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VYTAS LIFTS THE RAND CUP

The final of the *Rand Cup* saw **Vytas** storm to triumph over **Goodman**, and these two will be joined on the podium tomorrow by **Penfold** and **Zimmermann**.

The *Mixed Teams* final will be between **Miniter** and **Ferm**.

Sabine Auken and **Roy Welland** sparked in the race to qualify for the finals in the *Mixed Pairs*, finishing way ahead of **Michał Klukowski** and **Justyna Żmuda** and **Giorgia Botta** and **Zack Grossack**.

In the *Senior Pairs* **Alan Mould** and **John Holland** were in majestic form, topping the qualifying contest by almost 7%. They were followed by **Brian Senior** and **Paul Hackett** and **Jerzy Russyan** and **Marek Witek**.



Team VYTAS, winners of the Rand Cup: Michał Kwiecień, Wojtek Olański, Vytautas Vainikonis, Włodzimierz Starkowski, Jacek Romański, Apolinary Kowalski

Prize Giving Ceremony

The prize giving for the Mixed Teams, Rand Cup, Mixed & Senior Pairs will take place tomorrow, Saturday 3rd September at 20.10. Closig Ceremony and buffet to follow.

Press Conference

The WBF President's Press Conference will be held today, **Friday 2nd of September 2022 at 9:30 am** in Conference Room C at the -I 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

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Schedule Friday, 2nd September

MIXED TEAMS	MIXED PAIRS	MIXED PAIRS	SENIOR PAIRS
Final	Final A	Final B	Semifinals A&B
10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
13.30	14.00	14.00	14.00
16.15	17.20	17.00	17.00



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Mixed Teams QF S2

Bridge24 v Ferm

by Marc Smith

After 14 boards, Bridge24 (Poland) led Ferm (USA, Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Germany) by 15 IMPs. With members of both teams from the recent Bermuda Bowl final in the Ferm team, this rated to be the match to watch, and the large crowd that had gathered to follow the action live on BBO VuGraph seemed to agree. The two teams had exchanged more than 100 IMPs in the opening stanza, so let's hope they have saved some swings for this set too.

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

♠ 8 7 3 2
♥ K 9 8 4 2
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ —

West	North	East	South
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	INT	4♥	4NT
Dble	Pass	?	

What action, if any, do you take?

The second stanza started quietly, but then came:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Drijver	Sobolewska	Lund Madsen
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

There was no alert or explanation in the hand records, but it is a reasonable assumption that the 1♣ opening was a multi-way Polish Club, which includes any 18+. East did not think her hand worth a move, so the Poles landed in a dull 3NT. Declarer won the opening spade lead, crossed to the ♣K and eventually ended with 10 tricks: E/W +430.

Sometimes, you can misplay without it costing anything, but I wonder how many players (even experts) in a large

field would have mishandled this club suit. Players are often taught to play this type of combination, particularly when it is the trump suit, by crossing first to one of the double honours, then returning to the queen, so that they are in the right hand to pick up Jxxx in the North hand. However, imagine that you are in 6NT on these cards and South leads the ♦Q. With the marked diamond finesse, you now have 12 tricks as long as you make five clubs. Other than South holding a club trick, about which you can do nothing, what is the only danger to your contract?

Yes, it is not a 4-1 club break that will hurt you, but North holding all five missing clubs. Of course, you can still make five club tricks, as long as you uncover that layout in time, so the correct way to play this suit is to start by cashing the ♣Q. When South discards, you can then still pick up the suit for five tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Narkiewicz	Von Arnim	Zalewska
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Simon de Wijs opened 2NT and showed no major of more than three cards with his 3♥ response to Muppet Stayman. With the odds on a fit high, Daniela von Arnim was thus encouraged to venture beyond 3NT. After an exchange of



Ewa Sobolewska

cue-bids, De Wijs offered a choice of slams and Von Arnim chose clubs. South led the ♠Q and, sure, you can make 6♣ by picking up trumps and playing for South to hold both missing diamond honours. When Von Arnim instead won the spade lead and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing in dummy, she was no longer able to overcome the 5-0 trump break. E/W -50 and a rather fortunate 10 IMPs to Bridge24.

Easy come, though, easy go...

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Narkiewicz	Von Arnim	Zalewska
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Once West had overcalled in spades, 3NT was always doomed. I understand the logic behind responding 1♥, and if the suits were KQ10x/Kxxxx I'd be more in favour, but it does seem that you are rather asking for this type of auction. Perhaps North should pass 2♦ if this is the type of hand partner is likely to have? I certainly see no reason for South to bid over 3♣.

Von Arnim's ♠Q lead held at trick one and declarer took his king on the second round. De Wijs won trick three with the ♦A and the contract was quickly down. N/S -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Drijver	Sobolewska	Lund Madsen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	


I suppose I should now extol the virtues of that wonderful 1♥ bid. Christina Lund Madsen clearly thought her hand much better than did her Polish counterpart. All I can say is that as long as those rose-coloured spectacles help as much in the play as it appears, then she should keep using them.

West led the ♣Q, and Madsen won to play the ♦J. West won with the ace and continued clubs, so declarer won and

played the ♥A and a heart to the king. Leaving two trumps out, Madsen now switched to diamonds, discarding spades from dummy. West also pitched a spade on the fourth round of diamonds (it doesn't benefit him to ruff either), so away went the last spade from dummy. Madsen now ruffed a spade and cashed the ♣10 on which she pitched her last spade. The defenders made just two trump tricks and the ♦A. N/S +420 and 10 IMPs to Ferm.

On our next deal, both East players found themselves with some variation of the problem posed earlier:

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Buras	Drijver	Sobolewska	Lund Madsen
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	INT	4♥	4NT
Dble	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Having opened her six-card suit, Christina Lund Madsen got her second suit into play with 4NT. This deal seems to beg the question of whether East has something extra or, having jumped to 4♥, she has already bid her hand. Ewa Sobolewska decided that she should bid a fifth heart and Bas Drijver ended an explosive auction with a double. Declarer had two spades, two hearts and a diamond to lose: N/S +500.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Narkiewicz	Von Arnim	Zalewska
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠*	4♥	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

Joanna Zalewska started with 1♦ and Grzegorz Narkiewicz's 1♠ was like a negative double, but denying as many as four spades. It was easier for Zalewska to show her second suit, and Von Arnim was effectively in the same position as her counterpart at the other table. She decided that she had exactly what she had already shown and trusted that her partner knew what he was doing. And right she was too, as De Wijs made the ♠A and two trump tricks to nip 5♣x by a trick: N/S -200 and 12 IMPs to Ferm.

