04
	Beatrice MORGANTE - Claudio BRUNELLI		44.56			Francesca DE LUCCHI - Giancarlo MARINI	40.54 47.43 43.99
	Vanessa TORIELLI - Simon FELLUS		50.61			Cinzia AGRILLO - Diego CARDENAS	38.65 49.29 43.97
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	Gio PEYRON - Amedeo COMELLA		41.63		422		39.93 47.54 43.73
	Marilyn NATHAN - Arthur MALINOWSKI		55.53			Hanna KOWALSKA - Andrzej MAJCHER	44.41 42.95 43.68
	Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN		51.84			Ruth STOBER - Joe GRUE	39.60 47.72 43.66
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	Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER	53.06	41.80	47.43	426	Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT	43.85 43.43 43.64
	Lila PANAHPOUR - Tony FORRESTER	43.83	50.84	47.34	427	Claudia BURATTI - Marino GELLETTI	39.73 47.50 43.62
	Thea WILLEMSE - Michel JIALAL	41.85	52.69	47.27	428	Iman CHAMAA - Krzysztof MARTENS	50.61 36.59 43.60
	Adele GOGOMAN - Christian ZACH		49.52			Alida MANZANO - Andrea FRANCESCONI	39.48 47.71 43.60
	Elisabeth NAQI - Michael GUNTHER		51.82			Grete SKAFTE - Bob PRICKAERTZ	44.16 42.82 43.49
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	Mary Ann BERG - Bruce FERGUSON		53.98			Mari-France RENOUX - Dominique PILON	42.42 43.97 43.19
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	Jet PASMAN - Christoffer NIEMEIJER		50.83			Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADCZAK	40.50 45.38 42.94
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	Beatrice DELLE COSTE - Pierfrancesco PAROLARO		49.21			Beverly PERRY - Kent MIGNOCCHI	41.30 43.71 42.51
	Judi RADIN - Jim MAHAFFEY	36.07	57.05	46.56		Barb ĆLINTON - Vince ODDY	38.61 46.19 42.40
	Emanuela CALANDRA - Guido FERRARO	50.92	42.17	46.55	445	Caren GRENZ - Kai ROHLK	44.46 40.24 42.35
	Rosanna GENTILE - Ennio RIZZO		49.36			Fiammetta BONNANO - Pietro FORCISI	41.85 42.77 42.31
	Silvia URBANI - Luca DARBI		48.04			Suchithra VAZIRANI - Shashikant SHAH BAHRAT	38.21 46.17 42.19
	Else Van EIJNDHOVEN - Branislav PROTEGA		46.42			Pauline MAGUIRE - Gay KEAVENEY	49.86 34.36 42.11
	Dilek YAVAS - Yusuf KAHYAOGLOU		41.29			Edna PRISCO - Massimo MORITSCH	35.83 48.20 42.02
	Laurence DUC - Stephan MAGNUSSON		42.88			Laura MELCHIORRI - Massimiliano MOSCONI	35.57 48.15 41.86
	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA		40.88		451	,	43.43 39.74 41.51
	Alessandra CORVINO - Francesco BERNARDI Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI		46.09 41.28			Miny TANANBAUM - Teddy CHIMION Marie Louize DAS - Pierre d' OVIDIO	38.08 44.73 41.41 39.75 42.79 41.27
	Fay KIRK - Clive KAYE		52.28			Gila EMODI - Doron YADLIN	46.09 36.41 41.25
	Fiorenza BELLUSSI - Luca BELLUSSI		41.13			Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	47.31 35.17 41.24
	Vita WINESTOCK - Derek MALTZ		48.77			Aneta JARMOCIK - Michal SZELAGOWSKI	41.39 40.90 41.14
	Constance MCAVOY - James MCAVOY		45.27			Carla PORTANTI - Mauro SCANCARELLO	43.09 39.19 41.14
	Ylva KARLSSON-UISK - Ahto UISK		48.15			Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM	41.35 40.48 40.92
	Shirley JABON - Richard GROSS		47.35			Claudia Valerie GAMIO - John JONES	34.05 47.76 40.90
	Barbara STEWART - Michael ROCHE	47.20	44.74	45.97		Marie-Francoise GERMAÍN - William AUDIBERT	39.92 41.12 40.52
	Vigdis THOREN - Erik RYNNING	47.46	44.48	45.97	461	Iman Assassa - Michael FERNOLEND	40.76 39.77 40.27
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	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX		47.09			Alessandra MORI - Giancarlo MANNATO	47.76 31.61 39.68
	Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST		48.63			Florence DELEFLIE - Michel DELEFLIE	40.44 38.45 39.45
	Martine ROSSARD - Philippe TOFFIER		46.21			Margherita ZANIERI - Alessandro GALARDINI	41.86 36.82 39.34
	Valerie HARGREAVES - Mike HARGREAVES		46.10			Graziella GARDIN - Giancarlo BERNASCONI	34.11 44.03 39.29
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	Pavla SVOBODOVA - Petr VRKOC Mildred BREED Law EINKEI		47.74			Donatella PINNA - Sergio PELA Brid KEMPI E Torrev WALSH	36.76 41.20 38.98
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	Mari RETEK - George RETEK		42.23			Aliye UGUR - Sermed BASARAN	40.58 35.76 38.27
	Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO		47.82			Elda BUSI - Sergio RICCI	39.39 36.58 37.98
	Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA		43.70			Gloria SILBERSTEIN - Giulio BOVE	38.03 36.94 37.46
	Dolores GIULIANI - Piero MORI		41.31			Delia COSTA - Juan Jose LAGOMARSINO	25.80 48.94 37.37
	o MORSE - George TORNAY		42.69			Maria Rosa STERZA - Gustavo TERNULLO	38.24 36.12 37.16
	Carole COVENEY - Michel COVENEY		48.32			Sondra GIANINO - Giovanni ARCIFA	37.49 35.96 36.73
397	Daniela ATTOLICO - Giuseppe REALINI		49.56			Nicole SCHULMANN - Jacques GONFREVILLE	33.69 35.12 34.41
398	Madeleine SWANSTROM - Tommy GULLBERG	44.26	46.03	45.15	481	Fiammetta TRALLO - Giancarlo NOTARI	36.65 28.05 32.35

