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Europe leads the way

In this most European of cities, it is perhaps appropriate that at the end of two days play all but one of the contests is led by a team from the continent of Europe. In the Open series, **Poland, England** and **Italy** lead their respective groups. In the Women's series, **Norway** and **Germany** head the lists. **Sweden** top the **Seniors**, and **Italy** have climbed to the top of the University rankings.

The only team to break the European monopoly is **Australia**, and they are doing it in style, having a commanding lead of 18VP in Group B of the Open series.

Several teams are causing a surprise in the Open series, for example, **Lebanon** and **La Reunion** are lying second in their groups, whilst some of the favourites are currently outside the qualifying places, notably **Canada, USA** and **Norway**.

In the Women's series, **Israel, USA** and **China** are all outside the top eight.

City of Maastricht extends welcome



Maastricht's Vice Mayor Miriam Depondt welcomed the bridge players of the world to her city Monday during a reception at the historic Town Hall.

"On behalf of the Board and Council of the City of Maastricht, I extend a welcome to you," Depondt said. "You have chosen the right spot for your contest."

Depondt noted that Maastricht has been occupied many times in the past - by vikings, the Spanish and Belgians, among others. The invasion by bridge players, she said, is welcome. "Maastricht is proud to be your hosting city," the vice mayor said.

ATTENTION ALL NBO CONGRESS DELEGATES

Please note that the meeting of WBF Congress will be held on Wednesday, 30th August 2000 at 10:30 a.m. All NBOs participating in this 2000 World Teams Olympiad are urged to ensure that their delegate is present at this very important meeting.

Teams where the delegate is also a player are asked to ensure that their delegate is available during this period.

The WBF Congress will be followed by a cocktail reception to which all delegates are cordially invited.

The Congress meeting will take place in the WBF Meeting Room 2.1, which is situated on the **Promenade level of the MECC**.

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 3

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Colombia	80 - 19	25 - 3
2 Brazil	Hong Kong	59 - 38	19 - 11
3 Austria	Tanzania	72 - 29	24 - 6
4 Spain	Pakistan	24 - 28	14 - 16
5 Switzerland	Poland	21 - 57	8 - 22
6 Wales	Ireland	30 - 56	10 - 20
7 Tunisia	Croatia	32 - 41	13 - 17
8 Singapore	Belgium	51 - 54	14 - 16
9 Canada	Slovenia	45 - 40	16 - 14

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	USA	45 - 41	16 - 14
12 Hungary	Guadeloupe	60 - 41	19 - 11
13 Bangladesh	Luxemburg	53 - 15	23 - 7
14 Chinese Taipei	Australia	20 - 52	8 - 22
15 Liechtenstein	Portugal	71 - 23	25 - 5
16 Romania	Lebanon	58 - 63	14 - 16
17 Philippines	Finland	17 - 59	6 - 24
18 Greece	Monaco	27 - 25	15 - 15
19 Russia	Scotland	73 - 33	23 - 7

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	Indonesia	0 - 81	0 - 25
22 India	Japan	49 - 41	16 - 14
23 Germany	Cyprus	62 - 31	21 - 9
24 Malta	Uruguay	34 - 30	16 - 14
25 Venezuela	Czech Republic	56 - 32	20 - 10
26 Sweden	Egypt	54 - 25	21 - 9
27 France	Israel	42 - 4	23 - 7
28 San Marino	Latvia	67 - 30	23 - 7
29 Yugoslavia	England	29 - 69	7 - 23

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	Iceland	34 - 49	12 - 18
32 New Zealand	South Africa	56 - 30	20 - 10
33 Botswana	Morocco	16 - 83	2 - 25
34 Malaysia	Ukraine	47 - 64	11 - 19
35 Bulgaria	La Reunion	20 - 76	4 - 25
36 Palestine	Norway	31 - 96	3 - 25
37 Argentina	Martinique	80 - 32	25 - 5
38 Italy	Bermuda	66 - 21	24 - 6
39 Thailand	Turkey	25 - 51	10 - 20

ROUND 4

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Hong Kong	Denmark	50 - 38	17 - 13
2 Tanzania	Brazil	33 - 50	11 - 19
3 Pakistan	Austria	25 - 69	6 - 24
4 Poland	Spain	54 - 25	21 - 9
5 Ireland	Switzerland	30 - 36	14 - 16
6 Croatia	Wales	41 - 30	17 - 13
7 Belgium	Tunisia	77 - 17	25 - 3
8 Slovenia	Singapore	24 - 71	6 - 24
9 Canada	Colombia	35 - 35	15 - 15

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Guadeloupe	Netherlands	47 - 47	15 - 15
12 Luxemburg	Hungary	46 - 54	14 - 16
13 Australia	Bangladesh	94 - 37	25 - 4
14 Portugal	Chinese Taipei	41 - 57	12 - 18
15 Lebanon	Liechtenstein	82 - 17	25 - 3
16 Finland	Romania	57 - 43	18 - 12
17 Monaco	Philippines	59 - 24	22 - 8
18 Scotland	Greece	29 - 13	18 - 12
19 Russia	USA	19 - 41	10 - 20

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Japan	Mexico	61 - 18	24 - 6
22 Cyprus	India	64 - 39	20 - 10
23 Uruguay	Germany	3 - 71	2 - 25
24 Czech Republic	Malta	58 - 42	18 - 12
25 Egypt	Venezuela	-	-
26 Israel	Sweden	28 - 71	6 - 24
27 Latvia	Ireland	35 - 46	13 - 17
28 England	San Marino	32 - 13	19 - 11
29 Yugoslavia	Indonesia	18 - 44	10 - 20

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 South Africa	China	38 - 43	14 - 16
32 Morocco	New Zealand	41 - 64	10 - 20
33 Ukraine	Botswana	90 - 35	25 - 4
34 La Reunion	Malaysia	75 - 32	24 - 6
35 Norway	Bulgaria	24 - 65	7 - 23
36 Martinique	Palestine	57 - 23	22 - 8
37 Bermuda	Argentina	39 - 62	10 - 20
38 Turkey	Italy	7 - 68	3 - 25
39 Thailand	Iceland	50 - 19	21 - 9

ROUND 5

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
1 Denmark	Tanzania	88 - 38	25 - 5
2 Brazil	Pakistan	46 - 47	15 - 15
3 Austria	Poland	19 - 40	11 - 19
4 Spain	Ireland	43 - 44	15 - 15
5 Switzerland	Croatia	13 - 41	9 - 21
6 Wales	Belgium	51 - 59	14 - 16
7 Tunisia	Singapore	48 - 49	15 - 15
8 Hong Kong	Canada	24 - 40	12 - 18
9 Colombia	Slovenia	29 - 61	8 - 22

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
11 Netherlands	Luxemburg	34 - 52	11 - 19
12 Hungary	Australia	20 - 53	8 - 22
13 Bangladesh	Portugal	56 - 80	10 - 20
14 Chinese Taipei	Lebanon	52 - 60	14 - 16
15 Liechtenstein	Finland	55 - 33	20 - 10
16 Romania	Monaco	53 - 31	20 - 10
17 Philippines	Greece	23 - 56	8 - 22
18 Guadeloupe	Russia	24 - 63	7 - 23
19 USA	Scotland	52 - 23	21 - 9

OPEN TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 5

GROUP C

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
21 Mexico	Cyprus	38 - 46	14 - 16
22 India	Uruguay	66 - 14	25 - 5
23 Germany	Czech Republic	7 - 55	5 - 25
24 Malta	Egypt	39 - 81	6 - 24
25 Venezuela	Israel	16 - 48	8 - 22
26 Sweden	Latvia	56 - 31	20 - 10
27 France	San Marino	59 - 9	25 - 5
28 Japan	Yugoslavia	51 - 43	16 - 14
29 Indonesia	England	37 - 44	14 - 16

GROUP D

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
31 China	Morocco	50 - 22	21 - 9
32 New Zealand	Ukraine	32 - 70	7 - 23
33 Botswana	La Reunion	21 - 65	6 - 24
34 Malaysia	Norway	22 - 87	3 - 25
35 Bulgaria	Martinique	71 - 18	25 - 5
36 Palestine	Bermuda	43 - 83	7 - 23
37 Argentina	Italy	41 - 33	16 - 14
38 South Africa	Thailand	44 - 26	19 - 11
39 Iceland	Turkey	52 - 32	19 - 11

