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Germany



Round Robin Winners!

Programme Saturday 1 august

10.00 Semifinals 24 boards
Teams 5-8 plays Round
Robin of 3x8 boards

15.00 Final 32 boards
Play off for 3rd place: 24
boards

20.30 Prize giving ceremony and
banquet
Formal dress

*It will go one extra coach
between the student hostel
and Billingeus after the
final*



Yesterdays game:

Italy vs. Great Britain

It was a hard battle all day for who's going to take the three places behind Germany and therefore qualify for the semifinals.

In the last round Italy and Great Britain was playing against each other and one thing was sure. If one of the teams would win the match with 23 or more the other team probably not went to the semifinals. So the best for them would have been to play 15-15...

Lets have a look at the line-ups:

Open room:

North: Mario D'Avossa

South: Matteo Mallardi

East: Alex Fearnhead

West: Paul Fearnhead

Closed room:

North: Steve Noble

South: Keith Bennett

East: Andrea Medusei

West: Sergio Bianchi

We get into the match in the second half and you probably wonder what the result is, as they use to comment in vu-graphs "it was a ding-dong battle", 39-39 i.e 15-15...

Board 13

The second half started with a safety board. If you got the ace of hearts in the lead (both tables got it) you can play three rounds of trump, (if the trumps are 4-1, you will have to play on the diamond finesse) give away a trick to the king of hearts and two clubs. Making three tricks atleast. Both



Mallardi - No safetyplay

Mallardi and Bennett must have been blind cause they played for a cross-ruff and only got eight tricks.

The big difference was that Bennett where only playing two and Mallardi three. So G.B. gains 210 on the first board and 5 imps.

Italy	39
Great Britain	44

Board 14

Both tables stops in 1NT, the Italians makes two more tricks. Italy win two imps.

Italy	41
Great Britain	44

Board 15

Italy plays three notrump while G.B tried with five clubs. Both contracts making. No swing.

Italy	41
Great Britain	44

Board 16

What to bid with:

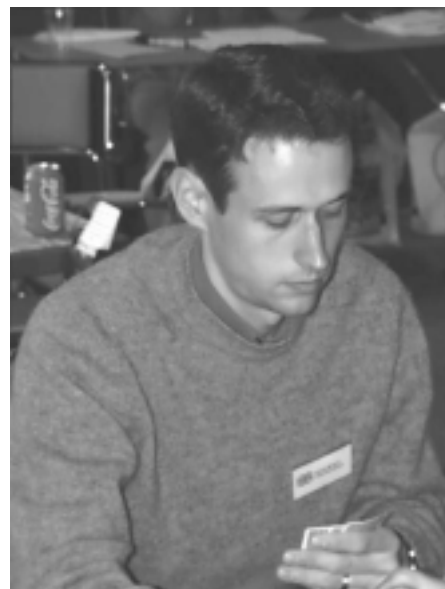
AJ983

-

92

JT7532

Partner opens 2 clubs, any strong hand? Medusei tried with 2D, positive relay. Partner bid hearts, you try with spades, or? That's what Medusei did anyway, and Bianchi bid diamonds - are you surprised?



P.Fearnhead - Preempted himself away from slam also

At the other table Paul Fearnhead open one heart and now they had a possibility to find the slam in clubs, cause they got the space they need in the bidding to explore the suits. But no, in the next bidding round - he jumps to 3 diamonds and the Fearnheads also stopped in 3NT.

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Partner had:

Q
AKQJ6
KT75
AK9

With a spaderuff on the short hand 6 clubs was laydown (and the clubs behaved). 3NT in both rooms Medusei-Bianchi took all tricks for 1 imp to Italy when they only made 6 at the other table.

Italy 42
Great Britain 44

Board 17

Bianchi and Medusei didnt bid much more then penalty passes and business doubles. Bennett and Noble landed in 3 clubs doubled and got one down after a missdefence. At the other table it was more wild things happening.

Alex and Paul bid 6 hearts!

