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THERE'S NO CRYING IN BRIDGE

It was a day of mixed emotions as the final four events moved closer towards a conclusion.

In the *Rand Cup*, **VYTAS** and **GOODMAN** will contest today's final.

The *Mixed Teams* saw **MINITER**, **DONNER**, **CORIANDRE** and **FERM** advance to the semi-finals.

Bénédicte Cronier and **Phillipe Cronier** topped the table in the race to qualify for the semi-finals in the *Mixed Pairs*, ahead of the long-time leaders, **Mike Cappelletti** Junior and **Allison Howard**, followed by **Kamel Fergani** and **Louise Berthiaume**.

In the *Senior Pairs*, **Nedju Buchlev** and **Jacek Lesniczak** lead from **Zdzislaw Kowalewski** and **Slawomir Bak**, then **Alan Kasprzak** and **Pawel Chindelewicz** followed by **Thomas Berg** and **Geert Jorgensen**.

Press Conference

The WBF President's Press Conference will be held tomorrow, **Friday 2nd of September 2022 at 9:30 am** in Conference Room C at the -1 level in the building of the Auditorium (the location of Opening Ceremony and Prizegiving). All (IBPA) journalists are invited to attend!

Jan Swaan, Press Room manager



And the winners of the Mixed Gnome Championship are...

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Schedule Thursday, 1st September

MIXED TEAMS	MIXED PAIRS	RAND CUP	SENIOR PAIRS
Semi-finals	Semi-finals	Finals	Qualifying
10.00	A&B	10.00	10.00
13.00	10.00	13.00	14.00
15.20	14.00	15.20	17.00
17.40	17.00	17.40	



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Rand Cup Round Robin 10

The Front Line

by Mark Horton and Herman De wael

Having dispatched Tacchi to go in search of coffee pods for a machine that would not attract the support of George Clooney, we made our way downstairs to cover the vital match between Goodman and Andrzejki in the penultimate round of the Seniors qualifying contest. Herman was in the Open Room.

Team Andrzejki consists of six Polish players, one of whom lives in Germany, while team Goodman aligns four world class players who hold 17 world titles between them (Passell 4 – Lair 2 – Berkowitz 2 – Meckstroth 9).

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Omernik	Lair	Gotard
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣*	4♠	2♠
			3NT

I could not ascertain the precise meaning of 2♣ – my cunning plan being to find out during the subsequent bidding, but East's 4♠ put paid to that!

South led the ♥Q and North won and returned the four for South to ruff. Back came a club and when North won, he tried to give his partner a second ruff. East ruffed with the ♠A to scotch that plan, but South did get his ♣K in the end, so it was still one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wejkis	Berkowitz	Sikorski	Meckstroth
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♠*	3♠	4♦
Pass	5♦	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

2♠ Limit raise or better in diamonds

South led the ♥Q and North took the ace, cashed the ♣A and continued with the ♥4. South ruffed with the ♠6, cashed the ♣K and continued with the nine, North ruffing. That was 5-0 in tricks and by adding a zero you get the penalty, -500.

The phantom sacrifice cost 10 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Omernik	Lair	Gotard
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The lead of the ♣2 was taken in hand, and Tomasz Gotard cashed the ace of diamonds and played a diamond up. When West showed out, Gotard thought for a very long time before taking the king and presenting the other red king. Now it was up to Mark Lair to think for an eternity, before deciding to duck. Declarer played a club to his queen and presented the ♥4. East had to overtake partner's 7 with the 8 and he returned a spade. Another heart went to West, who persisted in spades. The third spade was for South but a fourth one was the setting trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wejkis	Berkowitz	Sikorski	Meckstroth
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♦
All Pass			
3♣	Diamonds		
4♠	Cue		

West led the ♠J and declarer won with the ace, cashed the king, matching it with dummy's ♥K, unblocked the ♣KQ, ruffed a heart and played a club. When East pitched the ♠Q, declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♦K and claimed 11 tricks, +400 and another 10 IMPs.

If West had found a heart lead it would have been much tougher for declarer to find a winning line.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

		♠ 10 9 6 4		
		♥ —		
		♦ J 10 7 5 2		
		♣ K 10 6 3		
♠ 8 2		<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 5 3	
♥ 7			♥ Q 10 5 3	
♦ A K Q 9 6 3			♦ 4	
♣ A Q 4 2			♣ 9 8 7 5	
		♠ K J 7		
		♥ A K J 9 8 6 4 2		
		♦ 8		
		♣ J		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Omernik	Lair	Gotard
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	3♥
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

The heart overcall at the second opportunity was understood by all to be based on a natural suit. West, who wanted to play game, chose 5♣. Perhaps he was hoping to be able to cope with an almost certain trump stack to his left with dummy's sadly missing honours in that suit. North unsurprisingly was not able to lead a heart, so the first trick was a spade to the ♠Q and ♠K. South played the king of hearts and a spade to ten and ace. Passell ruffed a spade and tried to discard the other one on the ♦K, but



Tomasz Gotard

South ruffed sooner than expected. The ♥A was ruffed and overruffed, and one more trump trick meant three down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wejknis	Berkowitz	Sikorski	Meckstroth
1♦	Pass	1♥	4♥

All Pass

West started with two top diamonds and declarer ruffed as East pitched the ♣9, cashed the ♥A and then played the ♣J, putting up dummy's king when West followed with the two. That was a minor triumph for declarer, who played the ♠10 from dummy. East took the ace and exited with a club. In due course declarer had to lose two trump tricks, -100 and 14 IMPs away.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

		♠ Q 4 3		
		♥ A 8 4 2		
		♦ 10 7 6 4 3		
		♣ 8		
♠ K 10		<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 8 5 2	
♥ K 6 3			♥ J 9 7	
♦ K 2			♦ Q 8 5	
♣ K Q J 9 7 6			♣ A 3 2	
		♠ A J 7 6		
		♥ Q 10 5		
		♦ A J 9		
		♣ 10 5 4		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Omernik	Lair	Gotard
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
INT	2♣*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			
1♣	Polish		
2♣	Majors		

Mark Lair overtook the lead of the ♣K and accurately switched to a spade. Passell took the king and continued the suit. The diamond finesse went to West's king, who played his other red king, which was allowed to hold, but that was all. +140 to team Andrzejki.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wejknis	Berkowitz	Sikorski	Meckstroth
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
INT	All Pass		

North led the ♦4 for the jack and king and declarer cashed his club winners before exiting with a diamond to the queen and ace. He had pitched a couple of hearts from dummy, so in theory he could have been held to seven tricks, but he eventually made a spade and emerged with eight for +120 and 6 IMPs to Andrzejki.

♠ A 8 6 4 3
♥ 9
♦ A J 7 4
♣ 8 6 2

♠ K J 7
♥ A K 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ A 10 7 4

♠ 10 5 2
♥ Q 8 7 6
♦ 10 9 2
♣ Q 9 3

♠ Q 9
♥ J 10 5 4 3
♦ K 8 3
♣ K J 5

West	North	East	South
<i>Passell</i>	<i>Omernik</i>	<i>Lair</i>	<i>Gotard</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
INT	All Pass		

West <i>Wejknis</i> — INT	North <i>Berkowitz</i> — 2♦*	East <i>Sikorski</i> Pass All Pass	South <i>Meckstroth</i> Pass
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2♦ 'I think this is ♦+♠+♥'

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Top Scoreboard:

- AK72 (Blue)
- 742 (Red)
- KQ2 (Green)
- AK5 (Green)
- QJ10953 (Blue)
- K3 (Red)
- 8 (Green)
- 8742 (Green)


Bottom Scoreboard:


West	North	East	South
			2 ♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♠ J

♠ Q93
 ♥ J105
 ♦ AK532
 ♣ 63

♠ AK3102
 ♥ ---
 ♦ Q876
 ♣ Q742





West	North	East	South
INTL	PASS	1	♠
PASS	1	♠	♦
PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS

Opening lead: ♠7

Are Diamonds your best friend?

Mixed Teams Round of 32 S2

Coriandre v Reason

by Marc Smith

With a number of the matches already looking like they were decided by the halftime break, I chose one between teams who had finished mid-table in the qualifying Swiss. After the first 14 deals, Reason (USA/Germany/Australia) led Coriandre (France) 29-20.

Just one bidding problem today. With only your side vulnerable, you are East holding:

♠ 2
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ K Q J 7 2
♣ K 8 7

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	2♠
3♥	4♠	?	

What action, if any, do you take?