WOMEN'S TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 4

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Jamaica	Hong Kong	11 - 38	9 - 21
42 Ireland	Italy	28 - 33	14 - 16
43 Croatia	Austria	28 - 31	14 - 16
44 New Zealand	Denmark	20 - 34	12 - 18
45 Chinese Taipei	Sweden	36 - 29	16 - 14
46 Russia	Spain	38 - 31	16 - 14
47 Japan	Brazil	61 - 33	21 - 9
48 Israel	USA	40 - 44	14 - 16
49 Finland	England	57 - 17	23 - 7
50 Norway	Indonesia	53 - 23	21 - 9

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Germany	Czech Republic	93 - 23	25 - 2
52 Australia	Pakistan	69 - 20	25 - 5
53 Canada	China	80 - 25	25 - 4
54 Poland	Egypt	32 - 54	10 - 20
55 Netherlands	Mexico	89 - 18	25 - 2
56 Turkey	Scotland	19 - 75	4 - 25
57 India	South Africa	27 - 76	5 - 25
58 Venezuela	Morocco	42 - 56	12 - 18
59 France	Greece	22 - 35	12 - 18
60 Wales	Argentina	35 - 59	10 - 20

ROUND 5

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Hong Kong	Ireland	38 - 41	14 - 16
42 Italy	Croatia	93 - 36	25 - 4
43 Austria	New Zealand	60 - 36	20 - 10
44 Denmark	Chinese Taipei	34 - 41	14 - 16
45 Sweden	Russia	69 - 27	24 - 6
46 Spain	Japan	46 - 31	18 - 12
47 Brazil	Israel	18 - 46	9 - 21
48 USA	England	42 - 54	13 - 17
49 Jamaica	Norway	36 - 41	14 - 16
50 Indonesia	Finland	51 - 29	20 - 10

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
51 Czech Republic	Australia	35 - 50	12 - 18
52 Pakistan	Canada	33 - 56	10 - 20
53 China	Poland	20 - 37	11 - 19
54 Egypt	Netherlands	75 - 31	24 - 6
55 Mexico	Turkey	92 - 66	20 - 10
56 Scotland	India	81 - 16	25 - 3
57 South Africa	Venezuela	69 - 54	18 - 12
58 Morocco	Greece	43 - 24	19 - 11
59 Germany	Wales	78 - 27	25 - 5
60 Argentina	France	25 - 39	12 - 18

ROUND 6

GROUP A

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Croatia	Hong Kong	70 - 30	23 - 7
42 New Zealand	Italy	49 - 43	16 - 14
43 Chinese Taipei	Austria	45 - 44	15 - 15
44 Russia	Denmark	25 - 35	13 - 17
45 Japan	Sweden	50 - 50	15 - 15
46 Israel	Spain	51 - 27	20 - 10
47 England	Brazil	76 - 20	25 - 4
48 Finland	USA	28 - 26	15 - 15
49 Norway	Ireland	76 - 26	25 - 5
50 Indonesia	Jamaica	51 - 29	20 - 10

GROUP B

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
41 Canada	Czech Republic	53 - 54	15 - 15
42 Poland	Pakistan	67 - 10	25 - 4
43 Netherlands	China	49 - 45	16 - 14
44 Turkey	Egypt	46 - 12	22 - 8
45 India	Mexico	38 - 39	15 - 15
46 Venezuela	Scotland	74 - 45	21 - 9
47 Greece	South Africa	27 - 38	13 - 17
48 France	Morocco	45 - 17	21 - 9
49 Wales	Australia	47 - 23	20 - 10
50 Argentina	Germany	28 - 42	12 - 18

OPEN RANKINGS**AFTER 5 ROUNDS****GROUP A**

1	POLAND	108
2	AUSTRIA	103
3	BELGIUM	99
4	BRAZIL	97
5	DENMARK	93
6	IRELAND	92
7	SWITZERLAND	80
8	CROATIA	79
9	CANADA	76
10	SPAIN	70
	HONG KONG	70
12	SINGAPORE	69
13	SLOVENIA	66
14	PAKISTAN	65
15	WALES	56
16	TUNISIA	45
17	COLOMBIA	37
18	TANZANIA	28

GROUP B

1	AUSTRALIA	111
2	LEBANON	93
3	FINLAND	88
4	RUSSIA	86
5	USA	83
6	NETHERLANDS	80
	HUNGARY	80
8	CHINESE TAIPEI	79
	LIECHTENSTEIN	79
	GREECE	79
11	ROMANIA	75
12	PORTUGAL	74
13	MONACO	68
14	LUXEMBURG	62
15	SCOTLAND	58
	GUADELOUPE	58
17	BANGLADESH	55
18	PHILIPPINES	36

GROUP C

1	ENGLAND	108
2	FRANCE	107
3	SWEDEN	106
4	JAPAN	99
5	INDIA	88
6	INDONESIA	84
	ISRAEL	84
8	CYPRUS	83
9	EGYPT	78
10	GERMANY	77
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	74
12	VENEZUELA	66
13	YUGOSLAVIA	57
14	SAN MARINO	53
15	MALTA	49
16	URUGUAY	43
17	MEXICO	40
	LATVIA	40

GROUP D

1	ITALY	108
2	LA REUNION	100
3	UKRAINE	99
4	ARGENTINA	96
	ICELAND	96
6	NORWAY	87
7	CHINA	86
8	MOROCCO	85
9	BULGARIA	84
10	SOUTH AFRICA	83
11	NEW ZEALAND	73
12	TURKEY	68
13	THAILAND	61
14	MARTINIQUE	59
15	BERMUDA	55
16	MALAYSIA	40
17	PALESTINE	26
18	BOTSWANA	22

WOMEN'S RANKINGS
AFTER 6 ROUNDS**GROUP A**

1	NORWAY	124
2	AUSTRIA	117
3	DENMARK	110
4	SWEDEN	106
5	NEW ZEALAND	101
	CHINESE TAIPEI	101
7	ENGLAND	97
8	FINLAND	96
9	USA	94
	ISRAEL	94
11	JAPAN	90
12	HONG KONG	89
13	ITALY	88
14	INDONESIA	78
15	CROATIA	73
16	RUSSIA	71
17	SPAIN	70
18	IRELAND	69
19	BRAZIL	64
20	JAMAICA	51

GROUP B

1	GERMANY	130
2	CANADA	117
3	POLAND	114
4	FRANCE	112
5	GREECE	107
6	NETHERLANDS	106
7	SOUTH AFRICA	105
	AUSTRALIA	105
9	SCOTLAND	99
10	CHINA	84
11	VENEZUELA	81
	ARGENTINA	81
13	MOROCCO	78
14	EGYPT	77
15	WALES	76
16	TURKEY	74
17	CZECH REPUBLIC	67
18	MEXICO	64
19	INDIA	54
20	PAKISTAN	53

SENIORS' RANKINGS**AFTER 8 ROUNDS**

1	SWEDEN	161.25
2	SCOTLAND	156
3	USA	150.25
4	GERMANY	150
5	SWITZERLAND	139
6	ENGLAND	139
7	EGYPT	137
8	AUSTRALIA	134
9	SAN MARINO	131.5
10	FRANCE	127
11	ITALY	120
12	TURKEY	116
13	CANADA	114
14	ISRAEL	110
15	IRELAND	108
16	POLAND	107
17	BELGIUM	104
18	NETHERLANDS	103.5
19	ARUBA	98
20	WALES	94
21	FINLAND	94
22	NETH. ANTILLEN	92
23	CZECH REPUBLIC	91
24	VENEZUELA	56

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS**AFTER 8 ROUNDS**

1	ITALY	175
2	AUSTRIA	162
3	GERMANY	158
4	USA	150
5	NORWAY	149
6	NETHERLANDS	140
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	136
8	POLAND	136
9	DENMARK	134
10	INDONESIA	130
11	CHINA	130
12	HONG KONG	123
13	SINGAPORE	123
14	FRANCE	113
15	CHINESE TAIPEI	100
16	BELGIUM	100
17	ENGLAND	96
18	JAPAN	81
19	BOTSWANA	74
20	IRELAND	68
21	YUGOSLAVIA	48
22	LATVIA	47

OPEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 6

GROUP A

1	Pakistan	Denmark
2	Poland	Brazil
3	Ireland	Austria
4	Croatia	Spain
5	Belgium	Switzerland
6	Singapore	Wales
7	Slovenia	Tunisia
8	Canada	Tanzania
9	Colombia	Hong Kong

