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Mixed Pairs: One More Chance



Among the participants in the Mixed Pairs on Saturday were, left, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, playing with world champion Sharon Osberg, both from the USA, and Antoine Bernheim, president of the Generali Group, playing with Blandine de Heredia, French women's title holder.

The final qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs is scheduled for this morning, and with 182 pairs going through to the final, the players on the edge will have an extra incentive to play well.

The leaders after two qualifying sessions were bunched at the top. In front with 63.00% were Chantal Haemmerli of Switzerland, playing with Italy's Alfredo Versace. Not far behind were Jill Meyers and Zia Mahmood, representing the USA with 62.39%. Right on their heels, only .01% behind them were Danuta Hochecker and Miroslaw Cichoki of Poland.

In fourth place were the German-American duo of Sabine Auken and George Jacobs, with 61.51%.

Defending Mixed Pairs champion Jeff Meckstroth, playing with a new partner this time (Janice Seamon-Molson), is still in contention in 10th place.

The Mixed Pairs attracted 481 pairs.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

MIXED PAIRS

10.30 Qualifying Session 3

16.30 Final Session I



Mixed Pairs

Qualifying Session I

Opening Moves

by Mark Horton

The entry list for the mixed pairs posted on the Internet at www.ecatsbridge.com is 16 pages long and on every one of those you can find the names of partnerships that might be regarded as potential winners.

So selecting a pair to follow in the opening session is a haphazard affair, rather like following one of the co-ordinator's racing tips.

Given that I am typing this introduction at 08.40 you will see that I already have my apologies ready in case my selection, a new partnership from Bulgaria, fails to deliver the goods.

Dealer North. E/W Game.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Panto</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Capal</i>	<i>Popova</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
	2♥	All Pass	

Well, if all the boards looked like this one it would be a very dull tournament. West led a trump solving one of declarer's problems (although it's hard to see how declarer could ever go down on any rational line of play — but see Brian Senior's article!) and declarer won in hand with the eight and played a

spade to East's ten. The club switch was ducked to West, and declarer won the trump return in hand, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a spade, ruffed a club and ruffed a spade. West could overruff and play a club but declarer ruffed and had to score a diamond trick for a regulation +110.

Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Panto</i>	<i>Karakolev</i>	<i>Capal</i>	<i>Popova</i>
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♦	All Pass		

When the tray came back to reveal Six Diamonds West was slightly surprised. His decision to advance to a grand slam was based on the premise that East must have a void and if it happened to be in diamonds partner would obviously return to spades.

South tried a hopeful ace of spades, but declarer was soon claiming all the tricks.

Its hard to argue with success, but Six Diamonds looks a little over eager, especially since West might have had considerably more in spades given the bidding.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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



Georgi Karakolev, Bulgaria

West <i>Caric</i>	North <i>Karakolev</i>	East <i>Matijevic</i>	South <i>Popova</i>
Pass 4♥	1♠ All Pass	2♥	Pass 2NT*

2NT was a spade raise and with East now known to be short in spades West bid game. There was nothing to the play and declarer recorded a painless +420.

Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q 9 5
♥ K 5 4
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ 10 8 5

♠ A K 8 4 2
♥ A J 9
♦ K
♣ Q 7 4 3



♠ J 6
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ Q 9 7 6
♣ A J 2

♠ 10 7 3
♥ 6 3 2
♦ A J 5 2
♣ K 9 6

West <i>Caric</i>	North <i>Karakolev</i>	East <i>Matijevic</i>	South <i>Popova</i>
1♠ 2NT	Pass Pass	1NT 3NT	Pass All Pass

Another regulation game for East/West saw South lead the three of hearts, second and fourth. North won with the king and returned the suit. Declarer won in dummy and played a club to the jack and king. South switched to ace of diamonds and a diamond and when the clubs proved to be 3-3 declarer cashed out for nine tricks.

Dealer North; All Vul

♠ A 5 3
♥ A Q
♦ 10 3 2
♣ A K Q 5 4

♠ J 8 7 6 4 2
♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ J 9
♣ 2



♠ K Q 9
♥ 9
♦ A K Q 8 7 5
♣ J 8 3

♠ 10
♥ K J 10 8 4 3
♦ 6 4
♣ 10 9 7 6

West <i>Audibert</i>	North <i>Karakolev</i>	East <i>Germain</i>	South <i>Popova</i>
5♦	2NT 6♣	3♦ All Pass	3♥

How would you describe West's Five Diamonds? Imaginative is one possibility. Whatever, it reaped a rich reward when North, not unreasonably placing South with at most one diamond, bid a slam. East meantly cashed her two diamonds for a massive result.

Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A 10 8 6
♥ A K Q
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A 9 7

♠ K Q 9 4 3
♥ —
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ Q J 8 3



♠ J 5 2
♥ 10 9 5 3 2
♦ K 9
♣ 10 5 2

♠ 7
♥ J 8 7 6 4
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ K 6 4

West <i>Audibert</i>	North <i>Karakolev</i>	East <i>Germain</i>	South <i>Popova</i>
1♠ Pass	Dble 2NT	Pass Pass All Pass	Pass Pass 2♥

East led the seven of spades and declarer took West's queen with the ace. He cashed the ace of hearts, disclosing the 5-0 break, took a second heart and then played a spade to the jack and king. West switched to the queen of clubs and declarer ducked, won the next club and exited with a club to East's king. The switch to the jack of diamonds ran to declarer's queen and he cashed the ace of hearts before exiting with a diamond. West could win and cash a club but then had to play a spade giving declarer the last two tricks and his contract — and a very good score.

Not an outstanding set of results for North/South, but to use a football metaphor it was early days and they were over average by the end of the session.



Dessy Popova, Bulgaria

La sottoapertura di 2♥ in Ovest mostrerebbe, per sistema, una monocolora a cuori. E' un modo come un altro per dire che si e' presenti al tavolo, che non si e' rimasti in albergo. Come alternativa si potrebbe starnutire. Scherzo, diciamo che e' una sottoapertura un po' aggressiva. La giusta decisione della coppia italiana, 3SA al posto di 4♠, e' gia' premiata dalle 11 prese a disposizione dei due contratti, ma non bisogna accontentarsi e cambiare board. Prima tocca giocare. L'attacco 9 di cuori e' stato coperto da tutti (e forse Ovest poteva astenersi). Dopo 5 colpi a picche Duboin e' arrivato qui.

♠ —	♠ —
♥ 7 5	♥ —
♦ A 10	♦ R F 9 8
♣ A R 3	♣ F 7 5

♠ —	♠ —
♥ 10 6 4	♥ —
♦ 2	♦ R F 9 8
♣ D 10 6	♣ F 7 5

♠ —	♠ —
♥ F	♥ —
♦ D 7 5 3	♦ R F 9 8
♣ 9 8	♣ F 7 5

Guardate, Est e' stato costretto a mantenere la quarta di quadri per impedire al dichiarante di giocare Asso di quadri e quadri con successiva scopertura delle carte. Duboin ha proseguito lo stesso Asso di quadri e quadri per il Re di Est. Rinfresco:

♠ —	♠ —
♥ 7 5	♥ —
♦ —	♦ F 9
♣ A R 3	♣ F 7 5

♠ —	♠ —
♥ 10 6	♥ —
♦ —	♦ F 9
♣ D 10 6	♣ F 7 5

♠ —	♠ —
♥ F	♥ —
♦ D 7	♦ F 9
♣ 9 8	♣ F 7 5

No, su qualsiasi ritorno di Est, non ce n'e' piu' per nessuno. Tutte del dichiarante. 3SA + 3.

