

**DAILY BULLETIN**

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**THE TIME IS NOW**



So far the Bermuda Bowl final has offered up a mixture of sometimes superlative play interspersed with less-than-optimal actions – the almost inevitable consequence of two weeks concentrated effort. **Switzerland's** overnight lead of 20 IMPs is useful but **Norway** still has every chance. In the Venice Cup Final **Israel** appear to be moving inexorably towards the title, having won all three sessions against **Türkiye** on the first day. **USA1** has the advantage against **Denmark** in the D'Orsi Trophy, but the match is far from over. **France** fell behind **USA2** at the start of the Wuhan Cup final, but came back strongly to take a significant lead going into the last three sessions. The Transnational Open saw two close matches before **Amistad** and **Slow Horses** got past **Barr** and **Knottenbelt** to reach the gold medal round. Congratulations to the winners of the BAM, **Vinciguerra**, and to **Rosenthal**, who finished top in the B Final.

**Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving**

The Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving Ceremony will take place today at 20.00 in the Salle des Ministres and be followed by a 'Cocktail Dinatoire'.

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**Schedule**

**BB, VC, DOT, WUC**

Finals S4-6  
 10.00-12.15  
 13.15-15.30  
 16.00-18.15

**WTOT**

**Final**

10.00  
 13.00  
 15.20  
 17.40

**Pairs**

10.00  
 13.20

**BBO Matches**



	BBO1	BBO2	BBO3	BBO4
10.00	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
13.15	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
15.50	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

# Bermuda Bowl

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
NORWAY	32	39	27				98
SWITZERLAND	68	17	33				118

NORWAY	208
CHINA	202

USA2	183
USA1	171

NORWAY	195
ITALY	175

SWITZERLAND	250
USA2	171

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
USA2	35	14	43		92
ITALY	40	40	37		117

POLAND	180
ITALY	223

SWITZERLAND	220
ISRAEL	182

# Venice Cup

Team	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
ISRAEL	6	46	52	47				151
TURKIYE		22	34	17				73

POLAND	185
ISRAEL	215

TÜRKIYE	230
USA2	215

ISRAEL	221
CHINA	208

NORWAY	161
TURKIYE	190

Team	P	1	2	3	4	tot
NORWAY	1	14	40	27		82
CHINA		67	24	52		143

FRANCE	178
CHINA	236

SWEDEN	189
NORWAY	231

# d'Orsi Trophy

	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>186</b>
	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>154</b>

	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>166</b>
	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>191</b>

	<b>USA2</b>	<b>232</b>
	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>181</b>

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
<b>DENMARK</b>	27	22	49				<b>98</b>
<b>USA1</b>	35	46	38				<b>119</b>

	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>156</b>

	<b>USA1</b>	<b>146</b>
	<b>USA2</b>	<b>131</b>

Team	P	1	2	3	4	tot
<b>USA2</b>	12	41	30	37		<b>120</b>
<b>POLAND</b>		38	29	40		<b>107</b>

	<b>USA1</b>	<b>214</b>
	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>164</b>

# Wuhan Cup

	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>176</b>
	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>231</b>

	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>145</b>
	<b>USA2</b>	<b>203</b>

	<b>USA2</b>	<b>216</b>
	<b>USA1</b>	<b>164</b>

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
<b>USA2</b>	36	24	5				<b>65</b>
<b>FRANCE</b>	25	42	50				<b>117</b>

	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>288</b>
	<b>CHINA</b>	<b>190</b>

	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>120</b>
	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>186</b>

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
<b>ROMANIA</b>	47	20	41		<b>108</b>
<b>BELGIUM</b>	18	33	5		<b>56</b>

	<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>191</b>
	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>189</b>

# WTOT Brackets Knock-out

PACO 106  
 RABONO CALAMIS 20

AUPALETI 78  
 TPE SENIORS 68

PACO 63  
 DINKIN 61

AUPALETI 63  
 PAYEN 64

FRANCE SENIORS 51  
 DINKIN 64

IRELAND OPEN 50.5  
 PAYEN 53

KNOTTENBELT 89  
 LAWRENZO 73

PACO 118  
 KNOTTENBELT 157

PAYEN 85  
 BARR 121

FINLAND 31  
 INDIA OPEN 67

PORTUCOLE 49  
 KNOTTENBELT 91

SLOW HORSES  
 AMISTAD

BARR 81  
 INDIA OPEN 56

REASON 56  
 PORTUCOLE 60

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
KNOTTENBELT	22	30	9	32	93
SLOW HORSES	36	15	26	24	101

Team	P	1	2	3	4	tot
AMISTAD		32	18	10	16	76
BARR	14	18	7	19	9	67

BARR 80  
 AUSTRIA 58

TEAM BLACK 66  
 SLOW HORSES 74

AMISTAD 79  
 BUUSAND BOTT 71

SLOW HORSES 96  
 INDIA MIXED 41

BARR  
 KNOTTENBELT

AMISTAD 109  
 NO COKE 27

INDIA MIXED 87  
 PARTYPACK 75

ROSENTHAL 96  
 SLOW HORSES 106

ORCA 124  
 AMISTAD 127

NO COKE 89  
 BRENO 31

POWERSHARK 21  
 ROSENTHAL 95

AUSTRALIA OPEN 77  
 GILLIS 80

CHINA SENIOR 37  
 ROSENTHAL 100

ORCA 83  
 GILLIS 41

CHINA SENIOR 89  
 CAMELS 47

ORCA 104  
 SANTOSHA 37



Bermuda Bowl SF5  
Norway v Italy



by Marc Smith

It was anticipated that this match would be a classic Bermuda Bowl tussle, and so it has proved, with the lead changing hands numerous times. The Scandinavians led by 10 IMPs after the first of the six stanzas, but Italy turned that around and led by 29 IMPs after two sets. At the midway point of the match, Norway was again in front, with an overnight advantage of 4 IMPs. In the first session of the second day, the Italians moved back into the lead, opening up a 10-IMP advantage, 125-115, with two segments remaining. Let's see the best of the action from the penultimate set of the match.