Board 17 ♠J87643

North / - ♥K83

♦8

♣J63

♠AQ2

♥7654

♦AK92

♣K5

W [N E] S

♠KT95

♥AQT2

♦JT73

♣A

♠-

♥J9

♦Q654

♣QT98742

Closed room:

South	West	North	East
		2 ♠	Pass
Pass	D	Pass	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	D
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Open room:

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1 ♥
2 ♣	2NT*	3 ♣	4 ♥
5 ♣	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

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Standings after Round 7

	IMP	VP
1. Germany	460-282	129
2. Denmark	476-405	117
3. Great Britain	428-331	115
4. Italy	416-409	113
5. Sweden	367-374	104
6. Netherlands	415-408	103
7. Sweden 2	332-448	85
8. Belgium	283-559	55

Yesterdays matches

Round 6	IMP	VP
Sweden - Italy	78-52	20-10
Great Britain - Belgium	90-12	25-2
Germany - Denmark	68-52	18-12
Sweden 2 - Netherlands	36-59	11-19

Round 7	IMP	VP
Netherlands - Sweden	70-43	20-10
Italy - Great Britain	61-55	16-14
Belgium - Germany	32-50	10-20
Denmark - Sweden 2	106-70	22-8

Semifinals

Semifinals	IMP	VP
Germany - Italy	-	-
Denmark - Great Britain	-	-

Round Robin

Round-Robin	IMP	VP
At 10.00		
Sweden - Belgium	-	-
Netherlands - Sweden II	-	-
At 11.10		
Sweden - Sweden II	-	-
Belgium - Netherlands	-	-
At 12.20		
Netherlands - Sweden	-	-
Sweden II - Belgium	-	-

Great Britain



From the left: Keith Bennett, Steve Noble, Paul Fearnhead and Alex Fearnhead.

Britain is represented by the winners of the inter-university knockout, this year Oxford.

We all come from Merton College which has a population of only 400. Fortunately the winners of the inter-college competition are not selected to represent the University of Merton lost in round 1.

Alex Fearnhead, 25 PC

Alex has just finished a teacher training course and is writing up her D.Phil in mathematical physics.

Two Brothers?

Paul Fearnhead, 24

Paul is finishing a D.Phil in statistics.

In case you wondered, Paul and Alex are married and not brother and sister (or two brothers).

Keith Bennett, 22

Keith has just finished studying bridge. In his spare time, Keith did a physics degree which sometimes interfered with his bridge notably when he had an exam, the day after a game.

Steve Noble, 26

Steve graduated last year from a D.Phil in maths. He is well known for his impersonation, particularly of a very good player from back home. However he can't quite imitate his play.

Statistics about the players

Lode Lambeets

What kind of study?

Engineering	12
Mathematics	6
Computer Science	4
Economics	5
Several...	
Physics, Statistics, Accountancy	3
Human Sciences	
(law, language, teaching)	6
Total	36

It is the same trend as years before. That means one of three students are doing engineering, one of six mathematics and one of six human sciences.

In what year of the studies?

Only 3 students are in the first year of their studies, three other finished last year, and at least two others are PHD students.

When are they born?

It is remember that to participate on this championships students need to be born between january 1st 1970 and december

Alex got a club lead. Won by the ace. Now she must have put her nose up and maked a sniff. Cause she played the ace of hearts! To see that the jack was falling from South. If she now tryes to saftey play the board when North has K983 in hearts she need to get into her hand and find the diamond queen onside. But it is certainly not obvious that the spade splits as they are so what suit to play for entering the hand, diamonds or spades?

The winning line was a diamond to the ace, a trump towards table

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31st 1980.

The split between the difference years is good because it is represented as follows:

1970-1972	8
1973-1975	18
1976-1977	8
1978-1980	2

What kind of sex, male/female?

34 players are males and only 2 are females; we need to agree that this is not a good balance.

A consolation for the females is that 50% of them is captain of a team.

How many participation's of the European Union Bridge Championship?