GROUP B

11	Australia	Netherlands
12	Portugal	Hungary
13	Lebanon	Bangladesh
14	Finland	Chinese Taipei
15	Monaco	Liechtenstein
16	Greece	Romania
17	Scotland	Philippines
18	Russia	Luxemburg
19	USA	Guadeloupe

GROUP C

21	Uruguay	Mexico
22	Czech Republic	India
23	Egypt	Germany
24	Israel	Malta
25	Latvia	Venezuela
26	San Marino	Sweden
27	England	France
28	Yugoslavia	Cyprus
29	Indonesia	Japan

GROUP D

31	Ukraine	China
32	La Reunion	New Zealand
33	Norway	Botswana
34	Martinique	Malaysia
35	Bermuda	Bulgaria
36	Italy	Palestine
37	Turkey	Argentina
38	Thailand	Morocco
39	Iceland	South Africa

ROUND 7

GROUP A

1	Denmark	Poland
2	Brazil	Ireland
3	Austria	Croatia
4	Spain	Belgium
5	Switzerland	Singapore
6	Wales	Tunisia
7	Pakistan	Canada
8	Tanzania	Colombia
9	Hong Kong	Slovenia

GROUP B

11	Netherlands	Portugal
12	Hungary	Lebanon
13	Bangladesh	Finland
14	Chinese Taipei	Monaco
15	Liechtenstein	Greece
16	Romania	Philippines
17	Australia	Russia
18	Luxemburg	USA
19	Guadeloupe	Scotland

GROUP C

21	Mexico	Czech Republic
22	India	Egypt
23	Germany	Israel
24	Malta	Latvia
25	Venezuela	San Marino
26	Sweden	France
27	Uruguay	Yugoslavia
28	Cyprus	Indonesia
29	Japan	England

GROUP D

31	China	La Reunion
32	New Zealand	Norway
33	Botswana	Martinique
34	Malaysia	Bermuda
35	Bulgaria	Italy
36	Palestine	Argentina
37	Ukraine	Thailand
38	Morocco	Iceland
39	South Africa	Turkey

WOMEN'S TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 7

GROUP A

41	Hong Kong	New Zealand
42	Italy	Chinese Taipei
43	Austria	Russia
44	Denmark	Japan
45	Sweden	Israel
46	Spain	England
47	Brazil	USA
48	Croatia	Norway
49	Ireland	Indonesia
50	Jamaica	Finland

GROUP B

51	Czech Republic	Poland
52	Pakistan	Netherlands
53	China	Turkey
54	Egypt	India
55	Mexico	Venezuela
56	Scotland	Greece
57	South Africa	Morocco
58	Canada	Wales
59	Australia	Argentina
60	Germany	France

ROUND 8

GROUP A

41	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong
42	Russia	Italy
43	Japan	Austria
44	Israel	Denmark
45	England	Sweden
46	USA	Spain
47	Finland	Brazil
48	Norway	New Zealand
49	Indonesia	Croatia
50	Jamaica	Ireland

GROUP B

51	Netherlands	Czech Republic
52	Turkey	Pakistan
53	India	China
54	Venezuela	Egypt
55	Greece	Mexico
56	Morocco	Scotland
57	France	South Africa
58	Wales	Poland
59	Argentina	Canada
60	Germany	Australia

UNIVERSITY TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 9

71	Latvia	Norway
72	Yugoslavia	Japan
73	Czech Republic	Italy
74	Ireland	Singapore
75	France	Indonesia
76	USA	Poland
77	Hong Kong	Denmark
78	Belgium	Austria
79	Chinese Taipei	Botswana
80	Germany	England
81	Netherlands	China

ROUND 10

71	Austria	Latvia
72	Poland	Ireland
73	Germany	USA
74	Norway	Belgium
75	Chinese Taipei	Italy
76	Japan	Yugoslavia
77	Indonesia	Hong Kong
78	England	China
79	Denmark	France
80	Singapore	Yugoslavia
81	Botswana	Czech Republic

ROUND 11

71	Latvia	China
72	Netherlands	Norway
73	Singapore	Japan
74	Austria	England
75	Denmark	USA
76	Ireland	Botswana
77	Italy	Indonesia
78	Yugoslavia	Czech Republic
79	Hong Kong	Chinese Taipei
80	Belgium	Poland
81	France	Germany

SENIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND 9

85	Venezuela	Egypt
86	Poland	Wales
87	Germany	Turkey
88	Scotland	Czech Republic
89	England	Israel
90	Italy	Neth. Antilles
91	Belgium	Switzerland
92	Australia	Aruba
93	Ireland	San Marino
94	Netherlands	Canada
95	Finland	USA
96	Sweden	France

ROUND 10

85	Finland	Venezuela
86	Aruba	USA
87	Switzerland	Neth. Antilles
88	Egypt	Australia
89	Netherlands	Sweden
90	Wales	France
91	Italy	Czech Republic
92	Israel	Belgium
93	Poland	Ireland
94	San Marino	England
95	Canada	Germany
96	Turkey	Scotland

ROUND 11

85	Venezuela	Canada
86	Belgium	Germany
87	Czech Republic	France
88	Finland	Israel
89	San Marino	Turkey
90	USA	Scotland
91	Wales	Australia
92	Sweden	Italy
93	Aruba	Poland
94	Ireland	Netherlands
95	England	Switzerland
96	Neth. Antilles	Egypt

OPEN

Iceland v China

ROUND 3

Monday morning saw an important match-up from Group D of the Open qualifying series, featuring China and Iceland, two of the favourites to make it through to the knock-out stages. The match started quietly, but there was plenty of action later on.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Adalsteinn Jorgensen, Iceland

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
Pass	INT	4♠	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♠	All Pass

⁽¹⁾ Weak

It doesn't appear that the auction makes a great deal of difference to South's choice of opening lead. Is not the king of hearts normal? Well, apparently not, because on vugraph Zejun Zhuang chose the ten of clubs instead. Thorlakur Jonsson had no difficulty in getting the clubs right and had ten easy tricks for +620.

It seemed that Iceland had a major swing on the deal because in the other room Sverrir Armarnnsson did lead the king of hearts, then continued with the queen and a third heart. Weimin Wang duly got the clubs right so made the same ten tricks for a flat board but a big opportunity missed by Iceland.

It is easy to criticize South, who should surely have known how many hearts his partner held and that therefore it was correct to switch at trick three. Indeed, had North held only the ♦K and not also the ♦Q, it would have been necessary for South to find the switch. But North also had a chance. He might have overtaken the second heart to switch to the king of diamonds to establish the fourth defensive winner in time. That would not have been correct if declarer was 8-3-0-2 or similar and pitched his third heart loser on the ace of diamonds. And that was entirely consistent with South's carding. If South was not attempting to retain the lead so as to switch at trick three, he would normally play the ♥Q only from a three-card holding, and would lead low from four. So, my sympathies lie mostly with North.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
			1♥
Dble	Rdbl	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
			1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

The final contract was the same in the two rooms but the result very different. In the Closed Room, Jianming Dai led out three rounds of hearts. Amarnnsson ruffed and played a diamond to the king then a heart to his ten. Dai quickly cashed two diamonds for down one; -100.

Though the bidding strongly suggested that East would have the heart length, declarer is not dead if he cashes the top hearts and finds that the jack doesn't fall. There are possibilities in the club suit and for a trump reduction, and my own gut feeling is that the combination play will work out more often than the very committal play of finessing the ten.

Whether or not that view is correct, Zhuang did choose to play hearts from the top in the other room after the same start. After drawing four rounds of trumps, he played a diamond up and Matthias Thorvaldsson rose with the ace and switched to a low club. Putting in the ♣J would have made ten tricks now but Zhuang found the more elegant line of rising with the ace, crossing to the ♣K and cashing the last trump to squeeze West in the minors; +170 and 7 IMPs to China.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A K 7 6 2 ♥ 6 2 ♦ K Q J 9 6 ♣ 10	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <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		♠ 10 ♥ A Q 7 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A J 8 7 5 3	♠ 5 4 3 ♥ 8 5 4 ♦ A 5 4 2 ♣ 9 4 2
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
1♣	1♠	Dble	2♠
Pass	2NT	3♠	Pass
3NT	Dble	5♣	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
1♣	1♠	Dble	Pass
2♥	3♦	4♥	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

The Chinese pair did well in the Open Room when they found the 4♠ save over 4♥. That cost 300 but their good result proved to be not good enough when their teammates played the wrong game at the other table. Five Clubs was one down for -50 and 8 IMPs to Iceland. I don't know if Haojun Shi's negative double absolutely guaranteed four hearts, but there has to be something wrong when a major suit in which there is a 4-4 fit never gets mentioned. If East had not guaranteed hearts, one can understand West bidding 3NT on the basis of his double spade stopper. Perhaps East/West would have had a better chance of getting to the correct contract had East doubled

2NT rather than bidding 3♠, thereby saving space to explore properly?

