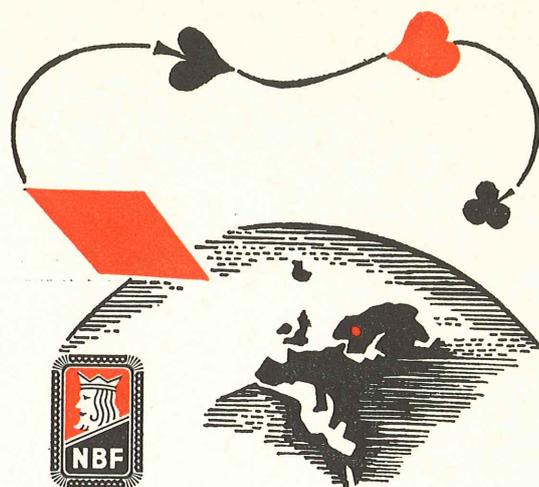


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RESULTS

<u>Draw</u>	<u>Half Time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
<u>Open Series - Round 19</u>			
Netherlands - Ireland	51 - 10	104 - 13	8 - 0
Turkey - Poland	27 - 48	87 - 80	5 - 3
Iceland - Hungary	49 - 13	67 - 64	5 - 3
Israel - Finland	52 - 43	69 - 104	0 - 8
Germany - Norway	34 - 33	37 - 70	0 - 8
Belgium - France	47 - 31	77 - 65	5 - 3
Great Britain - Switzerland	18 - 50	40 - 101	0 - 8
Italy - Denmark	45 - 22	74 - 47	7 - 1
Sweden - Austria	32 - 46	36 - 105	0 - 8
Greece - Spain	15 - 28	38 - 51	2 - 6
Portugal - bye			5
<u>Open Series - Round 20</u>			
Portugal - Netherlands	37 - 27	76 - 91	2 - 6
Poland - Ireland	21 - 52	61 - 104	0 - 8
Finland - Turkey	28 - 31	39 - 44	3 - 0
Hungary - Germany	42 - 15	32 - 49	3 - 0
France - Israel	26 - 11	86 - 44	8 - 0
Norway - Great Britain	33 - 21	73 - 52	6 - 2
Denmark - Belgium	18 - 38	38 - 60	7 - 1
Switzerland - Sweden	57 - 46	102 - 63	3 - 0
Spain - Italy	35 - 32	34 - 72	5 - 3
Austria - Greece	6 - 52	29 - 86	0 - 3
Iceland - bye			5
<u>Ladies' Series - Round 13</u>			
Norway - Italy	6 - 43	30 - 83	0 - 8
France - Greece	26 - 36	55 - 70	2 - 6
Denmark - Great Britain	45 - 42	69 - 65	5 - 3
Sweden - Ireland	26 - 41	66 - 71	3 - 5
Poland - UAR/Egypt	41 - 32	85 - 56	7 - 1
Spain - Finland	44 - 25	38 - 32	8 - 0
Netherlands - bye			5

VICTORY POINTS

<u>Open Series</u>		<u>Ladies' Series</u>		
x	Italy	123	Great Britain	81
x	Norway	107	France	79
x	France	105	Italy	73
x	Austria	103	Sweden	59
x	Switzerland	101	Norway	55
x	Sweden	95	Spain	55
x	Poland	86	Netherlands	54
x	Ireland	86	Ireland	53
x	Great Britain	85	Poland	48
	Germany	78	Denmark	41
x	Denmark	76	Greece	40
x	Spain	76	UAR/Egypt	32
x	Hungary	73	Finland	14
x	Turkey	72		
x	Israel	72		
x	Belgium	70		
x	Iceland	70		
x	Finland	67		
x	Portugal	61		
x	Netherlands	57		
x	Greece	42		

x- Had Their Bye

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

ON RAMA:

Saturday, 5th July at 11.00: Sweden v. Norway, Open Series.