The second-half action began on the first deal.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C.Lorenzini	Nehmert	A.Lorenzini	Wildavsky
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

The German/American combination coped with this combination easily enough. Adam Wildavsky painted a clear picture of his distribution, bidding diamonds and spades, then making clear his slam intentions by jumping to 3♥ when Pony Nehmert used fourth suit. Blackwood found the two missing key cards and Wildavsky checked to see if his partner also held the ♦K before settling for the small slam.

The play was equally straightforward, Nehmert winning the spade lead, drawing trumps, then ruffing out West's

♦K. Away went three of declarer's losers and she took the club finesse for the overtrick at the end. N/S +1430.

Although the Australian West interfered in the French auction, that would be a poor excuse for its failure to get the job done.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cooper	Zochowska	Thompson	Schmidt
—	—	—	1♦
1♠	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Renee Cooper's featherweight 1♠ overcall should not have wrecked the havoc it seems to have done. Joanna Zochowska's 2♥ was forcing, but not to game after the intervention, so Pierre Schmidt had to cue-bid to create a force. Surely, though, 3♥ would have been forcing at his next turn. His jump to game would seem to show much less than he had, so Zochowska had no reason to bid on. N/S +680 and a 13-IMP bonus for Reason, ahead now by 22.

Coriandre recovered 9 IMPs over the next couple of deals, and then came:



Pony Nehmert

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

♠ 8 5	♠ 8 5
♥ A 9	♥ A 9
♦ A J 5 3	♦ A J 5 3
♣ A 10 8 6 2	♣ A 10 8 6 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cooper	Zochowska	Thompson	Schmidt
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Thompson's 2♣ rebid was Gazzilli, showing either clubs or 16+, and Cooper's sequence via INT showed a weak spade raise. With the Australians having stopped at about the limit of what they can make, Schmidt backed in with 2NT, showing minors and Zochowska chose diamonds. There was little to the play: E/W -110.



Aurelie Lorenzini

The French pair took a much rosier view of their values at the other table.

West	North	East	South
C.Lorenzini	Nehmert	A.Lorenzini	Wildavsky
—	—	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Aurelie Lorenzini did not pussyfoot around, simply jumping to game after the INT response. After a heart lead to South's nine and declarer's jack, a club to the king won. When South took the ♣Q continuation and continued with the ♣10, prospects looked bleak for the young French star. He won with the ♣J and played a spade, winning with the king when North put in the queen. If only he could steal a diamond trick now! Curiously, despite holding four winners, Wildavsky played low when declarer led a diamond from dummy. Back in his hand with the ♦Q, Lorenzini played a spade to the ten. When that held, he had nine tricks: E/W +400 and 11 IMPs to Coriandre, trailing now by only 2 IMPs.

If those watching live on BBO VuGraph were now expecting a close match, though, they were to be disappointed. Having set the water flowing, it was not long before it turned into an absolute deluge. The French gained 4 IMPs for to edge into the lead, and then the floodgates opened.

These were the N/S hands on Board 21:

♠ K 10 9 6
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ A Q 7 3
♣ 9

N
S

♠ Q J 4 3 2
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ 8 4
♣ A Q

Closed Room

North	South
Nehmert	Wildavsky
1♦	1♠
3♠	4♣
4♠	4NT
5♥	6♠
Pass	

Perhaps Nehmert's hand is only worth a raise to 2.5♠. Having chosen the slight overbid at her second turn, she refused to cue-bid when Wildavsky continued with a control-showing 4♣. The American thought he had too much to pass, though, and Blackwooded the partnership to slam. We've all been in worse contracts that made but, needing hearts 3-2 and the diamond finesse, it is clearly against the odds. When neither red suit behaved, declarer was two down. N/S -200 and 13 IMPs to Coriandre.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A Q 10	♠ 8 7 6 5	♠ 2
♥ A K J 9 3	♥ Q 2	♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ 10 8 4	♦ A 5 3	♦ K Q J 7 2
♣ 10 9	♣ Q J 5 4	♣ K 8 7
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N W S E</div> </div>	
	♠ K J 9 4 3	
	♥ 8 6	
	♦ 9 6	
	♣ A 6 3 2	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C.Lorenzini	Nehmert	A.Lorenzini	Wildavsky
—	—	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The French pair conducted a normal-looking auction to the top spot. North led a spade to king and ace, and Cedric Lorenzini cashed the top trumps, solving the problem in that suit. When he then led a diamond, North hopped up with the ace and switched to clubs, so the defenders got their three tricks: E/W +620.

It was in Wuhan in 2019, that it became clear that many top American pairs had joined the bandwagon of pre-empting on just about anything that vaguely moved. That left just one major holdout...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cooper	Zochowska	Thompson	Schmidt
—	—	Pass	2♠
3♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

Although not explained in the hand records, I suspect Pierre Schmidt's 2♠ opening showed spades and a minor, rather than just being a random weak two. It does suggest, though, that perhaps the French are moving vaguely in direction of 21st-Century bidding, and they certainly reaped the reward for their enterprise on this deal. Ben Thompson was left with the bidding problem posed at the top of this article. Is it unreasonable to expect that his partner's side-suit values will be in the minors? You could easily be cold for 11 tricks (or more) in hearts, and does 4♠ not rate to be relatively cheap too? Bidding on to 5♥ would be the choice of most, but it was not the winning action on this layout. E/W -100 and another 12 IMPs to Coriandre.

Oh, the importance of giving every hand your full attention. A couple of days ago, we saw a player with a balanced hand with only two jacks find the only lead to defeat a game because he listened carefully to the auction. This time your 2 HCP are a solitary queen, and you also

hold four-card support for partner's suit. Just how much bidding, though, are you going to do on this North hand? What's more, are you feeling lucky?

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 8 4 3	♠ Q 9 7 2	♠ K
♥ Q 7 4	♥ 10 9 3	♥ K J 8 6
♦ J 2	♦ 9 6 3	♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ K Q 7 6 4	♣ 10 3 2	♣ A J 9 5
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N W S E</div> </div>	
	♠ A J 10 6 4	
	♥ A 5 2	
	♦ A K Q 8	
	♣ 8	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
C.Lorenzini	Nehmert	A.Lorenzini	Wildavsky
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

North/South tried to play the hand in 1♠, then tried to pass it out in 2♠, before finally buying the contract at the three-level. With the ♠K onside, it looks perhaps as if declarer has to lose only one club and two hearts. Ah, but there is no entry to dummy to take the trump finesse, so it was well-judged to stop out of game, then...?

West's trump lead solves that problem and declarer duly claims ten tricks. N/S +170. Realization that the ♠K was dropping singleton, and thus ten tricks would always make, perhaps leads you to conclude that perhaps it was just not meant to be your day.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cooper	Zochowska	Thompson	Schmidt
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	INT	Dble	Rdbl
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♦
3♣	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

With North taking two free bids, nothing was ever going to keep South out of game at this table. West also led a trump here, so declarer did not actually need to rely on the low-percentage chance in trumps. N/S +620 and another 10 IMPs to Coriandre.

Remarkably, after losing a slam swing on the first deal of the set, Coriandre blanked their opponents 68-0 over the remaining boards. Hmm... a 13-IMP gain and 13 boards left for a report in Bulletin 13: it certainly sounds as if it should be unlucky for someone!

Mixed Teams Round of 16 S1

by Jos Jacobs

This Tuesday was an important day for the Mixed Teams event. At the start of the day, 32 teams were still in contention but at the end of the day, only eight teams would progress into Wednesday's quarterfinal. Rather than choosing one or two particular matches to report on, I will try to give you an impression about what happened on the (imho) most interesting deals of the set. This was board 1.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In the Edmonds v Heads or Tails match, they produced remarkable auctions at both tables:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lengy	Zatorski	Nosacki	Dufurat
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

In the Open Room, they at least bid some spades...Four Hearts went two down, +100 to Heads or Tails.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Saada	Zmuda	Bareket
—	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Saada's Muiderberg 2♥ and Bareket's pre-emptive raise kept the Poles entirely out of the auction and the spades, for that matter. One down, +50 to Edmonds but 2 IMPs to Heads or Tails.

Team Ferm did even better as this is what happened at their two tables in their match v Sieja:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	I. Grzejdzia	S. Drijver	S. Grzedziaz
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	2♠	3♥
4♠	All Pass		

A simple +420 to Ferm.

In the Closed Room, spades were mentioned by E/W but no more than that:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	De Wijs	Dmowski	Von Arnim
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

3♦ was made when West continued a trump when in with the ♦K and East discarded a club when the trumps were drawn. Ferm another +110 and 11 IMPs to them.