As usual, we start with some problems. Firstly, with neither side vulnerable, you are West holding:

♠ A Q 9 5 3  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ Q 3

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
?			

What action, if any, do you take?

Next, with both sides vulnerable, you are sitting in the North seat with:

♠ 3 2  
♥ K J 3  
♦ A J 10 2  
♣ 10 6 3 2

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble*	4♠	Dble
Pass	?		

What action, if any, do you take?

Finally, a lead problem. You hear the following auction from the North seat:

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

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

What do you lead?

While you mull those over, we begin our coverage on the opening deal of the set, with both West players facing the first of the problems above.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 7 6 4  
♥ J 9 6  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ J 8 6 2

♠ A Q 9 5 3  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ K 8 3  
♣ Q 3

♠ J 8 2  
♥ Q 4 2  
♦ J 10 6 4  
♣ K 10 4

♠ K 10  
♥ K 8 7 3  
♦ A 9 5  
♣ A 9 7 5



Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Partner raises your 1♠ overcall to 2♠. Do you bid again with this West hand? For the Norwegians, Terje Aa decided that the answer was "No". Massimiliano di Franco's club lead held declarer to nine tricks: E/W +140.

Open Room


<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Versace	Bakke	Sementa	Brogeland
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Alfredo Versace thought his hand was worth a second effort, so he advanced with a natural 2NT. Antonio Sementa decided that he had something to spare for his initial raise and, with no ruffing value and soft high-card values, a nine-trick contract looked far more appealing than the major-suit game.

GIB reveals that an opening lead of specifically the ♥J would defeat the contract but, of course, Christian Bakke had no reason to fish out that particular card. He led the ♣6, declarer inserting the ten from dummy and Boye Brogeland winning with the ♣A. Versace won the club return with the queen and put the ♦K on the table. Brogeland won and cleared the clubs, giving declarer access to dummy, and the ♠J was covered by the king and ace. A second diamond then went to North's queen and Bakke cashed his club winner before exiting with a diamond. Declarer now had two clubs, two diamonds and the ♥A, and the appearance of the ♠10 on the second round gave him four spade tricks. E/W +400 and 6 IMPs to Italy to open the set.

The match score had advanced to 140-126 in favour of the Italians by the time Board 7 arrived. The question for the East players on this deal was whether to adopt a scientific approach in an attempt to reach the best contract, or to throw all the cards into the air and make everyone guess.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AKQJ8 ♥ 872 ♦ 974 ♣ 87		♠ 109754 ♥ Q1095 ♦ 85 ♣ A9	♠ 32 ♥ KJ3 ♦ AJ102 ♣ 10632
♠ 6 ♥ A64 ♦ KQ63 ♣ KQJ54			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	2♣	2NT*	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Di Franco chose a fairly conservative weak raise to 2♣ after Aa's 1♠ overcall, and Allan Livgard went for the scientific approach by treating his hand as an invitational or better raise showing at least four-card spade support. That allowed Andrea Manno to introduce his second suit at the three-level. With values to spare for his initial raise and his hand significantly improved by his partner's diamond bid, Di Franco raised to 4♦ and Manno advanced to game.

There was little to the play, the defence getting just their two aces: N/S +600.


Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakke	Sementa	Brogeland
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Dble	4♠	Dble
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Bakke chose a negative double at his first turn, and Sementa went for the pre-emptive jump to 4♠ on the East cards. Brogeland's double then left Bakke with the second of the problems posed earlier. Getting to the diamond game was never a realistic possibility after this start, so the best that Bakke could do was to defend and collect +500 for a 3-IMP loss on the deal. When he instead opted to bid game, the Norwegians were reliant on the heart finesse to flatten the board. Its failure meant N/S -100 and 12 IMPs to Italy, now ahead by 26 IMPs.

Another 5 IMPs on the next deal made the match score 157-126, then came a bidding challenge for the E/W pairs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 10 ♥ KQ987432 ♦ AJ4 ♣ Q		♠ K642 ♥ J ♦ 10975 ♣ J743	♠ AJ85 ♥ A ♦ KQ862 ♣ 865
♠ Q973 ♥ 1065 ♦ 3 ♣ AK1092			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakke	Sementa	Brogeland
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

After three natural bids, Versace's 2♦ was an artificial game force. Sementa's 2♠ appears to be a waiting bid, denying the ability to support hearts, bid no-trumps, or rebid diamonds, so suggesting a 4-1-5-3 hand without a club stopper. Versace advanced by rebidding his hearts and Sementa raised to game.

Versace's pass may look conservative, but he needs four specific cards from his partner to make slam good. There is also no safety at the five-level: do you really want play 5♥ opposite something like ♠AKJx ♥x ♦KQxxx ♣xxx and need a 2-2 trump break to avoid going one down? And, even, if you find partner with the two major-suit aces, you still need him to hold both top diamonds for slam to be good. So, Versace's pass seems to accord with Hamman's second rule – "If you need me to hold a specific hand, assume I don't have it".

On this occasion, of course, Sementa held exactly what was needed. E/W +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠*	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Terje Aa was able to start with an old-fashioned, strong jump shift response – let's hear it for us old fogies! Livgard raised immediately and Aa waited with 3NT. More good news came when Livgard could not cue-bid clubs, so no wasted values there. Now 4♠ was RKCB and 5♦ confirmed the major-suit aces, so Aa took a shot at the slam. E/W +1430 and 13 IMPs back to Norway.

