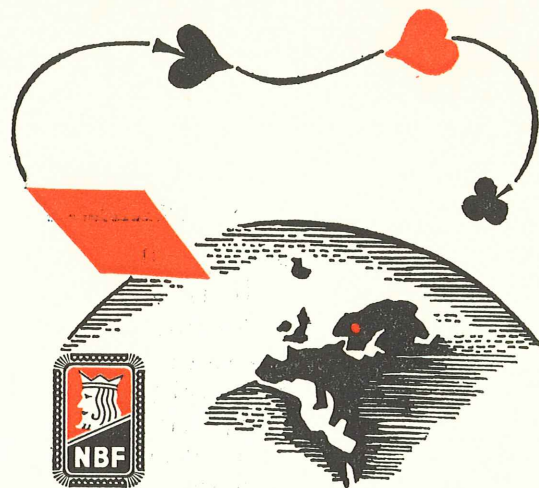


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RESULTS

<u>Draw</u>	<u>Half Time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
<u>Open Series - Round 6</u>			
Denmark - Netherlands	34 - 23	62 - 65	3 - 5
Sweden - Great Britain	43 - 33	80 - 50	7 - 1
France - Spain	54 - 29	77 - 56	6 - 2
Greece - Germany	30 - 45	65 - 97	1 - 7
Finland - Austria	43 - 29	64 - 86	2 - 6
Italy - Iceland	13 - 45	79 - 66	6 - 2
Poland - Switzerland	35 - 51	68 - 106	0 - 3
Belgium - Portugal	40 - 36	50 - 104	0 - 3
Ireland - Norway	20 - 36	53 - 63	3 - 5
Turkey - Hungary	63 - 35	105 - 75	7 - 1
Israel - bye			5
<u>Ladies' Series - Round 4</u>			
Poland - Denmark	46 - 7	90 - 45	8 - 0
Greece - Finland	39 - 27	30 - 47	3 - 0
Spain - Norway	25 - 29	32 - 69	6 - 2
Netherlands - UAR/Egypt	44 - 29	90 - 37	3 - 0
Sweden - Italy	24 - 20	74 - 60	6 - 2
France - Great Britain	42 - 29	49 - 73	1 - 7
Ireland - bye			5



ON RAMA:

Friday, 27th June at 19.30, France v. Switzerland, Open Series.

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee on duty:

Friday, 27th June: 11.00... Count C. Bonde

19.30... Monsieur Littman Lemaitre

Three Cokes, Two Beers and a Milk:

So much for the Irish claims to sobriety - even the Telex operator has seen the truth - We quote: - "After leading by one pint Ireland suffered defeat against the Swiss."



VICTORY POINTS

<u>Open Series:</u>		<u>Ladies' Series:</u>	
x Sweden	39	Great Britain	27
x Italy	39	France	25
France	38	x Norway	23
Poland	33	Sweden	20
x Belgium	29	Italy	19
x Gt. Britain	29	x Ireland	19
Turkey	27	x Greece	19
Portugal	27	Netherlands	19
Switzerland	27	Spain	15
Austria	26	UAR/Egypt	9
Spain	23	x Denmark	8
Norway	23	Poland	8
Iceland	22	Finland	1
x Israel	20		
Ireland	19		
x Greece	18		
Hungary	16		
Denmark	14		
Netherlands	14		
Germany	14		
Finland	13		

x - Have had their bye round (5 VP)



EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE:

A meeting of the Congress of the E. B. L. was held in Oslo on June 26th 1969, an encouraging decision being that there would be no increase in the annual subscriptions for several years at least.

Count Bonde formally welcomed Turkey and Hungary to membership of the E. B. L., the delegates of both countries expressing their appreciation.

Count Bonde informed the meeting that he had decided to retire from the Executive Committee, which means a vacancy and the need to elect a new President. Italy has proposed the Marquis Carini Mazzacara for this vacancy, and various other nominations had already been made for positions on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee would be grateful if the names of other possible candidates could be given to either the Chairman or Secretary before Tuesday 1st July, so that the full list of names can be submitted for ballot at the meeting to be held on that date.