On board 5, a spade part score was the popular place to be for E/W. Once again, the Edmonds v Heads or Tails match was the exception as they produced one auction without spades:



Simon de Wijs, Jacek Dmowski, Daniela von Arnim, Ewa Miszewska from SIEJA v FERM

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lengy	Zatorski	Nosacki	Dufrat
—	1♣	Pass	INT
All Pass			

When East did not double on the two occasions she got, Dufrat was allowed to play her INT contract and make an overtrick when West led a diamond. Edmonds +120.

In the other room, the Poles did their job:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Saada	Zmuda	Bareket
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	3♠	All Pass

Just made when the defence did not force dummy to ruff diamonds. Declarer now had ample time to draw trumps and concede to the ♥A. Edmonds another +140 and 6 IMPs to them.

In the Wilson v Coriandre match, we saw two nearly spadeless auctions:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lorenzini	Van Prooijen	Bello	Wilson
—	1♦	Dble	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

South's raise was too much for West's spades. Just made, Wilson +110.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Buus Thomsen	Schmidt	M. Rimstedt	Zochowska
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♣	3♠ (!)
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, spades were mentioned, implied and denied. 4♦ one down, undoubled, was less expensive than defending 3♠ for the French. Another +100 and 5 IMPs to Wilson.

On the next board, we saw a lively auction in the Minitier v Crocodile match:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Barel	Clementsson	P. Katz	Nyström
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	INT	Dble	Rdbl
2♣	Pass	2♠	Dble
2NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
3♣	Dble	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Opening a weak two on the East hand might have been a less disastrous idea, in retrospect. The actual contract went down four, +1100 to Minitier.



Fredrik Nyström

Talking about weak two's: this is what they did at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Bogo	Larsson	Sivertsvik
—	—	2♠	3♥

All Pass

When West led the ♣A and next gave his partner a club ruff, the defence could wait in peace for three more tricks in the black suits. One down, +50 and 15 IMPs to Miniters.

The next board was a quiet partscore but in some of the matches, they produced a double partscore and thus a swing. Here is one example, from the Sieja v Ferm match:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lund Madsen	I. Grzedziak	S. Drijver	S. Grzedziak
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

When North led a spade, declarer ran this to her queen. She then took a diamond finesse. When South won and continued a club, she ran this to dummy's ten and thus only lost four tricks. Ferm +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Miszewska	De Wijs	Dmowski	Von Arnim
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Von Arnim's 1♠ bid effectively silenced West. Two Spades made with an overtrick for another +140 and 7 IMPs to Ferm.

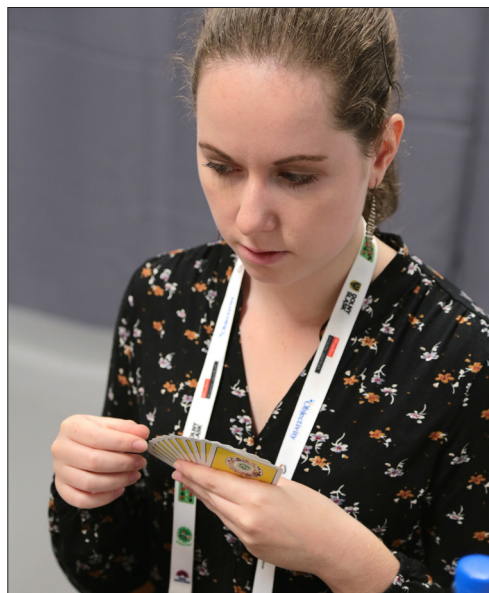


Time now for an honourable mention:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

The normal contract was of course 4♠. The only lead to beat this is ♦A and another. Sanna Clementsson of the Miniters team was the only one to find that lead!



Sanna Clementsson

The next board also was a lead problem:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Four Hearts is defeated on a spade lead and not on the popular lead of the ♦A and another. The killing lead was

only found by the happy few who were supported by partner after their spade overcall.

The penultimate board of the set was a matter of "the attractive look of dummy's spades."

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Back again to the Edmonds v Heads or Tails match:
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lengy	Zatorski	Nosacki	Dufurat
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♥	2♠	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

3NT was bid at only four tables but to defeat it, the defence has to be alert. Bidding and supporting spades does not mean that the successful defence has to be based on that suit. You lead a spade, win the ♣A at a certain point and what now? It is not dummy's entry that has to be attacked but declarer's. He needs his ♥A to be able to cash his 3rd top spade. At three of the four tables in 3NT, spades were continued, so the contract came home. Zatorski for the Edmonds team was the only one to find a switch. He continued the ♦10 after immediately (!) winning his ♣A. Dufurat put up her ace and did not continue diamonds but tried the effect of the ♥K instead. This proved lethal for the contract, though the defence gave declarer another chance by discarding too many spades, which would have enabled declarer to overtake dummy's ♠Q and cash his ♠9 as the game-going trick. When declarer did not believe his luck, he still was one down. Edmonds +100.

In the Closed Room, the Poles had less ambition:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	Saada	Zmuda	Bareket
—	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♣	All Pass

A decent contract, made with an overtrick. Edmonds +130 and 6 IMPs to them.

Speaking about ambitions: would you like to be in a slam on this last board of the set?

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Three E/W pairs did, to their detriment, among them both E/W in our Edmonds v Heads or Tails match. Missed chances thus continued there...though Edmonds were leading Heads or Tails by a comfortable margin at halftime.

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Mixed Pairs Session 2

by Ron Tacchi

I was despatched to watch a few boards of the Mixed Pairs. I was strolling about the auditorium deciding where to park my sylph-like frame when I noticed a table where a young gentleman was wearing a suit with a waistcoat and a pink spotted bowtie, the other gentleman at the table appeared to have blue dye in his hair (if it was a natural colour I apologise). There can be no other place than this was my immediate thought, so down I sat.

The N/S pair were a husband-and-wife team from Switzerland: Adam and Elianna Meyerson. Their current opponents were Sophia Baldysz and Patryk Patreuha from Poland.

I was too late for the first deal and so it was the second board of the session that was the centre of my attention.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

		♠ 6	
		♥ K J 7 2	
		♦ K J 6 3	
		♣ A J 6 3	
♠ A J 8 2		<div>W N E S</div>	♠ K 10 7 5 3
♥ 8 5 4 3			♥ 9 6
♦ 8 5			♦ A Q 10 4
♣ 8 5 4			♣ Q 10
		♠ Q 9 4	
		♥ A Q 10	
		♦ 9 7 2	
		♣ K 9 7 2	
West	North	East	South
<i>P. Patreuha</i>	<i>A. Meyerson</i>	<i>S. Baldysz</i>	<i>E. Meyerson</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

After West's pre-emptive raise North made a typical Pairs double and South for the want of anything else transformed it into a penalty double. The lead of the ♣7 was taken by the ace and the suit returned to the king. A third round saw declarer leave North on lead while discarding a losing heart. The obvious heart switch was won by South who continued the suit, ruffed by declarer who now tackled the trump suit. The king from hand and then finessing against South winning with the jack. Declarer now ruffed a heart from dummy, leaving North in control of the suit. Now when declarer cashed her two top trumps North had no other choice but to discard a diamond and so when the diamond finesse was taken declarer had three diamond tricks, her contract and 98% of the matchpoints.



Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Heinrichs	A. Meyerson	Peter	E. Meyerson
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

After a standard mixed event auction, South led the ♠6 to her partner's ace. A spade came back and declarer immediately rose with his king to stake all on the club finesse, which of course failed. Now the defence took four spade tricks, their ♣K and the ♥A for two off and 68% of the matchpoints. Had he ducked the second spade the result should have been the same as South should immediately switch to a heart, but of course he might not, this is the conundrum of pairs. The contract was 3NT at 41 of the 54 tables and made ten times, once with two overtricks and the contract was doubled, either one would have sufficed for over 96%.

Board 21 saw another married couple join our table: Ewa Dziekanska and Krzysztof Dziekanski from Poland.


Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Dziekanska	A. Meyerson	Dziekanski	E. Meyerson
—	Pass	2♣*	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass

On the ace of hearts lead I thought South must switch to a diamond to break the contract. She, however, continued with another heart which was ruffed in hand and when declarer got the trumps right there was only a club and a diamond to lose. Closer inspection reveals that a diamond switch at trick two does not quite cut the mustard: should the queen be led, then declarer wins in hand and when South plays diamonds a second time, declarer refuses to cover. If South switches to the $\diamond 10$ then again declarer refuses to cover and takes the ace. Either way there is a permanent blockage in the diamond suit if declarer can read the distribution. Four Spades was the par contract, but it only netted N/S 14%.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

		♠ 8 4 3	
		♥ 2	
		♦ A Q 10 8 7 5	
		♣ 10 5 4	
♠ K J 10 9		♠ Q 2	
♥ K Q J 10 7 5		♥ A 9 8 3	
♦ 6		♦ K 9 2	
♣ J 6		♣ A K Q 8	
		♠ A 7 6 5	
		♥ 6 4	
		♦ J 4 3	
		♣ 9 7 3 2	
West	North	East	South
Hetz	A. Meyerson	Pachtman	E. Meyerson
1♥	3♦	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	All Pass

North cashed his ace of diamonds and continued the suit. Declarer cashed her eleven tricks and surrendered the last to the ace of spades. Another par result but this time 52% for N/S. 16 pairs bid to the slam missing two aces – maybe someone should introduce them to the Blackwood convention.