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 10 5 4 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ J 6 3 2 ♣ 10	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <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		♠ Q 5 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A K 4 ♣ K J 9 7 6	♠ 9 8 7 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ Q 9 7 ♣ A Q 4 2
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
	2♥	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
All Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT

No trump range created a swing here. Adalsteinn Jorgensen's opening was 13-15, making it easy for Armarnnsson to transfer then pass the response. Two Hearts made exactly for +110 to Iceland.

Wang's INT opening was 15-17 and it was normal for Zhuang to transfer then invite game. Wang declined the invitation, of course, passing 2NT. Had Jonsson led a low club, Wang would have won a cheap trick and could then have played on hearts to bring home his contract. However, Jonsson actually led the nine of spades to the king and ace. Thorvaldsson returned the ♠J and best play would have been for Wang to duck. If the defence continues spades, declarer can play on clubs and, if he reads the hand correctly, come to eight tricks. In practice, Wang won the second spade and now there was no way home. He was one down for -50 and 4 IMPs to Iceland.

The opposition bid: 1♦ - 1♠ - 2♦, and you hold:

♠ Q 5 4
♥ K 8 5
♠ A Q 2
♥ J 8 7 6

What is your lead?

Jorgensen led a low club and, in the fullness of time, the defence came to six tricks for down one. Wang tried the more spectacular queen of spades. He found dummy with the ♠AK and declarer with a spade void. The two spade tricks allowed declarer to make an overtrick - +110 and 4 IMPs to Iceland on Board 12.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ J 9 8 4 3 ♦ 7 2 ♣ A J 7 2</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ A Q 8 7 6 ♥ K ♦ 10 4 3 ♣ 10 6 5 4</p>
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	<p>♠ J 5 3 2 ♥ A Q ♦ K Q 8 6 5 ♣ Q 9</p>										
	<p>♠ K 10 ♥ 10 7 6 5 2 ♦ A J 9 ♣ K 8 3</p>										

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
Pass	2NT	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♣
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Unless declarer has second sight and drops the king of hearts, the defence can prevail against 3NT if East leads the right club at some point. In the Open Room, Jonsson led a low club at trick one and Wang won the jack with his queen and played a spade to the king. The heart finesse lost but declarer had no difficulty in getting the next club right for nine tricks and +400.

In the Closed Room, where the Icelanders had reached the same contract via a relay sequence so that dummy's precise shape was known, the opening lead was a low spade to the ten. Jorgensen took the heart finesse and now a switch to the ♣10 would have defeated the contract. Alas, Shi actually chose the six of clubs and Jorgensen made two club tricks and nine in all for a push.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J 6 ♥ A 10 8 2 ♦ A 9 8 5 ♣ 9 5 4</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ A Q 4 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ K Q J 6 4 2 ♣ 7</p>
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	<p>♠ 10 9 8 7 5 2 ♥ 4 ♦ 3 ♣ Q 8 6 3 2</p>										
	<p>♠ K 3 ♥ K 9 7 6 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A K J 10</p>										

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Five Diamonds is a nice safe contract which essentially requires one of two finesses to succeed. However, Thorvaldsson had an awkward bid opposite Jonsson's intermediate jump overcall and chose the nine-trick game. When Wang led his singleton heart, 11 tricks were simple and Thorvaldsson probably felt relieved and quite happy about the deal.

In the Closed Room, the 2♥ response was a transfer to spades. Dai's 3NT bid, with ♠J6, was a brave call. Now, what suit did Armarnnsson's double call for? A club lead would have led to a swift one down, while any other lead would allow 11 tricks to be made. Jorgensen led his singleton heart, and that was +1200 for Dai and 12 IMPs to China, who led 24-22.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 5 4 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ - ♣ A 8 7 6 5 4 3</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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>♠ K 8 2 ♥ J 9 6 4 ♦ K 10 7 5 ♣ J 9</p>
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	<p>♠ A 10 9 ♥ 10 ♦ Q J 6 4 2 ♣ K Q 10 2</p>										

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

The Chinese lead did not survive the next deal. In the Closed Room, Jorgensen opened a strong club then used a series of re-lays over the positive response to ascertain his partner's shape and number of controls. He settled for 4♥ and made 11 tricks without breaking sweat; +450.

In the other room Wang, playing two-over-one, rebid a quiet 2♥ then showed his diamonds over Zhuang's minimum-showing jump to 3NT. When Zhuang was able to cuebid spades, Wang asked for trump honours with GSF and Zhuang settled for the small slam.

The 5NT bid had marked dummy with a club void. After some thought Thorvaldsson, who could see that there might be an awkward trump break, came up with the brilliant lead of the seven of clubs! Zhuang thought for a long time before deciding on his line of play but finally ruffed the opening lead. He continued with ace and a low heart, ruffing, and the queen of diamonds from hand. There was no recovery from that start and the slam had to go one down for 11 IMPs to Iceland.

Even after the club lead, a low diamond at trick two might see declarer home thanks to the favourable positions of the ♠K and ♣A, and certainly on a non-club lead either the ace of diamonds or a low diamond away from the ace should see declarer get home with 12 tricks. Matthias Thorvaldsson, however, deserved his swing, and it was very unlikely that declarer was going to succeed after the club lead.

The same brilliant lead was found by Takis Kannavos of Greece in their match with Monaco. As reported by his partner, Costas Kapayannides, Kannavos realised that, on the auction:

North	South
1♥	2♦
3♦	3♠
4♣	4♦
4♥	4♠
5NT	6♦
Pass	

North had to be void in clubs. The same unsuccessful line of play was chosen as in our featured match.

No doubt this is one of the deals you will read about in newspapers and magazines when you get home but, remember, you saw it here first!

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Three No Trump is cold for North/South but how to get there? In practice, both tables reached the apparently doomed 4♥ by North. In the Closed Room, Jorgensen was down one for +50 to China. But something went wrong in the Open Room.

Jonsson led a low spade to the jack and king and back came a club, also to the jack and king. A second club was won by the ace and now Wang drew two rounds of trumps then ruffed a club. He crossed to the ace of diamonds to ruff the last club then played a spade to the ace and led a diamond. Thorvaldsson erred by failing to go up with his king. When Jonsson had to win with the queen, he was endplayed to give a ruff and discard; ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to China.

North had opened the bidding with 1♥ and perhaps Thorvaldsson thought it inevitable that declarer held the ♦Q. In that case, the only hope was that he would duck the ♦9, hoping to drop a doubleton king in the East hand. Of course, this analysis does not stand up to scrutiny. North will always cover the diamond because if East does have a doubleton king he will be endplayed when he wins it.

Board 18. Dealer East. NIS Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dai	Jorgensen	Shi	Armarnnsson
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	Pass	Dble
Dble	All Pass	Pass	2♦

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thorvaldsson	Wang	Jonsson	Zhuang
1♥	Dble	Pass	1♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♦
Pass	Pass	2NT	3♦
		3♥	All Pass

The lead against 3♥ was a low diamond to the jack and king. Zhuang switched to a low spade and the eight forced the king. The ten of hearts was covered by queen and king and ducked smoothly by Wang. Thorvaldsson continued with ace and another club. Wang won and gave his partner a ruff and Zhuang played back a spade to establish the defensive trick in the suit. There were two trumps to lose also and Thorvaldsson was two down for -100.

Events in the Open Room were made to be almost irrelevant by the Closed Room where the Chinese pair clearly had a difference of opinion regarding the meaning of West's double of 2♦. Armarnnsson got everything right to come home with two doubled overtricks and a score of +580; 10 IMPs to Iceland.

The match ended with a win to Iceland by 48-34 IMPs, converting to 18-12 VPs.