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee on duty:

Saturday, 5th July, at 11.00... Mr. Geoffrey L. Butler

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

E. B. L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MEETING

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday, 3rd July, following were elected:

President: Marquis S. Carini Mazzaccara

Vice President: Count C. de Hemricourt

Hon. Secretary: E. Heldring

D. Jackson (re-elected)

N. Jensen (new member)

Tournament Committee:

Chairman: Roman Skoroupo

Vice Chairman: A. Littman Lemaitre

Secretary: L. Tarlo

D. Jackson

E. Jannersten

These will be joined by a Portuguese for the 1970 Championships.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

THE STORY OF HORROR.....

Board 31 in the Austria - Iceland match produced a swing of 11 IMPs in favour of Iceland. The Austrian kibitzers were licking their lips in anticipation of a good result and the horror became greater and greater as it finally became apparent that Palsson, East for Iceland in the Open Room, was going to make his contract:

Dir: South	♠ Q	Open Room				
Vul: N/S	♥ K J 9 7	N.	E.	S.	W.	
	♦ A K 8 7			-	-	
	♣ Q J 7 2	1♥	1♠	2♦	4♣	
♠ 10 9 8 7 3 2		5♦	5♣	D	-	
♥ 8	♠ K J 5 4	-	RD	-	-	
♦ J 10 6 2	♥ A 10 6 5 4 2	-				
♣ 8 6	♦ -					
	♠ A 10 3	Closed Room				
	♠ A 6	N.	E.	S.	W.	
	♥ Q 3			-	-	
	♦ Q 9 5 4 3	1♦	D	2NT	3♣	
	♣ K 9 5 4	4♦	4♣	-	-	

After the "book" lead of the ♠A followed by the ♣9 everything was easy. In fact no lead defeats the contract. In spite of this reverse which cost the Austrians 11 IMPs, they won the match 8 - 0 but it takes cool nerves not to let yourself be thrown by this sort of horror!

AMUSING TO WATCH, by Albert Benjamin

This deal which I witnessed on bridgerama was amusing to the spectators, if not to declarer. Towards the end of the Norway v. Switzerland match South was beginning to tire and his concentration failed.

Dir: South	♠ 6	South:	North:	
Vul: None	♥ K 9 8	1NT	2♦	
	♦ Q J 10 8 2	2♣	3NT	
	♣ Q 9 7 4	West led a low heart taken by the		
♠ 8 7 4		♠ A Q 9 5 2	knave. East switched to a spade and	
♥ A Q 10 6 5 2		♥ J	South tried the knave which held the	
♦ 9 7 4		♦ 6 5 3	trick. Declarer unblocked the Ace and	
♣ 6		♣ K 8 5 2	King of diamonds and sought a way to	
	♠ K J 10 3		enter dummy. A low club to the 9	
	♥ 7 4 3		would have been effective but South led	
	♦ A K		♣J which held. South continued with	
	♣ A J 10 3		♠A, perhaps greedily, hoping the king	
			would fall.	

On the third round of clubs East won the king and cashed the ♠A forcing a discard from dummy. After all his work on the clubs declarer had to discard the ♠Q to keep his ♥K covered! East put dummy in with a diamond and in the end the declarer had to lead away from the ♥K - one down! Declarer's only hope was to discard a heart. No doubt the excellent commentator got this over to his Norwegian listeners.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

FREE GIFTS DEPARTMENT

Dir: South	♠ A 9 8 7				
Vul: E/W	♥ 10 6 5				
	♦ J 7				
	♣ Q 9 7 6				
♠ J 10 4		♠ 6 5			
♥ Q J 7		♥ 9 4 2			
♦ K 8 5 4		♦ A 9 6 3 2			
♣ A 8 3		♣ J 10 5			
	♠ K Q 3 2				
	♥ A K 8 3				
	♦ Q 10				
	♣ K 4 2				

Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		1♠	-
1♠	-	1NT	-
2♠	-	2♥	-
2♠	-	3♠	-
4♠	-	-	-

Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		1♥	-
1♠	-	3♠	-
4♠	-	-	-

In the Open Room Norway made their 4♠ contract thus-wise. The ♠J, small from dummy, West put in the ♠3. Declarer took with the Q and continued with the ♠9. East (Iceland) came up with the ♠10, and South's king was taken by the Ace. West mistakenly placing partner with a doubleton club, returned the ♠3 clearing the suit and declarer drew trumps, played off his club master discarding a diamond on the table and engineered a diamond ruff for his tenth trick! At the other table only eight tricks were made. - 11 IMPs to the host country.



