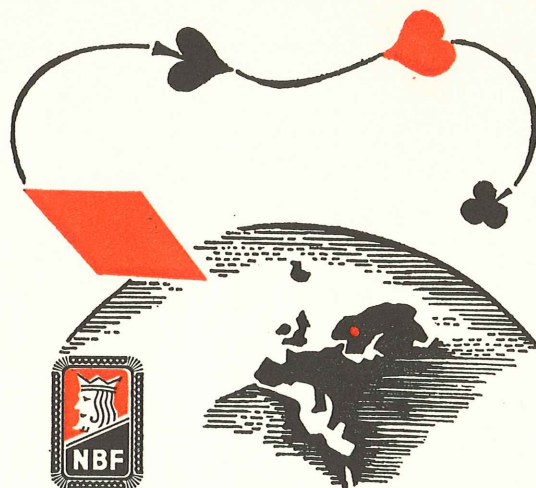


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### RESULTS

<u>Draw</u>	<u>Half Time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
<u>Open Series - Round 11</u>			
Switzerland - Austria	31 - 41	49 - 86	0 - 8
Greece - Belgium	14 - 44	49 - 69	2 - 6
Norway - Spain	32 - 47	76 - 70	5 - 3
Sweden - Israel	51 - 28	80 - 93	2 - 6
Hungary - Denmark	14 - 26	36 - 63	1 - 7
Great Britain - Turkey	38 - 8	59 - 59	4 - 4
Germany - Ireland	30 - 27	97 - 59	8 - 0
Portugal - Finland	50 - 40	56 - 91	0 - 8
Iceland - Poland	23 - 31	60 - 86	1 - 7
Netherlands - Italy	32 - 22	51 - 84	0 - 8
France - bye			5
<u>Ladies' Series - Round 7</u>			
UAR/Egypt - Finland	32 - 32	44 - 56	3 - 5
Poland - Sweden	34 - 53	62 - 87	1 - 7
Great Britain - Ireland	55 - 32	133 - 61	8 - 0
Denmark - France	1 - 54	32 - 99	0 - 8
Italy - Greece	58 - 43	88 - 72	6 - 2
Norway - Netherlands	59 - 39	73 - 95	2 - 6
Spain - bye			5

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

### MEMBER of the Executive Committee on duty:

Monday, 30th June, at 11.00... Count R. de Vitry  
at 19.30... Herr E. Heldring

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

### ON RAMA:

Monday, 30th June at 19.30, Norway v. Switzerland, Open Series.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

# VICTORY POINTS

## Open Series:

x	Italy	75
x	Poland	62
x	Sweden	57
	Austria	57
x	Great Britain	56
x	France	56
	Switzerland	55
	Norway	47
x	Belgium	47
x	Turkey	41
x	Israel	40
	Portugal	39
x	Ireland	39
	Germany	39
	Iceland	38
	Hungary	37
	Denmark	37
	Netherlands	34
	Spain	28
x	Finland	26
x	Greece	25

## Ladies' Series:

	Great Britain	48
	Italy	41
	France	40
	Sweden	38
x	Spain	30
	Netherlands	29
x	Ireland	28
x	Greece	26
x	Norway	26
	UAR/Egypt	21
x	Poland	20
x	Denmark	13
x	Finland	11

x- Had Their Bye

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

## ISRAEL v. GREAT BRITAIN

In a certain Tenth Round Match there appeared to be something lacking in the play from both declarer and the defence.

Dlr: West  
Vul: None

♠ K 10 9 7

♥ 10

♦ K J 8 6 4 3

♣ A 5

♠ A Q 4 2

♥ 9 7 3

♦ 10 7

♣ J 10 9 6

♠ 8 6 3

♥ A J 6 5 4

♦ A 9

♣ Q 7 2

♠ J 5

♥ K Q 8 2

♦ Q 5 2

♣ K 8 4 3

## Bidding

### Open Room

N. E. S. W.

1♦ 1♥ 2NT -

3♦ - 3NT -

- -

### Closed Room

N. E. S. W.

1♦ 1♥ 2NT -

3NT - - -

In the Closed Room after the lead of ♥7, East switched to the ♣Q and declarer won the Ace and now came to 9 tricks.

