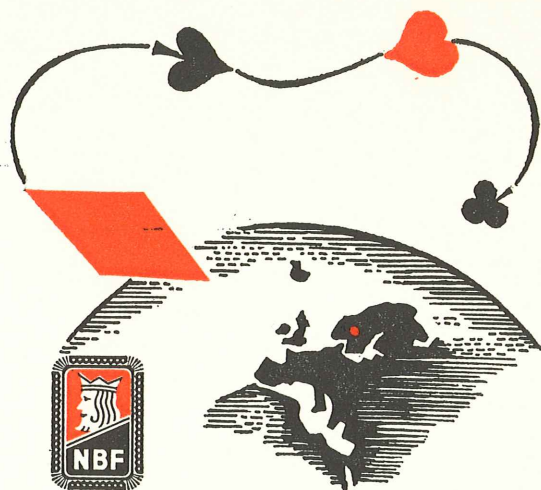


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RESULTS

<u>Draw</u>	<u>Half Time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
<u>Open Series - Round 4</u>			
France - Netherlands	59 - 22	100-43	8-0
Great Britain - Germany	26 - 21	76-43	7-1
Finland - Denmark	33 - 25	51-47	5-3
Sweden - Iceland	56 - 22	87-44	8-0
Poland - Spain	55 - 29	90-89	4-4
Greece - Portugal	17 - 32	40-64	1-7
Ireland - Austria	45 - 32	56-102	0-8
Turkey - Switzerland	37 - 14	63-71	3-5
Belgium - Hungary	73 - 13	143-53	8-0
Israel - Norway	58 - 46	90-62	6-2
Italy - bye			5
<u>Open Series - Round 5</u>			
Netherlands - Great Britain	16 - 29	49 - 69	2 - 6
Denmark - France	31 - 30	47 - 85	0 - 8
Germany - Sweden	22 - 41	44 - 81	0 - 8
Spain - Finland	60 - 37	98 - 60	8 - 0
Iceland - Greece	42 - 33	77 - 67	5 - 3
Austria - Poland	30 - 44	50 - 65	2 - 6
Portugal - Italy	20 - 46	32 - 101	0 - 8
Switzerland - Ireland	29 - 30	52 - 41	5 - 3
Norway - Turkey	30 - 24	101 - 27	3 - 0
Hungary - Israel	52 - 45	72 - 84	3 - 5
Belgium - bye			5
<u>Ladies' Series - Round 3</u>			
Ireland - Greece	39 - 15	132 - 41	8 - 0
Norway - Poland	14 - 19	38 - 50	8 - 0
Finland - Netherlands	34 - 48	59 - 82	1 - 7
Italy - Spain	23 - 53	71 - 72	4 - 4
UAR/Egypt - France	15 - 53	13 - 98	0 - 8
Great Britain - Sweden	53 - 15	66 - 46	6 - 2
Denmark - bye			5



VICTORY POINTS

<u>Open Series:</u>		<u>Ladies' Series:</u>	
Poland	33	France	24
Italy	33	Norway	21
Sweden	32	Great Britain	20
France	32	Italy	17
Belgium	29	Sweden	14
Great Britain	28	Ireland	14
Spain	21	Greece	11
Austria	20	Netherlands	11
Turkey	20	UAR/Egypt	9
Iceland	20	Spain	9
Portugal	19	Denmark	8
Switzerland	19	Finland	1
Norway	18	Poland	0
Greece	17		
Ireland	16		
Hungary	15		
Israel	15		
Denmark	11		
Finland	11		
Netherlands	9		
Germany	7		

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

DENMARK v. POLAND:

Proudly heading the table with 23 V.P., a loss of only one in the first three rounds, our sleuth went in search of some evidence to illustrate Poland's success. Board 2 in their third round match against the Danes particularly favoured the Polish bidding system.

