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# STAR AND BAMBERGER REITER ROUND-ROBIN WINNERS



**Star** from Utrecht powered its way into the semi-finals with a clear victory in Group A. Today the Dutch national club champion will meet **Quantum** from Bulgaria in the semi-final. The other semi-final is between the **Bamberger Reiter**, the winner of Group B, and **Parioli-Angelini**. These four clubs will fight it out for a berth in Sunday's final.



#### Final rankings round-robin

#### round robin A

place	Click on team to see its results and members.	VP	1	2	3	4	5	6	+/_ VP
1	BRIDGECLUB STAR	93		11	22	16	25	19	
2	T.C.P. ANGELINI B.T.	80	19		0	18	21	22	
3	HEIMDAL BC TRONDHEIM	75	8	25		7	16	19	
4	AVALANCHE BC	74	14	12	23		12	13	
5	🖶 BRIDGEFÉLAG REYKJAVÍKUR	65	3	9	14	18		21	
6	FRANCE National Champion	56	11	8	11	17	9		

#### round robin B

place	Click on team to see its results and members.	VP	1	2	3	4	5	6	+/_ VP
1	BRIDGECLUB BAMBERGER REITER	104		6	23	25	25	25	
2	QUANTUM BC	87	24		15	13	19	16	
3	🛨 STORSJÖBYGDENS BK	76	7	15		14	15	25	
4	THE WHITE HOUSE	68	5	17	16		15	15	
5	DENMARK National Champion	57	3	11	15	15		13	
6	A.B. SAN GIORGIO DEL SANNIO	56	5	14	5	15	17		

### semifinal A

_		places 1-4					
	1	BRIDGECLUB STAR	0	0	0	0	0
F	2	BRIDGECLUB BAMBERGER REITER	0	0	0	0	0
	1000	T.C.P. ANGELINI B.T.	0	0	0	0	U

### semifinal B

#### places 5-8

3	HEIMDAL BC TRONDHEIM	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
4	STORSJÖBYGDENS BK	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0

### semifinal C

22	places 9-17	2		-		
5	BRIDGEFÉLAG REYKJAVÍKUR	0	0	0	0	0
Ŭ	A.B. SAN GIORGIO DEL SANNIO	0	0	0	0	0
6	DENMARK National Champion	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0
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# HOW TO JUDGE A HAND

Except for the cleaning ladies, bulletin editors are usually the first people present at the playing site in the morning. Not so this year, where one can see Marcel Winkel, a member of team Star, at least one hour before play starts. Just to avoid any misunderstanding, his early appearance has nothing to do with the aforementioned ladies. Marcel takes this championship very seriously and likes to thoroughly prepare himself. And of course in the extra hour he is happy to thrust interesting deals upon us. Like this one, for example. Round robin II, Parioli-Angelini v. Star:

N/All	<b>▲</b> J865	
Brd. 13	♡ A 9 7 5 3	
	◊ 6 2	
	<b>*</b> 96	
<b>"</b> -	N	<b>•</b> 10 4
♡ J 10 8	WΕ	♡Q642
◊ K 10 8 4 3	S S	$\diamond$ A J 9 7
🜲 J 10 8 7 4	Ũ	🜲 A K 5
	🔺 A K Q 9 7	32
	♡K	
	◊ Q 5	
	<b>&amp;</b> Q 3 2	

West	North	East	South
Nunes	Kelder	Fantoni	Winkel
		1NT <sup>1</sup>	dbl
2 <b>*</b> 2	2♡	3◊	3♠
4♣	4 🌲	5◊	pass
pass	dbl	all pass	

1) 12-14

2) Texas transfer to diamonds

#### Time table semi-finals Saturday 8 november



Fulvio Fantoni

Despite having been doubled, Fulvio Fantoni decided to support diamonds, first at the three level and later at the five level. It was all a matter of judgement, but was he right?

South led the A against the doubled diamond game, ruffed in dummy. Declarer cashed his two top trumps and the A, ruffed another spade, played a club to the King and exited in clubs. Curtains.

Alternatively, declarer could have exited in hearts after stripping the hand, with the same result. Still, excellent judgement of course by Fantoni to reject the club finesse.