Do you prefer to get to the final contract quickly, without giving any information away, or would you rather risk giving the opponent's information and space in the hope of reaching a better contract? Let's see which approach worked best on our final deal:

♠ A K 7 6
♥ J
♦ K Q J 8
♣ | 8 4 3

♠ Q 8 5 4
♥ Q 7 5 2
♦ A 7 6
♣ O 9

W N E
S

♠ 9 3
♥ K 10 9 8 6 4
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ 5

♠ J 10 2
♥ A 3
♦ 5 2
♣ A K 10 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>	<i>Von Arnim</i>	<i>Zalewska</i>
—	INT	Pass	3NT

The Polish pair conspired to blast away and keep their opponents in the dark. Narkiewicz set the ball rolling with his off-shape INT opening, and Zalewska refused to assist East with her opening lead. Von Armin somehow worked out that hearts was the best suit for the defenders, but declarer had just enough tricks before he had to surrender the lead. N/S +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Buras</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Sobolewska</i>	<i>Lund Madsen</i>
—	1♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♣

Drijver started with 1♣, and Lund Madsen's jump to 2♦ was at least a limit raise in clubs. Drijver then jumped to 3♥, showing a shortage and establishing a game force. Madsen marked time with 4♣ so that Drijver could show controls in both pointed suits. Blackwood then established that there was only one missing key-card. The defence led a diamond to West's ace, and Drijver was soon claiming 12 tricks. N/S +920 and justice. I feel, was duly done with 11 IMPs to Ferm.

Ferm won the stanza 38-22 and forged into a halftime lead, albeit only 89-88. I hate to put the mockers on a team with friends in it, but my 50p is firmly on Ferm to go all the way, so I guess that means you can expect to see the Poles in tomorrow's semi-final draw.

Video Corner



You can access our full playlist here:



Today, we have 3 new videos:



Final Countdown



Two words with the new WBF President Jan Kamras



System on with Sjoert Brink

Through the Pack Again

by Mark Horton

Back in 1989 I was the assistant onsite organiser of the World Junior Championships that were staged in what was then my hometown of Nottingham. The Australian team included one Ben Thompson and I have fond memories of dealing with their request for six tickets for the third day of the Test Match between England and Australia that was being staged at Trent Bridge the day after the Championships ended.

Returning from a shopping expedition I bumped into Ben during the interval between the fifth and sixth sessions of the Mixed Pairs Qualifier. He showed me a deal that I have adapted into what might be called 'The Story of the two of Spades'.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

After an auction where West had overcalled 3♦ Ben found himself in 4♠. West led the ♦K and having won with the ace pitching a heart he played the ♥K, East winning and returning a diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a heart to hand and a club to the nine and queen. When East exited with a trump, declarer was back in the game. He won in dummy, cashed the ♠K and pitched a club on



Renata Danciewicz

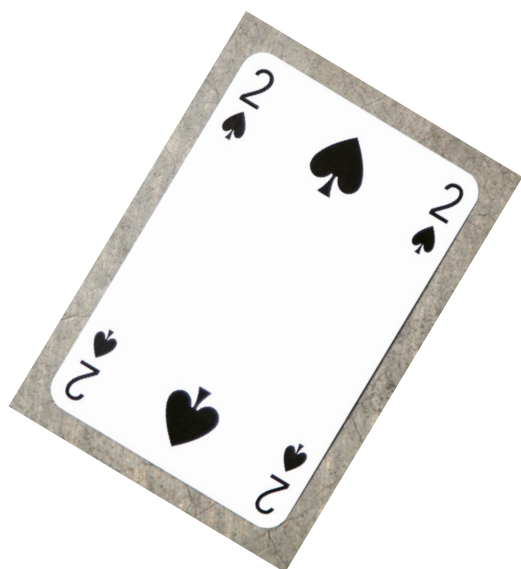
the ♥J. He then played dummy's ♣K forcing East to cover. He ruffed and played two rounds of spades, using East as a stepping-stone to dummy's two club winners. That was worth 127-31.

Thinking about it later, Ben realized that he had overlooked a small detail. He had used the ♠2 to cross to dummy! If East had unblocked the nine and ten of spades, retaining the five, then he would be able to underplay in the spade suit leaving declarer with two losing diamonds.

However, looking at the deal later, I spotted a counter. Instead of pitching the losing club declarer throws a diamond. He then plays another heart forcing East to ruff after which he can draw trumps and play a club, forcing East to give dummy a club trick.

Only an initial club lead defeats 4♠ - I'll leave you to work out the best way to play 4♠ after a diamond lead. (Here's a small clue – leave those clubs alone!)

What makes this story extra special is that Ben was playing against Tomasz Winciorek and Renata Danciewicz – the latter being one of Poland's best known film and television stars.



No Hiding Place

Mark Horton talks with the President of the EBL, Eric Laurant.

Eric Laurant was elected President of the European Bridge League on 18 June at the European Championships. Although he is playing in the semifinals of the Mixed Pairs he has found a few moments to update us on one or two aspects of his office.



Eric Laurant, president of the EBL

I understand that you would particularly like to talk about one aspect of your work?

Indeed! In 2015 the EBL set up a special Committee consisting of myself, Jan Kamras and Jean-Paul Meyer to investigate unfair play following a number of incidents in Opatija. That eventually led to the creation of the WBF Disciplinary Commission in 2020. It soon became apparent that because of the pandemic many players were cheating in online play, but neither the WBF or the EBL had any jurisdiction for such offences. This is corrected in the new disciplinary code from November 2020.

Are you actively investigating any cases at the moment?

We can only look at cases involving players on the WBF database who have been active during the previous five years. Currently, with the help of Nicolas Hammond, we are investigating more than 100 cases, involving both online and face to face play. I should stress that players who are under suspicion are monitored 24/7.

What type of things are monitored?

Basically everything, but especially unusual leads and defence and also results. If average players are better defending than convicted cheaters they should know they have our very special interest. Everything is registered in a database so we can get an early warning of unfair play. That is reported to the players' NBO so that they can initiate a pre-investigation. Where the NBO is unable or unwilling to do that the WBF will do so.

What is your objective?

We want to keep the cheats away from our tournaments. The use of our cameras and 24/7 software surveillance has caused collusive cheating to virtually vanish. However, we are aware that in online events, especially those involving clients and professionals, irregularities are taking place. If a player whose average performance would place them in the top 15-20,000 of players suddenly jumps into the top 50 it is clear that a problem might exist. However, since the WBF will have no jurisdiction in so far as the client is concerned, it is the professional who will be investigated and prosecuted. It's not allowed to help your client in a tournament organised by others.

Do you have any pending cases?

Currently more than 10, but we are still collecting the necessary data. We would prefer the players to stop but will not hesitate to take action if they persist.

Have you detected any new methods of exchanging illicit information?

Yes. Sounds with a bidding box is not a new method but wrong habits are difficult to change. Also loudly alerting partner's bid is not allowed. This can also be the case when there is a break in tempo, the player making a noise with the box to indicate to partner that they were the one thinking. Our software is recording both images and sound, so our simple message is: please stop.

We keep count of these cases and when it's enough it's enough. You'd better stop doing it.

Those who do not will find that we will continue to add information to our database until we have enough evidence to proceed.