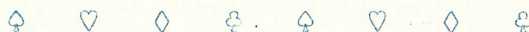
Spain has offered to stage the Championships in 1971 and Belgium in 1973, both offers having been accepted with thanks. The venue for the 1970 Championship is being discussed with Portugal and Monaco and a decision will be taken at the meeting on July 1st. The venue for the 1970 Junior European Championships has not yet been decided. The meeting was informed that the age limit for this event remains at 26 years on May 1st of the year in question.



OVERHEARD..... at the Reunion Party:

"..... when I was here in 1938."

"When I was here in 1938 I was having an English girl friend on the fiord."



ICELAND v. DENMARK Round 3 - Jack Kelly.

I make no apology for returning to this match in which many fine deals occurred. Sten Møller, fellow I.B.P.A. member, showed to advantage on Board 30 when, hungry for points, he strode into a slam. Inverted for convenience, the hand was:

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

Bidding
 Møller Pedersen
 S N
 1♣ 2♣
 2♦ 4♣
 6♣ -

South's opener showed five cards at least and North, on the way to the spade game, decided wisely to show where his strength, rather than his length, lay.

It looks, on the face of it, that declarer must lose two tricks; if he ruffs a second diamond loser he promotes a trump for West and has also to lose a club at the finish. But Møller found a nice way out.

The opening lead, a spade, was taken in dummy and a heart ruffed. Ace and King of diamonds followed, a diamond ruff and a second heart was ruffed in hand. Another diamond was ruffed with dummy's third spade and a third heart ruffed in hand. The five-card ending was:

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

Møller then played two high clubs, ruffed a fourth heart and was pleased to concede the final trick to the defence.

It would not have helped West to discard his heart on the fourth diamond; declarer can vary his play to ruff the fourth heart, establishing the fifth in dummy. When West is on lead with his trump trick he has to give dummy the lead in clubs, and a twelfth trick.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

GREAT BRITAIN v. SWEDEN Round 3, Ladies' Series:

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

Bidding
 Open Room
 N E S W
 Mrs Markus Mrs Gordon
 - 1♥ 1♣
 2♣ - 3♦ -
 4♥ - -
 Closed Room
 N E S W
 Mrs Blom Mrs Silborn
 - 1♥ -
 1♣ - 2♦ -
 3♣ - 4♣ -
 4♥ - -

Little gains mount up, and here's a hand from the Great Britain - Sweden

Ladies' needle match last night where the girls from London garnered 2IMPs towards their forecast win of 66 - 46 (6 - 2 V.P.) from Sweden.

Both declarers got the ♠K lead, but Mrs. Gordon clocked up two overtricks on what proved to be an effective line of play. The ♠K was taken with the ace and the ♠Q was led to East's King and declarer's Ace. Next came the ♠10 to West's Knave and West's ♠Q was ruffed in the closed hand. A small club to dummy's Knave held and dummy's last spade was led and ruffed. Mrs. Gordon then cashed the Ace and Queen of trumps, crossed to the table with a second club, felling West's Queen on the way, and drew the last trumps with dummy's King; the rest was easy.

As a point of interest, though, wouldn't a club contract be less of a strain on declarer's nerves?

All, however, was not plain sailing for the British girls. The atmosphere in the Rama Room was full of expectation when this board came on the screen, and the British ladies had bid it only to 5♥.

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

	Bidding			
	Open Room			
	N.	E.	S.	W.
			-	1NT
	3♣	4♦	-	4♥
	-	-	5♣	-
	-	5♥	-	-
	-	-	-	-

Sweden's third pair, anxiously watching their team mates, were hoping for a gain on the board, and were obviously disappointed when their team too missed the slam. As you can see

7♦ or 6♥ are cold.

Is anyone to blame? It is indeed difficult when you made a limit bid, 1NT, to raise partner's 5♥ to 6♥, but 3 aces, the King of Hearts and no wasted points in the opponents' club suit, make a slam contract tempting, to say the least of it.

Soon afterwards this hand came up. It had been played in 4♣ -2 for 100 points to the Swedish girls.

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

	Bidding			
	Open Room			
	N.	E.	S.	W.
			-	1♣
	-	2♥	-	2♣
	-	3♦	D	3♣
	-	3NT	-	4♥
	D	4♣	-	-
	D	-	-	-
	Closed Room			
	N.	E.	S.	W.
			-	1♣
	-	2♥	-	2♣
	-	3♦	-	3♥
	-	3♣	-	4♣

"Double!"