The way to beat  $5\diamond$  is to lead the  $\heartsuit K$ . North should overtake and return the suit for a ruff. After that, South waits for his  $\clubsuit Q$  to score

	10.30	SF-Session 1 (12 boards)	Semifinals
Saturday, 10 November	13.15	SF-Session 2 (12 boards)	
		SF-Session 3 (12 boards)	
	17.30	SF-Session 4 (12 boards)	

### **RUSSIA v. ICELAND**

Watching the Russians and Iceland you can always expect some interesting boards. Second round. After a misdefence on board 3 Jorgensen and Armannsson struck back on board number 7.

S/All Brd. 7	▲ Q J 1 ♡ J 9 8 ◇ K J 1 ♣ 9	7	
<ul> <li>▲ 3</li> <li>♡ 10</li> <li>◇ Q 4 3 2</li> <li>▲ AKQ 10 6 3 2</li> </ul>	W	N E S	♠ 9 5 2 ♡ A K 6 5 3 ◊ 7 6 ♣ J 7 5
	🔺 A K 8	376	
	♡Q42	2	
	♦ A 8 5	5	
	<b>&amp;</b> 84		

West	North	East	South
Armannsson	Gromov	Jorgensen	Dubinin
			1 🛦
3♠	4	5 <b>♣</b> *	pass
pass	dbl	all pass	

Alexander Dubinin had an awkward lead here. It is often right to lead trumps when you have all side suits stopped. Sometimes it prevents a ruff, which in this case could be easily the decisive trick. Here it was indeed the decisive trick, namely the eleventh for declarer. The play took only a few seconds. Adalstein Jorgensen set up the hearts and claimed his contract.

On board 12 Gromov-Dubinin bid the 50% slam and were lucky that the finesse was on. Then an interesting defensive problem on board 18.

E/NS Brd. 18	<ul> <li>♦ 9 5 4 3</li> <li>♡ 9 3</li> <li>◇ J 10 9 8 2</li> <li>♣ 8 4</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>▲ A J 7</li> <li>♡ Q 8 7 2</li> <li>◊ 7 5</li> <li>♣ K Q 10 6</li> </ul>	N W E S	<ul> <li>▲ Q 10 2</li> <li>♡ K 10 5</li> <li>◇ A Q 6</li> <li>♣ 8 4</li> </ul>
	<b>▲</b> K 8 6 ♡ A J 6 4	
	◇ K 4 3 ♣ A J 5	

West	North	East	South
Armannsson	Gromov	Jorgensen	Dubinin
		1SA*	dbl
rdb	2♦	pass	pass
dbl	all pass		

Jorgensen led the ♠2. His lack of entries seduced Gromov into go up with the King. Sverrir Armannsson switched to the obvious King of clubs, ducked by declarer. Now Armannsson could have made the key play to set the contract by two tricks. Switch to a small heart, for the Ace and King and declarer is stuck in dummy. He would like to finesse in diamonds twice and also develop the thirteenth spade. An impossible task it would seems. The best he can do is play a spade but Jorgensen will take it with his Queen to preserve the AJ as an entry and continue with the

 $\heartsuit$ 10. Andrey Gromov will ruff and play a trump. Now Jorgensen is in control and he can even duck the first round of diamonds, take the second one and reach partner with the Jack of spades. The fourth round of hearts lets the Queen of trumps score the second doubled undertrick. None of this happened. Armannsson returned a spade at trick three and later on Gromov led the ◊8 through Jorgensen's Ace, Queen, Jack, small and was happy to escape for one down.

