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# **DAILY BULLETIN**

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	RESULTS		
Draw	Half Time IMP	Result	V.P.
Open Series - Round 12			
Switzerland - Netherland Belgium - Italy Austria - Norway Israel - Greece Spain - Hungary Turkey - Sweden Ireland - Great Britain France - Portugal Poland - Germany Finland - Iceland Denmark - bye	1s 62 - 9 51 - 20 33 - 37 33 - 37 36 - 49 15 - 45 49 - 35 29 - 45 35 - 23 29 - 40	109 - 38 74 - 74 71 - 61 60 - 61 47 - 60 51 - 88 59 - 97 64 - 81 72 - 86 71 - 72	8 - 0 4 - 4 5 - 3 4 - 4 2 - 6 0 - 8 0 - 8 2 - 6 2 - 6 4 - 4
Open Series - Round 13			
Netherlands - Belgium Norway - Switzerland Italy - Israel Hungary - Austria Greece - Turkey Sweden - Ireland Portugal - Denmark Great Britain - Poland Iceland - France Germany - Finland Spain - bye	39 - 30 57 - 26 62 - 25 53 - 39 47 - 39 30 - 36 27 - 53 38 - 44 42 - 49 21 - 34	60 - 82 95 - 34 117 - 62 73 - 101 51 - 112 88 - 62 57 - 83 47 - 112 86 - 98 85 - 42	2 - 6 8 - 0 8 - 0 1 - 7 0 - 8 7 - 1 1 - 7 0 - 3 3 - 5 8 - 0 5

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NO MATCH ON RAMA TO-DAY.

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee on duty:

Tuesday, 1st July, at 11.00...Mr. W. Herseth

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Ladies' Series - Round 8			
Sweden - Spain Finland - Great Britain France - Poland Ireland - Italy Netherlands - Denmark Greece - Norway UAR/Egypt - bye	30 - 26 26 - 49 59 - 18 42 - 23 82 - 37 19 - 61	54 - 68 27 - 112 100 - 65 55 - 77 98 - 88 20 - 137	5 - 3
Ladies' Series - Round 9			
Great Britain - UAR/Egypt Spain - France Italy - Finland Poland - Netherlands Norway - Ireland Denmark - Greece Sweden - bye	62 - 27 13 - 31 525 31 - 34 44 - 17 46 - 36	97 - 50 24 - 70 66 - 55 76 - 56 87 - 62 78 - 66	6 - 2

# VICTORY POINTS

	Open Series:			Ladies' Series:	
x	Italy	87		Great Britain	64
x	Poland	72	·	France	56
X	Sweden	72		Italy	52
	Austria	69	X	Sweden	45
X	Great Britain	64	x	Norway	41
K	France	63	X.	Spain	36
	Switzerland	63		Netherlands	36
	Norway	58	35	Ireland	31
×	Belgium	57	30	Greece	29
	Germany	53	X	UAR/Egypt	26
20	Turkey	49	X	Poland	26
x	Denmark	49	X.	Denmark	21
	Portugal	46	X	Finland	14
	Iceland	45			
X	Israel	44			
	Hungary	44	21		
X	Ireland	40			
	Netherlands	36			
×	Spain	35			
35	Finland	30			
X	Greece	29			

# x= Had Their Bye

## ALL-ROUND ATHLETES:

11.00 morning start does not suit some of the British ladies. Reliable eye witnesses clocked Mrs. Gordon at 12.3 seconds for the 100 meters yesterday morning, after having watched hitherto unsuspected hurdling ability on the part of Mrs. Markus, assisted by her n.p.c. some 60 seconds previously.

# GREAT BRITAIN v. IRELAND - Round 7, Ladies' Series.

The British girls, still firing on all cylinders, took a blitz win from the Irish Colleens on Sunday evening.

A board more suited, it appears, to the British style of bidding than to the Irish, was the following:

Dir: North	ф J 8 3			Oper	n Room		
Vul: N/S	Ø J 7 6		N.	E.	S	W.	
	◊ 10 5 4 3		Markus	Gidding		lon Seligman	
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QAK9	♀ 10 6		-	20		<b>3</b> ද	
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&QJ9875	§ A						
	QQ7542			Clo	sed Roo	m	
	V 10 5 4		N.	E.	S.	W.	
	♦ 8 7	1.50	Britton	Landy	Walsh	Shanahan	
	& K 6 2	***		28	400	<b>3</b> &	
757 41	T)	-	spec	3♡	-	40	
	Two Diamonds re	2	540	40	-	40	
-	er's Two Club op		-	50	rea	6NT	
	bid, Two Hearts being natural, 3N			eza	_		
possibly the	most unnatural h	oid of the	tournan	nent. W	est hav	ing shown	

possibly the most unnatural bid of the tournament. West having shown something like a Yarborough with a string of clubs, turned out to have what many would consider a sound opening. No wonder they missed the slam!