15 students are participating at least for the second time, showed as follows:

2 nd time	8
3 rd time	4
4 th time	2
5 th time	1

Considering that Sweden participates for the first time and that also ten players cannot play this year for the second time, we see that 15 students on 26 are participating for the second time or more.

This is a high percent considering that nearly in all the countries the selection of the team is based on the results of a special competition or on the results of other performances.

We don't have to wonder that the top of the ranking is taking by teams with experienced players. For instance we can mention that the German team at this moment is the leader of the competition: two of the German players are participating for the second time and three others participates for the third, fourth or fifth time.



Meerbergen - decides what to do and not to do in the closed room!

Finesses Lost

Lars Albertsson

Ever since we learned to play bridge, we have been told to take our finesses. Most of the time we take a finesse in order to take an extra trick. However, in some cases we are better off if it loses, in particular if this happens on the first round the suit is played. A board from the EUBL Junior Championships in Salsomaggiore will illustrate this.

E / EW

♠ xx
♥ xx
♦ xxx
♣ AQJ9xx

♠ Kxxxxx
♥ x
♦ xxx
♣ xxx

♠ QT9
♥ Axxxxx
♦ Qxx
♣ Kx

♠ AJ
♥ KQJT9
♦ AKJx
♣ Tx

South	West	North	East
Schelte Wijma	Per Hallberg	Friso Zwerver	Lars A-son
Pass	Pass	2♣	1♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Friso Zwerver considered doubling for a long time, but eventually bid 2C. The bidding tray came returned in a few seconds with the comment "Didn't you hear the chainsaw?". A spade was lead to queen and ace and declarer passed the ten of clubs, which was allowed to hold. Unfortunately, the light opening bid had given away a clue of the location of the king, so declarer played another club to the ace, making his contract.

Three months later, Sweden played Norway in the European Junior Championships in Vienna. Olle Wademark found himself in 3NT with more high card points than usual.

N / All

♠ Jxx
♥ x
♦ AJT
♣ KJT9xx

♠ Q9x
♥ Q9x
♦ Qxxx
♣ Axx

♠ Axx
♥ JTxxx
♦ xxx
♣ Qx

♠ KT8x
♥ AKxx
♦ Kxx
♣ xx

South	West	North	East
Wade-mark	Broge-land	Elia-zohn	Öyvind Saur
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

The diamond lead was won in dummy. When declarer played the jack of clubs, Öyvind Saur smartly played the queen and Olle had nine easy tricks. If the jack is allowed to hold, declarer will be in trouble if he misguesses clubs. However, he can improve his chances by winning the lead in hand and finesse clubs, hopefully losing. Although if it wins, dummy still has two entries in diamonds.

In the match against Spain, Sweden's Per Hallberg was facing a difficult decision in the second round of the bidding. His choice to treat the hand as three suited lead

to the best contract.

N / None

♠ KQT9x
♥ AQx
♦ KJxxx
♣ -

♠ Axx
♥ J97xxx
♦ xx
♣ xx

South	West	North	East
Lars	Malla	Per Malla	Malla
1♦	3♣	1♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Double	Pass

The strong club opening was followed by a weak diamond response and a takeout double. A club was lead and ruffed in dummy. Entries were too scarce to finesse in trumps, but if declarer plays ace and queen of trumps, a club will be played and declarer will have to guess diamonds. However, immediately playing the queen of trumps ensures ten tricks against most layouts of the cards. The contract proved to be cold with the heart king doubleton offside.

For those of you who did not know, Ricco van Prooijen here proved that he is an expert, although an unlucky one.

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N / NS

♠ –
♥ AKQJx
♦ ATxxx
♣ JT9



♠ Kxx
♥ Tx
♦ KJx
♣ AQ8xx

South	West	North	East
Ricco	Roger	Simon	Thommy
		1♥	1♠
2♣	3♠	4♠	5♠
Pass	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

He ruffed the spade lead in dummy. It seems straightforward to run the jack of clubs and play another club to the queen. However, if the club finesse loses the second time, the defenders will cash the ace of spades. Van Prooijen played a club to the queen, ruffed a spade, entered hand with the ten of hearts and played the ace of trumps. If the hearts had been no worse than 4-2 he would have been able to discard a spade and a diamond later. Alas, hearts were 5-1 and east unsportingly ruffed and cashed the ace of spades. Van Prooijen was kind to credit Roger with the ability to duck the king of clubs, although I assume it was a matter of politeness.