### **TO FIND A QUEEN**

Round robin III, Sweden v. Denmark. Micke Melander spotted a nice deal from this Scandinavian encounter:

S/All Brd. 7	▲ 10 3 ♡ Q 9 5 ◊ K 8 2 ♣ J 10 9 7 0	6
<ul> <li>▲ A 7 6 2</li> <li>♡ A J 7</li> <li>◊ A J 10</li> <li>♣ Q 5 4</li> </ul>	N W E S	<ul> <li>▲ Q 9 8 5</li> <li>♡ K 10 3</li> <li>◊ 9 7 6 5</li> <li>♣ 8 2</li> </ul>
	▲ K J 4 ♡ 8 6 4 2 ◇ Q 4 3 ▲ A K 3	

West	North	East	South
Trapp	Blakset	Elmroth	Adamsen
			1♣
1NT	all pass		



Micke Melander



Leif Trapp

The defence started with three rounds of clubs against West's 1NT (dummy discarding a diamond). After winning the AQ, declarer played the A and another spade to the ten and low from dummy. South won the Jack and switched to a diamond, to the Jack and King. North cashed his remaining clubs (another diamond and a spade were thrown from dummy) and exited in diamonds, to the Queen and Ace. In order to make his contract, declarer still needed to find the  $\nabla Q$ .

Trapp knew about 13 HCP in the South hand (if North had the  $\bigstar$ K, he would have cashed it for down one). If South also possessed the  $\heartsuit Q$ , he would have opened with 1NT (15-17). Therefore, Leif Trapp decided to look for the missing heart honour in North. Right he was.

# **HERR VON CLEEFF, BITTE!**

Round robin III, Bamberger Reiter v. San Giorgio del Sannio. Marjo Chorus of BRIDGE informed your editor that Germany's Entsho Wladow had done something exceptional in this match. He had found a great lead on the penultimate board:

	<b>▲</b> 42	
Brd. 19	♡ K 8 2	
	◇ K 9 7 6 4	
	♣J82	
<b>♦</b> 985	Ν	<b>▲</b> J 10 3
$\heartsuit$ Q J 9 6 5 4 3	WΕ	♡ A 10
♦ 10	S	0 A J 8 5
♣ K 5	U	<b>*</b> 9763
	🛦 A K Q 7 6	
	♡7	
	◊ Q 3 2	
	🜲 A Q 10 4	

The bidding was simple (East-West never entering the bidding): 1 A - 1NT - 3 - 3NT. Looking at the East hand, I confessed to Dr. Wladow that I would probably lead a diamond.



Dr. Michael Elinescu - the happiest man around.

#### 'Herr Von Cleeff, bitte'

Entsho jumped up and down. His face turned purple and his spectacles fell to the ground.

#### 'As bube, das ist doch nicht moeglich'

Dr. Wladow figured that the bidding virtually screamed for the lead of the ⊘A and a continuation of the suit. For a moment his partner, Dr. Michael Elinescu, holding a seven-bagger in hearts, was the happiest man in the world. After gaining the lead with the ♣K, he ran the rest of the suit: 3NT minus four helped the Doctors on their way to a 25-5 win and first place in their group after three rounds

place		team	imp/brd	boards	1-1	2-1	3-1	4-1	5-1
1	Henk Willemsens	BC STAR	1.8	60			+46	+1	+61
	Remco Brüggemann	BC STAR	1.8	60			+46	+1	+61
3	Entscho Wladow	BAMBERGER REITER	1.71	100	-15	+59	+36	+44	+47
	Michael Elinescu	BAMBERGER REITER	1.71	100	-15	+59	+36	+44	+47
5	Børre Lund	HEIMDAL BC	1.33	60		0	+16		+64
6	Leif Trapp	STORSJÖBYGDENS BK	1.13	80		+14	+31	+36	+9
	Gunnar Elmroth	STORSJÖBYGDENS BK	1.13	80		+14	+31	+36	+9
8	Alexander Dubinin	AVALANCHE BC	0.59	100	+35	+8	+20	-7	+3
	Andrey Gromov	AVALANCHE BC	0.59	100	+35	+8	+20	-7	+3
10	Alexander Smirnov	BAMBERGER REITER	0.57	80		+9	+25	+21	-9
	Josef Piekarek	BAMBERGER REITER	0.57	80		+9	+25	+21	-9