In casa

Ovvero uno dei tanti scontri in famiglia:



Board 12. Dich. Ovest. N/S in zona.

♠ D 9 5	♠ F 6
♥ R 5 4	♥ D 10 8 7
♦ 10 8 4 3	♦ D 9 7 6
♣ 10 8 5	♣ A F 2

♠ A R 8 4 2	♠ N	♠ F 6
♥ A F 9	♥ W	♥ D 10 8 7
♦ R	♦ E	♦ D 9 7 6
♣ D 7 4 3	♣ S	♣ A F 2

♠ 10 7 3	♠ 10 7 3
♥ 6 3 2	♥ 6 3 2
♦ A F 5 2	♦ A F 5 2
♣ R 9 6	♣ R 9 6

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Fornaciari</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Gigliotti</i>	<i>Lavazza</i>
1♣	Passo	1♥	Passo
1♠	Passo	1SA	Passo
2♣	Passo	2SA	Passo
3SA	Fine		

1♣ di Ovest e' forte. La risposta di 1♥ corrisponde a 8 o piu' punti, massimo due controlli (Re un controllo, Asso due controlli). La Lavazza ha attaccato piccola quadri e la Gigliotti, in presa con il Re secco del morto, ha anticipato picche. Duboin e' entrato con la Dama ed e' tornato quadri, per il 7 ed il Fante. Cuori da Sud, Fante, piccola. Picche per il Fante e 10 di cuori a girare. Re di cuori e fiori. 3SA — 1.

Board 11. Dich. Sud. Tutti in prima.

♠ R F 9 7	♠ R F 9 7
♥ 3	♥ 3
♦ A 10 7 4	♦ A 10 7 4
♣ 10 9 4 3	♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ 10 8 3 2	♠ N	♠ 6
♥ A 8 4 2	♥ W	♥ R D 10 7 5
♦ D 6	♦ E	♦ R 9 8
♣ A F 6	♣ S	♣ R 8 7 5

♠ A D 5 4	♠ A D 5 4
♥ F 9 6	♥ F 9 6
♦ F 5 3 2	♦ F 5 3 2
♣ D 2	♣ D 2

Ovest	Nord	Est	Sud
<i>Fornaciari</i>	<i>Duboin</i>	<i>Gigliotti</i>	<i>Lavazza</i>
1SA	Passo	2♦	Passo
2♥	Passo	3♣	Passo
4♥	Fine		

Sembrirebbe una mano da 10 prese, e l'analista conferma. Ma c'e' un rischio. Se in Nord decidete di attaccare fiori, per esempio, rischiate di regalare l'undicesima. Perche' il 10 di fiori gira fino al Fante, 3 colpi di cuori, Asso di fiori, fiori impasse al 9 di Nord e si cede una quadri e una picche. Duboin ha attaccato fiori. 4♥ + 1? No, perche' ha scelto il 4 di fiori e non il 10. 4♥ mi.

Practice Makes Perfect

The last time Zia Mahmood and Jill Meyers played together in a big tournament, it was for practice in advance of their entry in the World Mixed Pairs in Verona. The result was a win in the Bobby Nail Life Master Pairs.

They started off well in the opening qualifying session of the Mixed Pairs with a solid 61% effort. On the following board, the second of the day, Zia worked a bit of his hocus pocus (albeit with the help of the opponents) to emerge with two extra overtricks.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Zia		Meyers
Pass All Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

It's easy to see that a club slam is easy to play. Bidding slam is another matter.

The opening lead was the ♠9, which went to the queen and ace. Ordinary players might unblock the ♥K then run clubs, hoping that something good would happen at the end.

Not Zia. He started on clubs immediately, giving the opponents unaccountable discarding problems. With three discards to make on dummy's club suit, Zia tossed the ♠3, then the ♠J, followed by the ♦5. East discarded a couple of hearts (West did, too, plus the ♦Q at one point). After running clubs, Zia overtook dummy's ♥K with the ace, and when the jack fell under the ♥Q, cashed two more tricks in that suit. East, clinging to her diamond stopper, let go all of her spades, and in the end Zia produced the ♦A and the good ♠7 for 13 tricks and most of the matchpoints.



On the next deal, Meyers had to make a decision at trick one — and she did the right thing.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Zia		Meyers
1♦ 3NT	Pass Pass All Pass	Pass 2♣	Pass Pass

Zia started off with a low club. Meyers considered whether to play the ace or to insert the 10. After a brief study, during which she eyed the ominous-looking heart suit in dummy, Meyers played the ace — a good move as it turned out. Had she inserted the 10, declarer would have taken all the tricks, thanks to the successful heart finesse. The spade finesse obviously works, but declarer wouldn't have had to take it — there's a showup squeeze in the end if declarer cashes red-suit tricks in the proper order.

Boards 15 and 16 produced consecutive grand slams for North-South, but Zia and Meyers bid only one of them. They made up for one of the missed slams with excellent defense on the following deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Zia		Meyers
		Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

This was not the best contract — certainly not for game — and declarer did not find the best line of play to minimize the damage. Zia and Meyers took full advantage.

The opening lead of the ♣Q was covered by the king and ace, ruffed, and declarer took a spade finesse at trick two. Zia won the ♠K, considered his next play for a moment, and returned a low heart to the 3, 10 and ace.

Declarer then ruffed a club, played a spade to the ace and ruffed dummy's last club, then put the ♦K on the table. Meyers won the ♦A and exited with the ♥Q. The ♥K was declarer's last trick. Zia ruffed the diamond continuation, pulled dummy's last trump with the 8 and played a club to Meyers' hand. That was four down for plus 200 and most of the matchpoints.

Zia and Meyers shone on defense again two boards later.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Zia		Meyers
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Meyers hit on the opening lead of the ♥Q, which held. The ♥J followed, and it, too, was a winner. Concerned at this point mostly with overtricks — or the chance for a plus should Zia get in somehow — exited with the ♦K, which produced an unexpected bonus. Declarer took the ♦A and ran the ♠10 to Zia's queen. He returned his last heart to Meyers' ace, and she cashed the ♦Q, following with the ♦9, which Zia overtook. The ♦10 was the seventh trick for the defenders, earning Plus 300 when they might have been Minus 650 in defense against 4♠.



A special stamp to celebrate the 2006 World Championships in Verona has been issued by the Italian Mail Service. It is available along with related philatelic items at the Post Office desk in the basement, beside the registration desk.

Days of service: 11th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th
Time: from noon to 5.00 pm

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IL GIORNALE DI VERONA



Smoking Reminder

Tournament officials have noted that smoking has occurred in some restrooms at the Centro Congressi. The violations were overlooked on the first day, but the ban on smoking will be vigorously enforced from now on, including appropriate penalties.