However, in the Open Room declarer, who also received the same lead and switch, elected to take the club in hand. Now if East ducks the first round of diamond declarer will run into communication problems and cannot make his contract. But East had dined well if not too wisely that evening, and gobbled up the first diamond trick.

B. J. Shenkin.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦



# AUSTRIA v. SPAI - Round 9

Board 6 produced 11 IMPs towards the Austrian's 8 - 0 blitz of Spain.

Dlr: East		Open Room			
Vul: E/W		N.	E.	S.	W.
		Babsch	Agero	Manhardt	Munos
♠ -					
♥ A K Q 9					
♦ A K 9 8 4 3					
♣ J 8 7					
♠ A K 9 3	♠ Q 10	2♦		3♣	
♥ 10 5 4 3	♥ J 8 6 2	3♥		3♣	
♦ Q 10 5	♦ J 7 6 2	4♦		4♣	
♣ 4 3	♣ K 10 9	6♣			
♠ J 8 7 6 5 4 2		Closed Room			
♥ 7		N.	E.	S.	W.
♦ -		de Togores	Hartwich	Foz	Meindl
♠ A Q 6 5 2					

Against Six Clubs bid by the Austrian pair in the Open Room, the lead was the ♠A which was ruffed in dummy. The ♥A-K-Q

were cashed, declarer discarding two spades from the closed hand and the last heart was led and ruffed small. A spade came next, ruffed with the ♣3, the ♠Q falling from East. Then the ♦A-K, two more spades going away from the South hand. A small diamond was ruffed small and another spade was ruffed with the ♣J and over ruffed by East with the ♣K. East produced the thirteenth diamond and declarer, with bated breath, put in the ♣6 - home and dry!

At the other table the Spaniards reached 3N.T. - hardly, one would have thought, the par contract on such a distribution! The Austrian East led a low heart won by declarer's Ace. A small club to the queen and a low one back to the eight was taken by East's ♠10. East, Hartwich, now played one of the only two cards to beat the contract - a spade. In fact he led the ten which took dummy's knave and West's ace. If West, Meindl, had been with it, he'd have returned the ♣3 and Hartwich would have put the lead into dummy with his last club. Alas, deceived perhaps by the ♥A at trick 1, he led another heart, and declarer came to three hearts, two diamonds, and four clubs. Only 11 IMPs to Austria for the slam bonus.

# IRELAND v. PORTUGAL - Round 9 - Jack Kelly

If you bid them up, you have got to be able to play them! The thought occurred to me watching the match in which the Irish Open team got their first 8 - 0 win.

Dlr: North		N.	S.
Vul: E/W		Fitzgerald	Seligman
♠ K 10 9 3			
♥ A 7			
♦ A K Q 2		1♦	3NT
♠ Q 9 6		6NT	

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

Fitzgerald's slam does not appeal to me; some kind of explorative move is more advisable if partner's range is 13 - 15. But Seligman, favoured with the lead of the ♣J, played for the one distribution that could help. He won the club with the ace, playing dummy's six, then the spades and diamonds and a club to dummy's nine, forcing East give the twelfth trick in hearts.

# SWEDEN v. ITALY - Round 9

Half Time . . . . . Sweden 63 Italy 17  
Final Score . . . . . Sweden 71 Italy 75

We make no apologies for returning to the exciting 9th round match between Sweden and Italy on Saturday morning, our sleuth having turned up two of the hands which contributed towards Sweden's first-half lead of 46 IMPs. Both were long diamond-suited hands and on both 3N.T. was missed by Italy and not by Sweden.

Dir: South  
Vul: None

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

Open Room				Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.	N.	E.	S.	W.
Hall	Mondolfo	Nordbäck	Frendo	Messina	Holmgren	Bianchi	Axelsson
1♥	4♦	-	-	1♥	3NT	-	-
11 tricks - 150 to Italy				11 tricks - 460 to Sweden 07 led.			