Before you return to the tables I have one further question. Will the European Open Transnational Championships be in Strasbourg next year?

Yes, from 3-17 June 2023. We will play at a new convention centre only 2km from the city centre. There is a regular tram service every three minutes. We expect to attract a lot of players from North America, and our aim is to set a record in terms of the number of participants.



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Penfold v Vytas, Zimmermann v Goodman

Mixed Teams QF S3

Teczka Szczecinek v Donner

by Jos Jacobs

Rather than writing a survey of the matches being played during one particular session, I initially decided to have a look at the 3rd session of one mixed quarterfinal and one senior semifinal match. However, as the session progressed, I noticed that the Vytas team was staging a rally. So it seemed only proper to me to include their match in this segment report as well.

This was the first board of some interest in the Penfold v Vytas match:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 9 6 5 4		♠ J
♥ A K J 9 5		♥ 7 4 3 2
♦ 6		♦ K Q 9 3 2
♣ 4 3		♣ Q 9 6
♠ A Q 10 8 7	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 3 2
♥ 6		♥ Q 10 8
♦ A J 8 4		♦ 10 7 5
♣ A K 7		♣ J 10 8 5 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	P. Hackett	Romanski	B. Senior
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♦	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Whether East's 3♥ was asking for a heart stopper or showing one, we will never know. The truth is, however, that E/W did not actually hold one. One down on a heart lead and continuation, Penfold +50.

In the other room, the N/S intervention was less fierce when West bid one of North's suits.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Preddy	Starkowski	N. Selway	Kwiecien
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

East showed his suit in transfer fashion and once he denied a heart stopper, the right game contract could be

reached easily enough. Just made, Penfold +400 and 10 IMPs to them.

Two boards later, we saw another swing in this same match.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 4 3		♠ Q J 10 5
♥ K 10 9 7 4		♥ 5
♦ 5 4		♦ A J 9
♣ K Q 6 5		♣ A J 10 8 4
♠ K 9 8 6 2	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 7
♥ J 8 6		♥ A Q 3 2
♦ 8 6 2		♦ K Q 10 7 3
♣ 7 2		♣ 9 3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	P. Hackett	Romanski	B. Senior
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♦
All Pass			



Paul Hackett

After the Precision style 2♣ opening by East, South had no good bid available to immediately describe his strength. North, with his club values under the bidder, did not see any good reason to move so N/S languished in 2♦. One overtrick, Penfold +110. They were not the only N/S in this contract, as we shall see.

In the other room, East's 1♣ opening bid gave the Poles the room they needed to find the right contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Preddy	Starkowski	N. Selway	Kwiecien
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Eventually, E/W found the sacrifice but this only helped to reduce their loss from -650 to -500. Vytas had scored 9 IMPs after all on the deal.

In the other Rand Cup semifinal, we saw two nearly identical auctions to what we saw above,

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Bompis	Lair	Soulet
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Pass	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Down two, +500 to Zimmermann.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Berkowitz	Tuszynski	Meckstroth
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♦
All Pass			

Two overtricks, +130 to Goodman so 9 IMPs to Zimmermann as well.

Over now to my mixed match: Tecza Szczecinek v Donner. Both teams had survived the opening five boards

without any severe losses. Donner was in fact leading 3-2 in the set when board 6 arrived.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	P. Busse	Dwyer	G. Busse
—	—	Pass	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

A normal enough contract but too high if the ♦K does not behave. One down, Tecza Szczecinek +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dobrowolski	Cullin	Maduzia	Michielsen
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	3♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

In the other room, spades were never mentioned or implied once clubs entered the scene. Down two in an unnecessary advanced sacrifice. Tecza Szczecinek another +300 and 9 IMPs to them.

Mainly the same happened in the Penfold v Vytas match. Here are their auctions.



Marc Bompis, Mark Lair, Philippe Soulet, Mike Passell

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	P. Hackett	Romanski	B. Senior
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	3♣	Pass	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♠	5♣
Dble	All Pass		
Down two, Vytas +300.			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Preddy	Starkowski	N. Selway	Kwiecien
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

Down two, Vytas +200 and thus 11 IMPs to them.
And the next board:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Tecza Szczecinek v Donner

Open Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	P. Busse	Dwyer	G. Busse
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	1♠
Dble	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

A typical competitive auction. If you don't stop competing in time, you will end up going down yourself. This might have been either side's fate on this deal. Donner +100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dobrowolski	Cullin	Maduzia	Michielsen
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Dble	2♠	3♥	All Pass

Quod erat demonstrandum, after West showed three hearts with his double. Donner another +100 and 5 IMPs to them.

In the **Zimmermann v Goodman** match, they did a bit better.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Bompis	Lair	Soulet
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

South showed spades with his 2♥. This explains North's pre-emptive raise. One down, of course, Goodman +100. In the other room, the Americans were in full control.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Berkowitz	Tuszynski	Meckstroth
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Well done, Goodman +110 and 5 IMP to them.
And **Penfold v Vytas**:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kowalski	P. Hackett	Romanski	B. Senior
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

This was too high but not against the ♠J lead. Just made, Vytas +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Preddy	Starkowski	N. Selway	Kwiecien
—	—	—	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

The Multi enabled the Poles to end up at the right level. Vytas another +110 and a useful 6 IMPs more to them. Some more quiet boards in all three matches but then:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	P. Busse	Dwyer	G. Busse
2♥	Pass	3♥	All Pass

East probably expected a better weak two than his partner actually held. North led the ♣A but when he did not continue the suit but shifted to a low diamond instead, declarer ran this to her queen. This not only brought her a trick but it also prevented the forcing game by the defence in diamonds. A spade went to the king and ace and a diamond came back to dummy's ace. A heart to the king won the next trick, the ♠J was cashed and the ♥Q, taken by the ace, brought down South's ♥J. Declarer could now ruff the diamond return and play a club. North took the king and persisted with diamonds. But because he had to follow suit in clubs once more, declarer emerged with eight tricks in the end. Tecza Szczecinek +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dobrowolski	Cullin	Maduzia	Michielsen
2♥	All Pass		

In the other room, the Polish two-suited opening came into operation but East did not bother to convert so declarer had to try for the best in 2♥.

North led a spade to dummy's king and South's ace. Next came a club to North's king and a low club, ruffed by South. Only then the defence started the forcing game in diamonds, which now proved very effective. Declarer won dummy's ace and led a trump to the king which held the trick. North took the second round of trumps and continued diamonds. Because declarer still had to lose the

lead once in clubs, the forcing game was successful and 2♥ thus went two down. Donner +100 and a remarkable 2 IMPs to them.

In the Zimmermann v Goodman match, the French N/S found a better spot when West did not open the bidding.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Passell	Bompis	Lair	Soulet
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
INT	Pass	2♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	4♣	Pass
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

With the cards lying well for declarer, he made an overtrick. Zimmermann +150.

In the other room, Gawrys opened his two-suiter, of course, and Tuszyński converted (p/c).