#### Top Ten Round Robin Butler ranking

### **NORTHERN LIGHTS AND LUCKY STARS**

I happened to be a late guest at the match between Norway en Star from Holland. Missing the first four boards meant that I didn't know the Dutch were already leading by 23 IMPs. I kibbitzed the table where Austberg-Saelensminde were North-South, playing Brüggemann-Willemsens. After one IMP for an overtrick in a dull 6NT, the Norwegians at the other table, Terje Aa and Borre Lund, pushed their opponents overboard to recover some IMPs on board 6. Next came a few washes and then a bidding accident on board 12. Would you prefer to defend 20 doubled holding a solid eight-card spade suit and some side values? Well that could happen when your agreements are not a 100% solid after your opponents opened a multicolored 20. That resulted in -280 instead of +620. A missed game by Kelder-Winkel saw the Norwegians take the lead, but then the Dutch rally started. At the table where I was watching, Per Erik Austburg and Erik Saelensminde were a slightly unlucky on board 15 when they ran into a foul trump split.

S/NS Brd 15	<ul> <li>▲</li> <li>♡ 10 9 5 2</li> <li>◇ A K 9 5 2</li> <li>▲ A Q 10 7</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>▲ 10 8 6 4 2</li> <li>♡ A 7 6</li> <li>◊ J 10</li> <li>♣ K 5 2</li> </ul>	N W E S	<ul> <li>♦ 9 7</li> <li>♡ Q 8 4</li> <li>◊ 7 6 4 3</li> <li>♣ J 9 8 3</li> </ul>
	▲ A K Q J 5 ♡ K J 3 ◊ Q 8 ♣ 6 4	3

West	North	East	South
Willemsens	Saelensminde	Brüggemann	Austberg
	1 🛧	pass	2◊
pass	2♠	pass	2SA
pass	3♠	pass	3SA
pass	4 🛇	pass	5 <b>♣</b>
pass	6♠	all pass	

Granted, you would need something more to make the slam, especially after a club lead, but 64 is not the most foolish contract imaginable. Board number 16 was next and look what happened on that one.

W/EW Brd. 16	<ul> <li>▲ A</li> <li>♡ A 10 9 7</li> <li>◇ A Q 10 9</li> <li>♣ 10 9 6</li> </ul>	7
<ul> <li>▲ 7 6</li> <li>♡ K J 5 4 3 2</li> <li>◊ K J</li> <li>♣ Q 3</li> </ul>	N W E S	<ul> <li>▲ 10 9 8 5 3</li> <li>♡ 8</li> <li>◇ 7 6 2</li> <li>♣ A J 8 2</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>▲ K Q J 4 2</li> <li>♡ Q 6</li> <li>◊ 8 5</li> <li>♣ K 7 5 4</li> </ul>	

West	North	East	South
Willemsens	Saelensminde	Brüggemann	Austberg
2◊	dbl	rdbl	pass
2♡	pass	pass	3♠
pass	3NT	all pass	

Remco Bruggeman led a low club to Henk Willemsens' Queen, and the \$3 was returned. Bruggeman won the Ace and cleared the suit. Declarer Erik Saelensminde now weighed his chances. The spades were blocked, so he focussed on the red suits. He called for the heart Queen, which was covered by West and won with the Ace as East dropped the eight rather than a hoped for bare Jack. Saelensminde now knew that his chances of making the contract were gone. He cashed the spade Ace and continued with the diamond Queen. But Henk Willemsens had no problems of course. He won and threw declarer back on lead by playing  $\heartsuit J$  and another heart, quietly waiting for his diamond Jack to become the setting trick. It's not that Erik missed the winning line, but he just chose wrong. Had he, at trick three, proceeded with a diamond to the Queen, his chances would have improved enormously. The best he could do then is to cash the A and A and continue with a third diamond. West wins, but has to lead a heart or spade. This line works if West holfds either  $\diamond$ Kxxx or  $\diamond$ Kxx. With the latter holding, West has to drop the  $\diamond$  K, hoping that his partner has the Jack for else he would be thrown in anyway. With  $\diamond$ Kxxx, West might escape with his last diamond. It won't help

him. Declarer can duck that diamond or, if it is the  $\diamond$ 2, he cashes his diamond tricks and exits with the  $\heartsuit$ 10. Because the  $\heartsuit$ 8 drops, there is no

escape for West. This was the beginning of string of nice results for the Dutch. They outscored the Norwegians 70-38 IMPs, resulting in a 22-8 VP win.

