

# Poland set the early pace from Norway, Sweden and Israel

At the end of the first full day of the Championships it is Poland who lead the way. They recorded three wins to take a narrow lead from another of the favourites, Norway, who like the leaders have recorded four straight victories. They are followed by their fellow Scandinavians, Sweden, who are disputing third place with Israel. They are closely followed by Ireland and Russia.

Defeats for Denmark and Iceland in Round 4 stopped the top end of the table having a Nordic look to it and allowed Romania to move past both of them.

Although it is early days, all the signs are that there is going to be a desperate struggle for the three vital qualifying places and the medals that go with them.

At the other end of the table Greece will need to find some form quickly to avoid the wooden spoon and home supporters will be hoping Great Britain can bounce back from their crushing Round 4 defeat at the hands of the Netherlands.

If the weather continues in its present vein, stamina is sure to play an even bigger part than usual and the teams can be thankful for the air-conditioning in the main playing area.

Conditions are not quite so good for the spectators, officials and players who have to watch, work and play on the fourth floor. They are hoping for the sort of weather that is usually associated with a British summer.

## Results

### Round 2

		VPs	IMPs
Austria	Gr. Britain	10 - 20	22 - 46
Netherlands	Finland	15 - 15	31 - 30
Romania	Iceland	18 - 12	55 - 41
Denmark	Ireland	19 - 11	35 - 17
Sweden	Turkey	17 - 13	68 - 58
Belgium	Yugoslavia	11 - 19	41 - 61
Switzerland	Germany	9 - 21	21 - 52
France	Poland	8 - 22	28 - 62
Norway	Portugal	22 - 8	48 - 12
Israel	Russia	21 - 9	55 - 27
Hungary	Italy	18 - 12	39 - 23
Czech Rep.	Spain	12 - 16	55 - 55
Greece	Lithuania	2 - 25	21 - 87

### Round 3

		VPs	IMPs
Gr. Britain	Denmark	10 - 20	43 - 67
Turkey	Germany	12 - 18	41 - 56
Hungary	Israel	11 - 19	45 - 66
Netherlands	Norway	14 - 16	37 - 45
Austria	Sweden	15 - 15	44 - 42
Portugal	Russia	14 - 16	38 - 42
Romania	Spain	12 - 18	43 - 57
Lithuania	Iceland	9 - 21	9 - 21
Switzerland	Czech Rep.	14 - 16	38 - 44
Yugoslavia	Poland	5 - 25	24 - 76
Ireland	Finland	16 - 14	69 - 62
France	Greece	25 - 0	99 - 16
Italy	Belgium	10 - 20	47 - 69

### Round 4

		VPs	IMPs
GB	Netherlands	2 - 25	20 - 90
Sweden	Spain	22 - 8	69 - 34
Ireland	Yugoslavia	24 - 6	75 - 29
Turkey	Switzerland	16 - 14	57 - 51
Denmark	Austria	9 - 21	37 - 66
Czech Rep.	Poland	14 - 16	61 - 67
Hungary	Greece	25 - 0	97 - 9
Belgium	Israel	3 - 25	22 - 84
Romania	France	21 - 9	48 - 19
Russia	Iceland	23 - 7	61 - 22
Norway	Germany	19 - 11	61 - 42
Lithuania	Italy	2 - 25	11 - 81
Finland	Portugal	19 - 11	67 - 49

## Today's Program

### Round 5 Sunday 21th July, 10:30

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Iceland	Great Britain
2	Yugoslavia	Czech Republic
3	Germany	Romania
4	Israel	Greece
5	Poland	Russia
6	Turkey	Ireland
7	Finland	France
8	Denmark	Switzerland
9	Italy	Sweden
10	Hungary	Norway
11	Spain	Portugal
12	Austria	Lithuania
13	Belgium	Netherlands

### Round 6 Sunday 21th July, 15:00

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Czech Republic	Great Britain
2	Lithuania	Switzerland
3	Iceland	Austria
4	France	Yugoslavia
5	Portugal	Belgium
6	Greece	Netherlands
7	Poland	Romania
8	Germany	Sweden
9	Russia	Italy
10	Denmark	Turkey
11	Israel	Norway
12	Finland	Hungary
13	Ireland	Spain