THE LUCK OF THE LEAD.....

.....cost the British Ladies 25 golden points in their hunt for VPs against Norway in the first half of their match on Thursday night. This was the set-up:

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

Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		1♥	-
2♦	2♣	3♠	-
4♦	4♣	5♦	-
-	-	-	-

Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		2♦	-
2NT	4♣	-	-
5♦	-	6♦	-
-	-	-	-

Lead in the Closed Room, the ♠9, but if it had been the ♥A

2♦ = "tri-colour"

However, in the second half the British women met their backs to the wall, fought their way through a swinging set of boards and "Claude" back 26 points to leave them 1 V.P. ahead of the Claude - Delmouly-captained French ladies.



Correspondence Column:-

Sir,

In my days team spirit had a meaning, and for a British journalist to have written in a leading English newspaper that the British ladies' team was comprised of one pair only is not the sort of comment I would expect from an English gentleman, even if it were true - which is far from being the case. Although personally only a keen Mess bridge player, I have watched and studied with some care the solid performance of the other two pairs including, I am proud to say, the reigning Olympic Pairs Champions. The team would be in a precarious position without them.

May I be permitted to quote the following hand, which appears to me to be of some interest, and which amply illustrates my views:-

Dlr.S.	♠ A Q 9						
Vul:All	♥ 8 7 6 4 3		N.	E.	S.	W.	
	♦ Q		Gt. Britain	Italy	Gt. Britain	Italy	
	♣ Q 10 7 5				1♦	-	
♠ 8 4		♠ J 10 7 2	1♥	-	1♠	-	
♥ J 10 5		♥ A Q 9	1NT	-	2♦	-	
♦ K 4 3		♦ 10 7 2	2NT	-	3NT	All pass	
♣ J 6 4 3 2		♣ K 9 8					
	♠ K 6 5 3						
	♥ K 2		N.	E.	S.	W.	
	♦ A J 9 8 6 5		Italy	Gt. Britain	Italy	Gt. Britain	
	♣ A				1♠	-	
			2♥	-	3♦	-	
			3♥	-	4♥	All pass	

Against the Italian North's Four Heart contract East led the ♠9 and declarer surveyed dummy gloomily. Prospects were not bright. She won the club on the table, came to hand with the ♠A, and led a trump to the king. A second trump went to East's queen and East got off play with a low spade to North's nine. East was put in with the third round of trumps and came up with the right switch, a diamond. The right switch, yes, but was it the right card? Her choice was the ♦7. Declarer won with the ace in dummy, dropping her own queen, and continued with the ♦5, to leave West with a horrid problem - was North playing a dark game with ♠Q-10 doubleton? Eventually West went in with the ♦K, and the vulnerable game had slipped through. In the other room, however, South came to ten tricks in 3 N. T. to level the board.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

R. Hesketh-Cholmondeley-Carruthers

O. B. E., M. C., T. D., J. P., D. Ts.
(Col. 17/21 Lancers, Ret'd.)

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

NETHERLANDS v. FRANCE (Ladies' Series)- Herman Filarski, Holland.

In spite of the fact that the French team won this match by a rather large margin, the Dutch ladies played rather well - but on a few hands the French ladies did much better. In our opinion(Dutch), this was the best ladies' team we met in this tournament. Here is one of the hands of the second half in which French play of the cards was better than ours.

/Over

Dir: South ♠ 6 5 4 3
 Vul: All ♥ 9
 ♦ Q J 6 2
 ♣ 10 5 4 2

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

 ♠ K
 ♥ A 10 8 6 3
 ♦ K 10 9 7
 ♣ 9 8 6

N.	E.	S.	W.
-	1♥	-	1♠
-	4♣	-	-
-	-	-	-

North led a small trump and South won the King and continued with the ♥A and another heart. North could ruff but this proved to be a Pyrrhic victory because declarer now has an easy ten tricks to make (3 spades, 2 hearts, 1 diamond, and 4 clubs). 620 to France. I think, South was wrong to look for a heart ruff and

might have tried to establish a diamond trick by leading the diamond ten to the second trick. After winning the ♦A, declarer cannot draw all the trumps, so she will be forced - probably after a second round of trumps - to run four rounds of clubs, discarding two diamonds in dummy. Then the ♥K is led. South wins and she can give her partner a ruff in hearts but the diamond is taken by dummy's ♠A, the last trumps are drawn, and the contract is home - even though it has been a long, hot and difficult way!