Bidding in such a way as to give your side the maximum chance of reaching the optimum contract may seem

like the obvious thing to do. However, there can also be advantages to reaching your final destination without giving the opponents too much information.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Di Franco	Livgard	Manno
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Massimiliano di Franco heard the auction with which you were presented at the top of this article. My guess is that many of you chose to attack with a spade, as did Di Franco at the table. Aa won in dummy and started clubs by leading low to the ace. With the 4-0 club break revealed, it was not difficult for declarer to untangle his ten tricks. E/W +630.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Versace	Bakke	Semeta	Brogeland
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

By contrast, the Italian auction seemed to scream for a diamond lead, and Bakke duly obliged by tabling the ♦10. Versace won the second round of diamonds and, as I imagine just about everyone would, went down by failing to start clubs by leading low to dummy's ten. E/W -300 and 14 IMPs to Norway.

A storming end to the set by the Vikings meant that although the Italians won the stanza, they did so by only 38-34. Going into the final 16 boards, Italy led by 14 IMPs, 163-149.

# The Reykjavik Bridge Festival

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## A bridge dynasty: The Rimstedts Part 2



by Christina Lund Madsen

*This article was originally produced by request of the French Bridge Federation's magazine L'As de Trèfle, in which it will appear later this year. The FFB has kindly given the WBF their blessing to let us publish it in this bulletin first.*

### Mikael and Ola

With two older pro-playing sisters paving the path for the Rimstedt twins, there was never any doubt as to Ola and Mikael's future as bridge pros. During most of their junior years they played with different partners; yet as puberty ended and adulthood arrived, the brothers realized they were better off in the bridge world by combining forces under the Rimstedt name.

After their world pair title in 2018, bridge took over what was left of their normal life.

"Just before the pandemic I was up to 200 travel days in a year," Mikael tells. "I expect 2022 to be almost as busy."

The travelling doesn't bother him, on the contrary.

"The best part about being a bridge pro is the social life and the travels. To meet people from other countries."

He enjoys the climate outside of Sweden and often considered doing as his older sister and move to a different country.

"I love Sweden but hate the winters. I have a feeling I will settle outside of Sweden in a not-too-distant future. I have been thinking about Florida, and I love Paris."

#### Facts:

#### Ola & Mikael Rimstedt

Born in 1995. Bridge professionals since they graduated high school. Enjoy most racket sports and have a golf handicap around 2,4. Ola has 12 international medals, including two world junior titles and gold in the World Open pairs in 2018, Mikael has the same titles, one medal less than his brother but more American titles. Both are currently single.

Despite going straight from high school to bridge pro, Mikael spent a semester in Paris just before the pandemic to improve his French (it had nothing to do with French girls).

"I always felt it was a very convenient life to be a bridge pro. When I moved to France it was a turning point for me how fun it was to go back to school. I am very keen to study again but I don't have much time between bridge festivals and tournaments."

**What would you have become if not a bridge player?**

"I was always very interested in criminal law and police, so I would probably try to become a police detective."

**What is the biggest disadvantage being a bridge pro?**

"Dating life." He laughs a little. "It is very difficult to find someone outside the bridge world, because they don't get it. I see people outside of bridge. Not easy for us to be in a relationship. I would like to have children and a family some day."

Are there other downsides to being a bridge pro?

"Yes, I actually think so. When you wake up in the morning without a routine. You think to yourself "What am I going to do today?" An everyday routine is something I miss. Having normal friends. I have one left who is not a bridge player who I have a lot of contact with."

**How do you feel about being a bridge star?**

"It is fun. When you have made your name known you get a lot of attention. I actually like the attention and don't think it is too much."

**Tell us about a family memory that made a big impression on you.**

"When pappa turned 50, we all went to Mallorca. Sandra with Shane, Cecilia and Patrik with their boys, mamma and pappa and grandma and grandpa. It was an amazing holiday."

**How do you recall the time when your parents were not together?**

"I was too young to think about it. But I remember when I stayed with mamma there was a neighbour I used to hang a lot with. There was something that wasn't quite right, but I was too young to understand why. And Ola and I were always together."

**How was it for you when Sandra moved to the US?**

"We didn't spend a lot of time together at the time, so it wasn't such a big change. We talk more after she moved." He laughs. "I remember we played this tournament together in Halland (Sweden). I played with Sandra and Cecilia with Ola. I remember she liked to yell at me. She was very tough. That is how it is when siblings play together."

**What is it like playing with your brother?**

He hesitates. "It is surprisingly nice. We share a lot in life. It was ... I don't know... challenging when we were younger. We are adults now, we don't fight as much and work together."

According to their parents, Mikael is more temperamental and Ola the one who adjusts.

Magnus: "Micke is the eldest and a little dominating, he always has to be better. I think it is good Ola is very adaptable."

Ann: "The boys are so different, but what exactly separates them... Micke is more social, open. Though Ola has become more open after he left home and started to play with others."

Ola was the last to leave the nest. He spent his first year after high school on his parents' couch.

"I was at home and did exactly nothing for a year. I wasn't sure whether I should continue my studies or go all in on bridge. After a year we received an offer too good to refuse and then it became bridge. It was probably also time for me

## Who is the best partner?

The Rimstedts are repeatedly asked who the best bridge player in the family is, and there is no answer to that question. Who is the better partner, now that is a much better question and one they are all happy to answer.

For once they all agree about one thing: It is not Magnus.

**Mikael** (laughing): "Not my dad is a good answer. It is a close competition between Cilla and Sandra. They say nothing."

**Magnus**: "Not me, that's for sure. All the children have cried when they played with me. But they all became champions anyway." Since he cannot pick himself, he says: "It is probably Cecilia. She never says a cruel word or gets upset." The rest of the family chooses the other girls.