### Round 7 Sunday 21th July, 20:15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	Turkey	Great Britain
2	Austria	Greece
3	Norway	Russia
4	Sweden	Romania
5	Netherlands	Denmark
6	France	Iceland
7	Ireland	Italy
8	Portugal	Yugoslavia
9	Hungary	Lithuania
10	Poland	Israel
11	Switzerland	Spain
12	Belgium	Finland
13	Germany	Czech Republic



Rank	Country	VP Total
1	POLAND	88
2	NORWAY	82
3	SWEDEN	75
4	ISRAEL	75
5	IRELAND	74
6	RUSSIA	73
7	ROMANIA	69
8	DENMARK	68
9	ICELAND	64
10	NETHERLANDS	63
11	ITALY	62
12	HUNGARY	60
13	AUSTRIA	60
14	FRANCE	59
15	SPAIN	58
16	GERMANY	57
17	SWITZERLAND	55
18	TURKEY	54
19	FINLAND	53
20	CZECH REP.	53
21	PORTUGAL	52
22	BELGIUM	46
23	GT BRITAIN	45
24	LITHUANIA	38
25	YUGOSLAVIA	30
26	GREECE	7

## Scoring

Scoring up in the area in front of the Hospitality Desk is not permitted. There is ample room in the Finistere Cafeteria at the end of the corridor, or in the lounge of the Terminal 396 upstairs. All captains are requested to agree a scoring place with their teams away from the Hospitality Desk and team-mates can meet there.

## Line Up Conditions

Attention all Captains

Your line up for each match must be handed in *at the very latest, 30 minutes after the end of the previous round if you are the visiting team and 40 minutes if you are the home team.*

This means that the normal times are as follows:

1. 13.50 & 14.00
2. 18.20 & 18.30
3. 23.35 & 23.45

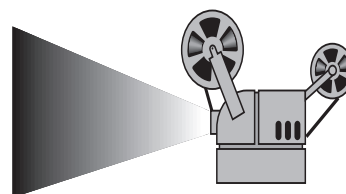
Your players should be seated 5 minutes before the scheduled playing time begins.

If you are appearing on vugraph, play in the Closed Room starts *15 minutes before the scheduled time.*

Hans-Olof Hallén

*Chief Tournament Director*

## Vu Graph Matches Today



Round ⑤ 10:30

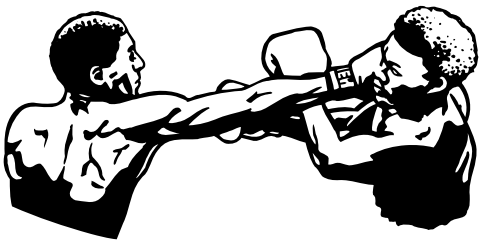
Turkey  
vs  
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Round ⑥ 15:00

Poland  
vs  
Romania

Round ⑦ 20:15

Denmark  
vs  
Netherlands



# Match of the Day

## France vs Poland

**O**ur main match is the clash between France and Poland, but we will also be taking an occasional look at the vu-graph match between Hungary and Italy through the eyes of commentator, Barry Rigal. The French missed a chance to put the Polish declarer under pressure on the first board of the match.

In the Open Room, the Poles were playing five card majors and a weak no trump so Chmurski had to open 1♣. His double showed three hearts, hence Dmowski's willingness to keep bidding them. When he competed to 3♥, Chmurski decided that game surely had play and bid it. Fontenau led ♦A and Geitner dropped the king. That surely suggests a diamond continuation – the queen would ask for a spade switch – but Fontenau switched anyway. Dmowski had no problems now and soon chalked up +420 to gain 6 IMPs for Poland. But suppose that the defence continues diamonds at trick two, forcing declarer to ruff. He draws trumps but that leaves him with only one more entry to hand, the ♠K. Doesn't it look normal to play North for ♠J10 fifth and run the nine on the first round? Singleton small is twice as likely as singleton honour, but this time the odds let you down.