Dir: West  
Vul: E/W

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

Open Room				Closed Room				
N.	E.	S.	W.	(Same line-up)	N.	E.	S.	W.
-	1♠	D	1NT		-	1♠	2♦	-
D	2♠	3♦	-		-	-	-	-
3NT	-	-	-					
♠ led					♠ led			
9 tricks made, 400 to Sweden					9 tricks made, 110 to Italy			

♠ ♥ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♠ ♦



# NORWAY v. FRANCE Open Series - Round 9

Norway lost to France in Round 9, a big disappointment to the host country who could have cleared up any deficit and come out with a 6 - 2 win instead of a 3 - 5 loss if it hadn't been for Board 28 which cost them 20 IMPs.

Dir: West		Open Room			
Vul: N/S		N.	E.	S.	W.
		Jensen	Meillaud	Varnås	Poubeau
♠ 3	♠ 3				
♥ A Q 7 3	♥ A Q 7 3				
♦ J 5 3	♦ J 5 3				
♣ A K J 6	♣ A K J 6				
♠ J 9 5 3 2	♠ 10 6 4	1♠	-	2NT	-
♥ 4	♥ J 10 5	3NT	-	4♥	-
♦ Q 7 6	♦ 10 8 2	6♥	-	7NT	-
♣ 10 7 5 3	♣ Q 9 8 4	-	-		
♠ A K 7	♠ A K 7				
♥ K 9 8 6 2	♥ K 9 8 6 2				
♦ A K 9 4	♦ A K 9 4				
♣ 2	♣ 2				
		Closed Room			
		N.	E.	S.	W.
		Boulenger	Høie	Svarc	Strøm
		1NT	-	2♣	-
		2♥	-	4NT	-
		5♥	-	5NT	-
		6♦	-	7♥	-
		-	-		

Alas for Norway's Varnås, he removed the contract in 7N.T. thinking this would be safer, as he feared a bad heart break. Svarc made no mistake.

A SOUTH-WEST PLAYER in the Ladies' Series has been much disturbed at her sudden inability to make her slam contracts. She decided that perhaps a visit to an Oslo psychiatrist might help her. Arriving for her appointment, she was somewhat surprised when the psychiatrist told her to take off her clothes, as she had expected to be allowed to bare her soul as to whether to take that finesse or play for the drop.....

Five minutes later: - "Well, Madam, that was my problem.....now, what's yours?"

EVEN YOU MIGHT play in the European:

Dir: South		Open Room			
Vul: None		N.	E.	S.	W.
♠ 3 6 2	♠ 3 6 2				
♥ 3	♥ 3				
♦ K 10 9 7 4 2	♦ K 10 9 7 4 2				
♣ J 7 4	♣ J 7 4				
♠ J 10 5 3	♠ A K Q 4	-	1♠	-	1♥
♥ J 8 2	♥ A K 9 7 6	-	2♥	-	3♥
♦ Q 8 6	♦ 3	-	4♥	-	-
♣ K 9 2	♣ Q 6 5	-			
♠ 9 7	♠ 9 7				
♥ Q 10 5 4	♥ Q 10 5 4				
♦ A J 5	♦ A J 5				
♣ A 10 8 3	♣ A 10 8 3				

After the lead of ♣4, South took the ace and continued the suit. With a club as well as a diamond loser, West now had a safe play, the ♥A and a small towards the knave. Result? One down - as good as the best club palooka.

# FRANCE v. HUNGARY - Round 10, Open Series:

Called for the third time to the table because of a lead out of turn, Harold Franklin was heard to remark: "You're our best customers in the house to-night."

# A FINE SMOTHERRR PLAY.

Playing in Three Diamonds, Claude Rodrigue  
 had already lost his full quota of tricks when he came  
 to tackle trumps. Leading low from the South hand,  
 he put in dummy's queen. East won with the King  
 and gave his partner a ruff with the now bare  $\diamond J$ .