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawrys	Berkowitz	Tuszyński	Meckstroth
2♥	Pass	3♣	All Pass

This excellent E/W contract made easily and also kept N/S entirely out of their lucky diamonds. Zimmermann another +110 and 6 IMPs to them.

The last board of the set proved too difficult for most of our contestants.



Włodzimierz Starkowski, Norman Selway, Michał Kwiecien, Kay Preddy

♠ K 3
♥ K 4
♦ J 10 8 6 3
♣ K | 10 3

♠ 9 8
♥ A J 8 6 5
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A 9 2

♠ J 7 6 5 2
♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ Q 5 2
♣ 4

♠ A Q 10 4
♥ Q 10
♦ A K
♣ O 8 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
<i>C. Rimstedt</i>	<i>P. Busse</i>	<i>Dwyer</i>	<i>G. Busse</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	1NT	2♥	3NT

West	North	East	South
<i>Dobrowolski</i>	<i>Cullin</i>	<i>Maduzia</i>	<i>Michielsens</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
2♥	Dble	3♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
<i>Kowalski</i>	<i>P. Hackett</i>	<i>Romanski</i>	<i>B. Senior</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♥	2♥	3♥	3♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Preddy	Starkowski	N. Selway	Kwiecien
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

A family of three is posing for a photo outdoors. A woman with long dark hair, wearing a maroon top and a white watch, is holding a young child with blonde hair. The child is wearing a light pink shirt and blue jeans. Standing next to the woman is a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue t-shirt with a white tree logo. They are in front of a building with large wooden doors. The background shows a paved area, greenery, and a cloudy sky.

Team Apa Heili lost their match in the Round of 32 in the Mixed Teams. When their Captain, David Burn, was given the result of a ruling that might have changed the result he replied, 'I accept the ruling with good grace' adding, 'I'm not sure about my team'.

Mixed Pairs Semi-final S1

by Barry Rigal

I sat down to watch Emma Kolesnik and Adam Grossack, hoping that I would bring the pair the same good fortune of my previous victims, the Croniers, who had led the qualifying (no carry-forward, alas).

On the first deal out, we saw what would be one of a string of doubled contracts at this table.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

		♠ J 9 7 5 4 3	
		♥ K 3	
		♦ Q 5	
		♣ 6 5 3	
♠ 2		<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 8
♥ J 8 5 4 2			♥ A Q 7 6
♦ K 9 2			♦ A 10 8 7 4
♣ J 8 4 2			♣ Q 7
		♠ A Q 10 6	
		♥ 10 9	
		♦ J 6 3	
		♣ A K 10 9	
West	North	East	South
Bendiks	A. Grossack	Romanowska	E. Kolesnik
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	1♠	3♥	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Romanowska, who had shown an unbalanced hand at her first turn eventually decided she had too much to pass out 3♠ and Bendiks did not like his chances on defence (in fact on the lead of anything but ♥A, 3♠ goes down). Kolesnik doubled 4♥ and after a club lead to her king she went for all the match points by shifting to a diamond, specifically the ♦6, hoping declarer had ♥K and her partner both the diamond honours. She might have reasoned that Grossack probably had six spades for his entry into the auction on a terrible suit, so passive defence was called for.

In fact, though, there is only one defence to set the hand if declarer plays for the ♠A to be offside. While the devious ♥9 might look an attractive shift at trick two, declarer has a repeating triple squeeze looming on South (the entries are not there to ruff out the clubs and run trumps). The winning defence is to play ♣A and a third club. Declarer wins the jack, draws trump but cannot come back to hand except in diamonds and that disrupts the squeeze.

At the table, declarer ran the diamond to the queen and ace, played the ♣Q to the ace, and when the ♦3 came back he elected to rise with the ♦K. We were back to down one but it was a clear indication that we would be on a rollercoaster all day. 65% for N/S.

Adam found himself in a thin game on the second board, when after passing initially in second seat Emma heard her partner open 1♠ and the next hand overcalled 2♦. Vulnerable against not she competed to 2♠ with ♠1042/♥K62/♦Q1093/♣952. That didn't work well when Adam boosted himself to 4♠ and the defenders negotiated a ruff to beat them. The field played part score.

Things got worse on the next deal when a hand that looks like a pre-empt to me looked like a one-level opener to Emma. A few twists and turns later -670 from 2♠x was being inscribed onto the scoresheet...

Nothing daunted, our heroes stuck with the principle of doubling 2♠ until they managed to beat it.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Emma Kolesnik



Adam Grossack

West	North	East	South
Basaran	A. Grossack	Elmas	E. Kolesnik
Pass	INT	2♦*	Dble
Rdbl	Pass	2♠	Dble
All Pass			

Maybe that is the appropriate consequence of overcalling vulnerable on a flat hand. Kolesnik led the ♣J and with a myriad of attractive defensive possibilities Grossack shifted to a trump, confident that if a club ruff was coming partner might be able to put him in again. In fact Kolesnik won her trump queen and returned the suit. Declarer tried a club from dummy; Grossack won and rather than unnecessarily open up diamonds, he played ♥A then continued the suit. The defenders cashed three hearts and still had a diamond to come for 500 and a 90% result.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ A ♦ A K J 2 ♣ K Q 7 5 3</p>			
<p>♠ 9 5 2 ♥ K J 10 7 ♦ 8 5 ♣ 10 8 6 4</p>	<p>W N S E</p>	<p>♠ A K 6 3 ♥ Q 8 5 2 ♦ Q 7 6 3 ♣ A</p>	
	<p>♠ 8 7 4 ♥ 9 6 4 3 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ J 9 2</p>		
West	North	East	South
X	A. Grossack	Y	E. Kolesnik
—	1♣	1♦	Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	

On this deal East appeared to have a heart in with his diamonds. Having sold out to INT he played three rounds of spades. Grossack won and led a low club, and the defence won, cashed a spade on which Grossack pitched the ♦J, then shifted to a heart. Now came the clubs, and when East discarded two diamonds trick 13 was taken with the ♦2 and a rare 100% board was recorded for N/S.

On the next board the Americans under-competed in a difficult auction, selling out to 2♥ when they could make 2♠, and that meant a 10% board for N/S. After six boards N/S had only a fraction below average but three deals where they had scored less than 15%; not a recipe for success...

On the next round the two results came in just about average but on the first a defensive ruff seemed to get away for no good reason, and on the second though Grossack did his best, his opponents were too wide awake.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ K J 10 5 ♥ K 3 ♦ K 6 ♣ A Q 9 8 6</p>			
<p>♠ A 9 7 ♥ A ♦ A J 8 4 ♣ 7 5 4 3 2</p>	<p>W N S E</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 ♦ 10 7 ♣ J 10</p>	
	<p>♠ Q 6 4 3 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q 9 5 3 2 ♣ K</p>		
West	North	East	South
Ivatury	A. Grossack	Henner	E. Kolesnik
1♣	INT	3♥	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Against 4♠ Crystal Henner led the ♣J. When Uday Ivatury discouraged with the seven Grossack thoughtfully overtook the king and cashed the ace then advanced the six...and Henner carefully ruffed in to prevent the second heart going away. Nicely done.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klukowski	A. Grossack	Zmuda	E. Kolesnik
—	—	1♦	2♣
Pass	2♦	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
5♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

A fit-jump to 3♠ would have bought the hand in 4♠ for Grossack; as it was, when he passed 5♦ round to Kolesnik it was very hard for her to bid on (but maybe not impossible). The defenders cashed two spades and a club then led a third spade. Declarer ruffed high and drew trumps, ruffed a club, and led a heart to the king and ace, and claimed down two.