Warming up in Verona By Barry Rigal

The first session of the pairs is often rather akin to a crap shoot. Everyone needs to warm up - our first deal was no exception. I was playing with Sue Picus.



We sold out to $3\diamond$ after the auction Pass – $1\diamond - 2\clubsuit$ – Pass; $2\diamond - 3\diamond$ – All Pass. We deserved a zero for this of course but actually got close to average. Why? Well, if South bids $3\bigstar$ over $3\diamond$ and plays $4\bigstar$ it looks natural for East to win the diamond lead and continue the suit. If declarer ruffs low (hardly unreasonable), West overruffs and leads a heart through; down one.

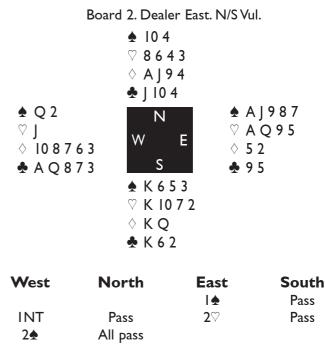
Declarer can succeed – I'm not going to go as far as to say that he should....At trick two declarer ruffs high, draws two rounds of trumps and clears the clubs. West can win and lead a heart through, retaining the master trump for the gain of tempo – but it does him no good. Declarer wins the \heartsuit A and runs the clubs; West can ruff in when he likes but all the hearts have gone from dummy and declarer has the rest.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul. ♠ K 1096 ♡ A 6 0 Q J 8 2 📥 K Q10 A 8 5 ▲ | 7 2 Ν ♡ K 10 9 ♡ | 8742 W Ε ♦ A 4 3 2 ♦ 9743 S • 932 ♣ 8 6 ♠ Q 4 3 ♡ Q 5 3 ♦ K 10 🛧 A | 7 5 4 West North East South INT Pass 3NT

All Pass

Like pretty much the whole field, I played 3NT from the North seat on a low heart lead (whether it was attitude or fourth highest, pretty much the same inferences were available). The correct route in 3NT is far from clear: Peter Fredin, for example, went for all the marbles by going up with the queen – once this was covered he was dead in the water (or he had lost his marbles I suppose).

By contrast, I was still in the game when I ducked the trick and took the nine with the ace. A diamond to the king held as East gave Smith to encourage the lead (but whether this was because he did not want a shift, or had \heartsuit J 10 9 or his actual holding, I did not know). I'm sure it must be right to cash off the clubs and find out a bit more about what was going on, or even to play spades now – as the cards lie you make the contract easily enough. But I pressed on with diamonds; East took the \Diamond A and played a low heart. I misguessed and was back to down two; 32% was rather more than I deserved.



The field played 2 here. The only lead, at double dummy, to hold that contract to eight tricks is a trump. Declarer cannot manage more than four trumps, two hearts, and two clubs. At our table, on repeated diamond leads, I overtook and continued with a low diamond. When declarer pitched a club Sue could ruff and return a trump to ensure the defence took five tricks.

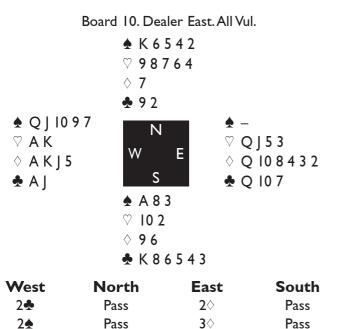
Elisabeth Ettinger did far better when at her table North ducked the second diamond. South chose to return a low heart. Elisabeth overtook the jack, to finesse in clubs and then ruff a club to hand. The \heartsuit A and a heart ruff followed by a club ruff with the \bigstar A saw declarer ruff a heart with the \bigstar Q, her eighth trick. She was now down to \bigstar J 9 8, and when she led a diamond from dummy North cooperated by ruffing in with the \bigstar IO – and that was her tenth trick.