WOMEN

The Netherlands v South Africa

ROUND 2

It seemed to be a good idea to check out the form of our hosts in the Women's series, especially as they just happen to be the reigning Venice Cup Champions. By the time your reporter had located the correct VuGraph theatre, the match was entering into its ninth deal, and the Netherlands led by 17-1 IMPs.

The board that was on the screen did not look exciting, but it served to illustrate a few points of bidding philosophy.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Ichilcik	Vriend	Osie
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
	3♠	All Pass	

Perhaps the theoretical range of North's weak two made it essential for South to investigate, but the resulting contract had no chance on the layout, and drifted two down.



Marijke van der Pas, The Netherlands

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mansell	Pasman	Modlin	Simons
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Having reversed, and facing a passed partner, South might have passed Two Spades. Still, Three Diamonds was a reasonable spot, but the trump position was more than declarer could cope with. She only failed by one trick, to add a couple of IMPs to the home team's score.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Ichilcik	Vriend	Osie
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
All Pass		Pass	6♦

A betting man (or one who had been able to locate a copy of the systems) would suggest that South showed slam interest with a diamond suit, and North was happy to go along. There was nothing to the play, and declarer recorded a painless +1370.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mansell	Pasman	Modlin	Simons
Pass	3NT	Pass	2♣
		All Pass	

North did not make a try facing what she knew was a weak two in diamonds. East led a club, so you could argue that declarer was lucky the hearts provided four tricks. The result gave South Africa their first significant swing, and made the score 21-14 in favour of the Netherlands.



Bep Vriend, The Netherlands

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Ichilcik	Vriend	Osie
Dble	INT	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♦	2♣
3♦	3♥	All Pass	Pass

West must have been tempted to hit Three Hearts, but it was only going one down for -50.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mansell	Pasman	Modlin	Simons
Dble	2♥	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Here West considered a move over Three Diamonds, but wisely passed. South led her singleton heart, and declarer should not have had a problem. She can afford to lose three trumps and one trick in a black suit. That means getting rid of two clubs from her hand, so the simple line is to continue with a high heart, discarding a club. South can ruff and switch, but it is too late, as declarer wins and discards another club on a top heart.

However, declarer, finding it hard to believe that North had a seven-card suit, played the four of hearts and ruffed it, hoping to be able to play a diamond towards the dummy. South overruffed and switched to a spade. Declarer won and played a diamond. South won and gave declarer an unexpected reprieve by cashing her other trump winner. Contract made for +110 and 2 IMPs.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Ichilcik	Vriend	Osie
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♣	2♠	3♣	All Pass

A comfortable contract that made eleven tricks for +150.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mansell	Pasman	Modlin	Simons
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2♣	2♠	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This time East did not think raising clubs did justice to her hand. There is something in this, as if West had as little in high cards as ♣AQ1054, game would be on a finesse through the opening bidder. Here South led a spade and 3NT was quickly one down.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Ichilcik	Vriend	Osie
	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

South's aggressive sequence did not collect the dummy she was hoping for, and the contract went two down,

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mansell	Pasman	Modlin	Simons
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♠
All Pass			

There was no danger that North/South would get to game at this table, but they were pushed to the three level. West led the eight of clubs - a heart looks more natural on the auction - and declarer took the ace and queen and led a spade, West naturally following with the eight. The audience knew it was right to put in the jack, and East had doubled, but it was simply too tough for South to get it right. She put up the ace, and had to go one down. It was still worth 2 IMPs to the Netherlands, who led 32-16.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Ichilcik	Vriend	Osie
	3NT	Pass	1♣
Dble		All Pass	

When North elected to ignore all the bids between 1♣ and her selection, she doomed her side to a poor result. East led a

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heart, and declarer won and played the ace and then the queen of clubs. West won and fired back a high heart. According to the screen, declarer managed only five tricks, for -400.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mansell	Pasman	Modlin	Simons
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ace of diamonds - nothing else would have worked any better - and declarer was in control. She was able to win the next trick, finesse in clubs, cash the ace, and play trumps. 10 IMPs extended the Netherlands lead to 46-16.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Van der Pas	Ichilcik	Vriend	Osie
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	3♦	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

We have seen the Two Club bid in action before, albeit at the other table. North/South brushed it aside easily enough, and reached a game that needed a little bit of luck. West led the queen of spades, and South was soon claiming her contract, and +620.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mansell	Pasman	Modlin	Simons
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Dble	4♥
Pass	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

This cost only 500 points, so South Africa picked up 5 IMPs at the death. That left the World Champions ahead 47-21 IMPs, or 20-10 VPs.

Technique Pays Off

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Wales are playing in their first World Bridge Championship and the Women's team got off to a good start by beating Pakistan 16-14 and then the Czech Republic 21-9. A key board in the first round was the last of the match. Diane Kurbalija and Jill Casey had a good auction to a sound Six Hearts, and then Casey brought the slam home with the technique that has earned her a place in previous years both in the British Women's team and the Wales Open team:

Round 1. Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Woodruff	Naqvi	Clench	Abid
Pass	INT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dossa	Casey	Agha	Kurbalija
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

INT was 14-16, 2♦ a transfer, 4♣ an auto-splinter - a slam try setting hearts as trumps, 4♦ and 4♠ were cues, 4NT was Roman Keycard Blackwood, and the response showed two of five keys and denied the trump queen.

In the Open Room Pakistan stopped in Four Hearts and, on the lead of the diamond jack, made 12 tricks. Slam is good because it makes when the trumps come in and has other chances.

In the Closed Room Casey, as North, had the task of making Six Hearts on a passive trump lead. Confident that East had not led away from the king, Casey rose with the ace and, when the king did not fall, continued with a second trump. West won and exited with a club. With the heart finesse wrong, prospects did not look good of bringing in the diamonds, but there was an extra chance. Casey put on the ace of clubs, ruffed a club, and drew two more trumps, throwing diamonds from her own hand.

She then cashed three spades ending in the North hand. This was the position when the last spade was led:

<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ - ♦ J 8 ♣ K</p>	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ A ♥ - ♦ K 9 ♣ J 9</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ - ♦ Q 7 3 ♣ Q 10</p>
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East had no answer to the third spade. When she threw a club Casey ruffed a club to set up a trick in the suit, and returned with ♦K to reach it. This was worth 13 IMPs to Wales, enough to swing the match in their favour.

The minor-suit squeeze can always be reached but, on a spade lead won by North, a losing heart finesse, and a second spade from the defence, declarer has to be careful to preserve a spade entry in the North hand. Two club ruffs are needed to isolate the guard with East, and a further entry must be preserved to reach the good club.

Departure information needed

Attention, all participants and officials. Travel details regarding your departures from Maastricht are urgently needed.

If you are a member of an Open Team, Women's Team - and especially a Senior Team or University Team - please fill out one of the travel information forms available at the Hospitality Desk and return it before Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Those who will be playing in the next stage of the Olympiad or players on the Mixed Transnational Teams have until Tuesday, Sept. 5, to provide their travel information.

Masterpoint changes

Because of a change in the format of the Women's series, an adjustment has been made to the number of masterpoints awarded for this event:

From 9th through 16th place, 50 MPs will be awarded to each team.

A minor change has also been made in the Open series:

From 9th to 16th place, 160 MPs will be awarded to each team, and from 17th to 24th place (first third), 50 MPs will be awarded to each team.

PLAYER PROFILES*Polish Open Team***CEZARY BALICKI**

Cezary Balicki, 42 years old, lives in Wrocław. He is a former chess instructor, but now a bridge professional. He represents AZS Politechnika Wrocław bridge club. He is the holder of numerous Polish championship titles, and has many times represented Poland in the national team. His biggest international achievements (all of them with Adam Zmudzinski) include: first place in European Open Teams Championship in Turku 1989, third place in the Bermuda Bowl in Perth 1989, third place in World Open Pairs Championship, Geneva 1990, third place in European Teams Championship in Killarney 1991, second place in Bermuda Bowl, Yokohama 1991, first place in European Team Championship, Menton 1993, second place in Rosenblum Cup, Albuquerque 1994, second place in the European Teams Championship, Montecatini 1997, first place in the World Transnational Teams Bermuda 2000. Also: first place in TOP 16 MACALLAN PAIRS, London 1994, first place in SPINGOLD TEAMS, Albuquerque 1997, second place in REISINGER TEAMS, St. Louis 1997, second place in SPINGOLD TEAMS, Chicago 1998, fourth place in the Par Contest (Jean Besse Trophy) at Lille 1998. Winner of many big pairs and team tournaments in Europe, North America and Australia.