With a remarkable percentage of the field playing part score on the N/S cards(!) +500 was a 35% result for N/S while +680 would have been 72%.

After yet another unsuccessful attempt to double a part score (here with 22 HCP between them N/S found they could not defeat a nine-card fit at the three level) it was time for the opponents to start doubling. Put yourself in East's shoes here:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sarniak	A. Grossack	Chalupek	E. Kolesnik
Pass	Pass	INT	2♠*
Dble	4♠	?	

Chalupek doubled but I'm not sure why, since his values look good on offence. Then when his partner led the ♣8 he was going to be faced with an awkward problem had South not contributed the ♣9 – which was the one card that cleared up the ambiguity of a possible ♣98 doubleton. Had that card not appeared, it would be right to play the ♦A for attitude and West might drop the ♦9 or ♦Q to wake partner up to the ruff?

Down one for 200 was a 72% result for N/S.

The last four boards all scored well for Grossack/Kolesnik. Adam reached a thin game and had to guess whether to take a finesse for 12 or 10 tricks or settle for 11. He went with the percentages and took the finesse for a 69% result instead of a 35% one. Then Emma negotiated a nine-card trump fit missing QJ by guessing which honour

to cash first and then taking restricted choice.

Then on the last round against Pszczola/Sakr the first deal saw a forcing defence generate four tricks for N/S where not everyone was managing to set up and score their long trump. Then this monstrosity:

♠ K Q J 10 9 4
♥ 9 7
♦ K 5 2
♣ 8 3

At unfavourable vulnerability, partner opens a Polish Club and you are somewhat surprised to see a 1♠ overcall to your left. You bide your time and pass. 2♥ to the left, 3♣ from partner 3♥ to the right – and it is over to you.

Pepsi agonized and passed, and the auction concluded a few seconds later.

Have a look at the North and East hands only and decode how you would defend when partner leads three top clubs.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sakr	A. Grossack	Pszczola	E. Kolesnik
1♣	1♠	Pass	2♥
3♣	3♥	All Pass	

Seated behind Pepsi it seemed to me to be a good idea to do what he did and pitch a diamond (though maybe the ♦2 if encouraging might be best?). when he did so, declarer ruffed and advanced the ♦J. Sakr saw no reason not to win this and shift to a spade. Declarer took the ace and crossed to a heart, ruffed a diamond low dropping the king, drew trumps and claimed ten tricks. Easy game! To stop E/W making ten tricks in clubs, North will have to shift to a low spade very early in the game. 4♥ did come home a few times but +170 was a 68% result, just enough to get our heroes up to 49%, but with a lot of deals still to play.

Mixed Teams SF S1

CORIANDRE v FERM

by David Bird

We have reached the semi-finals, which are a commendable 56 boards in length. This is the best mixed championship of the year, by a margin. We will now see the first set of the encounter between CORIANDRE (Isabelle Bello, Aurélie Lorenzini, Cédric Lorenzini, Pierre Schmidt & Joanna Zochowska) and FERM (Barbara Ferm, Sjoert Brink, Simon de Wijs, Bas Drijver, Christina Lund Madsen & Daniela von Arnim).

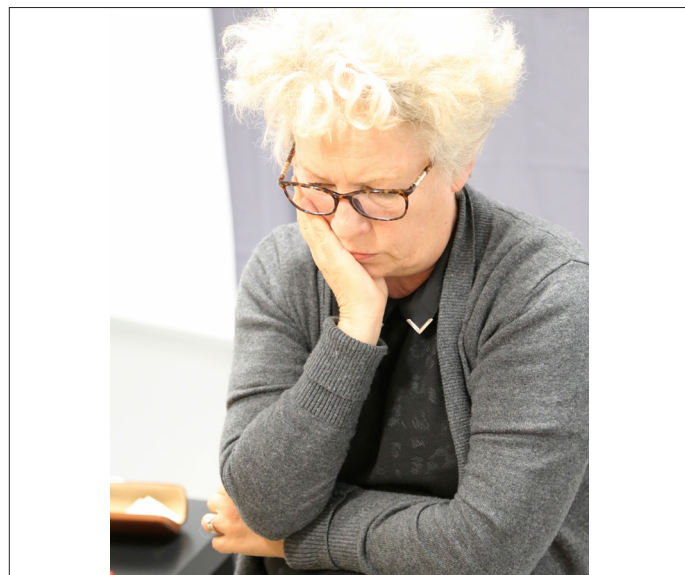
Right, are you sitting comfortably? Action!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pierre Schmidt	Barbara Ferm	Joanna Zochowska	Sjoert Brink
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



Joanna Zochowska

When partner shows a 5-card major in response to Puppet Stayman, it is popular to bid the other major to invite a slam in that suit. Since Brink was marginally light for his 2NT, also facing a passed hand, he did not follow up this invitation.

Declarer won the diamond lead with the king and drew trumps, West's king appearing on the first round. The club queen was run to the king, and declarer then had a discard for the ♠Q. That was +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Christina Lund Madsen	Cédric Lorenzini	Bas Drijver	Isabelle Bello
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

North's 3♥ showed four hearts and a minimum. Two control-bids and RKCB then carried the French pair to 6NT. Bello won the diamond lead with the ace and ran the club queen to the king. When the hearts came in, there were 12 tricks. The slam is not quite as good as 'one of two finesses'; if the club finesse wins but the heart finesse loses, you would then need four club tricks. (A spade switch from East would put you to a premature guess.) 13 IMPs to CORIANDRE.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pierre Schmidt	Barbara Ferm	Joanna Zochowska	Sjoert Brink
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	2♠	3♥
Dble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Non-vulnerable in the third seat, you're allowed to open somewhat light. None of us can therefore query Brink's $1\heartsuit$ opening, even though the $\diamond J$ was a dubious value. West's double of $3\heartsuit$ would have produced +500, if left in. It may have been interpreted as a game-try in spades, though, because Zochowska leapt to $4\spadesuit$.

GIB was showing all-green with +1 predicted, so I did not give the early play the attention it deserved. When I next looked up, declarer was in trouble. Right, I'd better take a belatedly look at the play now. The jack of diamonds lead was won in dummy and a trump played to the king. GIB's all-seeing overtrick had required a double-dummy finesse of the $\spadesuit 9$, but ten tricks were still available. For example, declarer could take a club ruff, draw trumps and score three top diamonds.