With the Poles sitting North-South it went:

Dlr: East	♠ K Q	<u>Bidding</u>			
Vul: N/S	♥ A K	E.	S.	W.	N.
	♦ K J 9 8 6 3	2♦	-	2♥	3♦
	♣ Q 7 3	-	-	4♣	-
♠ A	♠ J 8 6 4 2	4♥	-	-	D
♥ J 8 4 3 2	♥ Q 10 9 7 6	-	-	-	
♦ 10 4 2	♦ A Q				
♣ A 10 8 5	♣ J				
	♠ 10 9 7 5 3				
	♥ 5				
	♦ 10 7				
	♣ K 9 6 4 2				

The Danish East's opening Two Diamonds showed a weak two-suiter of any combination except clubs and diamonds. West is happy to respond Two Hearts and North butts in with Three Diamonds which makes life easy for West who now knows that his partner must have clubs and/or hearts. So Four Clubs converted to Four Hearts can be bid with confidence. Eleven tricks made - 4♥D with an overtrick netting a nice score for Poland.

In the other room the Polish pair with the North-South hands also got a positive result from a nice little part-score in diamonds.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

GREAT BRITAIN v. SPAIN, Ladies' Series - Round 2.

The British ladies collected 6 VPs from Spain in their second round match the other night. One hand posed problems for both sides.

Dir: West ♠ 8 5 4 3
 Vul: All ♥ 3 3 2
 ♠ A 5
 ♠ 10 3 7 3

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

♠ K Q 2
 ♥ K Q 10
 ♦ J 9 3 6 3
 ♠ J 5

In the Closed Room East opened One Club, South intervened with One Diamond, West called One Heart and East went to 3N.T. Well, what do you lead with the South hand? The ♠K looked a fair try, but seeing all four hands it was not a good idea. Declarer had plenty of time to come to nine tricks. In the Open Room, Dorothy Shanahan as East also played in 3N.T., this time without opposition bidding. She had a much rougher ride after the lead of ♠J. Three rounds of clubs exposed the 4 - 2 break and declarer

continued with a low heart. South, quite rightly, played low and dummy's Jack held the trick. The ♠10 was run and lost to South's Queen. Now the defence slipped. A heart back leaves declarer with no chance, but instead South led a diamond to North's Ace. A second chance for the defence! After cashing ♠10 again a heart lead establishes a fifth trick for the defenders, but a spade came back and declarer was home and dry.

A less successful effort came on Board 25 when the British East dealt and

Dir: North ♠ J 10 5 3 2
 Vul: E/W ♥ J 5 2
 ♠ A 4 3
 ♠ 6 4

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

♠ 9 4
 ♥ 9 3
 ♦ Q 9 3 7 6 5
 ♠ Q 9 2

bid One Heart over which West bid Three Clubs. Whilst one cannot condemn this out of hand, it breaks a fundamental principle that one should have something in the suit in which a force is made. East replied rightly with Four Clubs and West said Four Hearts. East now made the very good bid of Four Spades, which produced a Culbertson 4N.T. from West. East said Five Hearts - showing better than a sign-off - and West, thinking the ♦K must be protected, bid 6♠. North led the ♦A and now the position of the

♠Q had to be found at once and West guessed wrong. The decision to bid 6♠ was mistaken. On the other hand, if East plays in 6♥ the club decision can be left till more information has been gained. As a matter of fact, when the ♦J draws the Ace South, to coin a phrase, gets inexorably squeezed.

In the other room the Spanish Senoras bid to an unimaginative Four Hearts, made with only one overtrick.

♠ ♥ ♠ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♠ ♦

A LITTLE BIRD TELLS US.....that the Lending Library contains a Coca Cola addict. Such is her condition after working in the current Oslo heat wave that, if missing from her post, it is because she has left to join Coca Cola Annonymous.

CONGRESS:

Delegates' Meeting in the Ladies' Closed Room at 11.00 a.m. to day, Thursday 26th June.

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WHAT DO YOU LEAD?

A sticky decision confronted Britain's new boy, Sam Leckie, in the second round match against Portugal, when the Portugese inconsiderately upset the Bulletin tipster's forecast by taking 6 V. Ps.