**Ann**: "Sandra." No second choice.

**Cecilia**: "Definitely not pappa. Probably mamma. It has been a long time since we played, but she was very easy to play with. If not, it is probably Sandra.

**Sandra** agrees, yet presents a new player to the stage: "Ola. If not Ola, I would say myself."

**Ola** (looking deviously into the camera): "Me."

He then adds. "It might be mamma but I haven't played with her in 20 years. It could also be Sandra, but it is certainly not Cilla, Micke or pappa!"

to think about my health..."

Many people not close to them have trouble telling the twins apart. Both Mikael and Ola were always tall and slim but for a year Ola made it easy to see who was who as he was 20 kilos heavier than his brother, one kilo being his hair.

He moved in with Mikael in Täby, a suburb to Stockholm, and they lived together until a year ago when Ola moved into his own apartment.

"It probably isn't optimal for two brothers to live together their whole life. At some point we have to separate. When our financial situation was under control, I could take that step."

### Do you ever get tired of each other?

"It would be easy to think since we are always together, but I wouldn't say so. We always find a solution if we have

conflicts."

### Do you miss living with your brother?

"Not the least to be honest." He laughs. "It is amazing living on my own. We see each other all the time anyway. I don't miss living together with anyone."

Apart from bridge, the twins do a lot of sports together. During the winter anything with a racket; squash, badminton (ping-pong with the family) but foremost paddle tennis. In the summer it is golf above anything else.

### Are you good at golf?

He laughs. "You can define good in different ways, but my handicap is 2,4, which most would probably call good. I could never do anything I'm not good at, then I lose my patience and become too angry."

### What is Mikael's golf handicap?

"I think he has a little less, perhaps 2,3. But important to remember that I once had 2,1. I wouldn't say we are competing but it is important to recall I once had the lowest."

Their life goal is to get down to zero.

"I think that if we had played golf earlier in life we could have played in serious competitions, it seems both Micke and I have a knack for golf."

### What would you do if not play bridge?

"Very simple answer. I have a rather large financial interest. I always imagined doing some economy study next to bridge, but it hasn't happened yet."

### Do you plan to play bridge for the rest of your life?

"I don't know. If bridge doesn't look good in ten years, I would probably study some economics but as long as I think bridge is fun, I will continue. The most important for me is that what I do is not financially motivated, it has to be fun."

### What is the best thing about your life right now?

"I try not to make so many goals for my life, I take it day by day. Foremost I try to always focus on being a good person, to be kind to others. I am happy where I am right now. I am happy."

### What is the worst thing about your life right now?

He hesitates. "I guess I have to be honest again. Sometimes it can feel a bit lonely what you do. You have amazing people around you, travel with all your friends, yet it would be even better if you also had someone to share your everyday life with. It is perhaps the only thing missing."

### Tell us about a childhood memory that made a big impression on you.

"A bit of troubled time was when mom and dad separated. And I didn't know why. I got that insight later on. It was a time you simply had to accept. It was tough when they split up but so amazing when they came back together."

### What do you see as the biggest difference between you and your brother?

"We have the same physical interests but very different priorities outside bridge and sports. I spend a lot of time on my economy and he is more focused on being as comfortable as possible. For example when I bought an apartment, he bought a car. Which is the better investment?" He puts his arms to the side.

If you ask Mikael what the most stupid thing he did was, it is something that would never happen to Ola.

"Oy. I did a lot of stupid things but what wins the prize is tricky. I can tell you one stupid thing. I once left a bag with 3000 dollars and a computer on the train between New York and Philadelphia."

Ola: "I also don't think our personalities



are so identical but perhaps it is easier for others to decide. I care perhaps a little too much how people see me. I want to be so perfect. I think Micke cares less about that. I like to have a bit of star status, but I don't want people to see me just as a good bridge player, I want them to see me as a good person."

### **What is the most important you have learnt from your parents?**

"If we begin with dad, it is to be responsible. I perhaps wasn't very responsible the first 20 years, yet he taught me to prioritise well. Mamma was always extremely present. I guess I have learnt dad's responsibility and mamma's caring presence."

As their sisters, both brothers name the other as the one they are closest to in the family. If you ask Ann and Magnus who they worry the most about, they both say Cecilia.

Magnus: "Obviously Cecilia. She has some struggles in her private life."

Ann: "I worry about her performance anxiety. I had the same problem at school. You are never happy. Sometimes I feel she doesn't allow herself to rest, she just wants to achieve more and more."

### **Who do you worry the least about?**

Magnus: "Sandra. She always survives. She is the most social. She is never scared."

Ann: "The boys will always have each other. They are very close and always have been best friends. Even if they fight at the bridge table."

She tells a story from when the twins were 7-8 years old.

"They were in separate classes in school. Ola's teacher came to me and told me they had to write down what was most important in their life; a hug, their mom, a toy, anything. Ola wrote: "My brother."

### **What is the best part about being a Rimstedt?**

Cecilia: "Not being an Eriksson."

Mikael: "Since the entire family circles around the same interest, we can discuss our ups and downs with anyone in the family. We all support each other 100 % of the time."

Sandra, laughing: "To ride on my sibling's success (and shoulders)."

Ola: "I think it is so cool when people recognize our last name, both inside and outside the bridge world. Often people hear the name Rimstedt and recognize us as a bridge family. Also that we are four siblings who can travel together, have the same interest and that close contact. If Pappa only knew what he is missing by being an Eriksson and not a Rimstedt."

## **What do the Rimstedts say about each other?**

Asked to describe the other family members by one word, here is what the Rimstedts say about each other. For a family always debating and no one ever yielding, they were surprisingly unanimous in some cases.

### **Cecilia was easy to describe for most.**

Micke: "Stubborn."