Board 1, Love All, Dealer North

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bouscarel	Grzejdziak	Rombaut	Modrzejewski
	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dbf	Pass	3♦
3♥	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dmowski	Fontenau	Chmurski	Geitner
	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♥	1♠	Dbf	Pass
2♥	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In the Closed Room, Bouscarel was facing a good 15-18 no trump. He transferred then passed the response but was willing to be pushed to 3♥ in competition. The defence led two rounds of diamonds and Rombaut ruffed, drew trumps and picked up the spades without difficulty for +170.

Board 8, Love All, Dealer West

♠ 8 6 2 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ 10 8 6 2 ♣ 8 6 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 10 7 5 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K ♣ A 9 6 5 3 2	♠ Q 4 ♥ A Q J 8 4 3 ♦ A Q 7 3 ♣ J
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In the vu-graph match, both Norths played 4♠ after East had overcalled 2♥ then led ace and another heart to the king. Perhaps declarer might have reasoned that a trump lead from xx(x) might have looked more attractive than a heart from AQJxxx? But the inference is not clear as East might also have had a singleton trump. Anyway, both declarers guessed spades wrong so were one down. Grzejdziak also misguessed spades, though in his case the lead was a club. He need not have

worried as in the other room Geitner was the only one of our four Souths to judge his hand to be worth only a simple raise. When Chmurski reopened with a double, Geitner redoubled to show his maximum, but Chmurski was then left to play 3♥, which made in some comfort for +140 and 3 IMPs to Poland.

## Board 11, Love All, Dealer South

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

Both Bouscarel and Dmowski opened the West hand INT. There was an important difference, however. Bouscarel was showing a good 15-18 and Rombauid transferred then forced to game with 3♦. 3NT was a quick two down after a spade lead for -100. Dmowski was showing 11-14 so Chmurski just transferred then passed the response. A trump lead to the queen and ace allowed Dmowski to draw trumps. Now he played a club to the king and ace and back came a second club. A successful diamond finesse meant that the spade loser went away for twelve tricks; +230 and 8 IMPs for Poland.

## Board 12, N/S Vul, Dealer West

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

France played in 3NT on a low spade lead to the king and made twelve tricks; +690. In the other room Poland bid 6♦ and received a spade lead and trump switch. Two ruffs and the friendly heart

position meant twelve tricks; +1370 and 12 IMPs to Poland. On vu-graph, the players demonstrated once again that they are better judges of how to play a hand single dummy than are the commentators who can see all four hands.

Gabor Winkler got a trump lead and spotted a much better line than the heart finesse, which is simply 50%. When trumps were 2-2 he cashed the top hearts, pitching spades from the dummy. He intended to cash the top clubs if the ♥J did not appear then ruff the fourth heart and exit with the ♠K. If the hand with the ♠A started with less than three clubs, it would now be endplayed for a ruff and discard to allow the club loser to vanish.

## Board 13, Game All, Dealer North

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

It is difficult to stop in 4NT on the North/South cards. In the vu-graph match, both tables reached 5♦ by South, making the singleton spade lead automatic. It seems a close decision whether declarer should take the diamond finesse or play ace and another. In fact, playing ace and another is the better line as not only might West have the ♣A, but unless the defence are playing suit preference signals in the trump suit, even when East has it West has to guess which ace to play him for, unless the auction has made it clear, of course. The Hungarians picked up a slightly fortunate swing when the Italian defence lost its way after declarer had followed the correct but losing line in trumps.

In the other match, France got all the way to 6♦ after North opened 2NT, denied interest in diamonds, but then co-operated when partner made a further try. For me South did too much. Here declarer had to take the trump finesse so was only one down, but that was 13 IMPs away as the Poles stopped in 3NT after an 18-21 INT rebid had allowed South to look for a diamond fit at a lower level.

Board 14, Love All, Dealer East

♠ K 8 ♥ Q J 7 6 5 ♦ K 6 ♣ 9 8 7 5	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ 4 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ A J 6
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The Hungarians added to their lead when Biondi slipped up in 3♠. After South had shown his minor-suit shape, he led the ♦J and Biondi failed to cash the ♠K before ruffing his third diamond. Now trumps were blocked; Winkler could overruff and return a club, leaving declarer with no quick entry to hand to finish drawing trumps after unblocking the spade. Biondi ran into a trump promotion and was one down. In the other room, Kemeny made the correct play and made an overtrick in 2♠.