You hold as North:

♠ 7
♥ 10 5 4
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A 10 8 7 4 3

Bidding:

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

Well, what do you lead? And would you have made the same choice if your partner hadn't doubled? This was the full deal:

♠ 7
♥ 10 5 4
♦ 9 3 2
♣ A 10 8 7 4 3

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

♠ A K J 10 5
♥ J 9 8 6 2
♦ A 7
♣ J

Sad Sam chose a heart lead and now nine tricks rolled in. A spade would have established a sure five tricks for the defence. In the other room Britain lost 50 points in Four Diamonds. Never mind, Sam, your partner assures me that you have found some sparkling leads in the later matches.

Alan Hiron

(who has not been given the bird by his team in spite of the suggestion in Bulletin No. 1. - Editor.)

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

INTERVIEW WITH HALF THE RUNEBERG FAMILY:

Present: Mr. L. Runeberg, Playing Captain of the Finnish team.
Miss Kate Runeberg, his daughter, and the only lady playing in the Open Series.
Our sleuth, Arild Torp.

Even a short interview with part of the Runeberg family gave us the feeling that we should like to talk to them for much longer, but unfortunately we can't run a special Runeberg edition of the Bulletin.

The Runeberg family has a name in Finnish bridge circles. The master of the family, his wife, daughter and son played in the Finnish Championships last year, reaching the semi-final. Their only sorrow is that the son is not of the same standard as the others, even though he is a good card holder at rubber bridge. Miss Runeberg said that they had tried the fifth member of the family, their little dog who had, alas, quite failed to master the technique of the finesse.

Mr. Runeberg is a very experienced player. He was a member of the team as long ago as the 1938 Championships in Oslo, and would welcome the chance of a reunion with any of the other players who were there (please see note on p.5).

Papa Runeberg and daughter Kate are playing a modernised form of Culbertson. Unfortunately for his purse they also lead small from a doubleton and if either of them forgets, the offender has to pay a fine of five kroner. Daughter Kate is getting richer every week!

The only lady in the Open Series has played tournament bridge for the

past six years. We would not, of course, dream of revealing the age of a lady, but except for Papa Runeberg, the players on the Finnish team are all in their early twenties.

Kate doesn't consider all the players in the Open to be gentlemen - they give her too few gifts at the green table. She is, of course, happy that they won their match against Denmark to-day. (The Danes are hereby appointed First Gentlemen of the Championships.)

We wish father and daughter and, of course, the whole Finnish team, the youngest in the Championships, the very best of luck.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

FROM MR. L. RUNEBERG TO ALL THE OLD-TIMERS FROM THE 1938 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OSLO, TO JOIN HIM IN THE BAR AT THE GRAND HOTEL THIS EVENING, THURSDAY JUNE 26th at 5.30 p. m.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

HAND 17 of the Gt. Britain v. Portugal match proved an impossible slam to bid on traditional Acol methods. It accounted for about the entire margin of victory points of the Portuguese who won 6-2 V.P. This was the deal:

♠ Q J 9 8 7	♠ A K 10 5 2	The British pair, playing Acol, bid
♥ 10	♥ A J 9 5	1♠ - 3♥ - 3♠ - 4♠ and duly made twelve
♦ A Q 6 5	♦ K 9	tricks. The Portuguese, elegant F. G.
♣ K 9 8	♣ 5 3	Oliveira and R. R. Pinto bid effectively as

follows:- 1♠ - 3NT - 4♠ - 4♠ - 4NT - 5♥ - 6♠ (the bid of 5♥ was doubled). 3 N. T. shows a 15-17 point hand with strong spade support, 4♠ was an asking bid and 4♠ denied first or second round control in clubs. West's hand now looked very impressive despite his lack of points, and after a Blackwood check-up Oliveira settled comfortably in 6♠.

It was unfortunate for Gt. Britain that their youngest pair, Glaswegians Willie Coyle and Victor Silverstone, aged 31 and 27 respectively, were not bidding these hands, for they play Flint-Pender, a system which has a built-in mechanism for just this type of hand. The bidding would have gone 1♠ - 2NT - 3♦ - 4♥ - 5♠ - 5♠ - 6♠. The opening of 1♠ shows at least a five card suit and 2 N. T. is a forcing response with a number of different meanings. 3♦ is another suit (although it may be only a three card one) and 4♥ shows the ♥A and a great fit with one of partner's suits, probably spades. 5♠ is a waiting bid and the rest is obvious.