At trick three, Zochowska led a second diamond. Curtains! Brink ruffed and switched to a heart. When dummy's king was played, Barbara Ferm claimed two winners in the suit and delivered another diamond ruff. That was one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Christina	Cédric	Bas	Isabelle
Lund Madsen	Lorenzini	Drijver	Bello
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
$2\clubsuit$	Pass	$2\diamond$	Pass
$2\heartsuit^*$	Pass	$2\spadesuit^*$	Pass
2NT	Pass	$3\clubsuit$	Pass
3NT	All Pass		



Isabelle Bello



Bas Drijver

The $2\heartsuit$ rebid showed hearts or a balanced hand, $2\spadesuit$ enquiring which. The normal contract of 3NT was reached and the $\spadesuit J$ led. Declarer won and cleared the diamond suit. She eventually surrendered the last two tricks and entered +630 on her card. It was 12 IMPs to FERM, on a board that was probably flat in 3NT elsewhere. Sjoert Brink will claim the credit for his imaginative opening bid.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pierre	Barbara	Joanna	Sjoert
Schmidt	Ferm	Zochowska	Brink
—	—	—	INT
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	$3\spadesuit$	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

There was an obvious defence to $4\spadesuit$, and it lay just a few inches from Brink's eyes. East/West had there-

fore done well to play in 3NT. On a heart lead, the defenders can give declarer an eighth trick, in hearts, and sit back for one down. Ferm had no reason not to lead the ♣10, and Brink let this run to the king. How should declarer continue the play?

Only 17 HCP were missing and South had opened a strong 1NT. It was therefore likely that he held the ace and king of hearts, leaving declarer with a certain stopper if South attacked the heart suit. Schmidt led the ♠9 to dummy's ace, confirming that South did not hold all four missing spades. I expected him to play one of dummy's diamonds next, but he continued with the ♠K and proceeded to run the spade suit. This made life uncomfortable for both South and West. Declarer had to retain his ♥Q107 and ♣Q8. He therefore threw all his diamonds. Brink, in the South seat, kept ♥AK ♦A and ♣A5. When a heart was played from dummy, South scored four winners and had to give declarer the ♣Q for his ninth trick. If South had read the opening lead, he might have discarded the ♥J, reducing to ♥AK3 ♦A ♣A. These cards would then have a chance of scoring the last five tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Christina	Cédric	Bas	Isabelle
Lund Madsen	Lorenzini	Drijver	Bello
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	All Pass

All the drama had been at the Open table. Here East's 2♦ showed one of the majors and he ended in 2♠. After a heart to the ace, Bello switched to ace and another club. Declarer scored two overtricks for +170, and it was 6 IMPs to CORIANDRE.

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Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pierre	Barbara	Joanna	Sjoert
Schmidt	Ferm	Zochowska	Brink
—	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Zochowska won the ♥5 lead with the ace and switched to the ♦2, Brink rising with the ace. At double-dummy, declarer could have cleared two heart tricks now, for the game. It was, of course, natural to lead a spade instead. Schmidt inserted the ♠9, taken by the queen, and East discarded a heart. Brink played ace, king and another club, finding a 3-3 break. West won the third round with the queen and returned the jack of spades to cut off the dummy. Declarer conceded one down shortly afterwards, losing 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Christina	Cédric	Bas	Isabelle
Lund Madsen	Lorenzini	Drijver	Bello
—	1♠	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Lorenzini ruffed the ♥A opening lead and played the trump ace, finding the 5-0 break. He crossed to the diamond ace and ruffed a heart with the ♠5. After cashing the ♣AK, he returned to dummy with the king of diamonds and ruffed another heart with the ♠8. Six trump tricks and two ace-kings brought his total to a satisfactory ten. It was +620 and a gain of 12 IMPs.

With three sets of 14 boards still to be played, CORIANDRE led by 47 IMPs to 13. A useful start!

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	EDMONDS	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

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
 MINITER	17	28	39	55	139
 DONNER	13	32	38	32	115


	Team	1	2	3	4	tot
	FERM	20	41	51	35	147
	CORIANDRE	45	24	27	30	126

	EDMONDS	106
	CZERBIA	41

	DONNER	70
	SEOUL	12



	BROS1005	53
	SIEJA	60



	DONNER	41
	WOLFSON	35

	MINITER	
	FERM	


	SIEJA	25
	FERM	71

	WOLFSON	87
	MCINTOSH FUNCLUB	49


	TECZA SZCZECINEK	72
	DONNER	92


	BRIDGE24	121
	FERM	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 Semi-finals

