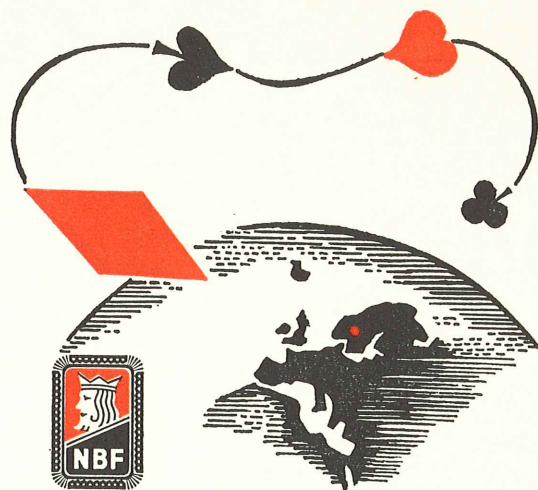


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### RESULTS

<u>Draw</u>	<u>Half Time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
<u>Open Series - Round 17</u>			
Netherlands - Turkey	44 - 53	57 - 95	0 - 8
Israel - Ireland	9 - 71	46 - 114	0 - 8
Portugal - Norway	39 - 43	72 - 87	2 - 6
Belgium - Poland	45 - 31	85 - 50	8 - 0
Iceland - Switzerland	66 - 22	90 - 58	7 - 1
Italy - Finland	83 - 12	119 - 41	8 - 0
Germany - Austria	12 - 41	67 - 65	4 - 4
Greece - France	11 - 46	68 - 94	1 - 7
Great Britain - Spain	33 - 45	86 - 97	3 - 5
Sweden - Denmark	56 - 22	81 - 39	8 - 0
Hungary - bye			5
<u>Open Series - Round 18</u>			
Ireland - Turkey	38 - 10	100 - 45	8 - 0
Hungary - Portugal	35 - 33	94 - 70	7 - 1
Poland - Israel	24 - 13	41 - 58	2 - 6
Norway - Iceland	33 - 30	77 - 31	8 - 0
Finland - Belgium	38 - 26	79 - 40	8 - 0
Switzerland - Germany	21 - 62	45 - 89	0 - 8
France - Italy	38 - 16	73 - 50	7 - 1
Austria - Great Britain	16 - 9	40 - 65	1 - 7
Denmark - Greece	40 - 18	86 - 32	8 - 0
Spain - Sweden	57 - 28	96 - 52	8 - 0
Netherlands - bye			5
<u>Ladies' Series - Round 12</u>			
Netherlands - France	28 - 69	39 - 97	0 - 8
Great Britain - Norway	25 - 38	84 - 71	6 - 2
Greece - Sweden	19 - 68	35 - 125	0 - 8
UAR/Egypt - Denmark	13 - 46	46 - 74	1 - 7
Ireland - Spain	41 - 42	64 - 64	4 - 4
Finland - Poland	13 - 60	23 - 118	0 - 8
Italy - bye			5



VICTORY POINTS

Open Series:		Ladies' Series:			
x	Italy	113	x	Great Britain	78
x	Austria	95	x	France	77
x	Sweden	95	x	Italy	70
x	Norway	93	x	Sweden	56
x	France	92	x	Norway	55
x	Switzerland	85		Netherlands	49
x	Poland	83	x	Ireland	48
x	Great Britain	83	x	Spain	47
x	Ireland	78	x	Poland	41
	Germany	78	x	Denmark	36
x	Israel	72	x	Greece	34
x	Denmark	68	x	UAR/Egypt	31
x	Turkey	67	x	Finland	14
x	Belgium	66			
x	Spain	65			
x	Hungary	62			
	Iceland	60			
x	Finland	51			
	Portugal	49			
x	Netherlands	43			
x	Greece	32			

x= Had Their Bye

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

ON RAMA:

Friday, 4th July at 19.30: Norway v. Great Britain, Open Series

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee on duty

Friday, 4th July, at 11.00.....Mr. D. Jackson  
19.30.....Mr. Einar Werner

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES

As promised, here is one of the morsels from the Great Britain - Italy Ladies' 11th Round match.

Dir: West  
Vul: N/S

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

Great Britain N-S in the Open Room,  
bidding went:

	N.	E.	S.	W.
				-
	1♣	D	1♥	-
	-	1♣	-	2♣
	3♥	D	-	-
	-			

A bidding misunderstanding led West to start off with the ♣K, presenting declarer with her doubled Three Heart contract, when a 4♣ game is on the other way.

