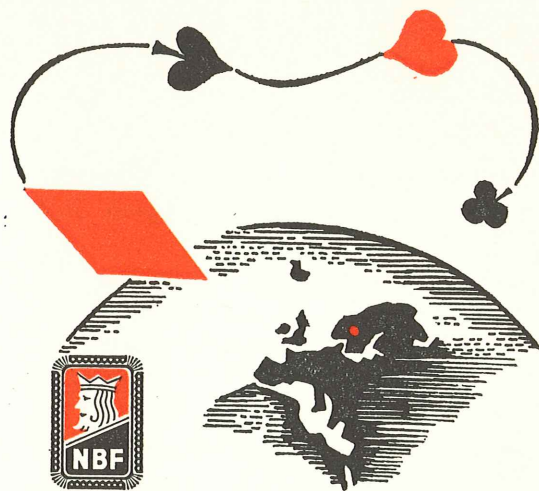


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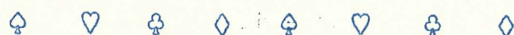
RESULTS

<u>Draw</u>	<u>Half Time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
<u>Open Series - Round 9</u>			
Netherlands - Greece	33 - 34	85 - 67	6 - 2
Austria - Spain	58 - 15	116 - 50	8 - 0
Sweden - Italy	63 - 17	71 - 75	3 - 5
Switzerland - Denmark	52 - 43	100 - 63	8 - 0
Great Britain - Belgium	40 - 34	78 - 50	7 - 1
Norway - France	39 - 13	55 - 60	3 - 5
Germany - Israel	64 - 5	94 - 60	8 - 0
Hungary - Finland	43 - 43	96 - 50	8 - 0
Iceland - Turkey	39 - 28	117 - 75	8 - 0
Portugal - Ireland	23 - 40	32 - 97	0 - 8
Poland - bye	-		5
<u>Open Series - Round 10</u>			
Austria - Netherlands	55 - 45	83 - 35	8 - 0
Italy - Greece	67 - 23	97 - 65	7 - 1
Spain - Switzerland	25 - 41	53 - 105	0 - 8
Belgium - Sweden	50 - 22	65 - 38	1 - 7
Denmark - Norway	27 - 45	53 - 84	1 - 7
Israel - Great Britain	18 - 52	30 - 82	0 - 8
France - Hungary	30 - 56	70 - 39	2 - 6
Turkey - Germany	19 - 40	48 - 70	2 - 6
Ireland - Iceland	13 - 34	58 - 58	4 - 4
Poland - Portugal	26 - 55	71 - 83	3 - 5
Finland - bye			5
<u>Ladies' Series - Round 6</u>			
Spain - Poland	24 - 31	60 - 79	2 - 6
Ireland - UAR/Egypt	18 - 32	33 - 58	1 - 7 (P)
Sweden - Denmark	46 - 36	68 - 76	3 - 5
Greece - Great Britain	29 - 52	33 - 93	0 - 8
France - Norway	35 - 12	61 - 37	7 - 1
Netherlands - Italy	19 - 38	46 - 80	0 - 8
Finland - bye			5

VICTORY POINTS

Open Series:		Ladies' Series:	
x Italy	67	Great Britain	41
x Poland	55	Italy	35
x Sweden	55	France	32
Switzerland	55	Sweden	31
x Great Britain	52	x Ireland	28
France	51	x Greece	25
Austria	49	Spain	25
Norway	42	x Norway	24
x Belgium	41	Netherlands	21
Portugal	39	UAR/Egypt	18
x Ireland	39	x Denmark	17
Iceland	37	x Poland	16
x Turkey	37	x Finland	6
Hungary	36		
x Israel	34		
Netherlands	34	But protest pending by Ireland	
Germany	31		
Denmark	30		
Spain	25		
x Greece	23		
x Finland	18		

x= Had Their Bye (5 VP)



MEMBER of the Executive Committee on duty:

Sunday, 29th June, 1969 at 19.30:
Marquis A. Carini Mazzaccara

ON RAMA:

Sunday, 29th June 1969: Netherlands v. Italy, Open Series.