May all future British slams be as obvious!

R. A. Priday.

GT. BRITAIN led by a mere 10 IMP at half time in their match against Iceland in the third round, but in the second half ran out with a blitz as the result of some accurate bidding by Silverstone-Coyle and Tarlo-Rodrigue. This is one of the hands where Gt. Britain gained a large swing.

Dlr:S.		N.	E.	S.	W.
Vul:N/S	♠ A K 9 3 2		Silverstone		Coyle
	♥ A 9	-	-	3♥	-
	♦ 10 8	-	D	-	4♥
	♣ 10 7 5 2	D	4♠	-	5♥
♠ 8	♠ Q J 10 7 4	-	6♦	-	-
♥ 10 5 4 2	♥ -	D	-	-	-
♦ K 9 6 4	♦ A Q J 5 3				
♣ A K Q 6	♣ J 9 4				
	♠ 6 5				
	♥ K Q J 8 7 6 3				
	♦ 7 2				
	♣ 8 3				

After a club lead it was easy for declarer to negotiate three spade ruffs in dummy and to come to twelve tricks. In the other room East, after Tarlo's 3♥ opening, stopped in 4♠ doubled and one off.

B. Shenkin.

THEIR DEBUT into Championship Bridge must be more than encouraging for Turkey, who added 3V.P. to their overnight score in their match against Switzerland. Here are two hands which show that these boys may well become feared as the terrible Turks at future Championships.

Dlr: South	♠ A J 7 4	Open Room			
Vul: All	♥ A Q 7 6	N	E	S	W
	♦ 10	Selcuk	Jacoby	Dagli	Catzeflis
	♣ J 6 3 2				
♠ 9		♠ 8 5 2	1♥	-	3♠
♥ K 10 9 8 3		♥ J 4 2	-	4♦	-
♦ K 8 5 4 2		♦ A J 9 7 6	-	-	-
♣ Q 9		♣ A			
	♠ K 10 6 3	Closed Room			
	♥ 5	N	E	S	W
	♦ Q 3	Urb	Bigat	Tan Vu	Minh Ucak
	♣ K 10 8 7 4				
		1♠	D	-	2♥
		-	-	2♠	3♦
		-	4♥	5♠	-
		-	D	-	-

In the Closed Room against 5♠D, Bigat led the ♠2 which ran round to declarer's Knave. A trump from the closed hand went to Bigat's Ace and he successfully found the second spade lead for the ruff, the only way to beat the contract.

In the Open Room the Swiss pair went one down in their diamond contract, a swing of 7IMPs to Turkey.

Another even more profitable success came on Board 16.

Dlr: West	♠ A 10 6 4	Both teams reached 3N.T. played by
Vul: E/W	♥ J 10 9 5	West via the simple sequence :
	♦ J 7 5	1♦ - 1♠ - 3♦ - 3NT. And both declarers
	♣ K 8	got the ♥J lead. In the Closed Room
♠ K Q 8 7	♠ 9 5 3	the Turkish West, Ucak, viewed the
♥ K Q 8	♥ A 3	diamonds rightly and wrapped up 11
♦ 2	♦ K Q 10 9 6 4 3	tricks for +660 points.
♣ J 10 6 3 2	♣ A	
	♠ J 2	In the Open Room North, Selcuk, found
	♥ 7 6 4 2	a devastating defence. Declarer won
	♦ A 8	the ♥J lead in hand and led a small diamond
	♣ Q 9 7 5 4	to the Queen, taken by South. South re-

turned a small Club, North carefully unblocked the King. On the table with the ♣A, the ♦K and then another diamond to North's ♦J came next and declarer was put on the table with the ♥A and was unable to avoid squeezing himself for one down.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES, the Netherlands player who has replaced burly Bobby Slavenburg is C. Eiser.