Board 16, E/W Vul, Dealer West

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

West	North	East	South
Bouscarel	Grzejdziaik	Rombaut	Modrzejewski
1♠	Pass	1NT	2NT
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Dmowski	Fontenau	Chmurski	Geitner
1♠	Pass	1NT	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3NT	Dbl	All Pass

I much prefer Modrzejewski's unusual 2NT overcall to Geitner's 2♣ call. 2NT tempted Bouscarel to pre-empt his opponents with a 3♠ rebid but, unfortunately for him, Rombaut took him seriously and went on to game. He was fortunate that so many of North's values were in the minors otherwise 4♠ might well have been doubled. As it was, there was no double and the defence was a little soft but Bouscarel was still two down for -200.

In the other room, Geitner felt that he had to come again over 2♠ and now Fontenau suddenly came to life with a leap to 3NT. Chmurski doubled and led ♠10 to Dmowski's king. Back came the ♦7. It was pretty clear that the minor suit kings were split and hearts 6-0. The diamond switch came quickly and felt like a true card. Fontenau thought for a moment but could not bring himself to give up on the finesse. His queen lost to the king and Chmurski switched to ♥K. Fontenau took the ace and led low to his ♣Q then cashed the diamonds. Finally he exited with ace and jack of clubs and West was endplayed to give a spade trick. But that was still one down and -100. Had declarer judged to drop the diamond, the same endplay would have netted his ninth trick and +8 IMPs instead of -7.

Board 18, N/S Vul, Dealer East

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

The set ended unluckily for Italy when they reached 3NT by North in the Closed Room. It looks hard to misguess the clubs, but East had opened 2♥ and led ♠10 in response to his partner's 2♠ reply. Declarer held off, won the second spade, then played a club to the queen and ace. A third spade cleared the suit and now declarer decided to play West to have been 2-1 in the black suits – one down. Perhaps this play was a little against the odds; as game was not bid at the other table, it meant -6 IMPs instead of +10. At the end of an interesting set, Poland had beaten France 22-8 and Hungary had defeated Italy 18-12.

## Take the finesse you know is going to lose

Marten Gustawson

Round 1, Board 6, E/W Vul, Dealer East

♠ A 10 6  
♥ 7 2  
♦ 10 2  
♣ A K 10 9 7 6

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

In Sweden's first match against the Netherlands

Fredrik Björnlund was in 4♠ after opening 1♠ and re-bidding 2♦ over his partner's 2♣. The lead was the ♣2, an obvious singleton.

How do you play?

Fredrik let it run. When East took it with the queen and returned a club he was home. The duck is surely the best way to make the contract when it can be made. The only thing that can bother declarer is if East returns a small diamond from the ace. I at least would play small and would be in deep trouble should West be able to win with the queen and play a diamond to East's hypothetical ace, allowing him to play a small club.

## A sort of trump signal

Maureen Dennison

In the match between Denmark and Israel, Jacob Røn showed real trust in partner Freddi Brøndom in a rare signalling situation. This was the board.

Board 19, E/W Vul, Dealer West

Røn

♠ J 5 2  
♥ A Q J 6 3 2  
♦ J 6 5  
♣ 8

♠ A Q 10 7 3  
♥ 7  
♦ Q 8 3  
♣ Q 10 9 6

	N	
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♠ K 8 6  
♥ 9 8 4  
♦ K 9 7 4  
♣ A J 7

Brøndom

♠ 9 4  
♥ K 10 5  
♦ A 10 2  
♣ K 5 4 3 2

In the Open Room the Israeli North, Eran Mermelstein, opened 1♥ third in hand and, in spite of a 2♠ overcall by West, the partnership bid and made game.

In the Closed Room North opened 3♥. This was passed back to West who doubled. East, Asaf Amit, bid 4♦, the final contract. North cashed the ♥A and switched to his singleton club.

Declarer ducked this to South who returned the **two** of clubs. It is very rare that a McKenny signal asks for a trump return! Røn duly returned a diamond to South's ace and enjoyed his second club ruff and the contract was down two tricks.

As South by this time had a count of the hand he knew declarer had three spades and therefore would be unable to throw his last club on a spade. He was really just testing partner who came up *trumps*.