MEMBERS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE are requested to attend a meeting of the Tournament Committee which will be held on Sunday, 29th June at 21.00 hrs. in the Closed Room (see information desk).

for the Chairman of the Tournament
Committee
A. Littman Lemaitre.



THE ITALIAN JUGGERNAUT ROLLS ON:

The 8-0 score hardly tells the story of the quite dramatic struggle between Italy and Great Britain, notably in the Open Room in the second half of the match, when Messina and Bianchi were opposed by Tarlo and Rodrigue. The Italian's half-time lead of 28 IMP was almost entirely dissipated in the first ten boards of the second half at which stage, with six boards to go, Great Britain had reduced the deficit to 6 IMPs.

For once in a while the Italians were second best in the slam bidding department, when Messina and Bianchi missed this very simple one:

/Over

Dir: North ♠ -
 Vul: E/W ♥KQ642
 ♦Q8532
 ♣K105

♠QJ9763 ♠K52
 ♥87 ♥J10953
 ♦A104 ♦J6
 ♣85 ♣762
 ♠A1084
 ♥A
 ♦K97
 ♣AQJ93

The hand was well suited to the British methods, as demonstrated in the following sequence:

Open Room				
	N	E	S	W
Messina	Tarlo	Bianchi	Rodrigue	
	2♥	-	2NT	-
	3♦	-	4♣	-
	5♣	-	-	-
Closed Room				
	N	E	S	W
Coyle	Belladonna	Silverstone	Mondolfo	
	1♥	-	2♣	-
	3♣	-	3♦	-
	4♣	-	6♣	-
	-	-	-	-

Two Hearts showed a two-suited opener of limited strength and, without being familiar with the bidding methods of this pair, on the face of it, there might have been some advantage in North cue-bidding his spade control, a bid which would clearly have indicated club support and left South with no further problems. Conscious of the points which were slipping away, Messina took an optimistic view on the following hand: -

♠K107 N S
 ♥AK Messina Bianchi
 ♦A84 -
 ♣KQJ43 1♦ 2♥
 3♣ 4♦
 6♣ -

One Diamond is the strong forcing bid of the Leghorn Diamond, the system used by Bianchi and Messina. Two Hearts showed four controls which had to be two aces since North himself had three kings, Three Clubs was an asking bid

requesting details of partner's club holding and the response of Four Diamonds showed at least four clubs with a high honour. North had no way to determine his partner's holding in the other suits, and took his chance at finding a second spade honour and a third-round diamond control in his partner's hand. He was more than adequately rewarded as the following diagram indicates:-

Dir: South ♦K107
 Vul: None ♥AK
 ♦A84
 ♣KQJ73
 ♠J954 ♠Q62
 ♥Q8432 ♥J7
 ♦65 ♦KQJ1032
 ♠54 ♠62
 ♠A83
 ♥10965
 ♦97
 ♠A1098

Messina played the hand to the best advantage when he won the opening lead of a diamond and returned a diamond at trick 2. Subsequently he ruffed the third diamond before playing the heart suit and, having established East's diamond length, he was then able to take the right view of the heart position and profited from the circumstances which permitted three tricks in the suit.

Tarlo and Rodrigue played in 3NT making 10 tricks.

Now Tarlo and Rodrigue were conscious of the pressure and they in turn pressed home a less-than-50% slam on the following deal: -

Dir: North ♠K642
 Vul: All ♥A10874
 ♦5
 ♣754
 ♠AQ97 ♠J3
 ♥Q932 ♥J
 ♦KQJ3 ♦A9742
 ♠Q ♠AJ986
 ♠1085
 ♥K65
 ♦1086
 ♣K1032