KRZYSZTOF JASSEM

Krzysztof Jassem lives in Poznań. He is a 35 year old doctor of mathematics and computer science and a specialist in the field of artificial intelligence(!). He is a research worker at the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznań. Krzysztof has collected numerous Polish Championship titles, which he has won for the following bridge clubs: Budowlani Poznań, Czarni Słupsk, Silesia Gliwice and Unia Winkhaus Leszno, which he currently represents together with his partner Piotr Tuszyński and the partnership of Jacek Pszczola with Michał Kwiecien. His biggest international achievement was coming second in World Transnational Open Teams Hammamet 1997. He made his debut in Polish national team in European Open Teams Championship Malta 1999. With his partner Piotr Tuszyński he was the best Polish pair in Butler scoring. Poland came sixth which granted them the last qualifying place for Bermuda Bowl 2000 (where Poland lost by 4 IMPs to USA 2 in the quarter-final). This year Jassem and Tuszyński came third in CAP GEMINI tournament at The Hague. Krzysztof for the past few years is also a successful bridge journalist.

MICHAŁ KWIECIEN

Michał Kwiecien is a 43 year old car engineer from Lublin and a businessman. His bridge club is Unia Winkhaus Leszno. Biggest wins: first place in World Open Pairs Championship, Lille 1998, second place in European Open Teams Championship, Montecatini 1997, third place in World Transnational Open Teams, Hammamet 1997 (all of them with Jacek Pszczola). He also won gold in European Junior Teams Championship Salsomaggiore 1982 (with his former partner Marek Wojcicki). Numerous titles of Polish Champion (also in Juniors), winner of Polish and international tournaments. He has played together with Jacek Pszczola

for eight years now. Kwiecien and Pszczola were the best Polish pair during Bermuda Bowl 2000 (third place in Butler scoring).

JACEK PSZCZOLA

Jacek Pszczola is the youngest player in the Polish, he is a 33 year old mining engineer from Lublin and a businessman. His bridge club is Unia Winkhaus Leszno. He is a former Polish Junior Champion and is now trying for his first titles in the Open category. Best achievements: World Open Pairs Championship, Lille 1998, second place in European Open Teams Championship, Montecatini 1997, third place in World Transnational Open Teams, Hammamet 1997. He also won the prestigious Polish bridge event - Festiwal Solidarnosci in Słupsk 1995. One year ago, during Fall North American Bridge Championships in Boston, he made a successful debut in America. Jacek and Michał Kwiecien have now played together for eight years.

PIOTR TUSZYŃSKI

Piotr Tuszyński is a 45 year old railway transport engineer from Warsaw. He is the winner of multiple Polish championships and has represented his country in numerous international events. He has also won many national and international tournaments. His biggest achievements are: winning the Bridge Olympiad Seattle 1984 (with Jacek Romanski), silver medals in the World Transnational Open Teams Hammamet 1997 (with Krzysztof Jassem) and in European Junior Pairs Championship Monte Carlo 1980 (with Piotr Gawrys). Currently he forms a partnership with Krzysztof Jassem. They came third in the CAP GEMINI 2000 tournament at The Hague.

ADAM ZMUDZINSKI

Adam Zmudzinski is 44 years old and he lives in Katowice where he is an engineer of electronics and currently a bridge professional and instructor. Sport club - AZS Politechnika Wrocław. Adam is a winner of numerous Polish championship titles as well as of many pair and team tournaments in Poland and abroad. He has also represented Poland in numerous international events. Biggest international achievements – see Cezary Balicki's profile. Adam and Cezary form a successful and a long-lasting (over fifteen years) partnership.

JAN ROGOWSKI

Jan Rogowski is the non-playing captain of the Polish team. He is a 51 year old doctor of agricultural science and a research worker at the Warmińsko-Mazurski University in Olsztyn. He is also a vice-chairman of the Polish Bridge Federation.

WOJCIECH SIWIEC

Team's coach - Wojciech Siwiec is a 47 year old chemistry engineer from Warsaw. He is a bridge expert and a professional bridge journalist, the editor of Przegląd Brydzowy, the official Polish Bridge Union magazine.



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WBF Systems Committee

There will be a Meeting of the WBF Systems Committee at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd September in the WBF Meeting Room (Room 2.1, Promenade Floor).

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Smoking rules

Players, please note that smoking is not allowed in the inner building of the MECC. The inner building includes the trajectum, the lobby, the promenade, auditorium. Also, smoking is prohibited in the toilets during play. Players caught smoking in prohibited areas are liable for penalties.

Ton Kooijman
Operations Manager

Be a Man

by Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Poland

How many points would you expect to gain when your hand is:

♠ Q 6 ♥ J 10 9 5 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ K 8 5 2

and you are facing a passed partner, and playing against opponents who have bid in a reasonable way?

Let's say, not too many.

Actually, in an event such as an Olympiad, you must look for any opportunity to win some IMPs that convert into VPs that may prove to be crucial when it comes to qualifying.

Round 1. Board 19.

Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10		♠ A 8 4 3 2									
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West	North <i>Balicki</i>	East	South <i>Zmudzinski</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Dble!	All Pass	

It looks as if the Tunisian pair was playing a version of the Polish Club! One Club was artificial, the response a negative, and Two Hearts promised 20-21 with five hearts.

After South's lead of the queen of clubs declarer was doomed to two down. However, at the table he revoked, so the final result was three down; +800 for the Poles.

Surely, you must know when to double with such cards, and the best way to learn is to play matchpoints..... or be Balicki!

Supplementary Conditions of Contest Section 18.3

Application of 'phase'in events without a k.o. stage:

It has been decided that in the Seniors event and the Universities event, which have no knockout stages, each 'phase'of the event will terminate at the official starting time for the first match of the following day.

In the Open and Women's sections of the Olympiad the Round Robin phase lasts until 30 minutes after the end of the final match of the round robin.