A chance for Great Britain to increase their lead! Mrs. Markus sitting North, opened with the ♠3, declarer putting up dummy's ace and continuing with the ♠Q. South covered and West ruffed. Declarer next led the ♥2. Mrs. Markus split her honours and dummy's ace took the trick. Declarer then played the ♦J dropping her own losing ♥J, Mrs. Markus ruffing. After some

thought Mrs. Markus, who never lacks the courage of her convictions, continued with the ♠9, which drew admiring gasps from the Rama audience. Dummy's ♠J won, and the ♠5 was ducked round to North's ♠9. What should North play next? Did Mrs. Markus just for once lose her nerve? Unlikely as this may seem once she had found that devastating spade switch, Mrs. Markus next cashed the ♠A letting declarer off the hook for one down doubled and a flat board.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

INTRODUCING Marquis Silvio Carini Mazzaccara of Italy.

Dr. Silvio Carini Mazzaccara graduated in engineering. He was a regular officer in the Italian navy, particularly dedicated to gun design. He resigned at the end of the war with the rank of captain and subsequently became manager of a leading Italian company trading in cast iron. At present he is the chief executive of Marquis Antinori, a firm of wine growers and shippers. Since 1951 he has been a member of the E. B. L. Executive Committee and became Vice-President after Baron de Nexon's retirement. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Italian Bridge Federation.

C. Pabis Ticci was a member of his team for many years.

Asked which team he thought would win the Championship, Dr. Mazzaccara said that, of course he hoped Italy would win. He added "but one can't ever be certain - we'll surely be either first or second - our most dangerous opponents are Sweden, France, and Gt. Britain."

The team is, with only one exception, composed of highly experienced players, the newcomer being Mr. Paolo Frendo.

Asked for his impressions of the tournament, Dr. Mazzaccara said that there had been quite a lot of grumbling when the scorers were dropped, but he thinks it works very well. Even if the players have to score themselves, there is less trouble and less waste of time, and he thinks this must be considered for future Championships. The Tournament Directors, selected from Norway's large panel of highly experienced people are doing a fine job. Everything is working smoothly and Dr. Mazzaccara said that he was impressed by all the young assistants looking so eager to do their jobs as efficiently as possible.

He is afraid that such arrangements, with more and more countries taking part, will become more and more of a financial burden, and that only a few countries will be able to bear the strain.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

IRELAND v. AUSTRIA, Round 4:

The anti-forecast blitz of Ireland by Austria may perchance have something to do with those cokes or even with that secret pint . . .

Be that as it may, Austria bid dashingly and played handsomely to gain 10 IMPs on Board 19.

Closed Room				Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.	N.	E.	S.	W.
Meinl	Seligman	Hartwich	Fitzgerald	Deery	Babsch	McNeill	Manhardt
		1♣	1♣			INT	-
2♣	2♦	-	3♦	-	2♦	-	5♦
-	4♦	-	-	-	-	-	-
-							
Eleven tricks made.				Twelve tricks made			

/Over

Dir: South ♠ K 8 7 6
 Vul: E/W ♥ K 10 4 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ J 8 6 4

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

♠ Q J 4
 ♥ Q 3 7 5
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ K 10 5

In the Open Room when his partner could re-open, Manhardt was quite uninhibited by the opening No Trump on his right. The ultimate 5♦ contract can never be beaten and in fact, six diamonds can only be beaten on a trump lead.

Playing in 5♦, Babsch got a small heart lead to North's King and his own ace. He took the club finesse and cashed the ace and then cross-ruffed the hand till this position was reached.

Any lead from dummy now, and South is helpless to take more than one diamond winner.

♠ K
 ♥ -
 ♦ 4
 ♣ J

♠ 10 5
 ♥ -
 ♦ -
 ♣ 7

♠ -
 ♥ -
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ -

♠ -
 ♥ -
 ♦ K Q 6
 ♣ -

THE HIGHLY experienced player of the Norwegian team, Mr. Bjørn Larsen, is an exponent of the "never-say-die" principle. Faced with a seemingly impossible contract he trapped his unwary opponents into handing him the extra tricks he needed.

Board No. 11, Israel v. Norway.

