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BRIDGE



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The Cup has started Thursday evening with two matches of twenty hands each. In Group A Auguri Warsaw from Poland is on lead with 41 VIPs followed by Karlsruher BSC (Germany) and 't Onstein 1 (The Netherlands), both with 38 VIPs. In Group B G.S. Allegra (Lavazza) is on top with 41 VIPs. The runners up here is the National Champion from Israel (39 VIPs).

OPEN ROOM



Where will the next European Team Championships be played now that Greece has resigned? Check the interview with EBL president Yves Aubry by Elisabeth van Ettinger at BridgeTopics.com.

RESULTS AND PROGRAM

Round Robin -1-

Group A

		IMPs	VP
BC't Onstein 1	Lazy	57 : 40	19 : 11
Auguri Warsaw	Cayyolu Bridge Club	52 : 11	23 : 7
Karlsruher BSC	BC Grant Thornton	62 : 27	22 : 8

Group B

G.S. Allegra	Vito	49 : 18	21 : 9
Israeli National Champion	BC 't Onstein 2	45 : 45	15 : 15
Skara BS	BTSC Hannover	46 : 34	17 : 13

Round Robin -2-

Group A

		IMPs	VP
Cayyolu Bridge Club	BC't Onstein 1	45 : 44	15 : 15
Lazy	BC Grant Thornton	47 : 40	16 : 14
Auguri Warsaw	Karlsruher BSC	50 : 36	18 : 12

Group B

BC 't Onstein 2	G.S. Allegra	37 : 60	10 : 20
Vito	BTSC Hannover	60 : 40	19 : 11
Israeli National Champion	Skara BS	71 : 28	24 : 6

Ranking after 2 Rounds

Group A

Rank	Points	Team
1	41	Auguri Warsaw
2	38	Karlsruher BSC
3	38	BC't Onstein 1
4	27	Lazy
5	22	Cayyolu Bridge Club
6	22	BC Grant Thornton

Group B

Rank	Points	Team
1	41	G.S. Allegra
2	39	Israeli National Champion
3	28	Vito
4	25	BC 't Onstein 2
5	24	BTSC Hannover
6	23	Skara BS

A 'ROTTERDAM OVERCALL' DOESN'T ALWAYS PAY-OFF

Round Robin 1

Lazy from Russia had quite a dynamic start in its match against 't Onstein, the Dutch team champion. Already on board 1 a bid was made which in The Netherlands is known as a 'Rotterdam Overcall'

N/None	♠ 7		
	♥ K 8 6 2		
	♦ K Q J 7 3		
	♣ 7 6 2		
♠ A K 8		♠ 9 6 5	
♥ J 5		♥ 9 7 4 3	
♦ 6 5 2		♦ 10 4	
♣ A J 9 8 3		♣ K Q 10 5	
	♠ Q J 10 4 3 2		
	♥ A Q 10		
	♦ A 9 8		
	♣ 4		

Open	West	North	East	South
	<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Khiuppenen</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Kholomeev</i>
	Pass	Pass	1♠	
	2♣	Dbl	4♣	4♠
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

Three of the four players of 't Onstein used to play for De Lombard, a bridge club from Rotterdam, where the main requirements for an overcall on the two-level merely were some high-card points and a five card suit. The quality of the suit was of less relevance. These overcalls often lead to thin games, sometimes made, sometimes down.

The 2♣ overcall by Simon de Wijs as West was a 'fine' example of such an aggressive approach. When Bauke Muller pre-empted at the four level after a Sputnik double, he pushed South, Vadim Kholomeev, into the spade game.

West led a club and with trumps 3-3 declarer soon could claim his contract. It looks as if a heart lead (and a heart continuation) would defeat 4♠. East will come in with a club and gives his partner a ruff. A scissors coup however still enables declarer to make ten tricks. He wins the first tricks and returns a club to cut the communications in defence.

Closed	West	North	East	South
	<i>Matushko</i>	<i>Drijver</i>	<i>Khokhlov</i>	<i>Brink</i>
	Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
	Pass	2♦	Pass	3♠
	Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
	Pass			



So after serious interference the Russians arrived at the right spot. In the other room East-West did not bid. Still North-South went overboard in the wrong contract: 3NT -3 and 11 IMPs to *Lazy*.

first blood

First blood to Russia. It took some time but at board 13 the new Bermuda Bowl champs hit back when Bas Drijver fooled the defence by playing a nice card:

N/None	♠ A Q 10 7 6		
	♥ J 9		
	♦ J 7 2		
	♣ K 6 2		
♠ 9 8 5 2		♠ J 4 3	
♥ K Q 5		♥ 10 6 3	
♦ K 10 3		♦ 9 5 4	
♣ J 10 5		♣ A Q 9 4	
	♠ K		
	♥ A 8 7 4 2		
	♦ A Q 8 6		
	♣ 8 7 3		



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, 17th November

16.30	Captains' Meeting
16.45	Opening Ceremony
17.00	Round Robin 1st match
20.00	Dinner
21.15	Round Robin 2nd match

Friday, 18th November

10.30	Round Robin 3rd match
13.20	Lunch
14.15	Round Robin 4th match
17.25	Round Robin 5th match

Saturday, 19th November

11.00	Semifinal 1st session
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Semifinal 2nd session
16.00	Semifinal 3rd session
18.00	Semifinal 4th session

Sunday, 20th November

11.00	Final & Play-off 1st session
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Final & Play-off 2nd session
16.00	Final & Play-off 3rd session
18.00	Final 4th session
21.00	Prize giving & Victory banquet

N/None ♠ A Q 10 7 6 *diagram repeated for your convenience*
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ J 7 2
 ♣ K 6 2

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

♠ K
 ♥ A 8 7 4 2
 ♦ A Q 8 6
 ♣ 8 7 3

Open

West	North	East	South
De Wijs	Khiuppenen	Muller	Kholomeev
	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Obviously 3NT was completely wrong sided when West led the ♣J. Declarer had no chance at all: 3NT -3.

At the other table North declared the hand. When East lead the ♦9 Bas Drijver, who then had a clear indication that the ♦K was in West, inserted the queen. West took the king and switched to the ♣J to king and ace and East erred by returning another diamond. He hoped of course that his partner had the jack. This card however was North's vital entree to his long spades and declarer ended up with nine 'impossible' tricks.

Lunch

Thursday 13.20 hrs and Friday 13.00 hrs a free lunch is served for players and staff at the Konrad A Restaurant in the Avendi Hotel.

Das Deutsche Bulletin von Kareen Schroeder

Als der Deutsche Bridge-Verband im letzten Jahr gebeten wurde den 10. European Champions Cup auszutragen, fiel die Entscheidung der Vorstandsmitglieder sehr schnell positiv aus. Es wurde ein geeigneter Austragungsort gesucht und mit Bad Honnef und dem Hotel Avendi wurde ein geeigneter Platz gefunden.

Und die Tatsache, dass der DBV dadurch mit einer zweiten Mannschaft teilnehmen kann, hat auch die Mitglieder schnell überzeugt. Als Qualifikation wurde die 1. Bundesliga 2011 gewählt, wo die deutsche Openmannschaft gemeinsam unter dem Namen Bamberger Reiter seit Jahren ungefährdet Sieger ist. So ging es darum, ein zweites Team zu finden - also sollten die beiden erst platzierten Teams die deutsche Vertretung beim Champions Cup 2011 sein.

Doch es kam ganz anders. Ob es die Aussicht war, bei einem international so wichtigen Turnier dabei zu sein, wird sich nicht mehr feststellen lassen. Jedenfalls haben die beiden Mannschaften aus Karlsruhe und Hannover souverän die Plätze 1 und 2 belegt, und die erfahrenen Spieler aus Bamberg mussten die interne Niederlage anerkennen.

Zwei Spieler sind vielen bekannt, denn sie waren Mitglied der Mannschaft, die im Jahr 1990 den Rosenblum Cup gewonnen hat: Bernhard Ludewig und Roland Rohowsky, sie spielen zusammen mit Nedju Buchlev, Jörg Fritsche, Sebastian Reim und Klaus Rebs als Sieger der Bundesliga für den Karlsruhe BSC.

Zweiter war der BTSC Hannover, vertreten durch Wolfram von Alvensleben, Matthias Felmy, Vitaly Khanukov, Matthias Schüller, Ortwin Wagner und den frischgebackenen Sieger der Universitäts-Europameisterschaft Paul Orth.

Hier eine Kostprobe aus der Bundesliga, die zeigt, dass man auch mit Störgeboten umgehen kann:

O/Alle	♠ D 10 9 6		♠ 5									
	♥ A K 10 6 5		♥ 4									
	♦ 6 2		♦ A D B 5 3									
	♣ 10 9		♣ K B 7 6 4 2									
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	♦ 10											
	♣ A D 8											

West	North <i>Fritsche</i>	East	South <i>Rohowsky</i>
		1♦	1♠
3♦	4♠	5♦	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Sicherlich werden unsere beiden Mannschaften im Feld der Besten aus Europa gute Gastgeber sein.



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, Norberto 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