A kibitzing well-wisher from North of the border told him excitedly:  
 "I don't know if ye rrrealise, and I know its agin the odds, but if ye'd  
 put up dummy's ace ye'd have smotherrrred the jack!"

Claude's friends tell us that a couple of years ago it would have been  
 the kibitzer who was smotherrrred.

## TO DAY'S PROBLEM - Set by Harold Franklin.

North:	$\spadesuit Q 5 2$	Bidding			
	$\heartsuit A 8 5$	Closed Room			
	$\diamond J 8 5 2$	N.	E.	S.	W.
Dummy:	$\clubsuit A K J$	1NT	2 $\clubsuit$	3 $\clubsuit$	4 $\clubsuit$
$\spadesuit 10 4 3$		-	-	5 $\clubsuit$	5 $\diamond$
$\heartsuit 9 4$		-	5 $\clubsuit$	-	-
$\diamond A K Q 10 9 6 3$		-	-	-	-
$\clubsuit 5$		-	-	-	-

The opening lead is the  $\diamond 7$  and the play to trick 2 is a low spade from  
 the table to the ace which drops South's knave, and declarer plays a club  
 from hand which North wins.

Question: What should North lead now?

Answer on p.7

## APPEAL - LADIES SERIES - Ireland v. UAR/Egypt

Dlr: East	$\spadesuit 9 4$	Open Room			
Vul: All	$\heartsuit K Q 3 2$	N.	E.	S.	W.
	$\diamond Q J 4 3$	-	-	3NT	-
	$\clubsuit A 6 5$	-	-	-	-
$\spadesuit 8 7 6 5 2$	$\spadesuit A K 9 8 7 6$	Closed Room			
$\heartsuit 7 6 4$	$\heartsuit K 10 3 2$	N.	E.	S.	W.
$\diamond A K 8$	$\diamond 4$	-	1 $\clubsuit$	-	1 $\clubsuit$
$\clubsuit 4 3$	$\clubsuit 6 2$	-	2 $\clubsuit$	-	-

After an opening call (pass) from  
 East, North made a call out of turn.  
 there was some doubt as to whether  
 North (Ireland in the Open Room) called 1 $\clubsuit$  or pass. The Tournament  
 Director was summoned and on the evidence of the recorder ruled that  
 North had passed. The bidding reverted to South who was told that she  
 could make any bid she liked, but her partner would have to pass on the  
 next round. South bid 3N. T. and was two down, minus 200. The Irish  
 captain appealed that the Tournament Director should have ruled that her  
 North player had bid 1 $\clubsuit$  out of turn and that her partner should have been  
 silent throughout.

The Appeal Committee ruled that the Tournament Director's decision  
 was correct, that North had passed and that South's bid of 3N. T. on a  
 count of ten points was made at her own risk. The board stands as played,  
 Ireland losing 200 points in the room.

Geoffrey Butler  
 Chairman, Appeal Committee

(No change in announced score)



# EVENING RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT NAJADEN ON SATURDAY, JULY 5th.

All players and officials wishing to attend, are requested to give their names at the information desk. For friends or family wishing to be present, the charge is 65 kroner. Applications must be made not later than Tuesday night.

## ANSWER TO PROBLEM on page 6.

On the bidding it is clear that North will be played for three spades and that the ♠J is a singleton. Declarer is known to hold a singleton diamond and no better than a doubleton club. It is fair to assume that he has the ♥K. In fact he actually held:

♠ A K 9 8 7 6	If this is the case, he will need two entries to dummy, one
♥ K 10 3 2	to lead towards the ♥K and a second to finesse the ♠9, and
♦ 4	North should avoid doing either of these things for him.
♣ 6 2	In practice North led the ♥A and continued with a second

heart, and declarer thereafter had no problem, being able to ruff the second club, discard a heart or a top diamond and take the spade finesse. Another club from North puts paid to the contract, leaving declarer an entry short to dummy.