Session I

Qualifying Mixed Pairs

by Brian Senior

With several hundred pairs to choose from, it was a matter of luck as much as anything whether we would choose the tables at which something newsworthy happens. Of course, the beauty of matchpointed pairs is that every board is equally important, so that there is rarely a completely dull deal. I started by watching a few deals featuring the top Israeli pair. Migry Zur-Campanile and Michael Barel, then went to watch the same deals at the table featuring French pair Alain and Anne-Frederique Levy.

After cashing a diamond, East needs to find the spade switch to prevent declarer from establishing both minor-suit winners in time to get rid of both spade losers. A spade at trick two and a second round when the defence is next on lead means one down.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Fernolend</i>	<i>Barel</i>	<i>Assassa</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	INT

West	North	East	South
<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Alain</i>	<i>Rosetta</i>	<i>Anne-Frederique</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	INT

Two identical auctions saw the North players declare 3♥, a contract which is easily beaten double dummy but not so easily in real life.

Iman Assassa of Germany led a top diamond then switched to the two of clubs. Michael Fernolend thought about that for a while then went up with the ace and switched to a spade. Too late! Barel won in hand and cashed the top hearts then played the ♦Q to East's king. He won the spade return in dummy and threw his remaining spades on the ♣Q and ♦J; +140.

Argentina's Ammarita Rosetta also cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to a club, the six. Alejandro Bianchedi ducked that so the bare king won. Alain Levy cashed three rounds of hearts then played the ♦Q to the king. He played the jack on the diamond return and that was ruffed. Levy threw a spade and had one more spade to lose at the end; also +140.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
<i>Fernolend</i>	<i>Barel</i>	<i>Assassa</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Alain</i>	<i>Rosetta</i>	<i>Anne-Frederique</i>
2♥	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Michael Barel, Israel

Fernolend did not have an opening bid in his methods so it was left to Barel to open the North hand. Migry Zur-Campanile responded 3NT, normally 3-3-(4-3), and Barel judged to play there. With the same number of tricks available in spades and in no trump, that is the key to a decent matchpoint score. Alas, declarer established an eleventh trick then had a physical slip-up and pulled a wrong card, holding her to ten tricks; +430 These morning starts!

Bianchedi did have an opening bid available and used it, 2♥ promising five hearts plus a four-card or longer minor. Levy overcalled 2NT and was raised to game. Rosetta led the nine of hearts to dummy's queen, ducked. Levy cashed all the spades then ducked a club, won the diamond return and cashed his winners, then led the ♦10 at trick twelve and West had to concede the last trick to dummy's ♦Q; +460 and a good score for North/South.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A J 9 8 ♥ A J 9 3 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ 8 3	<table border="1" 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		♠ K Q 10 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ Q 9 8 6 ♣ Q 5 4	♠ 7 4 3 ♥ 10 5 4 ♦ A 4 3 ♣ K J 9 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Barel</i>	<i>Haemmerli</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahnik</i>	<i>Alain</i>	<i>Krausova</i>	<i>Anne-Frederique</i>
	All Pass		

Barel opened the borderline North hand and was soon putting down dummy in 2♥. Alfredo Versace led a spade, ducked to the ten, and Chantal Haemmerli switched to a low club. Declarer ducked that to Versace's nine and back came a second spade. Zur-Campanile won dummy's ace and played the jack of diamonds, which was covered all around. Now Versace switched back to clubs, the queen forcing the ace. Knowing the trump position, it is possible to get home from here by playing the suit, but declarer did not have that information available to her and instead ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the ten, and led dummy's last spade. When West followed to the spade, declarer tried throwing away her last diamond, but East did likewise and a diamond over-ruff meant that the contract was one down for—50.

The North hand would be passed by the majority of French players, I suspect, and that was Levy's choice. Nobody else had anything to say either.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K 6 5 4 2 ♥ 9 8 7 6 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 9 2	<table border="1" 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		♠ — ♥ Q J 5 3 ♦ Q 10 8 4 3 2 ♣ Q 10 7	♠ A 8 3 ♥ 10 2 ♦ 9 6 ♣ K 8 6 5 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Versace</i>	<i>Barel</i>	<i>Haemmerli</i>	<i>Zur-Campanile</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Bahnik</i>	<i>Alain</i>	<i>Krausova</i>	<i>Anne-Frederique</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

I shall be interested to see how many pairs got to the cold grand slam. Seven Diamonds is cold if the trumps break two-one or the club is onside, yet getting to 6♦ is clearly not a trivial task and will no doubt have scored well.



Migry Zur-Campanile, Israel

Versace's 2♣ opening was his side's second-strongest opening, not quite game-forcing. Two Diamonds was a relay and 2♠ showed at least eight or nine playing tricks with a spade suit, forcing for one round. When Haemmerli showed her diamond suit, Versace raised, but Haemmerli's only outside control was a shortage in her partner's main suit, so that she had no convenient cuebid. Haemmerli just raised herself to game and chalked up an inadequate +640.

The Czech Republic's Milos Bahnik opened with a strong 1♣ and rebid 2♠, forcing, over the negative response. When Anna Krausova showed her diamonds, Bahnik had to make a committal decision whether to bypass 3NT in search of a diamond slam, or settle for the highest scoring game with what was an essentially balanced hand. He elected to go quietly, and 3NT ended the auction. Again, West was discouraged by her spade shortage facing known strength. Bahnik won the heart lead, cashed the second heart and ran the diamonds. He cashed the queen and jack of hearts then led the queen of clubs to tempt a cover. When Anne-Frederique played low, Bahnik thought for a while, but then got it right by playing the jack, so had twelve tricks for +690.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Maksymetz	Barel	Sivelind	Zur-Campanile
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣(i)	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	
4♥	All Pass		

(i) Drury

West	North	East	South
D. Fraser	Alain	S. Fraser	Anne-Frederique
INT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Bryan Maksymetz did not open the West hand. When Sara Sivelind opened 1♥ he used Drury then respected his partner's weak rebid, so that the fair game had been reached. However, Barel had a normal enough balancing double and now Sivelind took the opportunity to introduce her club suit to help partner to judge — it was clear that North/South would find a satisfactory spade fit. Maksymetz had both a fourth trump and a good club holding so jumped to game.

Zur-Campanile led a trump, which Sivelind won in hand. She started with the king of clubs and a second club to the queen and ace. Now she drew trumps and played a diamond to the queen and ace. There was only one trump left in dummy and two minor-suit losers to be ruffed, so Sivelind had to concede a spade and a diamond; ten tricks for +420.

Canada's Douglas Fraser opened INT, 11-14, and Sandra Fraser used Stayman then raised the 2♥ response to game. Levy found the costly lead of the ten of clubs, which ran to the jack. Fraser played a heart to dummy then a diamond to the queen and ace. He won the diamond return with the king, drew trumps and gave up a spade. Anne-Frederique won the ♠A and played the jack of diamonds. Fraser ruffed, ruffed a spade and picked up the clubs with a third-round finesse against the nine; 11 tricks for an excellent +450.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Maksymetz	Barel	Sivelind	Zur-Campanile
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
D. Fraser	Alain	S. Fraser	Anne-Frederique
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The Frasers got to 3NT and Anne-Frederique led a low diamond to dummy's bare king. When Sandra took the club finesse, Anne-Frederique won the king and switched to a heart for the jack and king. Alain switched back to diamonds but declarer could simply cover and had a second diamond stopper; nine tricks for +400.