Open Room				
	N	E	S	W
Messina	Tarlo	Bianchi	Rodrigue	
	-	-	-	1♥
	-	2♦	-	3♦
	-	4♣	-	4♣
	-	5♣	-	6♦
	-	-	-	-
Closed Room				
	N	E	S	W
Coyle	Belladonna	Silverstone	Mondolfo	
	-	1♦	-	1♣
	-	2♦	-	2♥
	-	3♣	-	3NT
	-	-	-	-

With the suits behaving, twelve tricks might have been possible and this was certainly no less likely than on Board 27. However, after a diamond lead declarer had no chance, and was finally two down on the hand, which was quietly played in 3 NT at the other table for nine tricks. The opening lead was a heart and it is clear that the board might have been saved had North found the club switch after taking the second heart. Had the cards been well placed for the British team in the two slam hands, the turn-over would have been more than 30 IMPs.

Italy made sure of maximum points on the final board of the match, where their North-South pair clearly out-bid their opponents, as shown in the two following auctions:-

Dir: West	♠ KJ				Open Room		
Vul: E/W	♥ 7643			N	E	S	W
	♦ AKQ 7642			Messina	Tarlo	Bianchi	Rodrigue
	♣ -						1♣
♠ A 10 8 2		♠ Q 7 5		2♦	3♣	-	-
♥ A 10		♠ K 8		3♦	-	3♥	-
♦ 8 5 3		♦ J 9		4♥	-	-	-
♠ A 10 8 7		♠ Q 9 6 5 4 3					
	♠ 9 6 4 3			N	E	S	W
	♥ Q J 9 5 2			Coyle	Belladonna	Silverstone	Mondolfo
	♦ 10						1♣
	♠ K J 2			x	3♣	3♥	4♣
				5♦	x	-	-
				-			

ACCURATE RECORDING MAKES PRESS MEN'S LIFE AN EASY ONE:

Dir: East	♠ 10 9 5				Open Room		
Vul: All	♥ Q 10 4 3			N	E	S	W
	♦ Q 7 2				-	-	-
	♠ K 7 5			1♦	-	2♥	-
♠ Q 4 2		♠ A 7 5		3♣	-	4♦	-
♥ K 7		♥ J 8 6 5 2		6♣	-	-	-
♦ A 9 8 6 4		♦ K 3					
♠ A 8 3		♠ 9 4 2		N	E	S	W
	♠ K 8 6 3				-	-	1♣
	♥ A 9			-	1♥	-	1NT
	♦ J 10 5			-	2♥	-	-
	♠ Q J 10 6			-			

The Italians are noted for being very fine players, but they must have played this hand extra well to bring in twelve tricks on the North-South hands with clubs as trumps

Or is it just possible that someone has misrecorded something?

APPEAL - Ladies' Series, Round 5:
Great Britain v. Netherlands.

Contrary to the information received in the Bulletin Office last night, when the matter was still under consideration, it was the British Ladies' n. p. c. who launched the appeal against the Tournament Director's ruling that Board 17 should be cancelled and the result of the match amended to 87-77 IMPs, 5-3 V. P. to Great Britain instead of 6-2.

In the Open Room the Dutch East-West played Board 17 in 3 N. T. making seven tricks for a score of 100 points to Gt. Britain whereas in the Closed Room, the Dutch North-South, with the identical cards, played it in Three Diamonds making eight tricks for a score of 50 points and a swing of 4 IMPs to Gt Britain. When this was discovered, the Dutch n.p.c. lodged a protest with the Tournament Director, asking to have the score corrected. The Tournament Director ruled that the Board be cancelled.

The British Ladies' n.p.c. ; Alan Hiron, lodged an appeal as follows:

"The British team are in agreement with the Netherlands claim that the board was played the same way at both tables. However, the British pair in the closed room and, indeed, Mrs. Blitzblum - as noted in the Netherlands appeal - are convinced that the board was correctly positioned at the table.

This being so, it would appear that the cards must have been moved through ninety degrees by the official recorders.

If this was indeed the case, then it seems unfair that the teams concerned should only play a thirty-one board match through no fault of their own.

I would like to submit that in my view there is a good case for having another board played."