World Seniors International Cup

Butler Standings after 7 rounds

Nr	Pair	Team	Boards	Imps	Imps/ board
1	K. Baxter-R. Bennett	Scotland	12	29	2,42
2	G. Mattsson-H. Humburg	Germany	48	103	2,15
3	I. Ketenci-E. Korkut	Turkey	24	49	2,04
4	D. Morse-B. Wolff	USA	48	76	1,58
5	K. Stanley-W. Townsend	England	60	89	1,48
6	K. Baxter-J. MacLaren	Scotland	48	64	1,33
7	L. Alfredsson-S. Ekberg	Sweden	60	79	1,32
8	B. von Gyorffy-N. Chmeik	Germany	48	60	1,25
9	S. Robinson-K. Woolsey	USA	60	71	1,18
10	J. Mohan-J. Sutherlin	USA	60	71	1,18
11	H. Hallen-L. Backstrom	Sweden	60	65	1,08
12	A. Morath-H. Gothe	Sweden	48	51	1,06
13	F. Weiss-L. Weiss	Switzerland	84	80	0,95
14	D. Frew-D. Liggat	Scotland	60	57	0,95
15	J. MacLaren-R. Bennett	Scotland	24	22	0,92
16	C. Delmouly-J. Roudinesco	France	60	52	0,87
17	M. Ricciarelli-F. Baroni	Italy	36	27	0,75
18	F. Badir-C. Wannufel	Belgium	72	48	0,67
19	J. Borin-W. Haughe	Australia	48	30	0,63
20	W. Schneider-W. Gromoller	Germany	60	37	0,62
21	A. El Shafie-M. Kamel	Egypt	72	40	0,56
22	E. Bankoglu-A. Yalman	Turkey	36	20	0,56
23	P. Schwartz-F. Hoffer	Canada	12	6	0,50
24	J. McHale-A. Montwill	Ireland	48	23	0,48
25	O. Dan-N. Saxon	Israel	48	22	0,46
26	J. Lester-G. Lorentz	Australia	60	23	0,38
27	G. Jepson-P. Littlewood	England	60	19	0,32
28	G. Mattsson-N. Chmeik	Germany	12	3	0,25
29	F. Leenhardt-C. Mari	France	60	14	0,23
30	E. Korkut-S. Sarmiskci	Turkey	36	7	0,19
31	H. Schippers-E. Schippers	Netherlands	60	10	0,17
32	B. Goldenfield-W. Hirst	England	48	7	0,15
33	R. Klinger-A. Walsh	Australia	60	5	0,08
34	A. Laliberte-J. Robinson	Canada	36	2	0,06
35	N. Rand-M. Katz	Israel	72	0	0,00
36	D. Liggat-R. Bennett	Scotland	24	-1	-0,04
37	Z. Jansa-M. Polak	Czech Republic	60	-5	-0,08
38	P. Schwartz-R. Cohen	Canada	72	-6	-0,08
39	G. Gigli-A. Latessa	Italy	72	-7	-0,10
40	A. Audenaert-J. Hendrickx	Belgium	48	-5	-0,10
41	B. Araz-A. Yalman	Turkey	48	-6	-0,13
42	G. Resta-E. Longinotti	San Marino	84	-12	-0,14
43	P. Duncan-Ph. Duncan	Wales	48	-7	-0,15
44	A. Bardin-G. Maci	San Marino	84	-13	-0,15
45	S. Radwan-O. Sharif	Egypt	72	-13	-0,18
46	W. Achterberg-H. Bigat	Switzerland	84	-17	-0,20
47	A. Oskam-C. Schutte	Netherlands	60	-14	-0,23
48	A. Verhees-T. Valk	Aruba	72	-17	-0,24
49	J. Pochron-L. Wesolowcki	Poland	48	-12	-0,25
50	G. Kroeger-F. v Hellenberg Hubar	Neth. Antillen	84	-23	-0,27
51	D. Jenkins-E. Jenkins	Wales	60	-19	-0,32
52	P. Sisselaar-H. Kreijns	Aruba	72	-24	-0,33
53	A. Milde-W. Stobieki	Poland	60	-21	-0,35
54	P. Barry-D. Jackson	Ireland	60	-23	-0,38
55	J. Henri-J. Hendrickx	Belgium	12	-5	-0,42
56	G. McKenzie-J. Okeefe	Ireland	60	-25	-0,42
57	P. Adad-M. Aujaleu	France	48	-21	-0,44
58	T. Honkavuori-R. Honkavuori	Finland	72	-32	-0,44
59	G. de Boer-O. Janssens	Netherlands	48	-22	-0,46
60	M. Devletian-Z. Diebold	Venezuela	60	-29	-0,48
61	O. Dan-Y. Sagiv	Israel	12	-6	-0,50
62	F. Hoffer-J. Robinson	Canada	12	-8	-0,67
63	F. Hoffer-A. Laliberte	Canada	36	-24	-0,67
64	S. Szenberg-A. Wilkosz	Poland	60	-48	-0,80
65	L. Capodaglio-M. D'Andrea	Italy	60	-61	-1,02
66	J. Patrick-D. Patrick	Wales	60	-66	-1,10
67	L. Balvers-I. van den Ende	Neth. Antillen	84	-93	-1,11
68	P. Hebak-J. Nosek	Czech Republic	60	-73	-1,22
69	J. Chvalina-F. Krizek	Czech Republic	48	-59	-1,23
70	R. Amirata-A. Pointowski	Venezuela	48	-66	-1,38
71	R. Rimon-J. Tolvanen	Finland	72	-101	-1,40
72	Y. Sagiv-A. Schwartz	Israel	36	-62	-1,72
73	J. Henri-G. Jauniaux	Belgium	36	-72	-2,00
74	M. Bernazzani-M. Tagliavia	Venezuela	60	-122	-2,03
75	H. Kreijns-T. Valk	Aruba	12	-27	-2,25
76	I. Ketenci-S. Sarmiskci	Turkey	24	-59	-2,46
77	P. Sisselaar-A. Verhees	Aruba	12	-35	-2,92



If you see this man pointing his camera in your direction, remember to smile!

Ron Tacchi is taking hundreds of photographs, but only a small percentage of them will appear in the Daily Bulletin. All the pictures are for sale, in full colour and various formats, so if you want one, simply contact Ron, or visit the Daily Bulletin office.

Queries on the Laws

By David Stevenson, England

If you are interested in discussions on the Laws of Bridge and the various regulations around the world, then why not subscribe to the bridge-laws mailing list? There are a number of the top people who contribute, and also many others. Come and try it, putting your point of view, and reading the opinions of Ton Kooijman, Kojak [Bill Schoder], Grattan Endicott and many others.

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<http://blakjak.com/rulings.htm>

Opening Times

During the Round Robin phase the venue will be open between 08.00 and 22.00.

Under pressure

On this deal from the second round in the Senior International Cup, San Marino earned a swing against Israel by getting to and making a slam. The deal was reported by Israeli captain Nissan Rand. The bidding was not reported, but South found himself in 6♥.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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The Israeli defender led the ♣Q, taken in dummy. Declarer immediately played a spade, won the trump return and ruffed his spade in dummy. He played another heart, then cashed the ♣K and ruffed a club. A cascade of trumps followed, leaving this position with three cards to play.

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When South played his last heart, West had to surrender. Whatever he discarded would be fatal to the defense. North/South at the other table didn't make it to slam, so San Marino earned 11 IMPs.

In the match between Scotland and France, won by Scotland, 22-4, the winners picked up 14 IMPs when Ken Baxter reached slam and took 12 tricks on the minor-suit squeeze while the French declarer, also in slam, went down.

World Teams Ranking

The editor made one of his rare Freudian slips in the introduction to the article that appeared on Monday. It should have reported this as being made up by Herman de Wael for IMP Magazine!

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Jeanette Goatcher of "Bridge the Gap"

Don't miss the opportunity to visit the various concessions located in the foyer.

Britt Jannersten features just about every book ever written and the world famous *Bidding Boxes*. **Jeanette Goatcher** of *Bridge the Gap* specializes in gifts, but also has the latest books from *Master Point Press* and *Five Aces*. **Alpha Bridge** are handling the official souvenirs, and the **Bridge en Boekenshop** is a veritable warehouse of all things bridge. **BM Bridge Systems** are demonstrating their unique scoring system, *Bridgemate*, of particular interest to bridge clubs.

Pub Drives

If you would like a change from the brilliant VuGraph commentary why not take part in one of the events that give you an opportunity to see the town of Maastricht? Tournaments have been arranged for the following dates:

29 August
30 August
31 August
1 September
4 September
5 September
6 September
7 September

Play will take place from 14:00 to 18:00. For more information and to register, please contact the hospitality desk.

Thanks

The Slovenian bridge team wishes to express gratitude to all sponsors, especially to IBM Slovenia, Nil and Repro, for their contributions enabling the team to participate in the 11th World Teams Bridge Olympiad.

SENIORS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Turkey	Venezuela	65 - 3	25 - 0
86 England	Poland	7 - 37	7 - 23
87 Belgium	Czech Republic	11 - 29	10 - 20
88 Sweden	Wales	12 - 7	16 - 14
89 Scotland	Germany	6 - 22	11 - 19
90 Ireland	Australia	19 - 45	8 - 22
91 San Marino	Italy	9 - 3	16 - 14
92 USA	Netherlands	47 - 9	25 - 5
93 Canada	Finland	22 - 8	19 - 11
94 Egypt	France	7 - 27	10 - 20
95 Neth. Antillen	Aruba	16 - 20	14 - 16
96 Switzerland	Israel	32 - 19	19 - 11

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Venezuela	Neth. Antillen	20 - 56	6 - 24
86 Netherlands	Aruba	37 - 18	20 - 10
87 Italy	Australia	23 - 39	11 - 19
88 Turkey	USA	11 - 64	2 - 25
89 Egypt	Switzerland	22 - 29	13 - 17
90 Poland	Israel	6 - 51	4 - 25
91 Ireland	Wales	70 - 36	24 - 6
92 Germany	San Marino	72 - 35	25 - 5
93 England	Canada	67 - 23	25 - 4
94 Finland	Scotland	1 - 75	0 - 25
95 France	Belgium	37 - 16	21 - 7
96 Czech Republic	Sweden	25 - 49	9 - 21

ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 France	Venezuela	30 - 21	17 - 13
86 San Marino	Belgium	27 - 43	11 - 19
87 Wales	Israel	37 - 8	23 - 7
88 Neth. Antillen	Germany	8 - 61	0 - 25
89 Finland	Czech Republic	39 - 25	19 - 11
90 Aruba	Sweden	9 - 48	5 - 25
91 Poland	USA	10 - 51	4 - 25
92 Switzerland	Ireland	29 - 23	16 - 14
93 Netherlands	England	11 - 37	8 - 22
94 Canada	Egypt	12 - 34	9 - 21
95 Scotland	Italy	27 - 44	10 - 20
96 Australia	Turkey	33 - 26	17 - 13