The charming couple I had been watching did not have the best of luck and there was little they could do other than defend carefully as nine of the first ten boards were played by E/W. As soon as your humble scribe upped and left their table their fortunes rapidly turned around. In fact for their last three boards they averaged just shy of 90%. At the end of the session they had scored an admirable 56.44%.



A Distant Memory

by Mark Horton

If Nicola Smith sends you a deal you can be sure it will be something special. This came up in the last qualifying round of the Mixed Teams:

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Svendsen	Crouch	Harding	Smith
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠4 and when declarer played dummy's nine Nicola won with the queen and switched to a heart, North winning with the jack and returning a diamond for the ten, jack and ace. Declarer's next move was a club for the ten, queen and three. When declarer continued with a club to the eight, North won with the jack and played a second diamond. Now declarer had no way to score more than eight tricks, which resulted in a swing of 10 IMPs.

The deal transported me back in time to an edition of England's Grand Master Pairs where I was partnering Rita Oldroyd. During the event Bob Rowlands was playing in 3NT and after the opening lead he attacked a diamond suit where I was sitting over dummy holding $\diamond Axx$ while dummy had $\diamond Kxx$. I had a holding in spades that would be enough to beat the contract if partner could get in and switch to the suit, but my only possible entry was the $\diamond A$. I had seen Tony Forrester make a defensive play of this type in the European Championships, so it was easy enough to duck dummy's $\diamond K$. Sure enough, when Bob continued with a diamond to the ten Rita won with the jack and returned....a diamond!

Shout at the Devil

by Mark Horton

Rixi Markus was a member of the Great Britain team that won the World Mixed Teams Championship in 1962. As a defender she maintained that there might be a way to defeat an apparently unassailable contract – as long as you were good enough to find it. She would have loved this deal from the Round of 32 in the Mixed Teams in the match between Coriandre and Reason:

♠ J 5
 ♥ K Q 10 7 5 3
 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ K 7

N		E
W		S

♠ A K Q 9 8 7 6
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ Q 9 6
 ♣ 10

You find yourself declaring 4♠ after a simple sequence:

West	North	East	South
Zochowska	Cooper	Schmidt	Thompson
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West leads the ♣ 5, you put up the king, and East wins with the ace. If East plays another club your basic plan will be to ruff, play a heart to the king and if it holds return to hand with a spade to play a second heart.

However, what if East returns the ♦ 8 at trick 2?

The devil seems to have produced the killing switch, finding partner with something like ♦AJ10x(x) in the suit. However, you spot a countermeasure and play the queen of diamonds from your hand, hoping to cut the defender's communications.

When the queen holds you play a heart, but West wins with the ace and returns a diamond.

That sees East win two tricks in the suit, so you are one down.



Pierre Schmidt

This was the layout:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ J 5
 ♥ K Q 10 7 5 3
 ♦ K 5 2
 ♣ K 7

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

N		E
W		S

♠ A K Q 9 8 7 6
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ Q 9 6
 ♣ 10

It was Pierre Schmidt who found the devilish switch to the ♦8. He realized at trick one that prospects for defeating the contract were not good. The best chance seemed to be to find partner with something like ♦Q9xx, and a quick trick in spades (the king... would declarer refuse the finesse before playing three rounds of hearts?) or even better in hearts (the ace).

He was about to play the ♦10 when he realized that the ♦8 would be good enough and also that if the actual position existed declarer was an excellent player who would probably think of inserting the queen of diamonds.

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Value Media Team v Miniters

by David Bird

Today eight teams will contest the mixed quarter-finals. We will watch as MINITER (Clementsson, Grue, Helgemo, Larsson, Miniters & Nystrom) face VALUE MEDIA TEAM (Alfejeva, Cuzzi, Filipowicz, Hutyra, Rubins & Kazmucha).

Let's move straight to the first meaningful action:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Geir Helgemo	Danuta Kazmucha	Jessica Larsson	Maciej Hutyra
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	2♠	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Although it made no difference on this layout, North might have bid 3♠. If she was not facing a passed hand, 2♦ would show those values.

Against deals of this type (where declarer has a two-suiter and dummy may be short in those suits), a trump lead can be effective. As the diamonds lie, a trump lead from North is necessary. The killing lead from South is a heart, North winning dummy's king with the ace and switching to the ♦9. If declarer rises with the ace, she has two trump losers. If instead, she finesses, South will win and play a second trump.

Hutyra however led the ace of spades, declarer ruffing and cashing the two top clubs. A club ruff found the suit 3-3, and Larsson then discarded a heart on the spade king. A finesse of the ♦J lost to the king, and South switched to the heart jack. North's ace of hearts was the last trick for the defenders, since her trump queen subsequently fell under declarer's ace. That was +600 for MINITER.

Can you believe that at the other table East/West stopped in just 2♦?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karlis Rubins	Joe Grue	Jelena Alfejeva	Gillian Miniters
—	—	—	Pass
2♦*	All Pass		

West's 2♦ showed a major two-suiter (according to their card, at least 4-4 shape is guaranteed). The pre-empt worked admirably, although it was East who was shut out on this occasion. Two overtricks were made, and 10 IMPs were lost.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Geir Helgemo	Danuta Kazmucha	Jessica Larsson	Maciej Hutyra
1♦	1♠	2♠*	3♦*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	



Maciej Hutyra

It was a reasonable spade game. If East does not hold $\spadesuit Kx$ or $\spadesuit K$, you may be able to set up a club discard on the hearts. Failing that, the defenders may assist you in some way. At her second turn North was perhaps just worth $3\heartsuit$, as a game-try. The singleton diamond, where the defenders were likely to hold their values, was a positive feature.

Larsson led the $\diamond K$ and switched to the $\clubsuit 3$. Declarer won West's queen with her ace and found that the trump suit was obliging, just when she didn't want it to be. Eleven tricks were made for +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karlis	Joe	Jelena	Gillian
Rubins	Grue	Alfejeva	Miniter
$1\diamond$	$1\spadesuit$	INT	$2\diamond$
Pass	$2\spadesuit$	$3\diamond$	$3\spadesuit$
Pass	$4\spadesuit$	All Pass	

Game was reached and Alfejeva led king and another diamond, declarer ruffing. The trump queen was then covered by the king and ace. Grue returned to his hand with a diamond ruff and... ran the $\spadesuit 8$ to the 10. It was the natural play after East's INT bid.

Rubins switched to the $\heartsuit 3$, to the 10 and jack, and ducked the next heart. When the hearts did not break evenly, declarer had a loser in every suit and went one down. Contrary to North/South's expectations in the Open Room, they had gained 7 IMPs.



Danuta Kazmucha

I don't want any much-valued readers to nod off, so we will now skip a few boards.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

\spadesuit 6 5		\spadesuit K J 7 2
\heartsuit A K J 10 9 7 5 2		\heartsuit 8 6
\diamond 10 9		\diamond A K
\clubsuit 10		\clubsuit K 7 6 5 4
\spadesuit A Q		
\heartsuit 3		
\diamond Q J 5 4 3 2		
\clubsuit A J 8 3		
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\spadesuit 10 9 8 4 3		
\heartsuit Q 4		
\diamond 8 7 6		
\clubsuit Q 9 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Geir	Danuta	Jessica	Maciej
Helgemo	Kazmucha	Larsson	Hutyra
—	$4\heartsuit$	Dble	Pass
$4NT^*$	Pass	$5\clubsuit$	Pass
$5\diamond$	Pass	$5\spadesuit$	Pass
$6\clubsuit$	All Pass		

I explained to the kibitzers that Helgemo's $4NT$ showed two places to play. This would often be the minor suits, because $4\spadesuit$ had been bypassed. When West bid $5\diamond$ over $5\clubsuit$ from partner, East thought for quite a while. Could partner possibly have diamonds and spades, in a strong hand? She marked time with $5\spadesuit$ and passed happily when a $6\clubsuit$ card appeared.