Maksymetz rebid 2♣, which could have been various hands, then showed a strong hand with his 3♥ bid over the 2♦ relay. Sivelind raised to game, hoping to find him with a four-card suit, but the four-three fit played very nicely. Barel led a club to the king and Zur-Campanile cashed the ace of diamonds then reverted to clubs, Maksymetz winning dummy's ace. He cashed the queen of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, played three rounds of spades, ruffing, then cashed the jack of clubs and ruffed the last diamond. There was just the heart king to lose; +420 and a lot of matchpoints for East/West.

150	Gianna DONATI - Marco RICCIARELLI	43.54	61.33	52.44	233	Meike WORTEL - Louk VERHEES JR	48.02	52.77	50.39
151	Hansa NARASIMHAN - Michael ROSENBERG	51.10	53.76	52.43	234	Marlene KIRSTAN - Tobias TORNQVIST	49.95	50.73	50.34
152	Valerie GARDINER - Peter GILL	54.95	49.91	52.43	235	Diana KRASOVA - Ondrej KRASA	47.61	52.96	50.28
153	Joann GLASSON - Bob GLASSON	52.73	52.12	52.43	236	Anna ONISHUK - Karl De RAEYMAEKER	49.21	51.30	50.26
154	Betty Ann KENNEDY - Gene FREED	58.78	45.95	52.36	237	Sandra FRASER - Douglas FRASER	51.55	48.83	50.19
155	Teruko NISHIMURA - Kazuo FURUTA	57.46	47.24	52.35	238	Emanuela GANDINI - Marco G CORAZZA	48.69	51.52	50.17
156	Pamela GRANOVETTER - Bob HAMMAN	49.98	54.72	52.35	239	Vanna MENDITTO - Mario CAJANO	54.69	45.61	50.15
157	Jo Ann SPRUNG - Danny SPRUNG	51.22	53.48	52.35	240	Blanka MEDLINOVA - Jiri MEDLIN	51.69	48.58	50.13
158	Elisabeth HUGON - Jean-Jacques PALAU	54.77	49.70	52.24	241	Claartje BAK - Peter SISSELAAR	52.09	48.04	50.07
159	Sheila EKEBLAD - Michael SEAMON	57.79	46.66	52.23	242	Judy WOLFF - Bobby WOLFF	48.46	51.63	50.05
160	Thalia KOREN - Gadi LBOVITS	45.96	58.49	52.23	243	Himani KHANDELWAL - Rajeev KHANDELWAL	55.45	44.64	50.05
161	Leda PAIM - Gabriel CHAGAS	53.60	50.84	52.22	244	Rita MUCHA - Alexandru PANA	54.86	45.22	50.04
162	Christine DUCKWORTH - Brian CALLAGHAN	54.37	50.05	52.21	245	Tihana BRKLJACIC - Miro TESLA	53.07	46.98	50.02
163	Ewa MISZEWSKA - Apolinary KOWALSKI	50.12	54.21	52.17	246	Sanja ZAGAJSEK - Branko REFI	46.98	53.03	50.01
164	Emine KONDAKCI SEN - Tezcan SEN	54.04	50.34	52.11	247	Mari RYMAN - Mikael LINDBLOM	58.68	41.32	50.00
165	Maria De GOETZEN - Tommaso TONIOLO	58.45	45.71	52.08	248	Jean KRETZ - Mark LAIR	55.43	44.57	50.00
166	Ewa HARASIMOWICZ - Piotr GAWRYS	49.05	55.01	52.03	249	Arijana DUIC-PETRIC - Zvonko PETROVIC	57.89	42.10	49.99
167	Brigitte AUBONNET - Jean-Marc BOULICAUT	49.01	55.04	52.02	250	Joanna STANSBY - Lew STANSBY	52.22	47.71	49.97
168	Chantal SAFRA - David DOMENECH	52.68	51.40	52.01	251	Rozalia RONEN - Jacek KALITA	46.75	53.14	49.94
169	Linda WIENER - David BROWER	46.26	58.27	52.00	252	Vivien CORNELL - Michael CORNELL	42.49	57.40	49.94
170	Pierre-Jean LOUCHART - Muriel CLEMENT	56.07	47.89	51.98	253	Grazyna BREWIAK - Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ	44.50	55.36	49.93
171	Mireille FAYAD - Gabriel HARFOUCHE	53.89	50.03	51.96	254	Giulia POZZI - Enrico DUBINI	51.46	48.36	49.91
172	Sara CIMIDIN DE SARIO - Fabio ZENARI	53.27	50.56	51.92	255	Despina GEORGAS - Brent GIBBS	52.77	47.17	49.84
173	Cynthia TREVISANI - Claudio BIANCHINI	52.70	51.13	51.91	256	Christine BOYLSOON - Stephen BURGESS	47.33	52.33	49.83
174	Connie GOLDBERG - Wafik ABDOU	53.77	50.05	51.91	257	Inez Van EIJCCK - Willem Van EIJCCK	49.81	49.79	49.80
175	Elizabeth ADAMS - David BEAUCHAMP	51.38	52.41	51.89	258	Anna GRECO - Galielo De MICHELE	44.06	55.54	49.80
176	Maureen HANNAH - Jimmy LEDGER	59.09	44.66	51.88	259	Dagmar NEUMANN - George BILSKI	56.05	43.42	49.74
177	Joanne GREENE - Bob CROSSLEY	50.00	53.69	51.84	260	Ursula HARPER - Martin HOFFMAN	54.15	45.32	49.73
178	Valeria BIANCHI - Claudio BAVARESCO	51.75	51.93	51.84	261	Aleksandra JESENICNIK - Tolja ORAC	56.28	43.17	49.73
179	Tobi SOKOLOV - Mark FELDMAN	—	51.82	51.82	262	Lucy PHELAN - John PHELAN	60.67	38.76	49.72
180	Linda TRENT - Brian TRENT	51.65	51.97	51.81	263	Catherine RITTER - Sartaj HANS	53.71	45.69	49.70
181	Marina PILIPOVIC - Dubravko DIKLIC	58.39	45.17	51.78	264	Elisabeth FANOS - George FINIKIOTIS	53.85	45.46	49.66
182	Elke WEBER - Martin LOFGREN	52.85	50.69	51.77	265	Barbara KASLE - Haig TCHAMITCH	51.07	48.23	49.65
183	Heather BAKHSHI - David BAKHSHI	53.39	50.02	51.70	266	Malgorzata PASTERNAK - Konrad ARASZKIEWICZ	49.25	50.03	49.64
184	Eva BAHNIKOVA - Petr BAHNIK	46.85	56.53	51.69	267	Grace JEKLIN - Fulvio FANTONI	45.41	53.78	49.59
185	Roberta PEIRCE - Cristiano MIOZZI	49.20	54.15	51.68	268	Ann Karin FUGLESTAD - Geir BREKKA	45.45	53.72	49.59
186	Elisabeth DELOR - Romain ZALESKI	52.18	51.18	51.68	269	Dominique JOEGNE - Henri SCHWEITZER	55.73	43.42	49.58
187	Lucia BETTI PILI - Ruggero PIAZZA	55.00	48.23	51.62	270	Shannon CAPPELLETTI - Glenn EISENSTEIN	51.10	47.87	49.48
188	Maria Tereza PALAZZOLO - Hector CAMBEROS	58.83	44.40	51.62	271	Eva IPPISCH - Johannes BAMBERGER	47.09	51.88	49.48