Closed Room

	N.	E.	S.	W.
				-
	1NT	D	2♥	-
	-	2♣	-	-
	-			

Mercifully it was not bid in the other room, keeping the score to 14 IMPs to the Signoras.

From the same key match Rixi dived with death.

Dlr: West	♠ A Q 8 7 4 3								
Vul: All	♥ 3								
	♦ A K 10								
	♣ K 10 8								
♠ K		♠ 2							
♥ Q 9 8 7 4		♥ A K 10 6 2							
♦ Q J 6 4		♦ 8 3 2							
♣ A 6 2		♣ J 9 7 4							
	♠ J 10 9 6 5								
	♥ J 5								
	♦ 9 7 5								
	♣ Q 5 3								

				Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.	N.	E.	S.	W.
			17				
				D	4♥	-	-
				4♠	-	-	5♥
				D	-	5♣	-
				-	-	-	-
				Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.	N.	E.	S.	W.
				1♠	-	2♣	-
				4♠	-	-	-

As West in the Open Room the forceful Mrs. Markus took a more aggressive view of her hand than her Italian counterpart. Not only did she open, but bid boldly up to Five Hearts which would have played safely for three down and an 800 loss. At first sight there are six losers but, even if North cashes ♠A and switches to a trump, an end-play sets in. However, Rixi was not put to the test as the Italian South obliged with a Five Spade call.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

TO-DAY'S PROBLEMS - Opening leads by Harold Franklin

If you find the right answers on the first three hands, apply for a place in the French Open Team.

Problem No. 1

Dlr: North	East:
Vul: None	♠ A Q 10 6 5 4 3
	♥ 10 5 2
	♦ J 7
	♣ 4

Open Room Bidding:			
N.	E.	S.	W.
1NT	2♣	3NT	-

Note: 1N.T. = 12 - 14 pts. and South's bid of 3N.T. was made

after some reflection. What would you lead?

Problem No. 2

Dlr: East	South:
Vul: None	♠ 5
	♥ Q J 7
	♦ K 6 3 2
	♣ J 10 9 8 4

Closed Room Bidding:			
N.	E.	S.	W.
-	1♠	-	2♦
-	2♥	-	3♣
-	4♠	-	4♦
-	4NT	-	5♦
-	6♣	-	-

What would you lead?

Problem No. 3

Dlr: West	East:
Vul: N/S	♠ J 4 2
	♥ A 6 5 4
	♦ Q 8 5 4
	♣ 8 5

Open Room Bidding:			
N.	E.	S.	W.
			1♥
-	2♥	3♣	3♥
3NT	-	-	-

What would you lead?

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Problem No. 4

Dlr: West	East:	Closed Room Bidding:			
Vul: All	♠ 8	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♥ 2				-
	♦ A K Q 10 5 3	-	1♦	2♦	5♦
	♣ Q 10 9 4 2	5♥	-	-	D
What would you lead?		-	-	-	

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

ITALY v. IRELAND by Jack Kelly.

How do you play these hands in a Four Heart contract?

West:	East:	North leads the ♠5 which you duck,
♠ K Q J 6	♠ 9 8 7	South takes the K and switches to the ♠10.
♥ A Q J 7 4	♥ 8 6 3	You put on the K, hopefully, but North
♦ Q J 6	♦ A 10 9	plays the five. You are fairly sure North
♣ 10	♣ A 8 5 2	has the ♠A and South a doubleton. If you
		lose a heart you cannot afford to lose a

spade ruff also, so you consider playing the ♥A, then a club and a heart from dummy hoping to draw the maximum number of trumps.

Let us look at the full hand:

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

Renato Mondolfo for Italy played in this way and was beaten one trick when South got his spade ruff after all. Peter Fitzgerald for Ireland had not the problem as South continued diamonds and when the heart finesse won he made eleven tricks.

Perhaps one might argue that South with a small doubleton in each major would not seek a ruff.

NO BLARNEY STONE TO HAND:

The following hand slipped by the most astute observers in the Finland v. Spain 5th Round match.