As you see, the slam is better in diamonds. You avoid a club guess then, because two club discards are available on the spades. Hutyra led the queen of hearts, Kazmucha overtaking and playing another top heart, ruffed in the dummy. After the $4\heartsuit$ opening, it seemed that the odds clearly favoured a finesse in trumps. Larsson crossed to the $\clubsuit K$ and led another club. She was always going to finesse, I suppose, but she did take a few seconds over it. The finesse won and it was +1370 for MINITER.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karlis	Joe	Jelena	Gillian
Rubins	Grue	Alfejeva	Miniter
—	$4\heartsuit$	Dble	Pass
$5NT$	Pass	$6\clubsuit$	Pass
Pass	$6\heartsuit$	Dble	All Pass

If $5NT$ meant 'pick a slam', presumably spades were not invited to the party. The second-best slam was duly reached, but Joe Grue found an excellent vulnerable sacrifice in hearts. He was three down for minus 800 and that was 11 IMPs to MINITER.

The bidding on our final deal has me reaching for my adjective box. Should I choose 'atrocious' or add in an adverb, making it 'tactically brilliant'? You can be the judge.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ —		♠ K 6 5 4 2
♥ A 10 6 3		♥ Q 7 4
♦ 8 6 4 3		♦ A Q 10
♣ 9 8 5 4 3		♣ K 6
♠ A Q 10 3	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	
♥ J 2		
♦ K J		
♣ A Q J 7 2		
♠ J 9 8 7		
♥ K 9 8 5		
♦ 9 7 5 2		
♣ 10		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Geir Helgemo	Danuta Kazmucha	Jessica Larsson	Maciej Hutyra
—	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

Larsson's INT is described as (14)15-17. Helgemo's 3♠ was forcing, a good method that I had not encountered before. If 4♣ was a normal control-bid, it seemed automatic for West to bid 4♦, to discover if partner had a heart control. No, RKCB was the choice (I could hardly believe it!). I did at least admire his subsequent choice of 6NT, rather than 6♠. That would make it more difficult for



Karlis Rubins

the defenders to take their two heart tricks, should that be the situation.

Hutyra led a blameless diamond and +1440 was recorded. The bidding will surely be more cultured at the other table.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Karlis Rubins	Joe Grue	Jelena Alfejeva	Gillian Miniter
—	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

No, I was completely wrong. 4NT (usually played as a natural bid over Stayman) located two key-cards, and a spade slam was reached. Miniter led a totally obvious singleton club and the slam was made, for no swing.

Well, I am going to see what happened at the other tables. I can't believe any more exalted pairs will reach such an abysmal slam. TECZA SZCZECINEK and DONNER both played in game. Just as I thought. Well bid! CORIANDRE and EDMONDS both played in 6♠ – disgraceful! In the fourth quarter-final, Daniela von Arnim and Simon de Wijs gained 13 IMPs for team FERM by bidding 6♠. I hope these multiple world champions apologised to their BRIDGE24 opponents!

The half-time score in our featured match was 25-9 in favour of MINITER. In the second half, the Great Dealer may well give them another big fit with an uncontrolled suit. We will see.



Jelena Alfejeva

Mixed Pairs Qualifying S4 Boards 17-32

by Barry Rigal

I sat down to watch Bénédicte and Philippe Cronier for the first set of the second day of qualifying, intending to stay till they drove me away or they scored a below average result, and finished up watching the whole of the set. It wasn't that they wiped the floor with the opponents, more that nothing bad happened, and although a soft last four deals brought them back to 54% it was still an enjoyable set to spectate, watching two of my favourite players in the game.

Still, let's attempt to adopt at least a veneer of impartiality.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Dziekanska</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Dziekanski</i>	<i>P. Cronier</i>
—	1♥	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Bénédicte's 1♥ opener was a little frisky given the generally sound French weak-two bids. Her 3♥ call was obstructive, but Phillippe inferred short spades opposite and took a flyer at game...lo and behold it is cold on the most unlikely diamond layout. As it was when West went on to game Philippe doubled and led a trump (sensibly inferring that the only way this contract could come close to making was a ruff in dummy). Declarer drew trumps and played on diamonds; the defence won and returned the suit, leaving East with three club losers at the death for down two and a 78% start for the French.

After a normal 3NT gave the Croniers a 58% result, they came to the deal that might determine the feel of the set for quite a few boards. Had this gone the wrong way they would perhaps have felt like things were not going to work out well, but as it was it seemed like they might have a following wind.

Would you and your partner be able to bid these cards to 6♥?

I thought Claire Robinson and Paul Barden did well here:

♠ Q 10 9	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W S E </div>	♠ A K
♥ A 10 8 4 3 2		♥ Q 7 6 5
♦ A		♦ Q 9 6 5 4
♣ K 10 5		♣ A 6
West	North	East
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Barden</i>
—	—	—
1♥	Pass	2NT*
3♣*	Pass	3♦
3♠*	Pass	4NT
5♠	Pass	6♥
All Pass		
2NT Jacoby		
3♣ Minimum		
3♦ Tell me more		
3♠ Short diamonds		

Robinson won the ♦J lead and paused for some while, trying to calculate what percentage of the room would be in 6♥. If the whole field was in slam you must take your best shot for 13 tricks and not worry about going down; if no one is in slam the safety play is paramount... what is your call here?

Before I tell you the play made, there were 80 tables in play and 27 pairs missed the slam, three played the grand slam, and 50 bid the small slam. 31 of the pairs in the small slam with or without leading a low from dummy



Bénédicte Cronier

to see the ♥9 appear (or course!) then took the ♥A – catering for the singleton king on their left, while losing to a void on their left. By my calculation the odds are 15:11 in their favour for that play but it discounts the fact that just making the slam cannot be so terrible here. 19 pairs took the safety play. Indeed, hearts WERE 3-0 offside so you have just turned an 88% board into a 22% board. Had the singleton ♥K been to your left you would have collected about an average.

On the next deal a Multi-Landy auction after a double showing a minor plus a major saw Philippe Cronier invite game in hearts and Bénédicte reject it. Unfortunately for them the negative feature of Bénédicte's hand (a weak club suit) was facing a void and game rolled home. That scored them 34%.

Three deals later the Croniers took on the might of the WBF in the form of Douglas Rotchell and Sevinç Atay:

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

<div> <div> ♠ A 9 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ Q J 9 2 ♣ 6 </div> <div> ♠ 5 ♥ A 10 9 8 7 6 ♦ A K 8 7 6 ♣ J </div> <div> <div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div> <div> ♠ Q J 10 8 ♥ 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ A K 10 8 4 3 </div> </div>			
<div> <div>♠ K</div> <div>♥ K Q J 4 3</div> <div>♦ 10 5</div> <div>♣ Q 9 7 5 2</div> </div>			
West	North	East	South
<i>Rotchell</i>	<i>B. Cronier</i>	<i>Atay</i>	<i>P. Cronier</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♦	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

After passing initially Philippe heard the auction develop better than he might have hoped for. As you will imagine, not many contracts came home on this deal; part scores in no-trump and clubs once each and low diamond part scores four times. The question was what the damage would be in 3NTx. Philippe led the ♠K and shifted after mature cogitation to the ♦10. Declarer's prospects might look gloomy but she started out well by cashing the ♣AK. Now if she had believed that South was short in diamonds she might have found the unlikely play of pitching a diamond from dummy and exiting with the ♠Q, pitching another diamond. North can do little but win and return a top diamond; declarer ripostes by winning and leading a low heart to South. That player can exit in clubs to East, who cashes two spades and puts South back in with a club. South has two clubs and one more heart to come, but declarer finishes up with two tricks in each suit.

In fact, Atay discarded hearts from dummy on the top club and the spades, before throwing North in to cash diamonds then exit in hearts to dummy. Declarer finished with three diamonds, one heart and two club tricks and never scored her spades. Down 800 was 98% for N/S.

The Croniers' opponents were confronted with a typical matchpoint decision, at favourable vulnerability.

You deal and pass and hear a strong no-trump come back to you. Holding:

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 7 2
♣ Q 10 9

and playing with an aggressive partner who normally gets into the auction before you, do you stick or twist?

May Sakr passed and found the double whammy that facing a balanced 12-count the opponents could scramble home in INT via a good guess while 2♠ her way was cold on normal play. Given that the vast majority of the field were faced with precisely this problem, do you want to guess how many Norths recorded INT here?

Answer 22/80.

That concluded the excitement for the set, but I had seen some good bridge and excellent spirits at the table. I wish bridge could always be played with such cheerfulness.