189	Cathy STRAUCH - Riggs THAYER	49.08	54.03	51.56	272	Dejana SVERKER - Vladis Nikolov ISPORSKI	42.02	56.92	49.47
190	Aude DE RUSSE - Luc MORIN	54.43	48.64	51.54	273	Sevil NUHOGLU - Ismail KANDEMIR	46.23	52.69	49.46
191	Margie GWOZDZINSKY - Richard SCHWARTZ	48.44	54.57	51.50	274	Miriam McCONVILLE - Paul PORTEOUS	47.54	51.34	49.44
192	Barbara GOTARD - Tomasz GOTARD	54.77	48.22	51.49	275	Sally WOOLSEY - Kit WOOLSEY	45.83	53.02	49.42
193	Angela DOSSENA - Paolo CHIZZOLI	48.51	54.28	51.39	276	Anna LICURSI - Gianpaolo CENTIOLI	47.03	51.77	49.40
194	Maria Joao LARA - Manuel d' OREY CAPUCHO	49.02	53.73	51.37	277	Barbara DESSI - Riccardo GIORDANO	44.04	54.64	49.34
195	Elisabeth Van ETTINGER - Jan Van CLEEFF	49.93	52.73	51.33	278	Maria Rosaria PIERRO - Ivan TREVISIOL	51.70	46.92	49.31
196	Sylvie WILLARD - Herve MOUIEL	53.56	49.09	51.32	279	Andrea MULIAR - Martin SCHIFKO	45.35	53.22	49.29
197	Kath NELSON - Steve EGINTON	61.27	41.33	51.30	280	Marinesa LETIZIA - Steve BEATTY	48.97	49.60	49.28
198	Daniela BALDASSINI - Giancarlo PRINCIPE	47.18	55.39	51.29	281	Maria Pia TOTARO - Carlo TOTARO	48.95	49.57	49.26
199	Maria Grazia BETTINI - Eduardo ROSEN	45.43	57.10	51.27	282	Renata MULLER - Mario ZELJKO	49.14	49.36	49.25
200	Kitty MUNSON COOPER - Paul BETHE	54.92	47.91	51.26	283	Bettina KALKERUP - Seymon DEUTSCH	54.98	43.44	49.21
201	Rosetta AMIRATA - Alejandro BIANCHEDI	50.50	52.03	51.26	284	Brenda JACOBUS - Dennis CLERKIN	44.76	53.65	49.20
202	Morella PACHECO - Steve HAMAOU	45.33	57.02	51.18	285	Maria PANADERO - Joao PASSARINHO	47.77	50.59	49.18
203	Matilda POPLILOV - Lilo POPLILOV	62.92	39.43	51.17	286	Dominique PORTAL - Patrice MARMION	47.60	50.75	49.18
204	Nathalie FREY - Jerome ROMBAUT	51.05	51.25	51.15	287	Angela GRAMBERG - Norbert SCHILHART	45.61	52.73	49.17
205	Maggie SHENKIN - Barnet SHENKIN	55.13	47.03	51.08	288	Marisa TAGLIAVIA - Miguel FENTE	50.79	47.45	49.12
206	Maryse LEENHARDT - Francois LEENHARDT	43.58	58.54	51.06	289	Ester BECCUTI - Antonio MORTAROTTI	51.97	46.27	49.12
207	Francoise GUENOUN - Raphael GUENOUN	54.28	47.84	51.06	290	Loukia TRIANTAFYLII - Thanos KAPAYANNIDIS	52.49	45.71	49.10
208	Debbie FELDMAN - John RAYNER	54.09	48.01	51.05	291	Floriana MARZI - Riccardo VITALE	51.70	46.46	49.08
209	Ulrike SCHRECKENBERGER - Michael GROMOELLER	55.12	46.96	51.04	292	Isabelle BELLO - Jaap Van Der NEUT	53.88	44.25	49.06
210	Diana CATTANI - Paolo CITTADINI	52.01	50.03	51.02	293	Teresa DAL BEN - Paolo COMIRATO	50.93	47.19	49.06
211	Virginia GIZA - Stephen GOLDSTEIN	50.79	51.24	51.01	294	Padma DARYANANI - Eduardo SCANAVINO	47.20	50.72	49.04
212	Dianne BALCOMBE - Keith BALCOMBE	54.13	47.73	50.93	295	Giorgia BOTTA - Corrado GAIA	45.11	52.95	49.03
213	Judith SHULMAN - Joel DATLOFF	52.11	49.74	50.92	296	Marina CALZONI - Giorgio STUPPIONI	53.36	44.61	48.98
214	Dorota TOKAJ-WOJTCZUK - Rafal WOJTCZUK	47.98	53.86	50.92	297	Linda GORDON - Robb GORDON	51.54	46.39	48.97
215	Fabienne PIGEAUD - Lewis KAPLAN	52.50	49.31	50.91	298	Blandine De HEREDIA - Antoine BERNHEIM	48.15	49.73	48.94
216	Irene BARONI - Enrico GUERRA	53.25	48.53	50.89	299	Donatella GIGLIOTTI - Ezio FORNACIARI	48.83	49.00	48.91
217	Catherine D' OVIDIO (SAUL) - Pierre ZIMMERMANN	55.64	46.13	50.89	300	Angiolisa FRATTI - Franco BARONI	42.47	55.33	48.90
218	Anne-Frederique LEVY - Alain LEVY	53.21	48.50	50.86	301	Guillaume GRENTHE - Sabine BERG	51.45	46.30	48.87
219	Slavica MARTINOVIC - Tom TOWNSEND	52.92	48.78	50.85	302	Nawal FENWICK - John HARRISON	54.62	43.10	48.86
220	Fulvia GHIA - Franco DURANTE	49.76	51.94	50.85	303	Benedicte CRONIER - Moza PANAHPOUR	46.47	51.17	48.82
221	Woyciech USZINSKI - Sophie WAKSMAN	53.39	48.32	50.85	304	Karin WENNING - Ulrich WENNING	49.33	48.05	48.69
222	Sharon OSBERG - Bill GATES	44.57	57.10	50.84	305	Tina TESSARO - Allan COKIN	48.69	48.68	48.69
223	Raffaella MICHELOTTI - Giovanni LUCCHESI	61.52	40.11	50.81	306	Tonia Di LORENZO - Giuseppe BUFFARDO	52.82	44.53	48.67
224	Zdena ZOUCHOVA - Zbynek LAVER	48.43	53.15	50.79	307	Anne-Marie COLOMBO - Jean-Yves DANIC	50.54	46.78	48.66
225	Kerri SANBORN-SHUMAN - Larry N. COHEN	48.98	52.52	50.75	308	Susanna GROSS - Espen ERICHSEN	48.01	49.28	48.65
226	Cate HUGHES - Stanislav NEDKOV	49.75	51.59	50.71	309	Suzanne COHEN - Rune HAUGE	47.46	49.82	48.64
227	Hedy GREY - Jerome GRENTHE	48.38	52.93	50.66	310	Elena PRAHIN - Michael PRAHIN	45.70	51.54	48.62
228	Marjorie MICHELIN - Nels ERICKSON	53.64	47.66	50.65	311	Anna BARABINO - Giorgio RIVARA	45.01	52.19	48.60
229	Maria ERHART - Ali YALMAN	55.89	45.37	50.63	312	Mine BABAC - Aydin UYSAL	60.46	36.71	48.58
230	Virginia LIFTON - Mike CAPPELLETTI JR	41.78	59.26	50.52	313	Linda MCGARRY - Dennis MCGARRY	44.37	52.71	48.54
231	Joan COOK - Maurice EDMOND	47.94	53.02	50.48	314	Netsy SAYER - Zahary ZAHARIEV	38.07	58.92	48.49
232	Ornella COLONNA - Luigi LIGAMBI	49.47	51.35	50.41	315	Anna KOVACHEVA - Trajan HRISTOV	50.84	46.14	48.49