The members of the UAR/Egypt team which has replaced Switzerland in the Ladies' Series are:

N. P. C.:	Adly Mikhail	Camille Ramle
	Mary Airut	Suzanne Sabry
	Laila Elhakim	Aida Shoukri
	Josephine Hanna	

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

THE POLISH TEAM sagged a trifle in Round 4, only managing to hold Spain to a draw. The added 4V.P., however, still left them triumphantly at the top of the table, good, we reckon, for an order for an extra half dozen bulletins to-night.

Spain, in search of points, bid Board 25 to an excellent slam, in their efforts to close the 55 - 29 half-time gap, which they did with success:

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

			Open Room			
		N.	E.	S.	W.	
			Vudma			Agero
		-	-	1♦	2♦	
		-	3♣	-	3♥	
		-	3♦	-	5♣	
		-	6♣	-	-	
		-				

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

East, on a club lead, and with the heart finesse right, experienced no difficulty in making thirteen tricks for +1390.

Even without the hazard of an opening by South, the Polish E/W only contrived to reach Five Clubs though, this time on a spade lead, still making thirteen tricks - 13 IMP to Spain.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

AN INFORMAL MEETING of the members of the I. B. F. A. will be held in the Ladies' Closed Room on Friday, 27th June. Please note that the time has been changed from 11.00 to 20.00. A number of important problems will be discussed, so please do your best to be there.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the I. B. F. A. will be held in the Ladies' Closed Room on Thursday, July 3rd at 11.00. This will be followed by the Press Luncheon at the Ekeberg Restaurant at 13.00 hours. Tickets may be obtained at the Press Information desk.

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YELLOW WARNING:

Ladies' Series - Poland v. Greece for being 10 minutes overdue in the first half of their third round match.

ON RAMA:

Thursday, 26th June at 19.30, Great Britain v. Sweden, Open Series.

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee on duty:

Thursday, 26th June : 19.30. Marquis S. Carini Mazzacara.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

DRAW - Thursday, June 26th.

19.30 hours: Round 6, OPEN SERIES

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

Round 4, LADIES SERIES

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Poland - Denmark
Greece - Finland
Spain - Norway
Netherlands - UAR/Egypt
Sweden - Italy
France - Great Britain
Ireland - bye

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Open Series - Round 6:

Denmark should take some points from the Netherlands but, on the other hand, Netherlands may be striking form at last. Sweden-Gt. Britain looks another likely draw, but will clearly be a good match to watch on the Rama.

On form, our tipster gives France to beat their Spanish neighbours, and he also takes Greece to beat Germany, who are playing well within themselves at the moment. Finland-Austria looks another likely draw.

Italy and Poland look good home bankers (another rush order for 300 Bulletins is being flown to Warsaw to-night on the strength of their continued leading position). Belgium-Portugal is more difficult to forecast, but our tipster is confident that 6-2 to Belgium can't be far out.

It will take more than three cokes, two beers and a milk to hold Norway if they maintain last night's crushing form against Ireland. Turkey-Hungary is a teaser, but Turkey should just have the edge.

Ladies' Series - Round 4.

The Polish babes will be fighting desperately for points in their bottom-of-the-table clash with Denmark - surely they must open their account soon!

Greece should take Finland in their stride, as the lady Finns are another side who are having trouble with the starting blocks. The host country seem sure to maintain their progress at the expense of Spain, but the Spanish ladies might well be finding the climatic conditions suited to their style.

Netherlands-UAR/Egypt looks a draw but the Dutch ladies must be wary of the finishing burst of which their opponents are capable. There are two more key matches coming this evening. Italy and the current title-holders Sweden are both breathing hard on the heels of the leading group, and this could be a decisive match for them. However, we are playing safe and forecasting a draw. France-Gt. Britain also promises good kibitzing. Although France have the edge in the table at the moment the British ladies have a long history of successes against their old adversaries, and we predict that this time to-morrow will see some changes at the top of the table.

Earnest students of form will have noticed with wonderment the astonishing accuracy of our nap selections. No fewer than three team captains approached us to-day and asked if it were really necessary to play their matches, as they felt that the result was a foregone conclusion.