Ann: "Stubborn. I thought I was stubborn till I had a daughter who was even worse."

Sandra: "You could call it strong-minded. Yet I say stubborn."

Magnus: "Performance-oriented." Pappa's girl.

Ola is more contemplating.

Ola (thinks for a while): "Cecilia is emotional."

### **Mikael was also too easy.**

Cecilia: "I am looking for a nicer word for besserwisser..."

Her father found the word.

Magnus: "I feel like saying besserwisser, but I say cocky. Write it, goddammit. I will be whipped for that, but I can take it."

Ola (laughing out loud): "VERY stubborn."

Sandra with a twist: "Temperamental."

Mother Ann agrees with the rest of the family, yet finds a more flattering word to express what they all think. She is his mother after all:

"Self-confident."

### **Sandra**

Sandra is the only one each of them describes with a different word.

Magnus: "Curious."

Ann: "Extremely social. And I have always been told she is my little copy by appearance."

Ola: "Very energetic."

His brother describes her with an adjective used to describe what many energetic people often suffer from.

Mikael: "Impatient."

Cecilia: "Artistic. It is part of her expression, she loves to sing and dance."

As an older sister, nothing compares to being views through the eyes of your younger sister.

### **Mamma Ann.**

Not even the mother in the Little House on the Prairie can compete with

Ann Rimstedt according to her children. Ola: "How can you express it with one word? She is very caring, loving. Looks over the ones close to her."

Micke: "Cares a lot for the ones she loves the most? Caring."

Cecilia: "I want to say mamma. That is somehow the word that describes her the best, what she expresses, her role in life."

Sandra is as usual the one with a different take on it. It must be the American influence.

Sandra: "Colourful."

### **Pappa Magnus**

First we hear from the two favorite children:

Mikael: "He is very well-planned. But that is a bad word. He doesn't make any dumb decisions in life."

His oldest sister summarizes what Mikael is trying to say in one word:

Sandra: "Smart."

Now the honest ones:

Cecilia: "He is always the one pushing the buttons. What is the word, teasing?"

Ola: "I must say something stupid about Pappa. He will probably say something stupid about me and then I have to pay back."

Even so Ola continues: "He is very responsible. And as of late very present. When we were younger mamma was more present. Pappa is more present in the adult way."

Ola the profound. What does his family say about him?

### **Ola**

Mother, father and sisters all manage to find matching synonyms to describe the essence of Ola:

Magnus: "Adaptable."

Ann: "Micke is the older brother and a little dominating, so it is very good Ola is so agreeable."

Sandra: "Chill."

Cecilia: "Easy-going."

Everyone apart from his twin brother, who dryly says:

Mikael: "Economic."

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**Bermuda Bowl SF6**  
**Norway v Italy**

**d'Orsi Trophy SF6**  
**Poland v Denmark**

by Jos Jacobs

At the start of the final segment of the semifinals, a few matches were still very much in the balance. Among them were the Seniors' match between Poland and Denmark, in which the Danes were up by 10 IMPs (144-134) and also the Bermuda Bowl match between Norway and Italy. Here, the Azzurri were leading 163-149. In this report, I will thus have a look at these two matches, keeping in mind, however, that a board or two already made it into the news flashes of our Daily Bulletin on Thursday.

The opening board of the set was flat but then came Board 18, the deal on which Bas Drijver made 6♣ for Switzerland (see news flash).

**Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.**

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

In the Closed Room, the Italians had a straightforward auction when Grude opened a weak two.

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Sementa</i>	<i>T Grude</i>	<i>Versace</i>
—	—	2♥	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer had his anxious moments when East led a diamond to partner's king and West returned a low diamond. When Sementa inserted the ♦10, all was well for him. Eleven tricks, Italy +660.

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Percario</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	—	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦*
Dble	Pass	5♦	Pass
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	6♦	Dble
All Pass			

Over the natural 2♣ response, South could launch an immediate splinter which eventually led to the sacrifice being taken by E/W. We will never know whether Bakke would have brought home his slam, even less so because East had not taken part in the auction. Still, the Norwegian bidding must have sounded convincing...

On the lead of a top spade followed by a trump switch, declarer did not play for the unlikely chance of the ♥AK coming down in three rounds and thus went down five in the end. Norway +1100 and 10 IMPs to them. They had reduced their deficit to just 4 IMPs to really live up the match even more.

Over now to Poland-Denmark, one of the seniors' semifinals. Denmark were still 9 IMPs up when this board came up.

**Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.**

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

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

- 4♣ Cue
- 4♥ Cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♦ 3 keycards
- 5♥ ♠Q?

A classic natural auction. West confirmed three keycards and the trump queen. North led a club to dummy's queen but this did not really matter. The ♠10(!) to declarer's king came next, trump to the ace and the ♦K was declarer's only loser. Denmark an easy enough +1430.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blat</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Bizon</i>	<i>P Schaltz</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♣	Game forcing relay		
2♦	Minimum		

The Polish Club produced a much more artificial auction. By the time they had reached 3♥, West had shown his 5-1-5-2 with a minimum but little was known about the East hand apart from his hearts. So West saw no reason to go on after 4♠. Twelve tricks, Poland +680 but 13 IMPs to Denmark who thus increased their lead to 22.

Next in that match:

## Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hansen</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Schou</i>	<i>Kwiecien</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dble
Rdbl	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

North quite rightly expressed an opinion about the 4♥ contract bid by E/W but North led a spade, understandable in view of the auction. South, on lead with the ♠A, exited in diamonds, so declarer went up with his ace and played a low trump. When North immediately rose with his king, declarer could even afford to take a losing diamond finesse next and still make his contract. Denmark +790.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Blat</i>	<i>D Schaltz</i>	<i>Bizon</i>	<i>P Schaltz</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

At the other table, all remained quiet on the E/W front. Poland +140 but 12 more IMPs to Denmark. It looked all over in that match and so it proved, Denmark winning eventually by 191-166.