(Incidentally, a low trump at trick four would not have been good enough to hold declarer to eight tricks – declarer can win in hand and play a low heart. South can win and play back a spade, but declarer wins in dummy and ruffs a diamond. If **4** \diamond

2NT

Pass

South overruffs with the king, declarer can set up a long diamond, so he pitches a club. South cashes the spade ace, heart ace, then plays three rounds of clubs ruffing in hand – South can overruff but is endplayed in hearts.)



Some boards are just too difficult for regular mortals.... Can standard bidding get you close to 7 \diamond here? Our opponents had the sequence shown above... East, who had denied an ace facing a game-forcing 2 \clubsuit opening bid, was perhaps closer to most in getting to slam, in terms of the fact that her partner could have bid 5 \diamond over 3 \diamond with no slam interest. Given the sixth diamond and the honours in both side-suits, it was surprising that she contented herself with a slow raise to 5 \diamond and her partner could do no more, giving us a 90% board for Minus 640. A lot of the field played 3NT – making 12 tricks was worth 40%.

Pass

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All Pass

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
	Dbl.	Pass	2♡
Dbl.	Rdbl.	Pass	Pass

Pass

DЫ

3♢

All pass

Pass

A bloodthirsty auction saw East declare $3\Diamond$, in what turned out to be a surprisingly healthy spot on a heart lead (a trump lead leaves declarer scrambling for down one). Correct play on a heart lead is to ruff, cross to the $\clubsuit K$ to ruff another heart, then lead the $\bigstar K$ from the board. North wins and can do no better than play a trump. Declarer puts in the $\Diamond 10$, forcing the $\Diamond K$ and $\Diamond A$, then plays $\bigstar Q$ and ruffs a spade, ruffs another heart and now ruffs a spade with the $\Diamond J$ to lead another trump. With the $\heartsuit J$ high in hand, all the defence can score is two trump tricks, a club, and a spade.

As we know so well, it is better to be lucky than good. At our table declarer ruffed the heart lead, then crossed to the club king to lead a spade up. I won and played a trump. And now eight tricks were the limit (and declarer fell from grace and ended up with only seven).

Championship Diary Day 2

As the opening ceremony gets under way we are minus the services of the World's greatest bridge photographer, but although we still have no idea where he is, Tacchi arrives in the nick of time! (He was delayed by the closure of the Swiss tunnels – a fact of which his satellite navigation system was not aware.)

Having mentioned the fact that several people had reached Verona without their luggage, I can't resist reporting that Brian Senior managed to lose his wife Nevena en route! They flew via Frankfurt, but the allure of the shops meant that he found himself sitting alone on the plane. Forced to make a decision, when advised that either he got off or the plane took off, he naturally...flew on to Verona! (Nevena completed her journey on a train via Milan – they have some decent shops there too!)

Irena Chodorowska was working hard at the Registration desk. The necessary paperwork having been completed she politely enquired 'How are you to pay?' 'I'm fine, thank you!' was the reply.





Durante i Campionati del Mondo a Verona 2006

Scoprite i test PLAY BRIDGE

Domenica II giugno alle 19.30 presso FERIA presentazione riservata agli **ITALIANI** : giocatori, tecnici e responsabili federali e di club con la partecipazione di Toni Mortarotti.

Giovedì 15 giugno alle 19.30 presso FERIA presentazione **PERTUTTI** con la partecipazione di Philippe Cronier, Gilles Cohen, Marina Causa, Toni Mortarotti

Dall'inizio del 2007, i bridgisti francesi ed italiani inizialmente, poi quelli del mondo intero, potranno testare le loro competenze nel bridge scegliendo di passare dei test in centri di certificazione la cui lista sarà resa pubblica e nota a tutti.

Questi test saranno destinati a tutti, dal principiante al campione. In questo modo ciascuno potrà compararsi a tutti gli altri bridgisti del mondo nei 7 domini di competenze tecniche e nei numerosi domini psicotecnici. Ciascuno potrà così conoscere il proprio livello, migliorare i suoi punti deboli, e misurare i suoi progressi passando sempre nuovi test.

Competenze tecniche e competenze psicotecniche

Per passare un test PLAY BRIDGE, i giocatori potranno scegliere tra tre categorie di test, ciascuna che fa riferimento a due o tre competenze tecniche. Per contro, le competenze psicotecniche saranno sistematicamente valutate, qualunque sia la categoria di test scelto.

- I. Test sulle dichiarazioni
- 2. Test sul gioco d'attacco
- 3. Test sul gioco di difesa

Competenze psicotecniche

- a) Gestione del tempo
- b) Gestione dello stress
- c) Memorizzazione
- d) Concentrazione
- e) Qualità come partner
- f) Strategia