316	Lea HESS - Philippe MARILL	49.66	47.04	48.35	399	Nina ANIDJAR - Diego BRENNER	40.34	49.91	45.13
317	Bettina ARTMER - Andreas BABSCH	42.96	54.21	48.34	400	Francoise MONDOR - Fred MONDOR	44.38	45.86	45.12
318	Maija ROMANOVSKA - Karlis RUBINS	43.74	52.85	48.29	401	Linda MALONEY - Piotr KLIMOWICZ	48.81	41.27	45.04
319	Raffaello GREPPI - Gabriele PELIZZARI	47.62	48.96	48.29	402	Barbara NIST - Steve SIDELL	47.50	42.54	45.02
320	Danielle AVON - Jean-Michel VOLDOIRE	47.99	48.54	48.28	403	Fulvia GATTESCHI - Giuseppe BAU	52.89	37.09	44.99
321	Donna COMPTON - Chris COMPTON	52.63	43.89	48.26	404	Stacy JACOBS - Steve GARNER	48.86	41.06	44.96
322	Sandy DAVIES - Tom GISBORNE	47.03	49.29	48.16	405	Anna KRAUSOVA - Milos BAHNIK	50.42	39.41	44.91
323	Jane DAWSON - Bobby RICHMAN	50.99	45.27	48.13	406	Francesca GRAGNANI - Marcello PETROZZIELLO	40.08	49.41	44.74
324	Ahu ZOBU - Victor ARONOV	47.75	48.51	48.13	407	Aida de Vries SALDZIEVA - Gerben DIRKSEN	47.64	41.62	44.63
325	Milka IVANCIC - Zoran BOHACEK	46.82	49.31	48.06	408	Rosa Yb LUI - Robert Sb LUI	46.05	43.15	44.60
326	Ellie FITZGERALD - James FITZGERALD	50.09	46.00	48.04	409	Louise SOLOMON - Warner SOLOMON	42.38	46.79	44.59
327	Alessandra URBANI - Rocco LATORRE	43.83	52.21	48.02	410	Sue GRENSIDE - Paul WEINSTOCK	49.43	39.74	44.58
328	Caroline GREGSON - Victor SILVERSTONE	39.19	56.82	48.00	411	Vera SCHULZOVA - Zdenek LASTOVICKA	52.14	36.84	44.49
329	Marita MAI - Enrico LONGINOTTI	42.01	53.76	47.89	412	Janet CAHM - Maurice CAHM	47.81	41.14	44.48
330	Wendy KRAUSE - Arnie KRAUSE	47.93	47.81	47.87	413	Zoraida DIEBOLD - Lutz DOHNERT	46.69	41.66	44.18
331	Despina KANELLOPOULOU - Petros TRIANTAFILLIS	48.57	47.17	47.87	414	Francesca CARNICELLI - Carlo MANTEGAZZA	40.70	47.43	44.06
332	Laurence BERTRAND-RISPAL - Daniel THOUROUDE	48.52	46.92	47.72	415	Sahar OUDA - Hans KREUNING	50.19	37.90	44.04
333	Beatrice MORGANTE - Claudio BRUNELLI	50.87	44.56	47.71	416	Francesca DE LUCCHI - Giancarlo MARINI	40.54	47.43	43.99
334	Vanessa TORIELLI - Simon FELLUS	44.81	50.61	47.71	417	Cinzia AGRILLO - Diego CARDENAS	38.65	49.29	43.97
335	Helen ABBOTT - Dan ROMM	55.49	39.84	47.67	418	Janice RANDES - Terry RANDES	38.36	49.42	43.89
336	Irmeli SALONEN - Marc VERDURMEN	40.80	54.47	47.63	419	Miranda PAVAN - Loris CASADEI	39.44	48.28	43.86
337	Catherine CAPLAN - Paul CAPLAN	44.24	50.85	47.54	420	Ellen KLOSSON - Peter BOYD	42.13	45.42	43.77
338	Zvia FAUR - Eliahu FAUR	44.36	50.69	47.52	421	Louise MITCHELL - Diarmuid REDDAN	43.83	43.67	43.75
339	Gio PEYRON - Amedeo COMELLA	53.41	41.63	47.52	422	Isabel Del Rey CRIADO - Jacky FERNANDES	39.93	47.54	43.73
340	Marilyn NATHAN - Arthur MALINOWSKI	39.49	55.53	47.51	423	Hanna KOWALSKA - Andrzej MAJCHER	44.41	42.95	43.68
341	Marinella CANESI - Franco CEDOLIN	43.04	51.84	47.44	424	Ruth STOBER - Joe GRUE	39.60	47.72	43.66
342	Veronique VENTOS - David FORGE	50.17	44.70	47.43	425	Janice ANDERSON - Richard ANDERSON	45.72	41.58	43.65
343	Darina LANGER - Hans-Herman GWINNER	53.06	41.80	47.43	426	Eva DITETOVA - Tomas FORT	43.85	43.43	43.64
344	Lila PANAHPOUR - Tony FORRESTER	43.83	50.84	47.34	427	Claudia BURATTI - Marino GELLETTI	39.73	47.50	43.62
345	Thea WILLEMSE - Michel JIALAL	41.85	52.69	47.27	428	Iman CHAMAA - Krzysztof MARTENS	50.61	36.59	43.60
346	Adele GOGOMAN - Christian ZACH	44.96	49.52	47.24	429	Alida MANZANO - Andrea FRANCESCONI	39.48	47.71	43.60
347	Elisabeth NAQI - Michael GUNTHER	42.41	51.82	47.11	430	Grete SKAFTE - Bob PRICKAERTZ	44.16	42.82	43.49
348	Iva MATIJEVIC - Jurica CARIC	42.57	51.60	47.09	431	Costanza FORNI - Roberto POLLEDRO	39.55	46.99	43.27
349	Roz WOLFARTH - Valentin Dgiasim AL-SHATI	47.50	46.65	47.08	432	Helena SVEDLUND - Bengt-Erik EFRAIMSSON	42.16	44.33	43.24
350	Mary Ann BERG - Bruce FERGUSON	40.16	53.98	47.07	433	Mari-France RENOUX - Dominique PILON	42.42	43.97	43.19
351	Laura TIDONE - Domenico CHIARO	46.54	47.56	47.05	434	Alexandra NIKITINA - Sergei SYTSEVICH	33.99	52.17	43.08
352	Carole KLEIN - Michael SCHLEIFER	47.99	45.90	46.94	435	Susan INGHAM - Terry BROWN	39.37	46.70	43.03
353	Nurit GRAIZER - Shimshon HORVITZ	47.16	46.64	46.90	436	Nur CINAR - Niso ESKINAZ	44.07	41.94	43.00
354	Daniela HNATOVA - Otakar SVOBODA	49.85	43.91	46.88	437	Bruna BERTACCINI - Ruggero BONVICINI	43.62	42.32	42.97
355	Jet PASHMAN - Christoffer NIEMEIJER	42.89	50.83	46.86	438	Anna MATWIJOW - Bernard JADZAK	40.50	45.38	42.94
356	Carla Pa ARSLAN - Paolo CLAIR	34.05	59.43	46.74	439	Enma CASTRO DE LOMELI - Frankie FRONTURA	40.24	45.63	42.93
357	Ruth NIKITINE - Roger KUTNER	56.72	36.71	46.72	440	Beryl CAMPBELL - Allan GORDON	46.09	39.34	42.72