In the other room, after an opening bid of 1N.T. by West and some Stayman-talking, West finally had to play Four Spades also. Here North led the ♦Q, won by dummy's ace. The closed hand was entered by playing ♠7 to the Q, the spade finesse was taken, South winning the King. Now the ♥A, a heart ruff, diamond to South's King and another heart ruff left declarer with eight tricks only. Another 200 points to France.

Tribune[†] experts said that declarer should not have finessed for the ♠K, and sitting on the tribune especially behind the South player, they were quite right. But if North had held four spades to the King, things would not have gone so well because North can stay in control of the trump position. During some rainy holiday, you might find out yourself what could have happen if North really had held four trumps to the King.

[†]Mr. Filarski assures us that every European except the English will understand this - and even the English can refer to their dictionaries.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

HOW DO YOU PLAY? by Harold Franklin

Dir: South North:
 Vul: N/S ♠ 10 9 5 3
 ♥ K 6 3
 ♦ 4 2
 ♠ A 10 6 2

Boards 15 & 16 in the first half of the Sweden v. Austria match posed problems in play for the Swedish declarers:

South:
 ♠ A K 7 2
 ♥ A Q 5 4 2
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ 7

Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
2♥	p	1♥	2♦
4♣	p	3♣	p
p	p		

Lead ♦5

Declarer wins the first diamond in hand and lays down the ♠A on which East plays the eight. The problem is now a delicate one, a singleton in some suit or other is not unlikely in the West hand, which cannot have had many points for his bid. Provided the

/Over

hearts break and West does not have seven diamonds, declarer can afford the luxury of a trump safety-play at trick three by leading low towards ♠10-9-x. If the hearts are 4-1 the luxury is one he will not be able to afford, since clearly he will be unable to ruff the third diamond in dummy without danger of an over-ruff.
Which line do you choose?

Dlr: West	North:	Closed Room			
Vul: E/W	♠ K J 10 6 4 3	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♥ K 3				
	♦ 9 2	-	-	1♥	-
	♣ 3 6 3	1♠	-	3♦	-
		3♠	-	4♠	-
	South:	4NT	-	5♠	-
	♠ A	6♠	-	-	-
	♥ A Q J 4 3				
	♦ K J 7 4 3				
	♣ A 7				

The Austrian North had no problem in the somewhat optimistic contract of Six Spades after the club lead. Twelve tricks could only come by way of six spades, five hearts and the ♠A, - declarer could do no more than hope for the best.

For the Swedish North, Hall, the problem in Four Spades, also against a club lead, was much more complicated, with possibly three or four minor losers. -

What line would you choose in Four Spades against a club lead?
Answers below.

ANSWERS TO HOW DO YOU PLAY from page 6

1) :

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

Declarer in Four Spades made the trump safety play and when West went in with the Queen with the trumps 3-2, he had no chance. He drew the outstanding trump, ruffed a diamond loser and was one down when the hearts failed to break. This resulted in a flat board, the Austrians reaching Six Hearts which could not be made as the cards lay, and South missed the chance of a 17 IMP swing.

Finding two minutes to test the Italian wizzard, Benito Garozzo on this one, he played the ♠A and led a low heart. If West ruffs in front of dummy, declarer will have no problem in playing East for three trumps.

2)

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

From the full set-up you will see that the Austrian declarer had no problem in Six Spades. In Four Spades Hall took the following line: - He ducked the club lead, West won and returned the ♥. Declarer won on the table with the ♥J, cashed the ♠A, endeavoured to come to hand with the ♥K. But West ruffed and was able to put declarer back on the table with the ♠A. After this, there was no way to ten tricks.

Garozzo's answer to this one was that there was no point in ducking the first club. The ♠A, a heart to the K, the ♠K, and if the ♠Q does not drop, play hearts, hoping to discard clubs.