Dir: South ♠ Q J 8 6
 Vul: None ♥ A Q 9 5 4
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ K 6

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

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

Bidding			
Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		-	1♦
D	RD	2♣	3♦
-	3NT	-	-
Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		-	1♦
D	2♣	-	4♣
-	-	-	-

After the lead of ♠10, J, K, and A, he took a small spade to the A, ^{then} the ♣2 fell to North's Q. North continued with the ♣6 won by South, who continued the suit.

East now played the ♠10 and North winning, took time to think it over. One could almost hear the wheels going round - "Declarer must have a singleton diamond, and if I don't break up communications, my partner will most certainly be squeezed in the minors. So a diamond I must lead."

We hardly think he had counted West's diamonds carefully enough.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

YET ANOTHER BULLETIN FORECAST PAYS OFF!

It looked as if it was going to be a match of slam swings when the Great Britain ladies faced their key clash with France last night. Board 2 provided the first excitement in the Open Room when a misunderstanding led France into a dubious slam.

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

Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		2♣	3♥
4♣	5♥	6♣	-
-	-	-	-
Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		4♣	-
4NT	-	5♥	-
5NT	-	6♦	-
6♣	-	-	-

In the Open Room the French South opened Two Spades, forgetting for the moment that she had agreed to play weak twos. West came in with Three Hearts. In an attempt to catch up South jumped to Six Spades to leave West with a sticky lead. The British West chose a heart, not unnaturally, and there were twelve tricks. In the Closed Room, after less informative auction a heart was again led against the same contract and there was no swing.

On the very next board there was yet more strain imposed on the non-playing captains. This was the deal and biddings:

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

Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		3♦	-
5♦	-	-	D
-	-	-	-
Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		3♦	D
4NT	5♦	-	5♥
-	6♥	-	-
7♦	-	-	D
-	-	-	-

Great Britain escaped with a loss of 9IMPs, where clearly it might have gone worse for them. A snazzy defence by the glamorous Jane Friday snagged back a valuable twelve IMPs on the next hand, but Board 5, a vulnerable Four Spades, was let through the slips in both rooms. Good kibitzing value, as forecast by your inspired Bulletin tipster. Board 6 saw another slam swing:

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

Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		1NT	2♣
-		2♣	3♣
-		3NT	4♣
-		4♦	4♣
-		5♣	6♣
-		-	-
Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
		1♣	2♣
-		3NT	4♣
-		-	-

Without a club lead it is not difficult to go down, but South led ♣4 and the French declarer notched up a further 13 points. At the half way stage France led by 13 IMPs but in the second half Sandra Landy, Dorothy Shanahan came in and together with the formidable Mrs. Markus and Mrs. Gordon in the Open Room put on a convincing display to steer Great Britain through to a 7 - 1 victory (as forecast by your inspired tipster).

DRAW - Friday, June 27th.

Open Series

11.00 hours: Round 7

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

19.30 hours: Round 8

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

Ladies' Series

11.00 hours: Round 5

Finland - Ireland	2
Denmark - Spain	X
UAR/Egypt - Greece	X
Norway - Sweden	X
Great Britain - Netherlands	1
Italy - France	X
Poland - bye	

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Punters will note that the Bulletin's tipster is following "Pools" philosophy, expected results being shown as 1 for a home win, 2 for an away win, and X for a draw (5-3 VP or closer).

Round 7 in the Open Series: In spite of their reverse on Rama last night, Gt. Britain look bankers to take Greece. Is this another inspired tip? - France on form look likely winners, but your tipster has a hunch that a draw will result. The Bulletin is offering 3 to 1 ore that Italy will take Germany-takers please queue up at the Bulletin Office before 9 a. m. The host country Norway might well cash in on Poland's lapse from glory and a draw might well result.

Round 8 in the Open Series: Denmark are famed for their 8th Round recoveries which accounts for our forecast here. Italy-Gt. Britain looks a key match and we are sticking our neck out in forecasting that Gt. Britain will hold the Italian juggernaut to a draw. Poland should get back on the inside track after last night's nasty setback and we take them to get full points from Hungary. Norway's recent form should be enough to carry them through in their local Derby against the Finns.

Round 5, Ladies' Series: Speculators will have been waiting for a long-odds forecast on the Finnish team, but we still take the Irish Coleens to clean up at Finland's expense. Gt. Britain are likely to continue their winning run against Netherlands, and their position at the head of the table will be confirmed by the likely draw between Italy and France.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♠ ♠ ♥ ♦ ♠