Albertsson - makes finesses?

Denmark



From left: Anders Hagen, Lars Lund Madsen, Anders Sigsgaard, Gregers Bjarnarson

Gregers Bjarnarson, 23

After three years of math studies Gregers decided that he wanted to be rich and studied at business college where he has been for a year. But he has to get rich without taking any risks.

Like risking the double of a Swedish 4 heart contract with a hand like AKX, JT842, 83, AT5.

Anders Sigsgaard, 26

Anders is a busy man. Besides playing bridge and taking his exams at his statistics study he has a part time job teaching very high intelligent high school students in math.

Anders Hagen, 24

Anders is a student of building engineering. Like the rest of the team he lives in Copenhagen. His most important task at the bridge-table is to guess when Gregers has a lot of trumps and double the opponents.

Lars Lund Madsen, 26

If Lars looks a bit nervous it's because he is about to enter the real life! After several years with junior-bridge and economic studies he monday starts at a steady job in an insurance company.

Germany



Smart boys?

Sebastian Reim, 26

Studies economics in Neidelberg. He is going to study very long. Because his main job is gambling in Heidelberg's old town, so he has a bad conscience going gambling instead of studying. When/If he finishes his studies, he will of course do the same, but then he will have a good conscience.

Ingo Nieten, 25

Studies brewery and beverage technology in Weihenstephan near Munich. He has the luck to make his hobby (dring beer) to his profession (making beer and drinking it later on).

Raoul Balschun, 22

Studies law and order in Maintz. Nobody knows why, even he doesn't. According to Raoul he studies only to play in the University Championships.

Julius Linde, 21

Studies the same in Göttingen. He is a very determined to become a good lawyer because after finishing his studies he wants to sew his hairdresser immediately.

Frank Pioch, 28

Studies maths in Hannover. He is the smartest member of the team, because he is the only one who is most likely to finish his studies within the next ten years.

Klaus Reps, 28 and PC

Studied english and history without very big success, then continued with maths and German (probably with same success). His part time job as bridgeteacher will probably become his main profession very soon, but he is lucky to have a wife with a good job, because if he is as successful as bridgeteacher as a student....Good Night!

Belgium



From the left: Claude Desset, Tom Cornelis, Geert Magerman, Alain Zeegers, Pascal Michaux

Dutch or French?

The Belgium team is a real Belgium mixture: the pair Desset-Michaux is coming from the French speaking part of the country. Zeegers-Cornelis from the Dutch speaking part. Most of the players are not very experienced and play their first European Championship.

Claude Desset, 24

Claude is a civil engineer, electricity, and starts now to have the PHD in telecommunications. He also plays piano and likes astronomy.

Pascal Michaux, 22

Pascal is a civil engineer in IT. He likes to go to the movies, never while drinking a lot of beers afterwards.

Tom Cornelis, 21

wants to become a civil engineer. He's our only Belgian exception: he doesn't drink beer.

Alain Zeegers, 26

is a civil engineer in physics. He is our most experienced player.

Played two world championships in Belgium and Italy. When there are an odd number of participants at European University Championships Alain believes that officials should only allow a second team to the organizing country if it was completely female. Especially in Sweden.

Paul Magerman, 27

is a civil engineer in electronics. He has participated in 4 of the 5 European University Championships as a player and NPC.

A simple misjudgement?

Love all ♠Q104
 Dealer North ♥QJ54
 ♦-
 ♣KJ10862

♠KJ5
 ♥T82
 ♦8
 ♣Q97543

N	E
W	S

♠A9873
 ♥-
 ♦AQ107643
 ♣A

♠62
 ♥AK9763
 ♦KJ952
 ♣-

South Paul	West	North Alex	East
		No	1♦
2♥	No	4♥	4♠
No	No	5♣	5♦
D	5♠	No	No
D	RD	No more bids...	