The British girls, using a slightly saner system, made no mistake.

TO-DAY'S BIDDING PROBLEM is taken from the same match:

South		N.	E.	S.	W.	
	en de la companya de La companya de la co	2.8	40	?		
♥ 7652 ♦ A K 8 7 :	2	What See p		ild So	uth bid	next?

#### ISRAEL v. GREECE - Open Series, Round 12

Dir: West QQ	8 7 4		Open Ro	om	
Vul: None OA	654	N.	E.	S.	W.
$\Diamond$ 1	0 8 3	Israel	Greece	Israel	Greece
유 Q	9				10
QAK632	♀ J 10 5	***	28		SO.
VKJ9872	♡ <b>-</b>	wa	40	800	4NT
♦ 7	0 A Q 9 6	-	60	-	50
§ 6	& A 10 8 4 3 2	MAR.	***	+GB	
\$ 9			Closed F	loom	
. Q Q	10 3	N.	E.	S.	W.
♦ K	J 5 4 2	Greece	Israel	Greece	Israel
ф K	Ј 7 5 ч ч ч	1 4 1			20
On Doord O of th	ois sentah against		20		30
	eir match against	_	48	-	40
	s bid up to Six Spades		40	•	429
	a a courteous enquiry	n *			
from their oppon	Chill: /Over				

Israel: 'Was that a Blackwood Four No Trumps?''
Greece: ''No.''

Israel: "Was it perhaps a cue bid?"

The Tournament Director wonders whether it was perhaps a cue bid to show the Ace of No Trumps.

The Greek declarer then proceeded to go down five in his contract, but he was lucky - he was neither doubled nor vulnerable, so he lost a mere 250 points to add to the Israeli total of 450 in the Closed Room.

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NORWAY CAN PLAY BRIDGE .... claimed Aril Torp in our Bulletin No 2. Here's a board from their 11th round match against Spain which shows they can pull the stops out when it's needed. 15 IMPs down at half-time. this was the first board of the second half:-

\$83 Dlr North		Open F	Room	
♡KQ10 Vul: None	$\mathbf{N}_{\circ}$	Ē.	S.	W.
	Jensen	Foz	Varnas	de Togores
\$ A Q 4	INT		2♡	wa
\$ 6 4 2 \$ Q J 10	3NT	-	40	em .
♥ 9 8 5 4 3 ♥ A J 7 6 2	<b>5</b> &	-	<b>6</b> &	
♦ Q 10 5	l N.T. sl Spades was tl 3 N.T showed Four Clubs w showed a fit b Varnas went t	ne Cotte l a 16-po as natur ut no fur	oint maxim al. Five ther ambi	on - forcing. num and Clubs tions, but

On the lead of the 05 and with everything lying well, the hand virtually plays itself.

In the Closed Room the Spanish pair played in a quiet 3 N.T. making ten tricks - 11 IMPs back to Norway who ended up 6 IMPs ahead of the Spaniards for a 5-3 win.

The next hand comes from one of the Norwegian's earlier matches when they played Ireland, again for a 5-3 win. Although it ended up with a flat score, the bidding had its dramatic moments:-

♡ - Vul: All N. E. S. W. ◊ - McHale  ♀ A K 9 8 5 4 3 2		
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The Norwegian bidding sequence was 1% - 1% - 3% - 3% - 3% - 4NT - 7% - 7%.

THE SUN WENT DOWN for Denmark in their tenth round match against Norway. In Bulletin No. 6 Ib Lundby told us how the sun had come to the Danes who scored 15 points against Spain and Austria. Well, the Norwegians must have read this because the very day the Danes had to play against Norway it started raining. There was nothing for the Danes to do about it - they were slowly drowned while the Norwegians swam like fishes in the Fiord. Høie - Strøm, in the Closed Room against Marienhof /Over Nielsen were playing well - and in luck too. They quickly reached Six Spades on these cards:

0	A	5	4	3		фКJ 10 9 7
$\Diamond$	A	Q	J	8.	7	♡ K 5 2
$\Diamond$	***				e la idia	◆ J 5
S.	A	9	5	3		& Q 8 6

and Strøm made it after a diamond lead, but some boards later partner Høie had to give up. He was in a contract of 3N.T. - have a look at it:

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Dlr: West
           ₽ 10 6
                                        The bidding:
           VJ 1042
Vul: All
                                      N. E. S. W. 10
- - 1NT -
           ♦ K 5 2
          &KQJ9
QAKQ943 Q5
                                      3NT -
West started with four rounds of
               $ 10 7 6 5 3 2 spades and though dummy had tricks
8 4
           enough for the contract there were no entries outside the diamonds. Høye
                              made his three top hearts and tried a small diamond, but West, of course,
            QJ864
           A A
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was not asleep. A reasonable but unmakeable 3N.T. - but how do you reach Four Hearts instead?

### APPEAL COMMITTEE

ITALY v. IRELAND (Ladies' Series, Round 8, Board 7)

North's (declarer's) last four cards were three winners and the thirteenth Club (the trump). West led a spade and declarer intended to ruff and claim the rest of the tricks. She argues that she was in a hurry and detached a card, not the trump, from her hand, but did not place it in the played position. East saw the card and played a spade. Declarer now replaced the card originally detached from her hand and played the trump.

The Tournament Director was called and asked declarer how she had actually exposed the first card from her hand and was satisfied that it was sufficiently near the edge of the table to be considered a played card. She told declarer she had the right to appeal and ruled that the trick was lost.

The Appeal Committee having heard all parties and seen declarer's demonstration of how the first card was exposed, ruled that the card was played and as a result declarer was one down.

Geoffrey L. Butler Chairman Appeals Committee

#### PROBLEM ON p. 3

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Dlr: West	\$86	Open Room	
Vul: None	OAQJ983	N. E. S. W.	
	♦ 6 5	Gt. Britain Ireland Gt. Britain Ireland	nd
	φ A K Q		
QKJ2	QAQ97543	20 49 60	
VK 10 4	, 🛡 🗕		
♦ Q J 10 4 3	♦ 9.	Closed Room	
\$62	\$ 9 8 7 5 3	N. E. S. W.	
	♦ 10	Ireland Gt. Britain Ireland Gt. Brita	lin
	V 7 6 5 2	and the second s	
	♦ A K 8 7 2	2& 4& D -	
12 tricks ma		10 tricks made, /Over	
Great Britai	n 980 points	Great Britain 590 points	

Normally facing a Two Club opening you would expect the South hand to produce a slam and the only fact which could militate against this would be if partner's main strength is in spades. This danger is eliminated when East bids the suit at the four-level, which makes her decision to take a "penalty" double somewhat ill-judged. The penalty, in fact, proved to be a substantial one - in reverse.

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INTRODUCING.......Mr. Adnan Benjenk, playing Captain of Turkey

Congratulating him on their success thus far, our sleuth asked Mr. Benjenk what he had actually expected when he left Turkey for the Championships. Mr. Benjenk's reply was that he was more than satisfied with their results thus far and it would be a great success for them if they could come out with an average score. The Italians would, of course, be too good for them as, indeed, they had been for everyone else. In their matches against Norway and Iceland their opponents had played exceptionally well (0 - 8 to Turkey in both).

The Turkish team's best player was unable to come to Oslo on account of military service which meant that Mr. Benjenk had to become the sixth player. This in turn meant that Dagli and Selcuk had to partner each other which they have done successfully in all matches. Mr. Benjenk was very pleased with them, especially as they have so seldom played together.

Istanbul and Ankara are the bridge centres of Turkey, though there are many players in the country who have not yet come into organised bridge. Only twelve clubs are members of the Turkish Association, only four of them play competitive bridge and the other eight are rurely social.

The Turkish success at the start of the Championships was not due to the heat wave, as some people may think. Even so, the Turkish players were surprised at the lack of air-conditioning in the Handelstand. (They don't usually need it in Norway! - Ed.)

With that one exception the tournament impressed Mr. Benjenk in every respect. He had no complaints as everything was going very smoothly from their point of view.