Philippe Cronier

Enterprising Bridge

by Ron Tacchi

No doubt in some episode or other in the Star Trek series the ship came up against a life-form which had eight hearts and no doubt Bones the doctor said one of his immortal lines 'It's life Jim, but not as we know it.' Had the two life forms communicated via Facetime, looking into the aliens' command deck we could have the line 'It's bridge Jim, but not as we know it.' All that meaningless waffle means we are about to cast our eye over Board 9 of the morning session of the knock-out matches.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

We will start with the Seniors: **Zimmermann v Goodman:**

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Zimmermann	Goodman	Martens
—	4♥	Dble	Pass
5♦	5♥	Pass	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♥
Dble	All Pass		

I would like to know what East would bid had North not re-entered the fray, I'm putting my money on a Pass. I learnt at my mother's knee (she is a very tall woman) that the preemptor does not speak again. Furthermore, as West I would have chanced my arm with Six Diamonds. We shall see what the other tables come up with, I suspect a surprisingly large number of different contracts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Berkowitz	Tuszynski	Meckstroth
—	3NT	Dble	4♥
6♣	Pass	Pass	6♥
Dble	All Pass		

Same result, different route, I believe the 3NT bid is a pre-empt in a major at the four-level.

And now **Penfold v Vytas:**

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Olanski	Selway	Vainikonis	Preddy
—	4♥	All Pass	

An excess of timidity by the E/W pairing. You would not have kept me quiet with the West hand.



The table in the Closed Room of the Penfold - Vytas match

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Holland	Starkowski	Mould	Kwiecien
—	4♥	Dble	Pass
4NT	Dble	5♣	All Pass

I like the 4NT bid, it prevents any mishaps when partner has doubled with the black suits. Now the question as to whether one should go on is altogether different. The reason people pre-empt is to give you problems like this one – you cannot hope to answer them correctly all of the time. Now we come to the world of the Mixed Teams event. There was one table where the contract was 6♥x in both rooms and another where the contract was 4♥ in both rooms.

So now **Value Media Team v Miniters**:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Helgemo	Kazmucha	Larsson	Huytra
—	4♥	Dble	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

West was probably trying to show a better 5♦ bid by going through 4NT rather than bidding it direct. The outcome was that the good slam was bid and was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rubins	Grue	Alfejeva	Miniters
—	4♥	Dble	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	6♥	Dble	All Pass

West obviously firmly held the belief that his side belonged in slam. Such was his conviction that North sacrificed knowing that even five off would be a profitable exercise against a vulnerable slam, in fact he was only four light and so had an 11 IMP swing.

Finally, we come to **Bridge24 v Ferm**

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Narkiewicz	Von Arnim	Zalewska
—	4♥	Dble	Pass
6♦	6♥	Dble	All Pass

Again, the conviction of E/W prompted North to take the sacrifice.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brewiak	Ferm	Latos	Brink
—	4♥	All Pass	

For the fourth time we see inaction from E/W.

My prophecy that we would see many different auctions was quite a good one as only two have been identical – I did have an advantage in that I had seen all the action before starting this article, but it is always good to have some jeopardy at the start of a report. So now it's time to boldly split an infinitive and live long and prosper.

Directors Corner

Mark Horton

By kind permission of Herman De wael

Walking to the venue I reflected on the photograph on the front page of today's (Wednesday) Bulletin. It depicts a group who are studying a video of one of the matches in the Mixed Teams.

By now, anyone with an interest in certain sporting events will know that technology is used to ensure a fair outcome. In football we have VAR (Video Assistant Referee) where the off-field Referee can cause play to be stopped while a possible infringement missed by the officials is reviewed.

Technology is used in cricket, but the third Umpire cannot halt play if he spots something the on-field Umpires miss. (In a recent Test Match between England and South Africa a batsman edged the ball and was caught, but as none of the fielding side appealed, he could not be given out, even though the third Umpire knew within 2/3 seconds.)

In Tennis, Hawkeye can determine if a ball was in or out (its predecessor, Cyclops, was developed by Malta's queen of bridge, Margaret Parnis England and Bill Carlton).

It occurred to me that now we have cameras recording the events at every table, we could at least during the final of major team championships, have a Director whose task was to follow the play as it happens (he would be designated as VAD – Video Assistant Director – and be allowed to point out any infraction that might take place).



Gillian Miniters

Is this the team of destiny?

by Herman De wael

I met Grażyna Busse last year in Berlin. The EBL had decided to hold the qualification matches for this year's Bermuda Bowl (and adjacent tournaments) on-line. All the players of one country would get together at one venue, and the matches were held using RealBridge. In order to have everything safe, neutral observers from neighbouring countries would keep an eye on things. Grażyna and I were the observers in Germany.

Last Monday, I came across her at the venue. She had just qualified in fourth place, with her team Tecza Szczecinek, for the knock-out phase of the mixed teams. "Good Luck", I wished them.

They played their match in the round of 32 against team Orca of Great Britain (well, how else would you describe a team with players from England, Scotland and Wales?). The first half was close fought, ending in a 36-32 lead for the Polish team. The second half was also close, and after 27 deals the score said 61-67. Then came:

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Richard Plackett of Wales, South for Orca in the closed room, pressed on to 5♦, which was of course doubled. -1100 and 12 IMPs to Tecza Szczecinek, who won the match by 6 IMPs.



So we move to the round of 16, where the Indian team called Formidables are the opponents. This time, the first half does not go well, and the scoreline is 3-37 in favour of the Indians. The second half starts better, with the Indian team bidding two slams that score only 11 tricks. The third Indian slam was better, but:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
M. Karmarkar	G. Busse	S. Karmarkar	P. Busse
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass

13 easy tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Maduzia	Satanarayana	Dobrowolski	Nadar
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥*	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♣	All Pass

- 1♣ Polish
- 1♥ 5♠, GF
- 1NT waiting
- 2♠ 4+ clubs
- 2NT asking
- 3♠ 5 clubs
- 4♣ let's play in clubs
- 4♦ cue
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♥ 2 without ♣Q
- 5♠ asking for kings
- 6♦ 2 kings

The same easy tricks. Thanks to the Polish club system the slam was played from the East hand, as with the North hand on lead the slam would go down from the start.

After 25 of the 28 boards, the deficit was overturned to an 11-MP benefit. Two pushes followed, including a slam bid and made at both tables. Board 28 would settle the matter.

Board 28. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

In the Open Room, the Indian East/West settled in 2NT and made 9 tricks, 150.

The closed room of this match was almost the last to finish on BBO. The Poles bid 3♣. If they make 11 tricks, they flatten the board and win the match. 9 or 10 tricks both see them lose one IMP and get a draw. 10 tricks are made and the score of the match is 50-50.

Let's go see the rules. If the teams have met in the qualifying stage, that match is decisive, otherwise the total ranking counts. Having finished fourth, that last one is a given. So we need to look for the qualifying results; and yes, they have met, and yes the result was 18-8 in favour of the Team of Destiny.

By the time you read this, you will know if they have qualified for the semi-finals. If they have, you know who the Gods are looking upon!



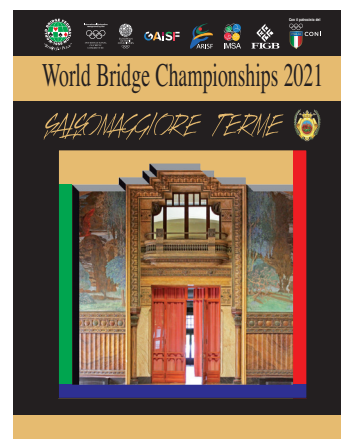
Grażyna Busse

WCB 2021

The World Championship Book from Salsomaggiore 2021 is now available from the Jannersten bookstall here in Wrocław. The official retail price is £25, US\$30 and €30. What differentiates this edition from past volumes is that it is available both in hardcopy and as an e-book.





The book is distributed by Master Point Press and will be available from bridge suppliers around the world. The e-book is available on the MPP website, for US\$25.