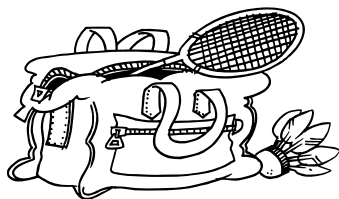
# Sports

## Swimming and Cycling

In addition to the University Sports Facilities there is a nearby public swimming pool, Maindy, which also has a cycle track. To reach the swimming pool walk up Park Place towards Colum Road. Walk past the Halls of Residence where many of you are staying, join the main road out of Cardiff Centre and the Swimming Pool is just over the railway bridge on the right hand side. The price of a swim is £1.20, but may be less if you show your badge as a student.



## Tennis



The Welsh National Tennis Centre is offering a discount to players showing their badges. The cost for one hour is only £1 plus £1 per player. The centre is a five minute drive from the Union. Contact Patrick Jourdain or Hospitality. You must wear proper tennis shoes when playing, not black soled trainers.

## Ice Rink

Walking distance (15 minutes) from the University is the Welsh National Ice Rink. Ask at Hospitality for details.



## Football

Sophia Gardens with grassy areas where you can play football free of charge is 10 minutes walk. Ask at Hospitality.



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The Macallan invites all members of IBPA to the Press Lunch tomorrow, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. YOU MUST REGISTER IN THE PRESS ROOM BY NOON TODAY. The lunch will be held at the Armless Dragon, a restaurant in the Good Food Guide just 5 minutes by car from the Students Union. Gather in the Press Room at 13.00hrs on Monday for transport to be organised.



# T B I A

**E**rik & Arnoud Oltmans were called upon to participate in these Championships one day before the tournament started!

On one of their early boards they produced an enthusiastic bidding sequence to not the best of 3NT contracts.

Round 2, Board 10, Game All, Dealer East

<p>♠ 6 4 ♥ 10 6 ♦ 7 5 4 3 ♣ A Q J 7 5</p>	<p>♠ A K 3 2 ♥ K 3 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ 10 9 4 2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div>	<p>♠ J 9 8 5 ♥ A Q 8 5 4 ♦ 9 2 ♣ K 8</p>
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## Kees Tammens

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

However, as the saying is, 'nothing is down till it's down'.

West led the ♥10 which East unwisely allowed to run to declarer's jack.

When he led the seven of spades to the ace both defenders showed an even number of cards. Taking that at face value, declarer, realising that he could not cope if West held ♠J x x x, played a spade to the ten and scored up his game.

I know the Madsen brothers are here and maybe there are others. Perhaps this will be the first in the series TBIA?

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# The big match



Maureen Dennison & Tony Gordon

**T**hough the British team is changed from the one who narrowly beat Denmark to the Gold in the last Europeans at Arnhem, their head-to-head match was one the Danes most dearly wanted to win.

The first swing went to Denmark on Board 5 when GB missed a thin game, but GB regained those IMPs on the very next board.

Game all, Dealer South

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

In the Open Room East, Jacob Røn played in 3♥ making an overtrick, South having overcalled 1♠. In the Closed Room, Townsend also opened 1♥ and Lars Madsen overcalled 1♠. Now West, Martin Jones bid 2♠ as a good raise in hearts and brother Morton bid a sporting 3♠!

Townsend doubled this and Jones led his spade two. Townsend's jack forced the ace and declarer led another to the king, West discarding a McKenny nine of hearts.

Next came a heart off table. Townsend rose with the ace and played his singleton ♣Q. Now he was able to take the next spade, lead diamonds through for three tricks and still enjoy a club ruff for 500.

On board 6 Denmark stretched to a slam for one down but on Board 6 the choice of opening bids gave 7 IMPs back.

Board 6, E/W game, Dealer East

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In the Closed Room Townsend opened 1♦ and South overcalled 1♥. West bid 2♦ and this was passed back to South who had an easy double. North enthusiastically jumped to 3♠ but nine tricks proved easy.

In the Open Room Røn looked at the disparity of his suits and opened the East hand 1♣. Again there was the heart overcall and a raise to two of partner's suit by West, but East now made life difficult for South by bidding 3♣. If South had passed, North would probably have essayed 3♠, but South viewed to chance his arm and bid 3♥, but this was three down.