Dlr: North	♠ A K 9 7	Bidding:			
Vul: All	♥ A 2	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♦ J 10 9	de Togores	Arle	Foz	Swanljung
	♣ Q J 5 2	INT	-	2NT	-
♠ Q 10 6 3		-	-		
♥ J 8 5	♠ 4 2				
♦ K 3	♥ K 7 6 4 3				
♣ K 10 6 4	♦ Q 4				
	♣ A 9 7 3				
	♠ J 8 5				
	♥ Q 10 9				
	♦ A 3 7 6 5 2				
	♣ 8				

North - South were using a strong No-Trump but even so their bidding methods left them in a somewhat precarious situation.

East led the ♥6 which declarer covered with dummy's 9 and won West's Knave with his ace. He continued with the ♦9 and ran the trick to West's King when East failed to cover. West returned the ♥5, East winning with the King and returning the ♥3 which cleared the suit. Declarer, winning /Over

with dummy's ♠Q, discarded the ♠2 from the closed hand. He now played off the ♠A and another, and led a small spade from hand, hoping to create an entry for the diamonds with dummy's ♠J. When this lost to the ♠Q, declarer could not avoid being defeated by two tricks.

Both declarer and East had neglected to kiss the Blarney Stone, for it would have cost declarer nothing to discard the ♠10 on dummy's ♠Q to make an easy nine tricks, while East was guilty of taking the ♠K and giving declarer the opportunity.....

A. Mulcahy.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

PROBLEM HAND from Netherlands - Israel, Open Series, by Herman Filarski

The unexpectedly poor performance of the Dutch team caused the n.p.c. to change the partnerships. Now, Hans Kreyns was playing with Arie van Heusden, and at the other table Jaap Kokkes and Kees Kaiser were trying to escape the last place - up till now, however, without much success.

A real tough problem hand came up in this match - a redoubled contract, which in itself is an exception in this kind of tournament.

Dir: South ♠ K J 10 9 5 4  
 Vul: S/N ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ K 7 4  
 ♣ A 4

In the Open Room Schaufel -  
 Frydrich played E/W, against Kreyns  
 - van Heusden N/S.

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

N.	E.	S.	W.
-	2♦	-	1♣
-	3♥	-	2NT
-	4♥	-	3NT
D	-	-	5♦
-	-	-	RD

led the ♠6, van Heusden, South, decided to ruff with the ♦9 and continued with the ♠10, dummy (West) winning the ♠K, declarer discarding the ♥2.

South led ♠J to the Queen, Ace and ruffed. To the second trick Schaufel

Two rounds of trumps followed, North covering the second diamond with the King - East the ace, and then the diamond eight. This position was left:

East led one more round of trumps, South a club, dummy a club and Kreyns discarded the ♠9. Now Schaufel cashed the ♥A-K and his last diamond: at this moment Kreyns should have discarded the ♠10, but instead he played the ♠4, leaving himself with ♠K-J-10. Now declarer led the ♠8, and let it run - North won with the ten and had to concede the last two tricks to the ♠A-Q. Score: 750 to Israel.

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

If North hadn't discarded the ♠4 he could have ducked the ♠8, allowing South to make the two last tricks in hearts for one down.

At the other table the Dutch E/W pair played a quiet Four Hearts, making eleven tricks, and scoring 450 to Netherlands.

Probably you saw that East would have made his redoubled Five Diamond.  
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contract if he had led the ♠8 to the second trick - and not the six. For the kibitzer such things are always easy to discover, especially after the thirteenth trick!

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

ANSWERS TO LEAD PROBLEMS on ps. 3-4

1) Her4 is the reasoning, though it may be deemed *ex post facto* - the most likely inference to be gained from South's huddle is that his raise to 3 N. T. is predicated on a long minor suit. Taking this line, East may come to the conclusion that his worst chance is to give declarer a spade trick, especially as there is a fair likelihood of partner holding a singleton. If you decided to look elsewhere, your choice probably fell on a heart, in which case you would be richly rewarded, as this was the full set-up:

Dir: North	♠ K J 7	
Vul: None	♥ 8 7	
	♦ A Q 8 5 2	
	♣ K J 5	
♠ Q		♠ A Q 10 6 5 4 3
♥ A Q J 6 3		♥ 10 5 2
♦ K 6 4 3		♦ J 7
♣ 9 7		♣ 4
	♠ 8	
	♥ K 9 4	
	♦ 10 9	
	♣ A Q 10 8 6 3 2	

At the table East, who was Poubeau, opted for the ♠Q. At the other table against an opening lead of the ♥5, the defence made 6 N. T. (12 tricks) Great Britain scoring 400 points in both rooms.