Semi-final A

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	AUKEN Sabine	WELLAND Roy	GER - GER 66.52
2	ZMUDA Justyna	KLUKOWSKI Michal	POL - SUI 59.02
3	BOTTA Giorgia	GROSSACK Zachary	USA - USA 57.64
4	THOMPSON Ben	COOPER Renee	AUS - AUS 57.40
5	SAELENMINDE Erik	FUGLESTAD Ann Karin	NOR - NOR 56.13
6	BROCK Sally	WILLENKEN Chris	ENG - USA 55.22
7	KALITA Jacek	BALDYSZ Cathy	POL - POL 55.01
8	BAKHSI David	BAKHSI Heather	ENG - ENG 54.41
9	KLEMS Erik	PEPIC Selenia	CZE - SER 54.38
10	MEYERSON Elianna	MEYERSON Adam	SUI - SUI 54.33
11	ATTANASIO Dario	MANARA Gabriella	ITA - ITA 53.85
12	MAJCHER Arkadiusz	ZALEWSKA Joanna	POL - POL 53.57
13	SAPORTA Pierre	SAPORTA-TWORZYDLO Renata	FRA - FRA 53.38
14	ZUR-CAMPANILE Migry	ROSENTHAL Andrew	USA - USA 53.24
15	SEALE Catherine	HELNESS Fredrik	ENG - NOR 53.22
16	RUBINS Karlis	ALFEJEVA Jelena	LAT - LAT 53.17
17	BASARAN Berk	ELMAS Tuna	TUR - TUR 53.17
18	McINTOSH Andrew	MORAN Sara	ENG - ENG 53.03
19	WASIAK Artur	MOSZCZYNSKA Zuzanna	POL - POL 52.92
20	PSZCZOLA Jacek	SAKR May	USA - USA 52.43
21	GROSSACK Adam	KOLESIK Emma	USA - USA 52.20
22	BURN David	SMEDEREVAC Jovanka	ENG - FRA 52.18
23	KARLYKOV Petro	REITMANN Marina	UKR - UKR 52.07
24	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	RIMSTEDT Mikael	DEN - SWE 51.98
25	HUANG Shan	MILLENS Joan	USA - USA 51.86
26	CAPPELLETTI JR Mike	HOWARD Allison	USA - USA 51.86
27	KAZMUCHA Danuta	HUTYRA Maciej	POL - POL 51.75
28	BLAAGESTAD Lise	PEDERSEN Jan	NOR - DEN 51.63
29	CRONIER Philippe	CRONIER Benedicte	FRA - FRA 51.58
30	PIETRZYK Agnieszka	PAWLAK Andrzej	POL - POL 51.38
31	BERTHIAUME Louise	FERGANI Kamel	CAN - CAN 51.37
32	ZATORSKI Piotr	DUFRAT Katarzyna	POL - POL 51.36
33	MAJ-RUDNICKA Marta	LASZCZUK Jaroslaw	POL - POL 51.26
34	WOOLDRIDGE Joel	EDMONDS Jodi	USA - USA 51.16
35	YAVAS Dilek	KAYA Emre	TUR - TUR 51.14
36	FISCHER Brigitta	RIMSTEDT Ola	HUN - SWE 51.06
37	ROMANOVSKA Maija	BENDIKS Janis	LAT - LAT 50.98
38	McCALLUM Karen	JOHANNSSON Axel	USA - AUS 50.93
39	BOHNSACK Susanne	BOHNSACK Sandro	GER - GER 50.80
40	DZIEKANSKI Krzysztof	DZIEKANSKA Ewa	POL - POL 50.68
41	ZACK Yaniv	BENIN-BARR Ronnie	ISR - ISR 50.66
42	BESSIS Thomas	BERTHEAU Kathrine	FRA - SWE 50.64
43	WINCIOREK Tomasz	DANCEWICZ Renata	POL - POL 50.58
44	BERTHEAU Peter	ANDERSSON Ann-Sophie	SWE - SWE 50.54
45	BURAS Krzysztof	SOBOLEWSKA Ewa	POL - POL 50.40
46	BEAUCHAMP David	TUTTY Jodi	AUS - AUS 50.26
47	NETTLETON Diana	PASKE Thomas	ENG - ENG 50.22
48	VOZABAL David	ZORANOVIC Jovana	CZE - SER 50.19
49	PATREUHA Patryk	BALDYSZ Sophia	POL - POL 50.19
50	HACKETT Jason	BROGELAND Tonje Aasand	ENG - NOR 50.09
51	HALLBERG Gunnar	CLARK Sally	ENG - USA 49.91
52	KAHYAOGLU Yusuf	OZGUR Hatice	TUR - TUR 49.88
53	DEMUY Vincent	GOLD Marusa	USA - ENG 49.85
54	THOMPSON Jenny	FLICKER Damon	AUS - AUS 49.66

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
55	VAN PROOIJEN Ricco	WILSON Alison	NED - USA 49.62
56	GRONKVIST Ida	GRONKVIST Mikael	SWE - SWE 49.50
57	OHNO Kyoko	YAMADA Akihiko	JPN - JPN 49.50
58	SARNIAK Anna	CHALUPEC Igor	POL - POL 49.36
59	HENNER Christal	IVATURY Uday	USA - USA 49.26
60	BESTRZYNSKI Olech	STACHOWIAK-KLUZ Justyna	POL - POL 49.10
61	SMYKALLA Gisela	SCHNEIDER Michael	GER - GER 49.07
62	HINTERTAN Adam	KRUPNIK Danuta	POL - POL 49.05
63	GOWER Craig	ROSSLEE Diana	RSA - RSA 48.91
64	BAKALARZ Adrian	LUCKA Dominika	POL - POL 48.90
65	BEKKOUCHE Nadia	DANIELSEN Flemming	DEN - DEN 48.73
66	WEISS Florian	SELWAY Louise	AUT - ENG 48.63
67	GOLEBIOWSKI Stanislaw	SIKORA Marta	POL - POL 48.62
68	SZTYRAK Leszek	CZAJKA Iwona	POL - POL 48.60
69	BASKAN Burak	SALHON Riva	TUR - TUR 48.23
70	BAREKET Ilan	SAADA Nathalie	ISR - ISR 48.13
71	CAPLAN Eva	THOMPSON Jamie	AUS - AUS 48.13
72	HOYLAND Sven Olai	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	NOR - NOR 48.09
73	LAW Manju	MAITRA Uday	UAE - CAN 48.07
74	MEYERS Jill	GARNER Steve	USA - USA 47.71
75	GORSKA Aleksandra	TUCZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL 47.53
76	GILL Peter	SYLVESTER Elisabeth	AUS - AUS 47.39
77	KOWALSKA Anna	KORECKI Piotr	POL - POL 46.70
78	ERICHSEN Espen	ERICHSEN Helen	ENG - ENG 46.58
79	CHEDIAK Virginia	LAURANT Eric	NOR - NED 46.49
80	SIVERTSVIK Ranja	BOGO Kaare	NOR - NOR 46.43
81	ZABIEREK Maja	URBAN Hubert	POL - POL 46.38
82	GUPTA Uttam	KOCHAR Rubinder Kaur	IND - UAE 46.22
83	FRIEDLANDER Ehud	KISLITSYNA Irina	ISR - USA 45.58
84	HETZ Clara	PACHTMAN Ron	ISR - ISR 45.45
85	SILBERBERG Gheorghe	POSZPICHIL Agnes	ROM - ROM 45.41
86	McALLISTER John Grayson	SCHIRESON Olivia	USA - USA 44.99
87	TOMMASINI Stefano	LA CHAPELLE Imogen	ENG - ENG 44.52
88	DE KOSTER Robbie	POPPE Eva	NED - NED 44.25
89	POPLILOV Matilda	HETZ Nathan	ISR - ISR 44.16
90	AUGUSTYNIAK Krystyna	WASZKIEWICZ Wojciech	POL - POL 43.49
91	LENGY Assaf	NOSACKI Michal	ISR - ISR 43.12
92	VAN MIDDELEM Guy	COUTEAUX Antonella	BEL - BEL 42.72
93	GRZEJDZIAK Igor	GRZEJDZIAK Sabina	POL - POL 42.53
94	GOLDBERG Jerry	SEAMAN Eleanor	USA - USA 39.34

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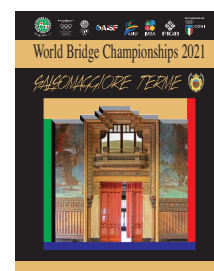
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When team events are played, the Tournament Directors will conduct random searches before every round: players of the drawn tables will be asked to empty their pockets and open their bags. Whoever refuses to do it will be penalised as if a device had been found, and escorted out of the playing room. A substitute will be allowed.

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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.



