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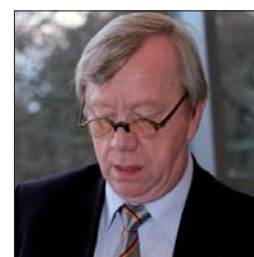


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THE CUP IS LIKE A JEWEL BOX

The annual European Bridge League Champions' Cup is like a small box full of many extremely valuable jewels. The whole playing venue in Bad Honnef could be filled with medals and trophies won by the participants present at these championships. It is therefore a great honour for German Bridge to greet all players and staff members at the EBL Champions' Cup here in Germany.



Three weeks ago many players of the participating twelve teams enjoyed the unforgettable Bermuda Bowl and Transnational Championships in Veldhoven, The Netherlands. These fabulous World Championship set new standards for every organizer of international bridge events in many aspects.

Bridgeclub 't Onstein, the New World Champions and winners of last year's Champions' Cup in Izmir will meet very strong opponents from Europe in the days to come. Therefore the European Bridge League and the German Bridge Federation is proud to present top level bridge to the whole world through Internet and Daily Bulletins.

On behalf of all involved from EBL and DBV I wish good luck to all players. Do the best you can and enjoy the game!

Ulrich Wenning
President German Bridge Federation (DBV)

PROGRAM

Round Robin -1-

Group A

BC't Onstein 1	Lazy
Auguri Warsaw	Cayyolu Bridge Club
Karlsruher BSC	BC Grant Thornton

Group B

G.S. Allegra	Vito
Israeli National Champion	BC 't Onstein 2
Skara BS	BTSC Hannover

Round Robin -4-

Group A

Karlsruher BSC	BC't Onstein 1
BC Grant Thornton	Auguri Warsaw
Cayyolu Bridge Club	Lazy

Group B

Skara BS	G.S. Allegra
BTSC Hannover	Israeli National Champion
BC 't Onstein 2	Vito

Round Robin -2-

Group A

Cayyolu Bridge Club	BC't Onstein 1
Lazy	BC Grant Thornton
Auguri Warsaw	Karlsruher BSC

Group B

BC 't Onstein 2	G.S. Allegra
Vito	BTSC Hannover
Israeli National Champion	Skara BS

Round Robin -5-

Group A

BC't Onstein 1	Auguri Warsaw
Karlsruher BSC	Lazy
BC Grant Thornton	Cayyolu Bridge Club

Group B

G.S. Allegra	Israeli National Champion
Skara BS	Vito
BTSC Hannover	BC 't Onstein 2

Round Robin -3-

Group A

BC't Onstein 1	BC Grant Thornton
Cayyolu Bridge Club	Karlsruher BSC
Lazy	Auguri Warsaw

Group B

G.S. Allegra	BTSC Hannover
BC 't Onstein 2	Skara BS
Vito	Israeli National Champion

VELDHOVEN 2011, THE NETHERLANDS WIN THE BERMUDA BOWL!



HAND OF THE TOURNAMENT FROM IZMIR 2010

Last year the 9th European Championships' Cup was held in Izmir, Turkey. This deal derives from the semi-finals and was to be considered as Hand-of-the-Tournament.

Let's first have a look at what happened in the match **Angelini v. Izmir**:

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West	North	East	South
<i>Helgemo</i>	<i>Aslan</i>	<i>Helness</i>	<i>Goksu</i>
			Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Earlier (bulletin no. 4) we noticed that Tor Helness is addicted supporting his partner with a void. Here as well.

Six spades by the way is on a heart finesse. When Helgemo kept on bidding spades, Helness made a slamtry. With his nice ten count Helgemo showed interest bidding 4♦. One round later however from his point of view a heart control was lacking and therefore Helgemo passed 4♠. Twelve tricks.

West	North	East	South
<i>Assael</i>	<i>Nunes</i>	<i>Kubac</i>	<i>Fantoni</i>
			Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

At Fantoni's side of the screen it was explained that West had shortness in diamonds, but Nunes got another explanation. If Nunes knew West was short in diamonds he might have led something else then the ♦K. Now he did.

Assael won the ♦A and played ♣A and club to the jack. If the clubs were 3-2 he could claim now. Unfortunately for him the clubs didn't break. Even worse, he couldn't make his contract any more. Even with all hands open one

probably has to study for quite a long time before the killing defence is spotted, but Fulvio Fantoni found it at the table.

Declarer played two high spades and Fantoni ducked twice! On the third spade Nunes pitched his remaining diamond, Fantoni took the ace and returned a diamond. This way defence established a trump trick.