2)

Dir: East	♠ J 8 2	
Vul: None	♥ 8 6 3 2	
	♦ Q 4	
	♣ A 7 3 2	
♠ K 9 6		♠ A Q 10 7 4 3
♥ 5 4		♥ A K 10 9
♦ A 10 9 8 5		♦ J 7
♣ K Q 6		♣ 5
	♠ 5	
	♥ Q J 7	
	♦ K 6 3 2	
	♣ J 10 9 8 4	

This one is probably impossible to find, but those of you with a highly adventurous spirit may have gone for a diamond rather than the more pedestrian ♠J which was Henri Svarc's choice. This was the full deal and the 500 swing to Great Britain added 11 points to the 13 shown on the previous board.

3)

Dir: West	♠ A J 8	
Vul: N/S	♥ K 9 8	
	♦ 9 7 6 3 2	
	♣ A 2	
♠ Q 9 7 3		♠ 5 4 2
♥ Q J 10 7 3		♥ A 6 5 4
♦ A K J		♦ Q 8 5 4
♣ 4		♣ 8 5
	♠ K 10 6	
	♥ 2	
	♦ 10	
	♣ K Q J 10 9 7 6 3	

A seven-card suit is a clear likelihood on the bidding and the danger to avoid must be to give declarer his ninth trick in hearts, but rather, to find partner's hand in the hope of killing the King. Poubeau saw this, but was unlucky in his search for partner's entry. His choice was the ♠5 and those of you who preferred a diamond would have made nine tricks instead of two. This was the full set-up:

The right lead would have been worth a further 12 IMPs to France, or a turn-over of 35 on three opening leads.

The story, however, is not entirely one-sided, for Great Britain too could have effected an enormous turn-over on this hand:

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4.) The story, however, is not altogether one-sided, as Gt. Britain too could have effected an enormous turnover on this hand:-

Dir: West	♠ K 7 2	Silverstone's choice of the ♠A was
Vul: All	♥ Q 9 7 6	somewhat unimaginative, since partner
	♦ 8 2	was marked with at least one ace and
	♣ K 6 5 3	there may have been profit in looking
♠ A Q J 4	♠ 8	for a ruff. Those of you who chose the
♥ 10 4 3	♥ 2	♠8 defeated the contract, since this was
♦ J 9 7 6 4	♦ A K Q 10 5 3	the full deal. On the diamond lead
♣ 7	♣ Q 10 9 4 2	declarer made twelve tricks. In the
	♠ 10 9 6 5 3	other room Svarc and Boulenger
	♥ A K J 8 5	sacrificed against Five Hearts for
	♦ -	200 points. The diamond lead,
	♣ A J 3	therefore, would have given Great
		Britain a gain of 9 instead of a loss
		of 13 IMPs.

Looking over our shoulder, Svend Carstensen (Denmark) suggested adding this little beauty, which came up in the Denmark (E/W) v. Turkey (N/S) match:

Dir: South	West:	Bidding:
	♠ 10 9	N. E. S. W.
	♥ K 8 7 4 3	3♥ - 2♠ 3♦
	♦ A K J 6 5 2	4♥ - 4♠ -
	♣ -	5♠ - 6♠ -
		- - - -

What would you lead from the West hand?

Answer:

♠ Q x x x	Steen Møller was West and produced
♥ A Q J x	the inspired lead of the ♠2, taking
♦ x x x x	his only slender chance of putting
♣ x	East on lead and, at the same time,
♠ 10 9	asking for a club return. Here was
♥ K 8 7 4 3	the full deal:
♦ A K J 6 5 2	Those of you who chose the more con-
♣ -	ventional diamond honour would have
♠ A K J x x x	seen declarer romp home with his
♥ x	contract, as did the Danes in the
♦ x	other room.
♣ A Q x x x	

LEAD KINDLY LIGHTNER?

We decided to add this to our "what do you lead" series as Israel dropped a 17 IMP packet on the deal in their 17th Round match against Ireland.