Stanley - had 1600 reasons to be satisfied

4 down was 1600 to Great Britain. A very unusual score in England! Was the RD by West a “Rixi Markus RD” to frighten the opponents, or was it simple misjudgement? Paul has been playing with his wife for some years and is not easily frightened! He led a spade, East won with the ace and tried the ace of diamonds, ruffed. A club from North and another ace ruffed. 4 down eventually.

Answer

Matteo Mallardi, winner

Ruff the lead, play ace and king of hearts. Play ace and king of diamonds (East can't ruff then you have your tricks). Diamond to the queen (East has to discard again). Ruff a spade from dummy. Play a diamond from hand and discard dummies last spade. West is thrown in and you have your tricks.

Well played Matteo, you got a bridge book at the hospitality desk.

Double-Dummy problem

♠K32
 ♥876
 ♦Q76
 ♣Q432

♠T984
 ♥5
 ♦JT98
 ♣J985

N	E
W	S

♠AQJ765
 ♥JT9
 ♦5
 ♣K76

♠-
 ♥AKQ432
 ♦AK432
 ♣AT

Arne Larsson who won the European Mixed Championship earlier presented the problem above. How to play 6 hearts, when West leads the ten of spades.

Nice prizes - Leave your answer to the editor

only covering cards. That would have solved the problem. When South plays the nine, declarer only have to give away a trick to the king of hearts.

It was a very good falsecarding by Mallardi! Because if he plays the nine declarer may continue with the queen solving the problem.

Alex tried to play a spade to the ace, South took his ruff on the nine of hearts and declarer had to lose a trick to the king of hearts. 4 imps to Italy. Very unlucky for Bennett-Noble who had a superscore at the other table.

Italy	46
Great Britain	44



A. Fearnhead - fooled by Mallardi?

Board 18

Mallardi and D'Avossa goes one down in three spades when the Fearnheads are unfriendly and cash out all their tricks in the defense for one down. The bid of 2 clubs showed both majors.

At the other table, Noble valued the cards right and passed two notrump - Medusei lead a small heart and Noble had the chance to make an extra trick and also risk the contract. He claimed his eight

tricks 2 imps to G.B. And its 15-15 again...

Board 18 ♠9643
 East / N-S ♥J97
 ♦A9
 ♣AK76

♠AK2
 ♥863
 ♦KT765
 ♣T2

♠JT875
 ♥KQ542
 ♦2
 ♣J8

♠Q
 ♥AT
 ♦QJ843
 ♣Q9543

Closed room

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Open room

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♣*	2♣*
2NT*	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Italy	46
Great Britain	46

Board 19

In the open room Mallardi preempted with 3 spades. He got wacked by Paul who got two down for 300 to GB.



D'Avossa - saw partner go down

At the other table, in the closed room, - it was really interesting. Bianchi was declarer in three notrump after that Medusei balanced with double for takeout. I'm still wondering how he could find that double! I would have bid pass, a 100 times of 100 - and of course I'm not either a player in a national team.

How to play with a heart lead?

Board 19 ♠A
 South /E-W ♥KQ875
 ♦J987
 ♣964

♠KT
 ♥943
 ♦AQT3
 ♣AQ72

♠975
 ♥AT2
 ♦K42
 ♣T853

♠QJ86432
 ♥J6
 ♦65
 ♣KJ

Closed room

South	West	North	East
3♠	Pass	Pass	D
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