From now on, we go back to Norway v. Italy.

## Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

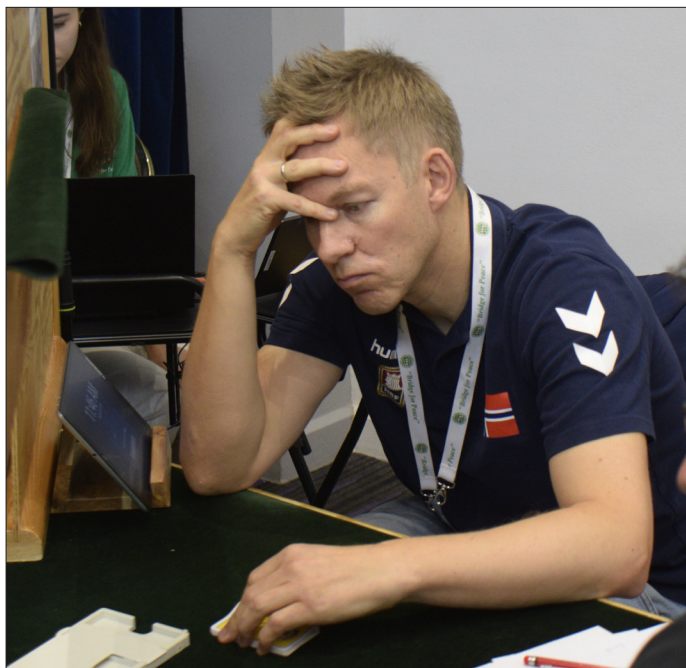
West	North	East	South
<i>Percario</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Donati</i>	<i>Brogeland</i>
—	1♠	Pass	INT
2♣	2♠	Dble*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All pass		

When Donati showed a constructive club raise, Percario took a shot at game. North led a top spade but when he did not find the shift to the ♥K (who would??), declarer was home. At the table, North switched to the ♦J which ran to South's king. Next came a heart but ducking dummy's ace just once was necessary and enough to make the contract after giving up a club. Italy +400.

The same auction at the other table, except the final touch.



Michał Kwiecień, Poland



Boye Brogeland, Norway

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Sementa	T Grude	Versace
—	1♠	Pass	INT
2♣	2♠	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	All pass

Norway thus scored just +130, a loss of 7 IMPs. Italy were leading by 11 now.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Bakke	Donati	Brogeland
—	—	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	Artificial game force		

This looks like asking too much with just 11 hcp. opposite a minimum opening hand. South led a club but when the heart finesse failed, the contract was the expected down two. Norway +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Sementa	T Grude	Versace
—	—	Pass	INT

All Pass

Versace's weak INT was timed very well because he caught both opponents with 11 hcp. That's why they allowed the contract to be played undisturbed. Down two, another +100 and 7 IMPs to Norway who, of course, were now once again only 4 IMPs down.

The next 7 boards were not too interesting, I think, though the Italian lead had been halved. They just were 2 IMPs up when this board hit the table:

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Bakke	Donati	Brogeland
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	2NT
Dble	3♠	Dble	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

The defence started off with three rounds of spades so declarer could throw a diamond from his hand and ruff in dummy. Next came a nice little red cross-ruff so declarer managed to go down only one. Still, it was +50 to Norway which looked a fair result for them, keeping in mind that both passing 3♠ and passing the final double would have brought the Italians a plus score.

At the other table, the auction was short:


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Sementa	T Grude	Versace
—	—	Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

The defence took the first five tricks in spades but after that, they were just given one more heart trick due to the favourable distribution for declarer. Just made, Norway another +90 to take the lead by 2 with 2 to play.

Then came board 31. Mark Horton already reported this board as a news flash. Norway scored 11 IMPs on it to lead by 13 with only the last board to be played. Here is that last deal.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Percario	Bakke	Donati	Brogeland
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥(♠)	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

A quiet partscore, good for an overtrick and +140 to Norway. Their place in the final looked secured by this result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Sementa	T Grude	Versace
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North opened a 10-13 INT so the Italians quickly were in game. This, however, proved far too high when East led the ♦10. Down three in the end, Norway another +150, good for 7 more IMPs and a victory by 20 IMPs.

Good luck in the final to both Norway and Denmark! Well done Scandinavia 😊.

### Editor's Log 010923



Manoj Kumar is following the tournament from Bangalore. He noticed something interesting in the match between Norway and Italy:

*Scores equal after 88 boards 170-170 with 8 boards to go and 8 players battling it out on the last day of the 8th month of the year, a situation that could send a numerologist into ecstasy without the drug!*



Simon Cochemé (obviously out of sorts as he remarked we are doing a great job with the Bulletins) sent an interesting observation:

*Checking up on a board I found that West was in 4♥ and North led ♦5. North didn't hold the ♦5, but South did. How do I know if East was actually the declarer (and the lead was right) or if North led some other diamond? The bridge-mates at one of the clubs I play in checks that the opening lead is valid – why doesn't the WBF use that feature?*



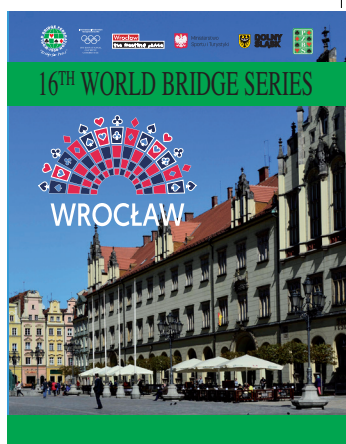
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Bermuda Bowl F1

## Norway v Switzerland



by David Bird

This wonderfully successful tournament is reaching its conclusion, and we will have two great teams to watch in the Bermuda Bowl final. I just looked at the Butler rankings from the round-robin. Two pairs in the Switzerland team did exceptionally well. Jacek Kalita and Michal Klukowski came first with an amazing +1.25 IMPs per board. The other pair was not the former world champions, Sjoert Brink and Bas Drijver. It was the sponsor, Pierre Zimmermann, and Michal Nowosadzki. They were 8th out of 71, with a splendid average of +0.64 IMPs per board. What an achievement! Brink and Drijver were 40th with +0.05 IMPs per board, although I am told that Drijver was unwell for a period.