Dir: West	♠ K 5	Open Room
Vul: All	♥ A K J 5 4 2	N. E. S. W.
	♦ 10 8 7 6	Israel Ireland Israel Ireland
	♣ A	- - - -
♠ Q J 6 4	♠ A 10 7 3	1♥ - 2♦ 4♠
♥ 9	♥ 10 8 6 3	4♦ - 5♦ -
♦ -	♦ 5 4 3 2	- - - -
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 5 2	♣ 4	Closed Room
	♠ 9 8 2	N. E. S. W.
	♥ Q 7	Ireland Israel Ireland Israel
	♦ A K Q J 9	- - - -
	♣ K 6 3	1♥ - 3♦ 5♠
		6♠ - 6♦ -
		7♦ D - -
		- - - -

A poll amongst the many handy experts was unanimous - East can't want a club lead and with South's obvious disinterest in his partner's heart suit, any trick in that department will be coming to the defence anyway. Choice fell unanimously on the ♠Q, which as you can see, defeats the contract by two tricks before it gets off the ground - or haven't the Israelis yet seen the light(ner)?

(Asked whether they used this convention, the n.p.c. said: "Yes, but not very successfully!")

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

NEW VICTORY POINTS SCALE:

The Executive Committee has adopted the new scale of Victory Points presented by the Tournament Committee at yesterday's meeting. This will be used at the next European Championships which will be held in Portugal, probably during the last two weeks in October 1970. It is as follows:

<u>IMP</u>	<u>V. Ps.</u>
0 - 2	10 - 10
3 - 5	11 - 9
6 - 8	12 - 8
9 - 12	13 - 7
13 - 16	14 - 6
17 - 21	15 - 5
22 - 26	16 - 4
27 - 32	17 - 3
33 - 39	18 - 2
40 - 48	19 - 1
49 - 64	20 - 0
65 - 74	20 - minus 2
75 - 84	20 - minus 3
85 - 99	20 - minus 4
Over 100	20 - minus 5

MR. ROMAN SKOROUPO asks us to say that he is very satisfied with the recording at these Championships. It is excellent and the tournament is running very smoothly. At the beginning he was afraid about not having table scorers but the Norwegians have managed splendidly.

He then added that he liked the Bulletin which he reads every morning from beginning to end.

(Thank you, Mr. Skoroupo!)

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

RECEPTION AND PRIZE GIVING at 19.30 hours at NAJADEN on Saturday, 5th July:

Whether or not you intend to give us the pleasure of your company, R. S. V. P. to the Information Desk before 13.00 hours on Friday - that is, please tell us whether you are coming or not.

Norsk Bridgeforbund.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

IN A LADIES' SERIES MATCH, after Board 31 was completed in the Open Room, Great Britain's redoubtable Mrs. Fritzi Gordon rose to her feet and thanked her opponents graciously.

"We haven't finished yet," protested the rest of the table.

"I have," replied Fritzi firmly.

However, investigation proved that she had scored one of her favourite boards twice on her card.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦



DRAW - Friday July 4th

Open Series:

11.00 hours - Round 19.

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

Open Series:

19.30 hours - Round 20.

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

Ladies' Series

19.30 hours - Round 13

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



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Open Series - Round 19: A Very significant match here, Sweden-Austria. In giving a draw our tipster admits that his crystal ball has clouded over and that this is a clash that could well swing heavily either way. Both sides are justly famed for the power of their second-half come-backs. Switzerland will be trying to repeat the 8-0 blitz win that they scored over Gt. Britain in Dublin.

Open Series - Round 20: Sweden continue a heavy day's work by taking on Switzerland, and again a fair forecast will be a draw. Austria, on the other hand, look to have a much easier run, for they are home to lowly-placed Greece. Clearly the team to watch is Norway who are having a great run at the moment, reaching fourth place last night. After our prophesies win against Germany this afternoon, they will surely get a share of the V.Ps. in their British clash of the afternoon.

Ladies' Series - Round 13 - Unlucky for some! Now for the crunch at the head of the table . . . . . Gt. Britain-Denmark and France-Greece are key-encounters and the Championship must go to the better side. On paper Italy still has a mathematical chance, but it will require spectacular blitz wins by two of the lowly placed countries to make this even remote.



We have been asked to deny that there is any truth in the rumour that the "Slightly Blue Team" have been pestering the charming young ladies at the information desk for copies of the Irish systems. Although the Dublin Diamond and the Killarney Klub are both demonstrably beter than the Italian systems, they are strictly not for export.