358	Grasia YALMAN - Dundar CIFTCIOGLU	42.95	50.14	46.70	441	Livia ORRU' - Stefano MATTANA	46.22	39.49	42.71
359	Rossella TANTINI - Gianluigi FERLIN	43.21	49.94	46.58	442	Hilary HALL - Walter HALL	42.87	42.49	42.68
360	Beatrice DELLE COSTE - Pierfrancesco PAROLARO	43.92	49.21	46.57	443	Beverly PERRY - Kent MIGNOCCHI	41.30	43.71	42.51
361	Judi RADIN - Jim MAHAFFEY	36.07	57.05	46.56	444	Barb CLINTON - Vince ODDY	38.61	46.19	42.40
362	Emanuela CALANDRA - Guido FERRARO	50.92	42.17	46.55	445	Caren GRENZ - Kai ROHLK	44.46	40.24	42.35
363	Rosanna GENTILE - Ennio RIZZO	43.73	49.36	46.54	446	Fiammetta BONNANO - Pietro FORCISI	41.85	42.77	42.31
364	Silvia URBANI - Luca DARBI	45.03	48.04	46.53	447	Shuchitra VAZIRANI - Shashikant SHAH BHRAT	38.21	46.17	42.19
365	Else Van EIJNDHOVEN - Branislav PROTEGA	46.64	46.42	46.53	448	Pauline MAGUIRE - Gay KEAVENEY	49.86	34.36	42.11
366	Dilek YAVAS - Yusuf KAHYAOGLOU	51.73	41.29	46.51	449	Edna PRISCO - Massimo MORITSCH	35.83	48.20	42.02
367	Laurence DUC - Stephan MAGNUSSON	50.09	42.88	46.49	450	Laura MELCHIORRI - Massimiliano MOSCONI	35.57	48.15	41.86
368	Jeroo MANGO - B.n. PARASRAMPURIA	52.02	40.88	46.45	451	Pernilla ANDREASSON - Kjell HOLMGREN	43.43	39.74	41.51
369	Alessandra CORVINO - Francesco BERNARDI	46.75	46.09	46.42	452	Miny TANANBAUM - Teddy CHIMION	38.08	44.73	41.41
370	Loreto CUEVAS - Marcelo CARACCI	51.52	41.28	46.40	453	Marie Louise DAS - Pierre d' OVIDIO	39.75	42.79	41.27
371	Fay KIRK - Clive KAYE	40.41	52.28	46.34	454	Gila EMODI - Doron YADLIN	46.09	36.41	41.25
372	Fiorenza BELLUSSI - Luca BELLUSSI	51.46	41.13	46.30	455	Lillian MORGANTI - Ugo MORGANTI	47.31	35.17	41.24
373	Vita WINESTOCK - Derek MALTZ	43.62	48.77	46.19	456	Aneta JARMOCIK - Michal SZELAGOWSKI	41.39	40.90	41.14
374	Constance MCAVOY - James MCAVOY	47.00	45.27	46.13	457	Carla PORTANTI - Mauro SCANCARELLO	43.09	39.19	41.14
375	Ylva KARLSSON-JISK - Ahto UISK	43.94	48.15	46.04	458	Eija MULTIMAKI - Jari BACKSTROM	41.35	40.48	40.92
376	Shirley JABON - Richard GROSS	44.63	47.35	45.99	459	Claudia Valerie GAMIO - John JONES	34.05	47.76	40.90
377	Barbara STEWART - Michael ROCHE	47.20	44.74	45.97	460	Marie-Francoise GERMAIN - William AUDIBERT	39.92	41.12	40.52
378	Vigdis THOREN - Erik RYNNING	47.46	44.48	45.97	461	Iman Assassa - Michael FERNOLEND	40.76	39.77	40.27
379	Monica MAINOLDI - Camillo GADDI	48.54	43.40	45.97	462	Renate HANSEN - Heinrich BERGER	40.02	40.44	40.23
380	Rita PASQUARE - Orlando BIANCHI	45.62	46.28	45.95	463	Jeanne BURNS - Wilson MCLEOD	45.04	35.09	40.06
381	Kotomi ASAKOSHI - Tadashi IMAKURA	43.03	48.87	45.95	464	Jamie STEEN - Mac STEEN	39.70	40.30	40.00
382	Margaret PARNIS-ENGLAND - Mario DIX	44.74	47.09	45.92	465	Alessandra MORI - Giancarlo MANNATO	47.76	31.61	39.68
383	Nicole JOST - Patrick JOST	43.20	48.63	45.91	466	Florence DELEFLIE - Michel DELEFLIE	40.44	38.45	39.45
384	Martine ROSSARD - Philippe TOFFIER	45.57	46.21	45.89	467	Margherita ZANIERI - Alessandro GALARDINI	41.86	36.82	39.34
385	Valerie HARGREAVES - Mike HARGREAVES	45.61	46.10	45.86	468	Graziella GARDIN - Giancarlo BERNASCONI	34.11	44.03	39.29
386	Sophie FABBRICATORE - Philippe MATHIEU	46.49	45.09	45.79	469	Usha KOTHARI - Sunil MACHHAR	35.07	43.16	39.11
387	Pavla SVOBODOVA - Petr VRKOC	43.67	47.74	45.70	470	Donatella PINNA - Sergio PELA	36.76	41.20	38.98
388	Mildred BREED - Lew FINKEL	45.71	45.68	45.70	471	Brid KEMPLE - Terry WALSH	37.34	40.38	38.86
389	Paola MONTELLA - Mario AGRILLO	45.17	46.15	45.68	472	Shirley BATEMAN - Bill BATEMAN	40.84	36.55	38.69
390	Janet DE BOTTON - Nicklas SANDQVIST	49.03	42.23	45.63	473	Catherine BEARPARK - Steve BEARPARK	36.31	40.34	38.32
391	Mari RETEK - George RETEK	44.81	46.24	45.52	474	Aliye UGUR - Sermed BASARAN	40.58	35.76	38.27
392	Shalh MOFAHKAMI - Giorgio ODELLO	43.07	47.82	45.45	475	Elda BUSI - Sergio RICCI	39.39	36.58	37.98
393	Gianna ARRIGONI - Guido RESTA	46.98	43.70	45.41	476	Gloria SILBERSTEIN - Giulio BOVE	38.03	36.94	37.46
394	Dolores GIULIANI - Piero MORI	49.44	41.31	45.37	477	Delia COSTA - Juan Jose LAGOMARSINO	25.80	48.94	37.37
395	Jo MORSE - George TORNAY	47.97	42.69	45.33	478	Maria Rosa STERZA - Gustavo TERNULLO	38.24	36.12	37.16
396	Carole COVENEY - Michel COVENEY	42.06	48.32	45.19	479	Sondra GIANINO - Giovanni ARCIFA	37.49	35.96	36.73
397	Daniela ATTOLICO - Giuseppe REALINI	40.79	49.56	45.17	480	Nicole SCHULMANN - Jacques GONFREVILLE	33.69	35.12	34.41
398	Madeleine SWANSTROM - Tommy GULLBERG	44.26	46.03	45.15	481	Fiammetta TRALLO - Giancarlo NOTARI	36.65	28.05	32.35