Denmark earned another nine IMPs on Board 9 when they enthusiastically bid to a non-making four hearts, vulnerable, and Danny Davies took out insurance in 5♦ for minus 300 whereas in the other room the Danes had been allowed to play at the three level.

With a couple of IMPs in overtricks to GB on the next board, the teams ended the first half on a 22-22 draw. The second half was not to be so friendly!

GB started with an interesting 5 IMPs on this:

Board 11. Love all, Dealer South

<p>♠ 7 5 ♥ A Q J ♦ J 10 6 ♣ K Q 10 8 3</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q 4 3 2 ♥ K 8 6 4 ♦ A 9 ♣ J 7 5</p> <p>♠ A J 9 8 6 ♥ 9 7 ♦ K 8 7 5 2 ♣ 9</p> <p>♠ K 10 ♥ 10 5 3 2 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ A 6 4 2</p>
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In both rooms West opened 1♣, East bid 1♠ and the opener rebid 1NT. After Crowhurst, the Danes reached 2NT and this failed by a trick. Jones and Townsend have a little gadget in their armoury called ping-pong. So Townsend was able to bid 2♣, ping-pong, which forced 2♦, which he passed. North led a heart to Jones' queen and he then ran the ♠7 to South's ♠10. When a heart came back he played the jack, knowing it would fail. North didn't want to open up a minor suit so he let a spade to the ace. Declarer then ruffed a spade, threw dummy's club on the ♥A and ruffed a club to table. He played another spade and South didn't ruff with the queen. Who can blame him?

So Martin ruffed the spade, ruffed another club and played the thirteenth spade off table. Again South discarded and the ♦J forced the ace. There was one trick to lose to the trump queen but that was just three tricks for the defence.

Board 12 saw double that go back across the baize when Jones opened with a gadget - 2♦ to show a weak hand with the majors. This would not be everybody's choice on ♠ J 9 7 5, ♥ 10 9 8 7, ♦ K 9, ♣ 8 4 2.

Townsend then pushed the opposition to a no-play 6♦. He held the ♦Q, but he couldn't envisage the partnership having two tricks, so he sacrificed in 6♠ for -1100 against a pedestrian vulnerable 3NT in the replay.

Another British disaster followed on board 15. West held ♠ Q J 10 9 3, ♥ - ♦ A 10 6 2 ♣ Q 10 8 5. South opened 1♣ and the Danish West overcalled 1♠. North doubled to show four hearts and East, holding five hearts and three card spade support bid a quiet two spades via 2♣. GB thought their hands were fitting well, bid 4♥ and were doubled

to lose 800. The British West overcalled 2♠. North doubled and East raised to 3♠. This was high enough for the Danes and they passed the hand out. This earned them another 50 and 13 IMPs to put them ahead by 16 IMPs.

Board 19. E/W Vul, Dealer South.

<p>♠ A 5 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ A 10 8 6 3 ♣ K J 4</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 9 8 3 ♥ K J 9 4 3 2 ♦ J ♣ A 8 7</p> <p>♠ K 10 7 6 4 ♥ A ♦ K Q 9 4 ♣ Q 6 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 2 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ 10 9 5 3</p>
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In the Open Room, Brøndum opened 1NT as West, and Davies overcalled 2♥. Røn showed an invitational hand with spades by bidding 3♦ and then converted Brøndum's 3♠ to 3NT. However, after a heart lead there was no ninth trick and Brøndum eventually went one down.

In the Closed Room, Jones was systemically forced to open 1♦ and this put his side on the right road. Although heart pre-emption by North-South put slam out of the picture, 5♦+1 was still worth 12 IMPs to GB.

Board 20. Game All, Dealer West.

<p>♠ A 6 3 2 ♥ K J 9 4 2 ♦ K ♣ A 10 8</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 10 9 7 ♥ A 10 ♦ 8 7 6 4 3 ♣ K Q 5</p> <p>♠ K 8 ♥ Q 6 5 3 ♦ Q J 2 ♣ 9 6 4 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 5 4 ♥ 8 7 ♦ A 10 9 5 ♣ J 7 3</p>
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In both rooms, West opened 1♥ and was raised to 2♥ by East. In the Closed Room, Jones now passed as West, which seems the normal action, but in the Open room, Brøndum bid 4♥. Davies opted to lead the ♠10 and that was 11 IMPs to Denmark to give them victory by 24 IMPs and 20-10 VPs.