THE BEST GRAND SLAM

The Norwegians have the honour of having bid possibly the worst slam of the whole tournament: (transferred for convenience)

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

Norway's bidding:

N.	S.
2♠	2NT
3♥	3NT
6♠	6NT
7♠	-

Playing Marmic, 2♠ shows at least 17 points and 3♥ shows a void or a singleton in spades. However, these artificial system obvious work as the Norwegians thereafter reached the par (!!!) contract of Seven Spades. In this contract you only need to pick up the spade suit without loss,

find the right finesse or squeeze, and get a heart lead to help you on your way. Bjørn Larsen made his slam, 1510 to Norway, whereas the German players bid to Six Clubs, 11 IMPs to Norway.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

IS THIS THE FIRST TIME A EUROPEAN TITLE HAS BEEN WON BY SEVEN SECONDS?

Having got his team through the time barrier with seven seconds to spare, the grey-suited enigmatic cigar-smoking still-more-rapidly-greying Londoner Alan Hiron was, when interviewed at half time, still completely calm. We came upon him smoking a glass of beer and drinking one of his favourite cigars.

Things looked bad for the British in the Open Room in the second half, and the pundits were shaking their heads sadly as Gt. Britain's chances seemed to be receding. However, all was not lost. The glamorous combo of Joan Durran and Jane Friday in the Closed Room had a sterling session and slowed up Denmark's apparently triumphal progress to a mere 5-3 win. Elsewhere in the forest France were having a sticky time against the Greeks. At 10-down at the half-way mark the position was wide open, and speculation had never been rife as to just what their score would be. But, in fact, the British Gods were smiling and France slid to a 6-2 defeat.

In one of the most thrilling finals of all time, the British ladies, Mrs. Rixi Markus, Mrs. Fritzi Gordon, Mrs. Joan Durran, Mrs. Jane Friday, Mrs. S. Landy and Miss D. Shanahan, all seasoned veterans of the Championships, won through, with the victorious total of 81 V. P.

France, the runners-up, were only 2 V. Ps behind. Each of the three pairs, Marianne Serf and Claude Brochot, Andree Sussel and Anne-Marie Kitabji, Margueritte de Gaillard and Anne Marie Sichel contained one previous Championship player and one making her debut. Captained by Claude Delmouly, himself many times a French International, at one point they were at the head of the table, and have been knocking on the door ever since. The tension of the last match, which they started knowing they were just one point behind the British girls, was a bit too much for them.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

DRAW - Saturday 5th July

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

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

WEATHER FORECAST: Round 21: In the first half the cards will be running North-South with occasional squalls from the West. After the restart there will be a big swing to the East-West, and Beaufort Scale readings of 33 or 34 points per partnership may be recorded at some tables. Temperatures - heated. Atmosphere - tense.

Open Series - Round 21: It couldn't have been better stage-managed - two key last round clashes. In spite of Austria's great run of successes, we give the Italians a distinct edge. The vitally important Scandinavian Derby will be bitterly contested. Sweden will probably have a slight lead after a low-scoring first half, but after the change of ends, the cards might well run more Norway's way. We give Norway to edge up to 5-3.

Tiring fast, your aging Nostradamus has made his last nap selections. Punters will recall with horror his lapses in judgment in forecasting the results of the 18th round in the Open, but he pleads not guilty. (You will remember that the three shortest-priced favourites all fell.) However, if you had managed to place 1 kroner at evens on all of his forecasts over the fortnight, you would have shown a profit of 187 kroner - the best record for a European napster within living memory.

Back, then, to his cave in the mountains for another year, to study his astrological charts and record nature's omens, supremely confident of still greater accuracy in later years. He has asked the Bulletin to thank his many well-wishers for their messages of cheer, and for the five boxes of chocolates, all smelling strongly of bitter almonds, that he has received.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

RECEPTION AT NAJADEN, 19.00 hours, Saturday, July 5th:

Between 19.00 and 19.15 hours there will be a constant service of boats from Pier 'C'. The fare will be approximately 1 kroner. Coming back from Najaden, boats are every half hour up till 1.00 hours, and less frequently thereafter.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

BIDDING BOXES:

Delegates who would like to have a set of Bidding Boxes to try out can obtain one free of charge by application to the Press Room.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