Mixed Teams KO Brackets



	KNOTTENBELT	37
	THOMPSON	77

	WILSON	65
	FEPANANDRA	58

	THOMPSON	48
	VALUE MEDIA TEAM	60

	WILSON	51
	CORIANDRE	59



	GILLIS	62
	VALUE MEDIA TEAM	89

	Team	c/o	1	2	3	4	tot
	VALUE MEDIA TEAM	0	9	22	30	9	70
	MINITER	3	26	28	9	39	105



Team	c/o	1	2	3	4	tot
	CORIANDRE	18	33	26	24	101
	EDMONDS	20	25	7	41	93

	CORIANDRE	88
	REASON	42

	ROSENTHAL	59
	CROCODILE	87



	ZALESKI	51
	HEADS OR TAILS	94

	MINITER	110
	CROCODILE	14

	EDMONDS	100
	HEADS OR TAILS	33

	MINITER	101
	BLAKSETS BIN	44

1


	MINITER
	DONNER

2

	CORIANDRE
	FERM

	EDMONDS	106
	CZERBIA	41



	DONNER	70
	SEOUL	12



	BROS1005	53
	SIEJA	60

	DONNER	41
	WOLFSON	35

	SIEJA	25
	FERM	71

	WOLFSON	87
	MCINTOSH FUNCLUB	49

Team	c/o	1	2	3	4	tot
	TECZA SZCZECINEK	26	21	13	12	72
	DONNER	18	31	20	23	92



	Team	c/o	1	2	3	4	tot
	BRIDGE24	0	66	22	13	20	121
	FERM	3	48	38	34	17	140



	FERM	119
	DINKIN	38

	MILLENS	53
	FORMIDABLES	90

	BRIDGE24	86
	APA HEILI	74

	TECZA SZCZECINEK	50
	FORMIDABLES	50

	ZADRA	34
	BRIDGE24	88

	TECZA SZCZECINEK	73
	ORCA	67

	ZADRA	65
	AARDVARKS	62

Mixed Pairs Qualification

Qualification after 6 Sessions

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	CRONIER Philippe	FRA - FRA	58.72
2	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	USA - USA	58.34
3	BERTHIAUME Louise	CAN - CAN	57.39
4	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	DEN - SWE	57.19
5	GROSSACK Adam	USA - USA	56.87
6	SARNIAK Anna	POL - POL	56.37
7	BEAUCHAMP David	AUS - AUS	56.14
8	LENGY Assaf	ISR - ISR	56.11
9	BAKHSI David	ENG - ENG	56.08
10	CAPLAN Eva	AUS - AUS	55.96
11	BAREKET Ilan	ISR - ISR	55.73
12	VAN PROOIJEN Ricco	NED - USA	55.59
13	PATREUHA Patryk	POL - POL	55.40
14	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	USA - USA	55.28
15	KOWALSKA Anna	POL - POL	55.26
16	VOZABAL David	CZE - SER	55.00
17	SAPORTA Pierre	FRA - FRA	54.99
18	KALITA Jacek	POL - POL	54.89
19	ROMANOVSKA Maija	LAT - LAT	54.88
20	GORSKA Aleksandra	POL - POL	54.79
21	HOYLAND Sven Olai	NOR - NOR	54.69
22	GRONKVIST Ida	SWE - SWE	54.60
23	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	NOR - NOR	54.29
24	KAHYAOGLU Yusuf	TUR - TUR	54.17
25	SEALE Catherine	ENG - NOR	54.00
26	DE KOSTER Robbie	NED - NED	53.99
27	GOWER Craig	RSA - RSA	53.91
28	BEKKOUCHE Nadia	DEN - DEN	53.88
29	BOTTA Giorgia	USA - USA	53.86
30	KHANDELWAL Rajeev	IND - IND	53.81
31	SMYKALLA Gisela	GER - GER	53.45
32	WINCIOREK Tomasz	POL - POL	53.41
33	BASKAN Burak	TUR - TUR	53.37
34	BERTHEAU Peter	SWE - SWE	53.32
35	HENNER Christal	USA - USA	53.32
36	GUPTA Uttam	IND - UAE	53.20
37	SAELENSMINDE Erik	NOR - NOR	53.17
38	TOMMASINI Stefano	ENG - ENG	53.14
39	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	BEL - BEL	53.04
40	HINTERTAN Adam	POL - POL	53.03
41	BURN David	ENG - FRA	52.97
42	DEMUY Vincent	USA - ENG	52.75
43	MEYERS Jill	USA - USA	52.68
44	GOLEBIEWSKI Stanislaw	POL - POL	52.67
45	YAVAS Dilek	TUR - TUR	52.61
46	PSZCZOLA Jacek	USA - USA	52.59
47	LAW Manju	UAE - CAN	52.59
48	GOLDBERG Jerry	USA - USA	52.57
49	BROCK Sally	ENG - USA	52.50
50	HALLBERG Gunnar	ENG - USA	52.48
51	POPLILOV Matilda	ISR - ISR	52.44
52	HUANG Shan	USA - USA	52.41
53	OHNO Kyoko	JPN - JPN	52.31
54	MEYERSON Elianna	SUI - SUI	52.12

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
55	FISCHER Brigitta	RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE 52.01
56	HACKETT Jason	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	ENG - NOR 51.94
57	THOMPSON Ben	COOPER Renee	AUS - AUS 51.81
58	WASIAK Artur	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	POL - POL 51.78
59	GRZEJDZIAK Igor	GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	POL - POL 51.73
60	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER 51.73
61	BESSIS Thomas	BERTHEAU Kathrine	FRA - SWE 51.69
62	THOMPSON Jenny	FLICKER Damon	AUS - AUS 51.66
63	McCALLUM Karen	JOHANNSSON Axel	USA - AUS 51.64
64	ATTANASIO Dario	MANARA Gabriella	ITA - ITA 51.51
65	McALLISTER John Grayson	SCHIRESON Olivia	USA - USA 51.43
66	KURANOGLU Serap	ERDEM Serdar	TUR - TUR 51.40
67	SILBERBERG Gheorghe	POSZPICHIL Agnes	ROM - ROM 51.35
68	NETTLETON Diana	PASKE Thomas	ENG - ENG 51.29
69	WEISS Florian	SELWAY Louise	AUT - ENG 51.24
70	BASARAN Berk	ELMAS Tuna	TUR - TUR 51.17
71	GILL Peter	SYLVESTER Elisabeth	AUS - AUS 51.12
72	KARLYKOV Petro	REITMANN Marina	UKR - UKR 51.08
73	CHEDIAK Virginia	LAURANT Eric	NOR - NED 50.99
74	HETZ Clara	PACHTMAN Ron	ISR - ISR 50.86
75	SZTYRAK Leszek	CZAJKA Iwona	POL - POL 50.80
76	BAKALARZ Adrian	LUCKA Dominika	POL - POL 50.79
77	PIETRZYK Agnieszka	PAWLAK Andrzej	POL - POL 50.78
78	DZIEKANSKI Krzysztof	DZIEKANSKA Ewa	POL - POL 50.75
79	MAGNUSSON Stephan	DUC Laurence	SUI - SUI 50.66
80	McINTOSH Andrew	MORAN Sara	ENG - ENG 50.55
81	ERICHSEN Espen	ERICHSEN Helen	ENG - ENG 50.50
82	ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	ISR - ISR 50.49
83	AUGUSTYNIAK Krystyna	WASZKIEWICZ Wojciech	POL - POL 50.44
84	BESTRZYNSKI Olech	STACHOWIAK-KLUZ Justyna	POL - POL 50.19
85	MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta	LASZCZUK Jaroslaw	POL - POL 50.19
86	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	KISLITSYNA Irina	ISR - USA 50.08
87	BLAAGESTAD Lise	PEDERSEN Jan	NOR - DEN 50.06
88	ZABIEREK Maja	URBAN Hubert	POL - POL 49.95
89	KLEMS Erik	PEPIC Selenia	CZE - SER 49.91
90	BOHNSACK Susanne	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER 49.86
91	YUEN Sebastian	GEROMBOUX Christy	AUS - AUS 49.81
92	MARCINOWSKI Piotr	OSTROWSKA Lena	POL - POL 49.72
93	BAUSBACK Nikolas	DING Hong	GER - USA 49.66
94	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	POULSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN 49.65
95	FOSSUM Ann Birgitte	OLSEN Svein Arild Naas	NOR - NOR 49.59
96	KANDEMIR Ismail	NUHOGLU Sevil	TUR - TUR 49.59
97	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	KIM Hye Young	ITA - KOR 49.58
98	MANNO Andrea	OH Hye Min	ITA - KOR 49.54
99	SATYANARAYANA Bachiraju	NADAR Kiran	IND - IND 49.39
100	ALP Zeynep	EKINCI Orhan	TUR - TUR 49.35
101	LESZCZYNSKA Lena	STACHNIK Witold	POL - POL 49.29
102	JANSMA Jan	JANSMA Aida	NED - NED 48.93
103	NAIDOO Bindiya	SINHA Priya Ranjan	IND - IND 48.88
104	DINKIN Sam	TEBHA Anam	USA - USA 48.83
105	GOTARD Thomas	SCHWALBACH Kathrin	GER - GER 48.35
106	SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick)	SHASHOU Nathalie	ENG - ENG 48.34
107	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Ewa	POL - POL 48.11
108	BARDEN Paul	ROBINSON Claire	ENG - ENG 47.94
109	UGUR Aliye	UGUR Ufuk	TUR - TUR 47.81
110	GORA Cezary	OCYLOK Dominika	POL - POL 47.79
111	MISZEWSKA Ewa	DMOWSKI Jacek	POL - POL 47.77
112	KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	GORSKA Anna	POL - POL 47.75
113	PELLEGRINI Carlos	GAMIO Claudia Valerie	ARG - ARG 47.71
114	GUVEN Metin	BAUER Tracey	TUR - USA 47.66