# Double duck - Or No Dinner?

Barry Rigal

One of the coups of the year, never mind the tournament, took place in Round 2, in the Norway-Portugal match. And all it did was hold declarer's loss to 5 IMPs on the board.

Board 6, E/W Vul, Dealer East

♠ 10 6 3 ♥ A Q 7 6 ♦ Q 4 3 ♣ K 8 4	♠ Q J 9 4 ♥ 10 9 2 ♦ K ♣ 9 6 5 3 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="margin-bottom: 5px;">N</span> <span style="margin-bottom: 5px;">W</span> <span style="margin-bottom: 5px;">E</span> <span>S</span> </div> ♠ 8 7 ♥ K J 5 4 3 ♦ A J 8 5 2 ♣ 10	♠ A K 5 2 ♥ 8 ♦ 10 9 7 6 ♣ A Q J 7
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West	North	East	South
Soares	Mathisen	Fanha	Kristoffersen
—	—	1♦	1♥
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

3NT looks a fair spot but it is very hard work to establish a ninth trick. Say you win the ♥10 lead, cross to dummy and pass the ♦10. North wins and plays a second heart and the defense have the tempo to establish hearts before you get a diamond trick.

All right: win the second heart and play on diamonds. No good, the defense still have the necessary communications to get hearts going.

Roderigo Soares found the star play of ducking two rounds of hearts! Mathisen naturally enough played a third heart and now Soares crossed to dummy in clubs to run the ♦10 to the king. As North had no heart left, declarer came to his ninth trick in comfort.

Alas, his team-mates had been doubled in 3♥ and gone for 800 so Soares's coup only limited the damage to -5 IMPs. Still, a very well-played hand.

## Where am I ?

In his opening speech Patrick Jourdain referred to the (global?) ignorance about the position of Cardiff and Wales.

This morning at breakfast in the Students Union I was early and sitting alone. A lady of the staff came up to me: 'Where are you from' she enquired. 'The Netherlands', I answered.

'Never heard of it', was her - to me - astonishing reply.

'Holland', I tried again, but there was no reaction.

'A small country at the other side of the North Sea'. Still nothing.

'Why are you here?' This must be easy.

'For the European Youth Bridge Championships'.

Again no sign of recognition. 'A game of cards' I explained.

'Oh well, much too difficult for me'. She stayed interested.

'Are you playing yourself?'

'No, the age limit of the players is 25 and I am not!'

Then she lifted my spirits, 'Well, maybe you are 24' and she poured me a cup of coffee and went away to serve the people who entered the room.

Kees Tammens

# What do you lead?

Nissan Rand

You hold:

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

The bidding goes 2♣ on your left, strong and artificial; 2♠ on your right, showing precisely one ace and one king with any distribution; 6♠ on your left; passed out. What would you lead? This was the full deal from Round 3:

Board 2, N/S Vul, Dealer East

<p>♠ AKQJ1065 ♥ 5 ♦ AK85 ♣ 6</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W     E	S	<p>♠ — ♥ AQ42 ♦ 9632 ♣ KJ842</p>	<p>♠ 872 ♥ KJ1083 ♦ 104 ♣ 975</p>
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## New procedure for Blue and Green scoring Cards

From Round 4 the North-South pair takes away the blue and green scoring cards and score them in IMPs.

Then they are given to the result desk together with the result card.

If you miss this a white impeded result card will be accepted.

Thank you.

*Hans-Olof Hallén*

Chief Tournament Director

What a perfect hand for the bidding methods of Tamas Szalka and Gabor Winkler of Hungary, leaving South with a completely blind lead. Poor Nir Katz of Israel led the ♥J and declarer had a discard for his losing club; +980.

In the other room, Israel played in 5♠ by West, a good stop, but +450 meant -11 IMPs. Israel may have lost the battle, but they won the war, coming out on top by 19-11 VPs.

## Correction

Sorry to be party poopers but yesterday's bulletin was not accurate in one important aspect! Only the teams winning medals will qualify for next year's World Junior Championships.

There is no spot for the fourth team.