(Signed) Alan Hiron
Oslo, June 23th 1969

Ruling of APPEALS COMMITTEE:

The Appeals Committee decided to leave the board cancelled. A fouled board cannot be replayed in the second half of the match when the result is known.

The evidence proved that the cards were misplaced in the recording room and, therefore, greater care should be applied when recording the hands, as this is the third case which has occurred.

Appeals Committee
Carini Mazzaccara

The assertion that the recorders have made this mistake has been made by the Appeals Committee. I should like to stress that I am convinced that this could not have happened in the Recording Room.

P. Pettersen
Tournament Manager

The routine is to take one hand, copy it out, and return it to the board before taking out and recording the next hand.

Finn Giæver
Chief Recorder

The second recorder, Brit Salbu, confirms that she never breaks the practice in the Recording Room.

(Let's not make this into an international incident! Something's slipped somewhere - we're all of us human.....Ed.)



SAFETY-PLAY JANE:

They don't call Britain's glamour girl Mrs. Friday "Safety-play Jane" for nothing . . .

This was the deal that came up on Friday night when the Britons had a storming second half, to convert a 25 IMP deficit half time into a narrow win.

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

Against Mrs. Friday's Four Hearts in the Open Room, East led the Club Ace

and continued with another club to dummy's King. A heart to the Ace dropped the King and later dummy was entered with a diamond for the marked heart finesse, to wrap up eleven tricks. At the other table, alas for Netherlands, declarer took a slightly different view in the trump suit. She finessed ♠Q for starters, losing to the King, and later tried to drop the missing ♥J. So with two Aces to lose as well as two trumps there were only nine tricks. Result - a thirteen point swing to Britain.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

THE JUGGERNANT didn't roll quite so convincingly against Sweden in yesterday morning's 9th Round match, clocking up only 5 V.P. But even this meagre addition leaves them well ahead of the field and if it hadn't been for one or two little items

Dlr: North	♠ K 9 7 6 2				Open Room
Vul: All	♥ 4				N E S W
	♦ K J 10 7 2				Hall Messina Norbäck Bianchi
	♣ K 10				1♣ 4♥ x xx
♠ A J 8 5 4		♠ -			- - -
♥ K J		♥ A Q 10 6 3 2			Closed Room
♦ Q 8 6 3		♦ -			N E S W
♣ 9 6		♣ Q J 8 7 5 4 2			Belladonna Axelsson Garozzo Holmgren
	♠ Q 10 3				- 1♥ - 1♣
	♥ 9 8 7 5				2♦ 2♥ 3♥ x
	♦ A 9 5 4				3♣ 6♥ x -
	♣ A 3				- - - -

The double by Nordbäck in the Open Room cost Sweden a packet when Bianchi redoubled and then sat back to watch his partner make an overtrick for 1430 points. (South led the Ace of Clubs which takes declarer by the hand, but what about the Ace of Diamonds?) Added to the disaster in the Closed Room, where Axelsson blasted himself in to Six Hearts, doubled by Garozzo for a two-trick penalty, the board cost Sweden 18 IMPs.

The Swedes got a little of their own back on the next board, allowing Italy to play quietly in Four Hearts for 420 whilst they were doubled in the same contract and made it for 590.

Having led the Italians by 63-17 in the first half and lost it all, the Swedes were actually leading again by 2 IMPs with one board to play in the Closed Room. This was it (Board 24).