Warming up in Verona

By Barry Rigal

The first session of the pairs is often rather akin to a crap shoot. Everyone needs to warm up — our first deal was no exception. I was playing with Sue Picus.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

We sold out to 3♦ after the auction Pass — 1♦ — 2♣ — Pass; 2♦ — 3♦ — All Pass. We deserved a zero for this of course but actually got close to average. Why? Well, if South bids 3♠ over 3♦ and plays 4♠ it looks natural for East to win the diamond lead and continue the suit. If declarer ruffs low (hardly unreasonable), West overruffs and leads a heart through; down one.

Declarer can succeed — I'm not going to go as far as to say that he should.... At trick two declarer ruffs high, draws two rounds of trumps and clears the clubs. West can win and lead a heart through, retaining the master trump for the gain of tempo — but it does him no good. Declarer wins the ♥A and runs the clubs; West can ruff in when he likes but all the hearts have gone from dummy and declarer has the rest.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
All Pass	INT	Pass	3NT

Like pretty much the whole field, I played 3NT from the North seat on a low heart lead (whether it was attitude or fourth highest, pretty much the same inferences were avail-

able). The correct route in 3NT is far from clear: Peter Fredin, for example, went for all the marbles by going up with the queen — once this was covered he was dead in the water (or he had lost his marbles I suppose).

By contrast, I was still in the game when I ducked the trick and took the nine with the ace. A diamond to the king held as East gave Smith to encourage the lead (but whether this was because he did not want a shift, or had ♥J 10 9 or his actual holding, I did not know). I'm sure it must be right to cash off the clubs and find out a bit more about what was going on, or even to play spades now — as the cards lie you make the contract easily enough. But I pressed on with diamonds; East took the ♦A and played a low heart. I misguessed and was back to down two; 32% was rather more than I deserved.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All pass	2♥	Pass

The field played 2♠ here. The only lead, at double dummy, to hold that contract to eight tricks is a trump. Declarer cannot manage more than four trumps, two hearts, and two clubs. At our table, on repeated diamond leads, I overtook and continued with a low diamond. When declarer pitched a club Sue could ruff and return a trump to ensure the defence took five tricks.

Elisabeth Ettinger did far better when at her table North ducked the second diamond. South chose to return a low heart. Elisabeth overtook the jack, to finesse in clubs and then ruff a club to hand. The ♥A and a heart ruff followed by a club ruff with the ♠A saw declarer ruff a heart with the ♠Q, her eighth trick. She was now down to ♠J 9 8, and when she led a diamond from dummy North cooperated by ruffing in with the ♠10 — and that was her tenth trick.

(Incidentally, a low trump at trick four would not have been good enough to hold declarer to eight tricks — declarer can win in hand and play a low heart. South can win and play back a spade, but declarer wins in dummy and ruffs a diamond. If

South overruffs with the king, declarer can set up a long diamond, so he pitches a club. South cashes the spade ace, heart ace, then plays three rounds of clubs ruffing in hand — South can overruff but is endplayed in hearts.)

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Some boards are just too difficult for regular mortals.... Can standard bidding get you close to 7♦ here? Our opponents had the sequence shown above... East, who had denied an ace facing a game-forcing 2♣ opening bid, was perhaps closer to most in getting to slam, in terms of the fact that her partner could have bid 5♦ over 3♦ with no slam interest. Given the sixth diamond and the honours in both side-suits, it was surprising that she contented herself with a slow raise to 5♦ and her partner could do no more, giving us a 90% board for Minus 640. A lot of the field played 3NT — making 12 tricks was worth 40%.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A 10 8 6 ♥ A K Q ♦ Q 8 2 ♣ A 9 7	<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		♠ 7 ♥ J 8 7 6 4 ♦ J 10 5 4 ♣ K 6 4
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West	North	East	South
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Rdbl.	Pass	2♥
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

A bloodthirsty auction saw East declare 3♦, in what turned out to be a surprisingly healthy spot on a heart lead (a trump lead leaves declarer scrambling for down one). Correct play on a heart lead is to ruff, cross to the ♣K to ruff another heart, then lead the ♠K from the board. North wins and can do no better than play a trump. Declarer puts in the ♦10, forcing the ♦K and ♦A, then plays ♠Q and ruffs a spade, ruffs another heart and now ruffs a spade with the ♦J to lead another trump. With the ♥J high in hand, all the defence can score is two trump tricks, a club, and a spade.

As we know so well, it is better to be lucky than good. At our table declarer ruffed the heart lead, then crossed to the club king to lead a spade up. I won and played a trump. And now eight tricks were the limit (and declarer fell from grace and ended up with only seven).

Championship Diary Day 2

As the opening ceremony gets under way we are minus the services of the World's greatest bridge photographer, but although we still have no idea where he is, Tacchi arrives in the nick of time! (He was delayed by the closure of the Swiss tunnels — a fact of which his satellite navigation system was not aware.)

Having mentioned the fact that several people had reached Verona without their luggage, I can't resist reporting that Brian Senior managed to lose his wife Nevena en route! They flew via Frankfurt, but the allure of the shops meant that he found himself sitting alone on the plane. Forced to make a decision, when advised that either he got off or the plane took off, he naturally...flew on to Verona! (Nevena completed her journey on a train via Milan — they have some decent shops there too!)

Irena Chodorowska was working hard at the Registration desk. The necessary paperwork having been completed she politely enquired 'How are you to pay?' 'I'm fine, thank you!' was the reply.





Durante i Campionati del Mondo a Verona 2006

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Dall'inizio del 2007, i bridgisti francesi ed italiani inizialmente, poi quelli del mondo intero, potranno testare le loro competenze nel bridge scegliendo di passare dei test in centri di certificazione la cui lista sarà resa pubblica e nota a tutti.

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1. Test sulle dichiarazioni
2. Test sul gioco d'attacco
3. Test sul gioco di difesa

Competenze psicotecniche

- a) Gestione del tempo
- b) Gestione dello stress
- c) Memorizzazione
- d) Concentrazione
- e) Qualità come partner
- f) Strategia