How will Switzerland fare against Norway's three world-class pairs? We may get an early indication on the first set of 16 boards.

## Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
—	—	2♦*	Dble
3♥*	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Against the multi, it is a common defence to enter with a double on weak INT types, while it is safe to do so. On grounds of frequency, North might have bid just 3NT at his second turn. He preferred to show strength with 4♠. Was that the best move, when he had only one plausible trump suit? Would 4♦ not be forcing after this start?

Brogeland suggested 5♣ and advanced to 5♥ over 5♦, reading partner for more than one suit. Bakke reverted to diamonds, and they had reached a slam with two aces missing. That was 100 away and a sad start to their campaign.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Zimmermann did not enter the fray on his 12-count and all was then easy. It was 12 IMPs to Switzerland.

## Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Bakke led the ♠K to declarer's ace and ... what is going on? ...Klukowski then led a trump to the 3 and 9! This lost to the 10 and the contract could no longer be made. Did he place South with the ♥K when North played low? Was he then hoping for a successful intra-finesse, running the ♥Q to pin the jack or 10 on the second round? If he had risen with the ♥Q, ten tricks would be easy – four trumps, three diamonds, two spades and a club. He ended one down for 100 away.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♣10, Aa winning with the queen. He then played the ♥6, rising with the queen, and... wait a moment. No, he has just run the ♥6! Play the ♥Q instead and four heart tricks, three diamonds, a spade and a club would have landed 3NT. Declarer went three down and it was 5 IMPs to Switzerland. Am I missing something in that heart suit?

You will scarcely believe that the next-but-one board was even more mysterious.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ K 10 8 7 4 3 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A J	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ 9 4 ♥ Q 9 6 2 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ 10 9 8 6
♠ J 7 5 ♥ A J 5 ♦ A Q 10 2 ♣ K 4 2		
		♠ A Q 10 6 3 2 ♥ — ♦ K J 6 ♣ Q 7 5 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
—	2♥*	Pass	3♠*
Dble	All Pass		

Bakke's 2♥ was 8-11 (weaker heart hands would be covered by 2♦). It seemed that this method might make it more difficult to reach the spade game. No, Brogeland had the perfect method available – 3♠ to invite a spade game.

West doubled, much to our surprise, and there was no further bidding. Before play started, the VuGraph operator informed us that Kalita (East) had called the Director. It seemed that he may not have been alerted as to the precise meaning of 3♠, (North and East are the same side of the screen.) 'So what?' the kibitzers were saying. What was East planning to do about it?



Allan Livgard, Norway

After quite some time, the play started, with a club lead to dummy's jack. Brogeland ruffed a heart, played a club to the ace, and ruffed another heart. After a club ruff with the ♠8, bringing down West's king, he cashed dummy's ♠K. A heart ruff with the ♠10 allowed him to draw trumps and cash the ♣Q. Down to just the ♦KJ6, he exited with the ♦K, endplaying Klukowski to give him a second overtrick with the ♦J. Dazzling play!

We were told of further prolonged protests by East to the Tournament Director, but the rare score of +1130 stood.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Twelve tricks were made on a club lead and Norway collected 11 IMPs. (In the meantime, it was adjusted to 5 IMPs to Norway, Ed.)

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 7 ♥ K 10 6 3 ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ K 7 4	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N                      W     E                      S                 </div>	♠ 3 ♥ Q 4 2 ♦ Q J 10 6 4 2 ♣ Q J 8
		♠ A K 8 5 4 2 ♥ J 9 8 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A 2
		♠ J 10 9 6 ♥ A 7 5 ♦ A ♣ 10 9 6 5 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	2♣*	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East's 2♣ was a transfer to diamonds, 2NT showed a raise with 4+ trumps, and 3♥ was a game try. Kalita led the ♣Q, Bakke winning with the ace, drawing trumps and playing another club. He was then able to set up the clubs for two discards and write down +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Livgard's natural weak 2♦ showed 8-11 when red against white. The 3♦ rebid then indicated a minimum. The modest pre-emptive barrier had proved impregnable. 3♦ went one down for -100, and that was 9 IMPs to Norway. After a wild and woolly first six boards, the score stood at 20-20.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	3♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Klukowski won the ♣5 lead with the ace and returned the ♥Q to declarer's king. The ♠Q drew the 6, 2 and 9. Bakke continued with the ♦10, which also won. Kalita took the ♦9 and led the ♠10 to the king and ace, declarer unblocking the jack. East ruffed the spade return and crossed to West's ♥J. Two trump tricks still had to be lost and that was 500 away.

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	—	—	2♠*
3♣	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Michal Klukowski, Switzerland

Not a comfortable resting place! Zimmermann led the ♠2 to partner's jack, declarer finessing successfully on the ♦10 return. However, South ruffed and a spade to the ace was followed by the ♣A, dropping North's king. South won the ♣J with the queen and forced declarer with the ♠K. The game went one down. That was -50 and 11 IMPs to Switzerland.

On Board 12 Brogeland attempted a rescue when partner's 1♥ overall ran into a protective double, left in. The resultant 2♦ doubled cost 1100 against 800 for 1♥ doubled at the other table. 7 IMPs to Switzerland.