Semi-final B

Rank	Players	Nationality	%
1	DINKIN Sam	USA - USA	60.12
2	IAVICOLI Federico	ITA - ITA	59.21
3	YUEN Sebastian	AUS - AUS	58.20
4	PELLEGRINI Carlos	ARG - ARG	58.08
5	NAIDOO Bindiya	IND - IND	57.92
6	GORA Cezary	POL - POL	56.86
7	MANNO Andrea	ITA - KOR	56.83
8	MARCINOWSKI Piotr	POL - POL	56.22
9	PLACKETT Richard Mark	WAL - WAL	56.18
10	BOCKEN Patrick	BEL - BEL	56.03
11	BARONI Irene	ITA - ITA	55.35
12	BARDEN Paul	ENG - ENG	55.14
13	KANDEMIR Ismail	TUR - TUR	54.87
14	KONDOCH Hartmut	GER - GER	54.33
15	FOURCAUDOT Marc-Andre	CAN - CAN	54.11
16	JANSMA Jan	NED - NED	53.43
17	WENNING Ulrich	GER - GER	52.76
18	TURSKA-MARCINOWSKA Malgorzata	POL - POL	52.53
19	SHERMAN David	ENG - ENG	52.48
20	ATAY Sevinc	TUR - BAR	52.30
21	SEREK Cezary	POL - POL	52.29
22	PUNCH Sam	SCO - SCO	51.68
23	MOORE Nikolas	AUS - AUS	51.50
24	BAREL Michael	ISR - ISR	51.22
25	FOSSUM Ann Birgitte	NOR - NOR	51.15
26	HAMMOND Nicolas	USA - POL	51.15
27	NEHMERT Pony Beate	GER - USA	50.92
28	ALP Zeynep	TUR - TUR	50.87
29	MARTENSEN-LARSEN Katrine	DEN - DEN	50.60
30	ZHAO Jinlong	JPN - JPN	50.60
31	GUVEN Metin	TUR - USA	50.56
32	DENIZCI Volkan	TUR - TUR	50.38
33	RODZIEWICZ-BIELEWICZ Olgierd	POL - POL	49.94
34	SANDQVIST Niklas (Nick)	ENG - ENG	49.83
35	LESZCZYNSKA Lena	POL - POL	49.83
36	GOTARD Thomas	GER - GER	49.83
37	MALISZEWSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	49.77
38	O'SHEA William	AUS - AUS	48.93
39	HOFFMAN Julia	AUS - AUS	48.72
40	BOJARSKA Beata	POL - POL	48.47
41	OGLOBLIN Dominika	POL - POL	48.40
42	NAWROCKI Piotr	POL - SCO	48.10
43	SCHROEDER Michael	GER - GER	48.08
44	MOLLER Rachael	USA - USA	47.96
45	WIECZOREK Ewa	ENG - ENG	47.63
46	BAUSBACK Nikolas	GER - USA	47.42
47	KOZIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL	46.85
48	SZAREK Roger	POL - POL	46.64
49	NOSALSKA Anna	POL - POL	46.40
50	UGUR Aliye	TUR - TUR	46.35
51	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	ITA - KOR	46.06
52	MICHELIN Marjorie	USA - USA	45.96
53	HERRERA Gonzalo	MEX - MEX	45.14
54	LIS Elzbieta	POL - POL	45.03
55	ROSIKIEWICZ Ryszard	POL - POL	44.97
56	KARDASINSKI Piotr	POL - POL	44.74
57	KANDOLU Ozlem	TUR - IND	44.03
58	YUEN Michael	CAN - CAN	43.07
59	RUTYNA Roman	POL - POL	42.82
60	GOLD David	ENG - ENG	42.74
61	PYTKA Anna	POL - POL	40.51
62	CHEMALY Larry	RSA - RSA	40.23
63	PETER Thomas	GER - GER	40.02
64	CZARNECKA Barbara	POL - POL	38.71

Final B & Side Event

Final B of the Mixed Pairs is to be played today 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	MOULD Alan	HOLLAND John	ENG - ENG 65.61
2	HACKETT Paul D	SENIOR Brian	ENG - ENG 58.71
3	RUSSIAN Jerzy	WITEK Marek	POL - POL 58.50
4	BUCHLEV Nedju	LESNICZAK Jacek	GER - GER 57.27
5	KOWALEWSKI Zdzislaw	BAK Slawomir	POL - POL 56.40
6	BERG Thomas	JORGENSEN Geert	DEN - DEN 56.00
7	BRIGHTLING Richard	HOFFMAN David	AUS - AUS 55.76
8	BIZON Piotr	BLAT Marek	POL - POL 55.43
9	KASPRZAK Alan	CHINDELEWICZ Pawel	POL - POL 54.60
10	PRYOR Malcolm	KENDRICK David	ENG - ENG 53.75
11	JANIK Stanislaw	NOWAK Jerzy	POL - POL 52.92
12	KOZYCZKOWSKI Jerzy	BOCHENSKI Adolf	POL - POL 51.66
13	EWART Neil	ROBINSON Ian	AUS - AUS 51.45
14	BRYANT Roger	SMITH Nick	ENG - ENG 51.33
15	MELMAN Victor	MILASZEWSKI Mirosław	USA - POL 51.29
16	KALISH Avi	GRINBERG Nir	ISR - ISR 51.04
17	PATER Mariusz	STANISZEWSKI Jan	POL - POL 50.83
18	NIEDZIELSKI Pawel	OLCZYK Jerzy	POL - POL 50.73
19	LEKKI Janusz	GOLINSKI Jan	POL - POL 50.35
20	NIESLUCHOWSKI Marek	MALYPAN Mirosław	POL - POL 50.18
21	GAWECKI Janusz	PAJAK Stanislaw	POL - POL 50.14
22	SOSNA Zbigniew	KOZLOWSKI Marek	POL - POL 49.61
23	MARTENS Krzysztof	ZIMMERMANN Pierre	MON - SUI 49.46
24	WALCZAK Piotr	CABAJ Stefan	POL - POL 49.11
25	FILIPOWICZ Karol	PALASZ Ryszard	POL - POL 48.96
26	RYFFA Tomasz	JANECZEK Włodzimierz	POL - POL 48.26
27	EKERT Lech	RACZKIEWICZ Maciej	POL - USA 47.76
28	GOTARD Barbara	GOTARD Tomasz	GER - GER 47.66
29	FIJALKOWSKI Grzegorz	GORNIKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 47.57
30	KEMPKO Tadeusz	PELKA Andrzej	POL - POL 47.16
31	KACZMAREK Edward	WOJTAS Czesław	POL - POL 46.84
32	KIEPURA Marek	KALINOWSKI Jacek	POL - POL 46.26
33	SZAKUN Marek	ROZMAN Radosław	POL - POL 45.83
34	SABALA Zbigniew	SKOWRONSKI Wiesław	POL - POL 45.28
35	FRONCZAK Andrzej	PROCZKOWSKI Andrzej	POL - POL 45.25
36	TARNOGRODZKI Leszek	BARTNIK Longin	POL - POL 42.92
37	BALDYSZ Mark	SZAFRANIEC Edward	POL - POL 42.74
38	SKORUPA Aleksander	WACHEL Stanislaw	POL - POL 42.60
39	MICHALSKI Marek	ZATORSKI Jerzy	POL - POL 33.87

Rand Cup Final

Team	1	2	3	4	tot
 GOODMAN	22	4	29	49	104
 VYTAS	20	35	38	22	115