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
115	FOURCAUDOT Marc-Andre	BLANK Sondra	CAN - CAN 47.65
116	NAWROCKI Piotr	ROZMAN Malgorzata	POL - SCO 47.63
117	GOLD David	KNOTTENBELT Maggie	ENG - ENG 47.61
118	DE FALCO Dano	CAYNE Patricia	ITA - USA 47.56
119	SMITH Nicola	CROUCH Peter	ENG - ENG 47.51
120	WIECZOREK Ewa	BUCKNELL Charlie	ENG - ENG 47.39
121	OGLOBLIN Dominika	MARKS Rafal	POL - POL 47.33
122	SZAREK Roger	DIAKUN Anna	POL - POL 47.31
123	SCHROEDER Michael	SCHROEDER Malgorzata	GER - GER 47.15
124	WENNING Ulrich	WENNING Karin	GER - GER 47.08
125	HAMMOND Nicolas	MAKAREWICZ Anna	USA - POL 47.07
126	NOSALSKA Anna	ZALESKI Tomasz	POL - POL 46.94
127	KANDOLU Ozlem	MASKARA Subodh	TUR - IND 46.94
128	BARONI Irene	ZALESKI Romain	ITA - ITA 46.93
129	PYTKA Anna	PYTKA Tomasz	POL - POL 46.90
130	ATAY Sevinc	ROTCHHELL Douglas	TUR - BAR 46.87
131	KONDOCH Hartmut	VECHIATTO Claudia	GER - GER 46.86
132	CHEMALY Larry	BATEMAN Nicola Mae	RSA - RSA 46.78
133	MOLLER Rachael	GURVICH David	USA - USA 46.56
134	ZHAO Jinlong	SHIMAZAKI Ayako	JPN - JPN 46.53
135	PUNCH Sam	PETERKIN Stephen	SCO - SCO 46.41
136	MOORE Nikolas	LANGDON Rachel	AUS - AUS 46.26
137	NEHMERT Pony Beate	WILDAVSKY Adam	GER - USA 46.22
138	SEREK Cezary	NIKLAUS Maria	POL - POL 46.14
139	LIS Elzbieta	FREITAG Tomasz	POL - POL 46.07
140	MICHELIN Marjorie	FEIGENBAUM Ellis	USA - USA 45.93
141	IAVICOLI Federico	DI LORENZO Anastasia	ITA - ITA 45.73
142	VERDEGAAL Renee	THIELE Mark	NED - NED 45.67
143	PETER Thomas	HEINRICHS Gerda	GER - GER 45.25
144	KROCHMALIK Robert	WOOD Viv	AUS - AUS 45.25
145	CHLADOWICZ Jaroslaw	JANKOWSKA Anna	POL - POL 45.14
146	DENIZCI Volkan	DENIZCI Aylin	TUR - TUR 45.11
147	YUEN Michael	FENTON Angela	CAN - CAN 44.97
148	BAREL Michael	KATZ Paz	ISR - ISR 44.81
149	HOFFMAN Julia	QUAIL Christopher	AUS - AUS 44.68
150	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	MARCINOWSKI Adam	POL - POL 44.46
151	BOCKEN Patrick	MIERZWA Aleksandra	BEL - BEL 44.30
152	HERRERA Gonzalo	HERRERA Patricia	MEX - MEX 43.80
153	PLACKETT Richard Mark	DESCHAPPER Mia	WAL - WAL 43.41
154	BOJARSKA Beata	PABICH Michal	POL - POL 43.21
155	SHERMAN David	SHERMAN Tracy	ENG - ENG 43.04
156	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	JACOSZEK Jolanta	POL - POL 42.89
157	ROSIKIEWICZ Ryszard	BOCHENSKA Aniela	POL - POL 42.73
158	KARDASINSKI Piotr	SUFLIDA Lilliana	POL - POL 42.05
159	CZARNECKA Barbara	CZARNECKI Walery	POL - POL 36.86
160	RUTYNA Roman	NAPIERAJCZYK Anna	POL - POL 36.30

Final B & Side Event

Final B of the Mixed Pairs is to be played tomorrow September 2nd, whilst on September 3rd a side event will be held. Participation to both events is free of charge for pairs that took part in the Open Pairs Championship.

There is no registration for Final B: we will be assuming that all pairs not qualified to Final A will take part.

However, pairs not wishing to do so, MUST tell the registration desk or one of the TDs.

Registration will be required for the side event though, accessible on the Championships' microsite:

<http://db.worldbridge.org/Repository/tourn/wroclaw.22/microSite/Participants.htm>



The Final B will be played over three sessions, 16 boards each, whilst the side event will be played over two sessions, 16 boards each.

Senior Pairs Qualification

Qualification after 3 Sessions

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	BUCHLEV Nedju	LESNICZAK Jacek	GER - GER 61.48
2	KOWALEWSKI Zdzislaw	BAK Slawomir	POL - POL 58.20
3	KASPRZAK Alan	CHINDELEWICZ Pawel	POL - POL 57.44
4	BERG Thomas	JORGENSEN Geert	DEN - DEN 56.10
5	RUSSYAN Jerzy	WITEK Marek	POL - POL 55.89
6	PRYOR Malcolm	KENDRICK David	ENG - ENG 55.54
7	KOZYCZKOWSKI Jerzy	BOCHENSKI Adolf	POL - POL 54.33
8	PATER Mariusz	STANISZEWSKI Jan	POL - POL 54.08
9	MELMAN Victor	MILASZEWSKI Mirosław	USA - POL 53.14
10	BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	POL - POL 53.00
11	JANIK Stanislaw	NOWAK Jerzy	POL - POL 52.40
12	KALISH Avi	GRINBERG Nir	ISR - ISR 52.30
13	NIESLUCHOWSKI Marek	MALYPAN Mirosław	POL - POL 52.22
14	SABALA Zbigniew	SKOWRONSKI Wiesław	POL - POL 51.00
15	BRIGHTLING Richard	HOFFMAN David	AUS - AUS 50.81
16	SZAKUN Marek	ROZMAN Radosław	POL - POL 50.26
17	EWART Neil	ROBINSON Ian	AUS - AUS 50.03
18	BRYANT Roger	SMITH Nick	ENG - ENG 49.36
19	RYFFA Tomasz	JANECZEK Włodzimierz	POL - POL 49.24
20	LEKKI Janusz	GOLINSKI Jan	POL - POL 49.17
21	FIJALKOWSKI Grzegorz	GORNIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 49.02
22	NIEDZIELSKI Pawel	OLCZYK Jerzy	POL - POL 48.89
23	KACZMAREK Edward	WOJTAS Czesław	POL - POL 48.27
24	SOSNA Zbigniew	KOZLOWSKI Marek	POL - POL 47.83
25	KIEPURA Marek	KALINOWSKI Jacek	POL - POL 47.82
26	KEMPKO Tadeusz	PELKA Andrzej	POL - POL 47.73
27	EKERT Lech	RACZKIEWICZ Maciej	POL - USA 47.50
28	GAWECKI Janusz	PAJAK Stanislaw	POL - POL 47.12
29	FILIPOWICZ Karol	PALASZ Ryszard	POL - POL 46.48
30	WALCZAK Piotr	CABAJ Stefan	POL - POL 46.33
31	FRONCZAK Andrzej	PROCZKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 45.75
32	SKORUPA Aleksander	WACHEL Stanislaw	POL - POL 44.89
33	BALDYSZ Mark	SZAFRANIEC Edward	POL - POL 44.33
34	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER 44.27
35	TARNOGRODZKI Leszek	BARTNIK Longin	POL - POL 43.56
36	MICHALSKI Marek	ZATORSKI Jerzy	POL - POL 34.11

Rand Cup Semi-finals

Team	c/o	1	2	3	4	tot
 ZIMMERMANN	6	24	16	15	6	67
 GOODMAN	0	21	50	8	32	111

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
 PENFOLD	31	34	16	21	102
 VYTAS	4	33	50	29	116

 GOODMAN	
 VYTAS	