## Sportsmanship

The Round 1 match between Switzerland and Yugoslavia that was cancelled because of the late arrival of the Yugoslavian team will be played on the morning of Wednesday 24th July.

The organisers and the Yugoslavian team wish to acknowledge and applaud the actions of the Swiss team.

## To all Captains

Please take the passports of **all** your players to the EBL office which is located on the fourth floor. They must be checked by either Henrik Røn or Stefan Back, on behalf of the EBL Youth Committee.

**Failure to do so may result in your team being disqualified!**

# Bulletin Bidders Club

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Brian Senior

**Problem 1**, East/West Game. IMPs.

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	3♦
3NT	Dbl	Pass	Pass
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West holds: ♠ 10 ♥ A K Q J ♦ A Q 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7 4

**Votes:** 4♣ 9; Pass 5; Rdbl 2.

**Marks:** 4♣ 10; Rdbl 8; Pass 5.

*A very unpleasant situation. We had little option but to overcall 3NT on the previous round but it looks as though the pre-empt has worked and we have been caught. Some think it's a test of their manhood.*

**Peter Lund (Denmark):** Pass. I'm not a coward.

**Ciara Burns/Hilary Dowling-Long (Ireland):** Pass. We've got balls!

*That may be so, but I suspect they are of a rather metaphorical nature as this is the Irish ladies pair.*

**Ingo Nieten (Germany):** Pass. I'm a hero or a loser.

*I know where my money lies. So far, nobody has given any sort of a reason for their choice.*

**Maureen Dennison (GB):** Pass. Redouble and partner bids spades, ug! 4♣ and she thinks you have a running suit for your 3NT bid; 4♥ and partner has only two; Pass and you might get a flat board! Partner did not rescue so I Pass for want of anything better to do.

*I think you're wrong, as do the majority of the panel, but at least you think it's a matter of logic, not machismo.*

**Steen Moller (Denmark):** 4♣. Don't have the guts.

*And in like vein:*

**Benito Garozzo (USA):** 4♣. I don't have the stomach to leave 3NT doubled.

*I'm with you.*

**Bep Vriend (Netherlands):** 4♣. I believe them. I have only six tricks in 3NT.

**John Armstrong (GB):** 4♣. I'm guessing, but 4♣

seems likely to be fewer down than 3NT.

**Joao Passarinho (Portugal):** 4♣. Holding the losses to a minimum. Sorry, partner, if there is 3NT on (with my partner there never is).

**Barry Rigal (GB):** 4♣. Anyone who thinks 3NT might make should come back to planet earth. This might escape a double. The first piece of good news is that partner didn't run to 4♠, so I should buy some club length. 4♣ may have play.

*Everything you all say is very true but 4♣ is very committal. Here is the definitive answer to this problem:*

**John Carruthers (Canada):** Redouble. When an under pressure 3NT is doubled, redouble by either partner should express doubt. Additionally, it should show more than one place to play; 4♣ should show long clubs plus a diamond stopper, for example: ♠ xx ♥ Ax ♦ Kx ♣ AKQxxxx. West's double in this situation, given our diamond holding, will be based solely on his own hand, thus the decision to run is, I believe, clear-cut.

*And supporting that line:*

**Nevena Senior (GB):** Redouble. I am not going to pass 3NT doubled. I'm afraid if I bid 4♣ I'll give a wrong picture of my hand as I might have bid 3NT based on a long club suit rather than this semi-balanced one. For me, redouble expresses doubt about 3NT and shows this semi-balanced type with two suits. These will not be both majors as I would then be bidding 4♦, hence clubs and a major. And there is some inference that my clubs will be longer as sometimes I would have bid a five-card major rather than 3NT.

*For once, I have to agree with you. It makes little sense to me for redouble to be for blood and once you believe it to be for rescue it is clearly superior to 4♣.*

*When this problem first appeared in IPBM back in 1989, the top award went to 4♣. After writing this article I checked and discovered that I was the sole panellist to vote for Redouble. The conductor, Tony Forrester gave me a generous 2 marks. The only other 1989 panellist present in Cardiff was BBL President, Patrick Jourdain. Patrick not only went for 4♣ on this deal but topped the panel over the whole set with 94 out of 100.*