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
85 Venezuela	Scotland	0 - 61	1 - 25
86 Ireland	Italy	22 - 35	11 - 19
87 USA	Sweden	18 - 22	13.2 - 15.2
88 France	Switzerland	11 - 32	9 - 21
89 Canada	Australia	27 - 34	13 - 17
90 Belgium	Turkey	28 - 37	13 - 17
91 Aruba	Germany	29 - 29	15 - 15
92 Czech Republic	Poland	11 - 39	8 - 22
93 San Marino	Netherlands	59 - 17	24.5 - 3.5
94 England	Finland	27 - 34	13 - 17
95 Egypt	Wales	45 - 9	24 - 6
96 Israel	Neth. Antillen	34 - 34	15 - 15

UNIVERSITY TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Italy	Latvia	58 - 0	25 - 1
72 Germany	Hong Kong	46 - 26	20 - 10
73 Ireland	Chinese Taipei	36 - 16	20 - 10
74 Indonesia	Austria	22 - 45	9 - 21
75 Yugoslavia	France	21 - 30	13 - 17
76 Denmark	Singapore	27 - 34	13 - 17
77 Botswana	Netherlands	11 - 109	0 - 25
78 China	USA	31 - 24	17 - 13
79 Poland	England	30 - 19	18 - 12
80 Norway	Czech Republic	17 - 33	11 - 19
81 Belgium	Japan	24 - 7	20 - 10

ROUND 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	USA	26 - 67	4 - 25
72 Singapore	Indonesia	49 - 37	18 - 12
73 Norway	Denmark	74 - 34	24 - 5
74 Italy	China	71 - 29	25 - 4
75 Poland	Chinese Taipei	47 - 42	16 - 14
76 Hong Kong	Belgium	42 - 19	21 - 9
77 France	Botswana	52 - 37	19 - 11
78 Czech Republic	Japan	73 - 18	25 - 2
79 Netherlands	Yugoslavia	91 - 15	25 - 0
80 Austria	Germany	37 - 43	14 - 16
81 England	Ireland	72 - 27	25 - 4

ROUND 7

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Japan	Latvia	57 - 3	25 - 2
72 Belgium	Italy	12 - 78	0 - 25
73 Austria	Hong Kong	54 - 26	22 - 8
74 USA	Czech Republic	37 - 14	21 - 9
75 Netherlands	Denmark	26 - 30	14 - 16
76 Indonesia	England	58 - 33	22 - 8
77 Chinese Taipei	France	27 - 35	13 - 17
78 Germany	Ireland	84 - 0	25 - 0
79 Botswana	Poland	14 - 63	3 - 25
80 China	Singapore	25 - 55	6 - 22
81 Yugoslavia	Norway	14 - 53	5 - 25

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team	Imp's	VP's
71 Latvia	Ireland	38 - 57	10 - 20
72 England	USA	8 - 91	0 - 25
73 China	Indonesia	55 - 53	14 - 12.5
74 Japan	Germany	16 - 58	4 - 25
75 Botswana	Hong Kong	32 - 52	10 - 20
76 Italy	Yugoslavia	62 - 3	25 - 1
77 Denmark	Chinese Taipei	45 - 17	22 - 8
78 Singapore	Norway	39 - 26	19 - 11
79 France	Netherlands	19 - 56	5 - 25
80 Czech Republic	Belgium	35 - 14	21 - 9
81 Poland	Austria	19 - 43	9 - 21



Wen Chai-Sheng, the manager of the Chinese Taipei team, sports a T-shirt proclaiming his attitude to Life and Bridge. Whilst here in the Bulletin room we heartily applauded the sentiments shown, we feel it is a little on the wimpish side as there is a tattoo on a well-concealed part of the editor's body expressing a similar view but with a more forceful attitude, namely 'Play Bridge, Eat, Sleep'

University Teams Bridge Cup Cultural Programme

Wednesday, 30 August 2000

- 12.00 lunch and guided tour in the Provincial House, where the Treaty of Maastricht (Euro) was signed.
- 14.00 guided visit to the town.
- 16.00 reception in the Town Hall
- 18.00 dinner in the "Mandarin - Maasboulevard 101" situated near the centre, eight minutes walking distance from the Town Hall.
- 19.30 open bridge tournament in the "Mandarin."

VUGRAPH

Auditorium I <i>(Dutch commentary)</i>	Time	Auditorium II <i>(English commentary)</i>
Pakistan v The Netherlands <i>(WOMEN)</i>	10.00	Poland v Brazil <i>(OPEN)</i>
The Netherlands v Portugal <i>(OPEN)</i>	14.00	Sweden v France <i>(OPEN)</i>



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Ed's column door Ed Hoogenkamp

Ere wie ere toekomt

Gisteren lieten we u een fraai spel zien van het Nederlandse vrouwenteam.


Helaas is er een fout in geslopen. Niet Wietske van Zwol was de leider die haar tegenstander fraai in dwang bracht maar haar partner Martine Verbeek.

Non playing captain Ed Franken wees mij op mijn vergissing. 'En het is nog wel haar verjaardag', voegde hij er aan toe.

Dus bij deze. Ere wie ere toekomt. Fraai gespeeld, Martine en van harte gefeliciteerd met je verjaardag.'

Wietske van Zwol wilde haar lof nu echt verdienen en ging er eens echt voor zitten. Ze speelde de volgende 3SA zeer sterk af.

Spel 10. O/Allen

♠ A 9 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ A 2 ♣ V B 10 5 4 2	♠ B 10 7 3 ♥ H 10 3 ♦ H 9 5 4 ♣ 9 6 	♠ V 8 5 2 ♥ 8 7 5 4 ♦ B 10 8 6 ♣ 7
	♠ H 6 4 ♥ A V B ♦ V 7 3 ♣ A H 8 3	

West	Noord <i>Verbeek</i>	Oost	Zuid <i>van Zwol</i>
		pas	1cx
pas	1sx	pas	2SA
pas	3SA	pas	pas
pas			

West kwam uit met ♣V, die de leider liet houden. West speelde ♣B na, genomen met ♣A. (oost deed ♥4 weg). Van Zwol had een enorm gebrek aan slagen. Zelfs het ontwikkelen van de schoppenkleur zou slechts tot acht slagen leiden. Ze concludeerde dat het 'een beetje moest zitten'. West had al een zeskaart klaveren laten zien dus de kans was groot dat west kort in ruiten zou zijn. Dit is de wet van de 'lege plaatsen' (empty spots) West heeft een zeskaart klaveren, dus nog maar zeven lege plaatsen over. Oost heeft een singleton klaveren en dus nog twaalf 'lege plaatsen'. De kans dat oost langer in ruiten is dan west, is dus groot.

Van Zwol hoopte dat west dxA bij haar korte ruitens had zitten en speelde een kleine ruiten uit de hand naar dxH. Nu volgde een kleine ruiten uit de dummy, oost speelde dx8 en van Zwol dook. Tevreden zag ze dxA vallen bij west. So far, so good.

West die geen klaveren na kon spelen omdat zuid een vork had met cxH en cx8 speelde een kleine harten na, genomen in zuid met hxB. Nu volgde een kleine schoppen uit de hand, west sx9, de boer in dummy, genomen met sxV door oost.

Na enig nadenken vervolgde oost met harten. Van Zwol nam hxA, stak over naar hxH en speelde schoppen naar de heer. West nam met een zuur gezicht sxA en had alleen nog maar klaveren over. Knarsetandend moest ze in de klaverenvork spelen en Van Zwol claimde de rest. Fraai gespeeld.

Exhibition

'The history of printing playing cards'

In the museum *The Historic Printing Shop* (Jodenstraat 22, Maastricht) you can see the exhibition 'The history of printing playing cards'. This exhibition is part of the Maastricht Millennium Tour and was opened on August 24 by José Damiani who pushed a button on an antique printing machine.

The museum is really worth paying a visit. Did you know that in some countries taxation existed on playing cards? The taxes were collected by stamping the cards. To make the cards fraud-proof copper engravings were used for special decks.

Go to the museum and discover the history of the main attribute of bridge!