### **HOW WOULD YOU PROCEED?**

Board 19. S/N-S.

	Ν		٨	A	1(	0 6	
	w	Ξ	$\heartsuit$	Q	1	8 0	86
	s	-	$\diamond$	A	7	3	
	0		÷	A	9	8	
٨	K Q 7 4	1					
$\heartsuit$	AKJ7	42	2				
$\diamond$	92						
÷	7						

**Closed Room:** 

West	North	East	South
Baldursson	Saelensminde	Jonsson	Austberg
			1♡
pass	1 🛧	pass	4 <b>♣*</b>
pass	4 🌲	all pass	

You lead a low spade as East. Declarer takes the trick with dummy's King, and then plays a club to the Jack and your Ace. How would you proceed?

Seeing dummy, a diamond continuation seems quite normal. However, Thorlakur Jonsson of Iceland, afraid of an impending cross-ruff and wishing to limit declarer's ruffing tricks, cashed the Ace of spades and played another spade. That was not particularly successful when the layout proved to be the following: Board 19. S/N-S.

	<ul> <li>▲ J 8 4 2</li> <li>♡ 5</li> <li>◊ J 10 8</li> <li>♣ K J 10 4</li> </ul>	42
♦ 9 3 ♥ 9 3 ♦ K Q 6 5 4 ♦ Q 6 5 3	N W E S	<ul> <li>▲ A 10 6</li> <li>♡ Q 10 8 6</li> <li>◇ A 7 3</li> <li>▲ A 9 8</li> </ul>
	▲ K Q 7 4 ♡ A K J 7 ◊ 9 2 ♣ 7	

Erik Saelensminde could win in hand, pitch a diamond from dummy on the King of clubs, and then establish dummy's heart suit by finessing the Jack. The defenders got one diamond trick, but the contract was just made.

The very same contract went two down at the other table. That was 11 IMPs for the Norwegians and a welcome contribution to their modest 16-14 victory.

### **NEXT CHAMPIONS' CUP**

The next ( $8^{th}$ ) edition of the European Bridge Champions' Cup will be held from  $15^{th} - 18^{th}$ October 2009 in Paris. The exact venue still has to be decided.



# THE ART OF DRAWING OF TRUMPS

In the Scandinavian battle between Sweden and Denmark (15-15) in the third round Peter Fredin and Mathias Bruun reached a sensible small slam in clubs.

W/None Brd 8	<ul> <li>▲ Q 6 4</li> <li>♡ 8 6</li> <li>◇ K Q J 6 2</li> <li>♣ J 8 6</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>▲ 7</li> <li>♡ K Q 4 3</li> <li>◇ A 9 7 4 3</li> <li>♣ 9 7 3</li> </ul>	N ▲ A 10 8 5 W E ♡ A J S ◊ 5 ♣ A Q 10 5 4 2
	<ul> <li>▲ K J 9 3 2</li> <li>♡ 10 9 7 5 2</li> <li>◊ 10 8</li> <li>♣ K</li> </ul>

West	North	East	South
Fredin	Walker	Bruun	Olofsson
pass	pass	1 弗	1 🛦
dbl	2 <b>♣*</b>	3 <b>#</b>	pass
5♣	pass	6 <b>♣</b>	all pass

\*Good raise in spades

Peter Fredin of Sweden is here playing for Denmark's national champions. Holding nice values, he jumped to game in clubs as West. Bruun raised one level and after a spade lead he had to solve his problem in the trump suit. How would you play the trumps?

There was a potential risk of losing two trump tricks, thus Mathias Bruun found his own way of drawing trumps. After winning trick one with the Ace of spades, he unblocked the heart winners in his hand, and then ruffed a spade. He next led a heart from dummy, North ruffed and was overruffed. Another spade was ruffed in dummy, and then North ruffed dummy's fourth heart, again overruffed by declarer.