Can you believe there were double-figure swings on each of the last three boards? How many can I squeeze into this report before succumbing to the lure of the fridge? Time will tell.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
—	—	2♣*	Dble
Pass	6♦	All Pass	



Christian Bakke, Norway

East's 2♣ was natural. Brogeland doubled for take-out, and Bakke reached for the stars. Was his ambition fuelled by some earlier poor boards? Kalita led ace and another club, and there was no way home. That was minus 50, and Norway hoping for the best from the other table.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	—	1♣	Dble
1♥*	5♦	All Pass	

No, they stopped a level lower. Just as well, perhaps. A spade lead allowed a successful finesse for a heart discard, and +420 was made for 10 IMPs to Switzerland. That was quick. Perhaps I can manage to show them all to you, without dying of hunger.

## Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	

It was a good spade slam, but the suit was never mentioned. It might prove to be a well-needed piece of good fortune for Norway – the trumps are 4-1.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Nowosadzki won the heart lead and played a trump to the ace, followed by the king. When bad news arrived, he played a club to the ace for a finesse of the ♣J. More bad news arrived from an easterly quarter. That was one down, and a fortunate but welcome 13 IMPs to Norway.

## Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Bakke	Kalita	Brogeland
3♣	Dble	3NT	4♣*
4♦	Dble	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

There was no stopping eleven tricks here, and that was a handsome +750 in the Switzerland card.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Aa	Nowosadzki	Livgard	Zimmermann
Pass	1♦	Dble	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Eleven tricks here, too, but +150 meant 12 IMPs to Switzerland.

The general story-line in these big championships is that the sponsor bows his farewell after the required number of boards. The two top pairs then gird their loins and step in to repair the damage. Not for this Switzerland team! Zimmermann had played well, and they led by 63-33.

## Video Corner

Pete Hollands tells us he is doing daily recap videos of the Championships.

Here is the link to the day 12 recap:

<https://youtu.be/J5HL7Qh7YhM>



## BAM Final A

1	VINCIGUERRA	61.75
2	EL GHRARI	60.75
3	PORTUCOLE	59.75
4	POLAND WOMEN	58.50
5	POLAND MIXED	58.15
6	SWEDEN SENIOR	57.50
7	NZ OPEN	56.50
8	REASON	56.00
9	ALICE	55.25
10	NORWAY SENIOR	55.00
11	AUPALETI	54.50
12	UAE MIXED	54.25
13	BV WALDSOLMS	53.50
14	INDIA OPEN	52.75
15	ORCA	52.00
	BRENO	52.00
17	GERMANY MIXED	51.25
18	NO COKE	50.25
19	GILLIS	50.00
	POLAND OPEN	50.00
21	USA E GETTA	48.50
22	FRANCE SENIORS	48.10
23	FRANCE WOMEN	47.75
24	DRINTEAM	47.25
25	GEMIGNANI	43.75
26	INDIA MIXED	43.00

## BAM Final B

1	ROSENTHAL	46.00
2	DINKIN	44.00
3	INDIA WOMEN	36.00
4	PARTYPACK	35.00
	PIERCE	35.00
6	ULI	34.00
	MEXICO	34.00
8	THE DARK KNIGHT	33.00
	LAWRENZO	33.00
10	INDIA SENIORS	32.00
11	RIAD	31.00
12	NZ MIXED	30.00
	SANTOSHA	30.00
14	MASARAHLOU	28.00
	COMETO HK CHINA	28.00
	MADRID	28.00
	USA WOMEN	28.00
18	4FUN	27.00
	MATILDAS PLUS 2	27.00
20	4JACKS	21.00



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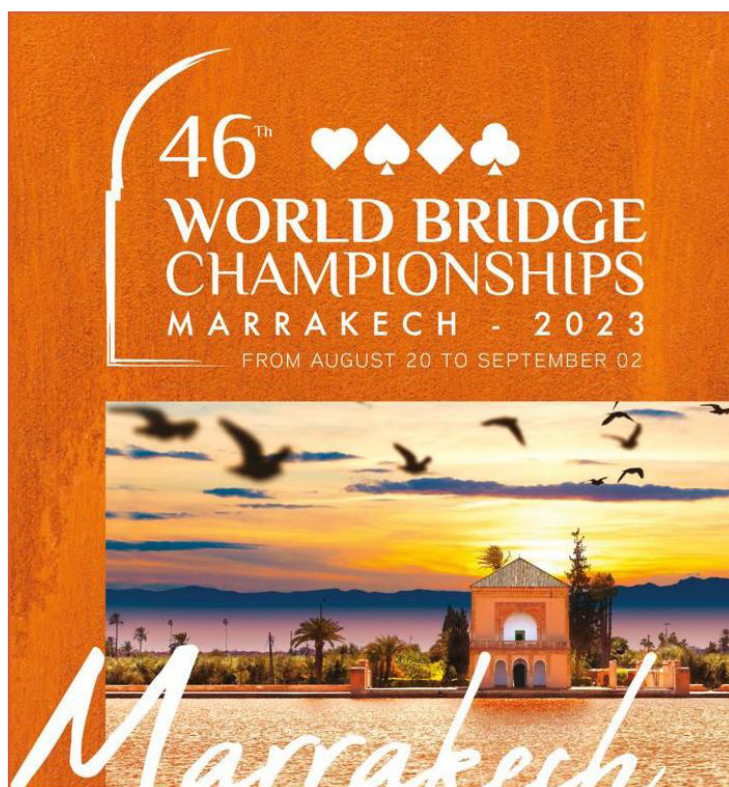
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their choice, or have it mailed to them  
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will include David Bird, Brian Senior & Barry Rigal.  
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