## THOUGHTS ON FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Nico D. Oudshoorn.

Present tournaments cost such an enormous amount of money that the smaller countries are unable to stage them unless they are lucky enough to find sponsors. Even the cheapest way of running such an event will cost the equivalent of £ 12,000.

One of the most costly items are expenses for the staff when these have to be brought in from outside. This has had the full attention of the Executive and Tournament Committees and, as a result, certain measures have been tried out to cut down the number of assistants. In Deauville, for example, we did entirely without the table scorers, but this proved to be too hard on the players. A variation of this system has been tried here in Oslo, the addition of a recording room, so that the players' only task is to fill in the bidding panels.

The lack of training of the volunteers in the Open Room has resulted in many mistakes, another contributing factor being that there has been no common standard laid down as to how the panels should be filled in (e. g. 'D' for "Double"). It would be an improvement if each team were allowed two assistants, who need not receive payment but who should receive badges and be permitted to take part in official recreational events. These assistants should receive some instruction. In the Closed Room, of course, the players have to do without such help, and the handling of the sheets and of the plastic folders is, to my mind, too big a load on them. I would therefore, suggest that for the Closed Room we should return to our old method, small bidding slips which would go along with the board to the recording room, and the details would be entered by the recorders who, after all, have fully four hours and twenty minutes to enter 32 deals, and could easily be in charge of filling in the Closed Room bidding panels.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

A LITTLE BIRD TELLS US.....that having defended down to the last few tricks, our Rixi let it be known that she could now place the rest of her partner's and declarer's cards. She made the killing lead - and Squitzi was freezed!

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦



DRAW - Monday, 30th June.

Open Series

11.00 hours: Round 12

Switzerland - Netherlands	1
Belgium - Italy	2
Austria - Norway	x
Israel - Greece	1
Spain - Hungary	2
Turkey - Sweden	x
Ireland - Great Britain	2
France - Portugal	1
Poland - Germany	1
Finland - Iceland	x
Denmark - bye	

19.30 hours: Round 13.

Netherlands - Belgium	2
Norway - Switzerland	x
Italy - Israel	1
Hungary - Austria	2
Greece - Turkey	2
Sweden - Ireland	1
Portugal - Denmark	x
Great Britain - Poland	1
Iceland - France	2
Germany - Finland	1
Spain - bye	

Ladies' Series

11.00 hours: Round 8.

Sweden - Spain	1
Finland - Great Britain	2
France - Poland	1
Ireland - Italy	2
Netherlands - Denmark	1
Greece - Norway	2
UAR/Egypt - bye	

19.30 hours: Round 9.

Great Britain - UAR/Egypt	1
Spain - France	2
Italy - Finland	1
Poland - Netherlands	2
Norway - Ireland	x
Denmark - Greece	2
Sweden - bye	

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Open Series - Round 12:

Turkey's performance yesterday will give them a boost in their match against Sweden. We are happy to note that both the Finnish teams won their matches last night and, in the Open, moved off the bottom of the table at the expense of Greece. Great Britain's nasty reverse in the second half yesterday should not shatter the confidence of the dour Scottish boys, who should repeat their ladies' success of last night in the local Derby match against Ireland.

Ladies' Series - Round 8: Sweden will probably find that they will drop a point or two to the Senoras. In spite of last night's success by the Finnish girls, we cannot hold out much hope to them that they will salvage any points from the rampant British.

Open Series - Round 13: Punters may do well to hedge their bets on the significant Great Britain - Poland match which comes to-night. Poland are in great form but Great Britain will surely be out for blood. A high-scoring match is a certainty.

Ladies Series - Round 9: It looks as though there will be little change at the top of the table. Our confident prediction is that Great Britain and Italy will again take maximum points. France, on the other hand, may slip a little bit behind and only win by a narrow margin from the Spanish girls.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

A nice comment by the British team was that, up to date, their goal keepers had let in fewer IMPs than any other save Italy's, but unfortunately their forwards didn't seem to be so good!

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