At this point there were only two missing trumps, the Jack, and the King, so Bruun simply ruffed his last spade in dummy. North had no spades left, so he was able to take the trick with the trump Jack. However, declarer could win the diamond return, ruff a diamond and then cash the trump Ace, dropping South's bare King – the only still outstanding trump.

Fredin-Bruun were the only pair in the field to bid slam. Therefore Denmark won 10 valuable IMPs on this board, when North-South stopped in Three Notrumps at the other table.

### VICTORY BANQUET AND PRIZE GIVING: IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PLAYERS AND STAFF MEMBERS

The Victory Banquet and Prize Giving of the Champions' Cup will be held on

Sunday Night 9<sup>th</sup> November in **Restaurant** '**De Veranda**'. Teamcaptains and staff will receive vouchers for the banquet by Ed Franken, manager hospitality.

De Veranda is nearby (5 minutes by car), the address being:

Amstelveenseweg 764, 1081 JK Amsterdam, telephone 020-6445814.

The coctail and dinner start on 7.00 pm. There will be a shuttle bus available at the White House (the playing venue) from 6.30 pm on. The closing will be 10-10.30 pm approximately. Guests have to take care themselves to return to their hotels. Around the corner of the restaurant, there is sufficient parking space for those who will go by car.



### **NO REVENGE**

Round robin III, France v. Bridgefelag Reykavikur (Iceland). I decided to kibitz Paul Chemla for one or two boards. What else can one do in the dying seconds before lunch? First:

W/EW	<b>▲</b> A		
Brd. 16	♡ A 10 9 7		
	♦ A Q 10 9	3	
	<b>*</b> 10 9 6		
<b>♦</b> 76	Ν	109653	
$\heartsuit$ K J 5 4 3 2	WΕ	♡8	
◊ K J 4	S	◊762	
♣ Q 5	U	🜲 A J 8 2	
	🛦 K Q J 4 2		
	♡ <b>Q</b> 6		
	◊ 8 5		
	🜲 K 7 5 4		

N/- Brd. 17	<ul> <li>▲ A 6 5 4 2</li> <li>♡ Q 9 8 7 5</li> <li>◊ Q 2</li> <li>♣ 3</li> </ul>		
♠ K 10 7	Ν	▲ Q J 9	
♡ 6	WΕ	♡ A K J 4 3 2	
◊ A K 10 8	S	◊ 9 4	
🜲 J 9 8 6 4	-	<b>4</b> 75	
	<b>♦</b> 83		
	♡ 10		
	♦ J 7 6 5 3		
	<b>A</b> K Q 10	2	

West	North	East	South
Chemla	Baldursson	Salama	Jonsson
	pass	1♡	2SA <sup>1</sup>
dbl	3◊	3♡	pass
3NT	all pass		

1) both minors

After 2NT Paul was convinced he could recover some points by doubling the opponents for penalties. East, however, spoiled the party by rebidding his six-card heart suit. West concluded the auction with 3NT, which had no chance at all, despite North's sporting lead of the  $\diamond$ Q, resulting in 3NT-1. Poor Paul, no revenge, no cigar.

The bidding started in similar fashion at several other tables. Over  $3\diamond$ , some bid  $3\heartsuit$  as East and some did not. Those who didn't, collected three to eight hundred in  $3\diamond$  doubled.

Paul decided NOT to open as West. However, after North-South started the bidding with  $1\diamond$  -

1 ♠, he could no longer resist temptation and interfered with 2♡. This was passed to South, who reopened with a double. Four minutes later, merciless defence had limited Paul to a mere three tricks: East-West minus 1400. On the next board:



Paul Chemla

### THE CLUBS CAUSE TROUBLE

S/All	♠62	
Brd. 7	♡J962	
	◊ Q 10 5	
	<b>&amp;</b> J764	
🛦 A K J 10 8	Ν	🛦 K 5 4 3
♡ 3	WΕ	♡ A Q 10 8
♦ J 7	S	0 A K 9 2
🜲 Q 9 8 5 2	Ū	<b>*</b> 3
	<b>4</b> 97	
	♡ K 7 5 2	
	$\diamond~8~6~4~3$	
	🜲 A K 10	

Board number. 7 in the 4<sup>th</sup> round created some interesting problems for the TD's. Let me begin by telling you what happened when the White House team played in 6♠. During the auction East had asked for aces with 4NT and got a 5♣ (1 ace) reply. This was doubled by North, after which declarer obviously could not find the winning play in clubs,, instead trying for 12 tricks by means of a finesse in hearts.