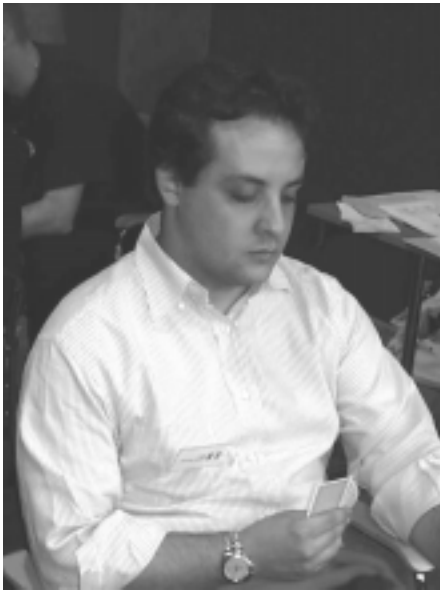
Open room

South	West	North	East
3♠	D	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Bianchi ducked two rounds of hearts won the third on his ace. Played a club when Noble - threw the king on the table. Bianchi now correctly played the queen of clubs to see what was happening and nodded when south played the jack.

What he forgot was that he should have kept a small club in dummy so he could have entered his own hand if the diamonds were 3-3. With the 10-8 in dummy left he could not get in to his 7-2 in the hand. So he played his four rounds of clubs and went one down when he relied on that South should have the ace of spades - it was of course

unlucky that the singleton spade in North's hand was the ace.



Bianchi - Unlucky?

He should have tried the diamonds first (and unblock one of the clubs) to double his chances for making the contract. If the diamonds were 3-3 he could have played for the ace of spades onside. It would have been so beautiful if it had succeeded.

400 to G.B. and 9 imps.

Italy	46
Great Britain	55



Bennett - What six?

Board 20

Both tables went to three notrumps. Nothing to do when South lead a club except to score two down... No swing.

Italy	46
Great Britain	55

Board 21

What do you lead with South's hand?

Board 21 ♠986

North / N-S ♥K2

♦QJ73
♣T542

♠AJ74
♥754
♦A985
♣96



♠KQT
♥AJ83
♦K2
♣AQ73

♠532
♥QT96
♦T64
♣KJ8

Closed room

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

Open room

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Noble sat on his chair and pulled his red sixes up and down couldn't decide if he was going to be aggressive or not, he finally chose the later alternative and lead the six of diamonds. A lead he should regret in the end.

The play went six, five, jack and king. I'm still wondering; why the jack? Couldn't Noble have read the six as one higher? Should partner lead the second from K6X, I don't

think so. Therefore partner must have T6X or maybe 6X. Maybe they play the highest from two, but their convention card says 2/4th.

Anyway, it didn't matter because Medusei made a superplay.



Medusei - Endplayed Bennett!

He continued with four rounds of spades. Noble discarding a diamond... He could not discard a club, neither a heart, so it had to be a diamond. Played the four of hearts and when North was sleeping (played the two) he finessed with the eight and Noble was endplayed. He exited with his last diamond. Medusei won with dummy's ace. Played a heart, king, ace and six. Now he threw Noble in on a heart and he could only choose the way he wanted to die.

With the heart lead - declarer probably is going down! Beautiful played by Medusei. 10 imps to Italy.

Italy	56
Great Britain	55

Board 22

Both tables play four hearts making five tricks. No swing and certainly not an interesting board.

zzzzzz...

Italy	56
Great Britain	55

Board 23

Italy goes two down in the open room in three notrump. Noble overbid his cards a little bit and they are in four hearts going three down. 100 to Italy and three imps.

Italy	59
Great Britain	55



Noble - going to play semifinals

Board 24

Bianchi - Medusei bids four hearts and goes one down for 50 to G.B. But their partners bid two spades at the other table. And make the contract for 60 to Italy on the last board and 2 more imps.

Italy	61
Great Britain	55

A wellplayed match, both teams qualified for the semifinals and could meet each other in the final today if they play well. Good Luck to all teams!

And finally the editor wants to say - sorry for my bad english but I hope you have enjoyed the Daily Bulletins anyway. Strange that noone wants to read it so I can correct it at 4 in the mornings...

THE END

NEW TIME! 20.30

For prize giving
cermony and banquet

**You will have one more
issue of the Daily
Bulletin delivered at the
Prize giving cermony!**