When interviewed, Mr. Benjenk and his team had not had their encounter with Great Britain, whom they held to a 59 - 59 (4 - 4) draw. Two boards which played a by no means unconsiderable part in this were the following:

Dlr: East	QK63			Open Room	m
Vul: E/W	♡ 10 5	N.	E.	S.	
	♦ KJ 3 7 5 3	Coyle	Dagli	Silverstone	e Selcuk
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Q 10 7 2	QA84	-	40	•	
V Q 4 2	VAKJ873	-			
00642	♦ A 9			Closed Roo	m
& A 9	& 8 Z	N.	E.	S.	W.
		Ucak	Goldber	g Ozlen	Leckie
	096		1♡	non .	10
	♦ 10	sum.	3◊	40	40
	ФКQJ10653	<b>5</b> &	5♡	-	60
			60	aca	ece
					/Over

Had Great Britain doubled Five Club sacrifice instead of plunging on into a slam, they would have gained points instead of losing 13 IMPs.

Dir: North Vul: All	<ul><li>♠ K 10</li><li>♥ 10 9 5</li><li>♦ A Q 10 9 8 3 2</li><li>♦ 4</li></ul>	Open Room  N. E. S. W.  1◊ 1♡ - 2◊  - 3◊ - 4◊		
QAJ7543 ♥K ♦J6 QQJ6	♥ Q 8 4 3 2 ♦ K 7 ♦ A K 8 Z	Closed Room  N. E. S. W.  40		
	♥ A J 7 6 ♦ 5 4 ♦ 10 9 7 5 3	On Board 29, with the same line-up, Ucak's Four Diamond opening pre-empted the British pair from finding their Four		

Spade game contract - another 13 IMPs to Turkey.

### AUSTRIA v. NORWAY - Round 12.

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Dlr: West	<b>ΦΩJ4</b> 2	Open Room				
Vul: E/W	♡ 5	N.	E.	S.	W.	
		Meinl	Larsen	Hartwich	Koppang	
	ф К J 7 6				-	
9953	ФК 10 8 7 6	-	10	3NT	D	
♡ Ј 10 3 2	Ø 9	RD		***	-	
\$ A Q 2	♦ A 10 9 7	Board 16 brought a big swing in favour of Norway. Playing in 3 N. T. doubled and redoubled Mr. Hartwich, after a spade lead, hoped for a good heart break. He, therefore, led a club on which West hopped up with the ace and continued spades. One				

more round cleared the suit, and with the  $\lozenge A$  in East's hand it was curtains for South. Completely bamboozled by East's "psyche" he failed to take the club finesse. This cost Austria 1,000 points which, added to 420 for Four Hearts bid and made in the Closed Room by  $H\phi ie$  -  $Str\phi m$ , accounted for a swing of 16 points for Norway.

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#### SEX TESTS IN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS?

Rampant lionesses? Monday's tips:
"Finnish girls have little hope in salvaging points from rampant (sic)
British."

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#### BADGES - BADGES - BADGES - PLEASE - PLEASE:

Players are requested to wear their badges. It is unreasonable to expect the girls on duty to recognise even the most famous of you.... not to mention the fact that the public likes to know with whom it is rubbing shoulders.

TO-DAY the Bulletin will be asking your views on the Championships. We should be grateful if you would fill in the questionnaire which will be given to you during the course of the day.

### DRAW - Tuesday, 2nd July

#### Open Series

## 11.00 hours - Round 14

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



#### THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Open Series - Round 14: The host country should have a fairly easy ride against Netherlands who are feeling the loss of Bobby Slavenburg even more than could have been foreseen. Israel - Belgium seems a likely draw although we would advise punters to exercise caution before plunging too deeply - either country could spring a second-half surprise. Victory yodels should be re-echoing across the cantons tonight after the Switzerland - Hungary clash. In spite of their many fine results so far in this tournament, we cannot advise new boys Turkey to look forward to many points from a now rampant Italy. Ireland should improve their table status with a big win from Greece.

This year Portugal are favourites for the Iberian Derby Stakes, but you may rest assured that this is one match that will be fought to the bitter end. The match of the round is clearly Poland - Sweden and the result could go either way. We are only forecasting a draw so that our tipster can claim after the event that he was nearly right anyhow. However, Denmark - Iceland looks a genuine draw. Great Britain should have little trouble with the Finns, and, equally, France will overcome neighbouring Germany.



#### BULLETIN No. 8, p. 6

Apologies for the fact that in the report on the Appeal by Ireland against UAR/Egypt the deal was incorrectly quoted. Astute readers will have realised that sixteen spades, fourteen hearts, twelve diamonds, and ten clubs make up a pretty odd pack. The nigger in the wood pile was East.

Having had the error pointed out to him, Mr. Butler commented that it was no wonder the Appeal Committee had ruled that way

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Yellow Warning - Open Series (Closed Room) - Turkey and Sweden.

R. Skoroupo

Tournament Committee