In another match, West had shown his clubs with 3**♣**, after which East had bid 4**♣** as a cue-bid. However, his partner explained it as showing club support. This was enough reason for South to double 6 A, relying on being able to collect his

A-K. His partner decided to initiate this plan by leading a club at trick 1. Declarer now made his contract. The TD's decided to remove the double and would expect the contract to be made four times out of five.

The trickiest case occurred in a 6. -contract by West, with a trump lead taken in dummy and the singleton club played next. According to declarer, South took some time before producing the Ace . When declarer later played another club and saw South produce the club10, he was hoping for A-J-10 there and led the A in the third round of the suit. Wrong card.

South denied having hesitated, but the facts presented were enough reason for the TD's to rule in declarer's favor. Several Appeal Committees have ruled in the past that a player may not play a misleading card after an earlier hesitation. In other words: the combination of a hesitation and subsequent play of a misleading card is contrary to the way bridge should be played. After a smoothly played club Ace, declarer has not made his contract yet. The TD's assigned the same weight of four out of five in favor of declarer.

Ton Kooijman





BULGARIA, QUANTUM; NANEV, Ivan, pc; VASSILEV, Ilia; STEFSANOV, Yulian; ARONOV, Victor; MIHOV, Vladimir; GUNEV, Rossen



DENMARK'S NATIONAL CHAMPION ; BLAKSET, Lars, pc; BLAKSET, Knut; ADAMSEN, Klaus; BRUUN, Mathias; FREDIN, Peter



FRANCE'S; NATIONAL CHAMPION; SALAMA, Maurice, pc; CHEMLA, Paul; LEBEL, Michel; MEYER, Jean-Paul



GERMANY; BC BAMBERGER REITER: GROMOELLER, Michael pc; KIRMSE, Andreas; ELINESCU, Michael; WLADOW, Entscho; PIEKAREK, Josef; SMIRNOV, Alexander



ICELAND; BRIDGEFELAG REYKAVIKUR: BALDURSSON, Jon, pc; JONSSON, Thorlakur; ARMANNSSON, Sverrir; JORGENSEN, Adalsteinn; EINARSSON, Bjarni



ITALY; ANGELINI B.T. T.C.P: ANGELINI Francesco; LAURIA, Lorenzo; FANTONI, Fulvio; NUNES, Claudio; VERSACE, Alfredo; BOVE, Ercole, pc



ITALY; A.B. SAN GIORGIO DEL SANNIO: FIORETTI, Francesco; MAGNANI, Carlo; PIZZA, Ettore; SELVAGGI, Giambattista; CUCCORESE, Claudio; CUCCORESE, Antonio; SIMEOLI, Carlo, npc



NETHERLANDS; BRIDGECLUB STAR: WILLEMSENS, Henk, pc; MICHIELSEN, Marion; HOP, Jacco; KELDER, Hans; WINKEL, Marcel; BRÜGGEMANN, Remco



NETHERLANDS; THE WHITE HOUSE DE BOER, Wubbo, npc; SCHOLLAARDT, Maarten; JACOBS, Leon; VERHEES, Louk; VAN PROOIJEN, Ricco; JANSMA, Jan; PAULISSEN, Gert-Jan



NORWAY; A HEIMDAL BC, TRONDHEIM: AA, Terje, pc; AUSTBERG, Per Erik; SÆLENSMINDE, Erik; LUND, Børre; FURUNES, Jon-Egil



RUSSIA; AVALANCHE; GROMOV, Andrey, pc; GROMOVA, Victoria; DUBININ, Alexander; PONOMAREVA, Tatiana



SWEDEN; STORSJÖBYGDENS BK: ELMROTH, Gunnar, pc; TRAPP, Leif; AXNE; Olle; RUTHSTRÖM, Leif; WALKER, Rob; OLOFSSON, BG