Dlr: West	♠ J 6			Open Room			
Vul: N/S	♥ Q J 9 5 3		N.	E.	S.	W.	
	♦ 7 2		Hall	Messina	Nörbäck	Bianchi	
	♣ 10 7 6 5						
♠ A 10 9 4 3 2	♠ K Q 8 7 5		-	2♣	3♣	4♣	
♥ 6 2	♥ -		-	-	5♥	-	
♦ J 8 6	♦ A 10 9 4 3		6♥	-	-	-	
♣ J 2	♣ Q 4 3						
	♠ -		N.	E.	S.	W.	
	♥ A K 10 3 7 4		Belladonna	Axelsson	Garozzo	Holmgren	
	♦ K Q 5						
	♣ A K 9 8		-	1♣	2♣	2NT	
			3♥	-	4NT	5♣	
			-	-	6♥	-	
			-	6♣	D	-	
			-	-			

Going one down in Six Hearts in the Open Room cost the Swedes 50 points while in the Closed Room Italy collected 300 points for doubling the Swedes! Six Spades - 6 IMPs and the match by 4 IMPs to Italy.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

QUACK QUACK.

In the match between Iceland and Turkey in Round 9 the following deal occurred:

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

In the Open Room the bidding was:

N.	S.
2♥(Acol)	2NT
3NT	- all pass.

This is not a very elegant contract, but as things turned out, it had an excellent chance to make. West led the Club Nine to the King and Ace. East, of course, switched to diamonds which North, perforce, took with the Ace. Then the South hand was entered with the Ace of Spades and the Heart Ten led and finessed.

This gave South a chance to make his contract, but not unreasonably, he chose to finesse again and ended with only 5 tricks.

In the Closed Room the Turks bid to the par contract of 4 Spades as follows:

N.	S.
2♣	2♣
3♥	3♣
4♣	-

The ♠♣ was again led and declared made ten tricks for a total score of 1020, or 14 IMPs, to Turkey.

J. R. Møller

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

TRUE OR FALSE ?

Great Britain's n. p. c.: "We never lose to Germany (already won 7 - 1), we've practically never been beaten by Norway (coming up on July 4th) and always do badly against Portugal (already lost 2 - 6)."

THE EXCITEMENT in the Great Britain - Italy match was too much for one kibitzer. Craning eagerly forward from his front row seat, he chose a particularly quiet moment to crash to the ground - "One down!"

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

DRAW - Sunday, June 29th.

Open Series

19.30 hours: Round 11

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

Ladies' Series

19.30 hours: Round 7

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



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Open Series - Round 11: Netherlands will be hard pushed to gain any points from the Italian squad, who are gaining momentum daily. We take Sweden to beat Austria, and Belgium look a cert in their away clash with lowly Greece. The host country should take Spain in their stride unless they get any more grand slams cropping up. Sweden look certs against Israel who had a particularly bleak day yesterday. Hungary-Denmark is a likely draw by which we mean no worse than 5-3 either way. Gt. Britain, after their high-scoring day yesterday, should take newcomers Turkey in some comfort. We give Ireland the edge over Germany, but look out, me boy-ohs, the Germans are making a burst along the back straight. Finland, encouraged by their ladies' team adding 5 to their score yesterday, may make a stern fight of it against Poland, but will probably have to give the Portuguese best. On form, Poland should take the maximum from Iceland

Ladies' Series - Round 7: The scramble at the bottom of the ladies' table intensifies to-day when Switzerland meet Finland. The Finnish girls, encouraged by their rest yesterday, may make a fight of it, but are likely to surcumb. Sweden look sure away winners against Poland and the British sextet, now running in full gear, should take the maximum from Ireland. Denmark-France is more difficult to forecast, but the Danish girls will be cock-a-hoop after their local Derby win over Sweden last night. Italy-Greece looks another home win although the margin might not be large. We predict a high-scoring match when the host country clashes with Netherlands, but honours will be evenly divided.

WHO'S GOING TO COME SECOND: The fight is now on with Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Gt. Britain and France, all bunched together with scores in the 50's. Austria too are still there with 49, and can't be left out of the reckoning. After that, however, there is a big drop in the table down to Norway with 42, and the host country will have to work hard to catch up with the rest of the bunch.

IN THE LADIES' SERIES, Gt. Britain have consolidated their lead, in spite of dropping a V.P. as a result of a protest (for full story see p. 5). However, Italy are performing well and the crunch will come on Wednesday night when they meet Gr. Britain. Sweden and France are by no means to be left out of the picture either.