Apparently declarer was doomed after two rounds of clubs. Double dummy he should have played only one round of clubs and then switch to spades to make the contract. But even then he has to stop after two rounds of spades (south ducking twice), and fall back to the heart finesse. Then the cross-ruff ensures twelve tricks. Of course this is an inferior line, because a 3-2 trump break is more likely.

Onstein v Matushko

In the other semi-final the board proved to be quite hilarious:

West	North	East	South
<i>Kholomeev</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Brink</i>
			2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbf	3♦
Pass	Pass	Dbf	Pass
3♠	Dbf	All Pass	

Brink opened with a weak two in spades (five cards allowed) and after the double by Khiuppenen, Brink ran on forehead to 3♦. When Dr. Michael Elinescu, the npc of the Bamberger Reiter, saw the hand, he enthusiastically stated that to his humble opinion Brink's 3♦ was the bid of the tournament: "He smelled at the table what was going on. Quite some table presence!"

When Khiuppenen doubled 3♦, Kholomeev tried to find a way to bid gameforcing and launched 3♠. Brink-Drijver play 'undoubles' in this situation. So Drijver had to double with two small spades. When this was passed out, 3♠ doubled was made with three overtricks: EW 830.

How bad was this result for the Dutch?

West	North	East	South
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Khokhlov</i>
			2♠
Pass	Pass	Dbf	All Pass

2♠ already promised a minor (Muiderbergski), so Khokhlov saw no reason to run like Brink did and therefore passed. De Wijs of course did the same and so did North. NS duly took their twelve tricks: 1700.

"Minus 830, sorry", "Wins 13". The Dutch way of scoring.

TEAM ROSTERS

BULGARIA

Ivan NANEV, Kalin KARAIVANOV, Rosen GUNEV, Velichka RUSEVA, Tony RUSEV, Captain: Tony RUSEV

GERMANY, BTSC HANNOVER

Wolfram VON ALVENSLEBEN, Ortwin WAGNER, Matthias SCHÜLLER, Paul ORTH, Captain: Ortwin WAGNER

GERMANY, KARLSRUHER BSC

Nedju BUCHLEV, Bernard LUDEWIG, Sebastian REIM, Klaus REPS, Roland ROHOWSKY, Jörg FRITSCHKE, Captain: Bernard LUDEWIG

ICELAND, BRIDGECLUB GRANT THORNTON

Sveinn Runar EIRIKSSON, Magnus Eidur MAGNUSSON, Julius SIGURJONSSON, Hrolfur HJALTASON, Oddur HJALTASON, Captain: Sveinn Runar EIRIKSSON

ISRAEL, ISRAELI NATIONAL CHAMPION

Gilad ALTSHULER, David FOHRER, David BIRMAN, Alon BIRMAN, Amir LEVIN, Shlomo ZELIGMAN, Captain: David BIRMAN

ITALY, G.S. ALLEGRA

Maria Teresa LAVAZZA, Noberto BOCCHI, Giorgio DUBOIN, Guido FERRARO, Agustin MADALA, Antonio SEMENTA, Captain: Maria Teresa LAVAZZA

NETHERLANDS, BC 'T ONSTEIN 1

Bas DRIJVER, Sjoert BRINK, Bauke MULLER, Simon DE WIJS, non-playing Captain: Eric LAURANT

NETHERLANDS, BC 'T ONSTEIN 2

Huub BERTENS, Frank BAKKEREN, Ton BAKKEREN, Berry WESTRA, Captain: Huub BERTENS

POLAND, AUGURI WARSAW

Jacek PSZCZOLA, Krzysztof BURAS, Zdzislaw INGIELEWICZ, Jacek KALITA, Adam ZMUDZINSKI, Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ, Captain: Jacek PSZCZOLA

RUSSIA LAZY

Georgy MATUSHKO, Vadim KHOLOMEEV, Yuri KHOKHLOV, Aleksey STERKIN, Yuri KHIUPPENEN, Alexander PETRUNIN, Captain: Georgy MATUSHKO

SWEDEN, SKARA BS

Bo ROOS, Henrik NOBERIUS, Patrik JOHANSSON, Andreas PERSSON, Magnus GORANSSON, Captain: Bo ROOS

TURKEY, CAYYOLU BRIDGE CLUB

Levent ÖZGÜL, Toygar ALPER, Cengiz ARIGÜN, Sühan TASKIN, Alpay ÖZALP, Hülya DARILMAZ, non-playing Captain: Levent ERGEN