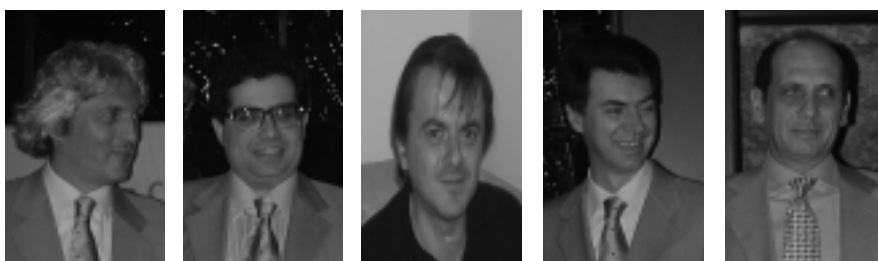


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## ITALY WINNER OF THE LAST FORBO LINOLEUM NATIONS CUP



Thanks to a big win over Norway, Italy ended up winning the last Forbo Linoleum Nations Cup. At the beginning of the last round The Netherlands needed to defeat North America by at least 17-13 to be assured of the gold. It was not to be, for the host country lost by 11-19 to take third spot only.

Results of the third and final round of the Nations Cup:

	IMPS	VPS
North America - The Netherlands:	44 - 24	19 - 11
Norway - Italy:	4 - 52	5 - 25

### Final ranking:

1. Italy	58
2. North America	52*
3. The Netherlands	52*
4. Norway	13

*\* tie broken on the basis of their match*

The line-up for the Sunday finals can be found on the last page of this bulletin.

Nations Cup Final Round

Your reporter arrived from the excellent dinner and headed for the table where Team Lavazza was playing Norway. Board 2 was just coming to an end. "Have I missed anything good for the Bulletin?" "No " replied Boye Brogeland. "Well make the next one interesting, please" ... and it was, taking Brogeland 20 minutes to reach success:

S/EW	♠ 42											
	♥ K873											
	♦ AQ843											
	♣ 103											
♠ AJ10		<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">O</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">Z</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		O		Z		♠ K9653
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	♣ K82											

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Bocchi</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>	<i>Duboin</i>
			1NT
pass	2♣	pass	2♦
pass	pass	3♦	pass
3♠	pass	4♠	pass
pass	pass		

1NT was 9-12; Bocchi led ♦A. Brogeland had an interesting question to ask of Duboin: "If you had responded to Stayman with a major, could your partner still have found his way to diamonds?" " Yes, if I respond in hearts; no if I respond in spades" replied Duboin. The inference that might be drawn was that North should have three spades but not necessarily hearts.

Brogeland ruffed in dummy and called "Queen of clubs". Duboin went into long thought, alerted by Bocchi who helpfully explained "King of clubs". Duboin let the Queen hold. Now Brogeland played a low heart off the dummy. Duboin went in with the Jack and forced dummy with a diamond to the ten and Queen, ruffed. Brogeland played Ace and Queen of hearts and Duboin threw a diamond. It was at this point that time stood still. Eventually Brogeland threw a diamond from his own hand, allowing Bocchi to win the heart. The club switch was won by the Ace. As North had already shown up with nine points Brogeland placed the Queen of trumps with South. He tried the winning nine of hearts, but Duboin refused to ruff. Now Brogeland finessed the ten of spades, drew trumps ending in dummy and made his good heart, conceding a club at the end. He had lost two hearts and a club. This was still a 1 imp loss as Ferraro, in the same contract and after the same lead at the other table, made 11 tricks in a fraction of the time.



*Giorgio Duboin: ...King of Clubs?...*

Safe?

Board 6 of the third round of the Nations Cup proved to be interesting for more than one reason. The Netherlands versus North America:

E/EW	♠ AQJ97		
	♥ J96		
	♦ 54		
	♣ AQJ		
♠ 8		♠ K106432	
♥ Q103		♥ 52	
♦ 10763		♦ KQ9	
♣ 98743		♣ K6	
	♠ 5		
	♥ AK874		
	♦ AJ82		
	♣ 1052		

May we assume that most people would open the East hand with 1♠? Since he was vulnerable, Brad Moss thought it safer to open his eleven count with a weak two in spades. From a HCP point of view he had a maximum indeed, but his suit was moth-eaten. In this particular case one could even speak of Moss-eaten. Paulissen-Nab took advantage of it, but not to the fullest extent possible:

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gitelman</i>	<i>Paulissen</i>	<i>Moss</i>	<i>Nab</i>
pass	pass	2♠	dbl
		pass	

Moss' approach could be penalized for eleven hundred. Nab led his top hearts and switched to a club. Paulissen won the Ace and returned a diamond for the King and Ace. South erred by continuing the suit and now Moss was three down only.

In this context we'd like to refer to the discussion in BRIDGE, the magazine of the Dutch Bridge Federation on the pros and cons of weak two bids and multi two diamond opening bids. In this case a multi by East would have worked better for him, since South is bound to overcall 2♥, letting East off the hook. Anyway, at the other table this discussion proved to be academic, since Huub Bertens as East did in fact open with 1♠ after which NS reached 3NT, made with an overtrick: 9 imps to Holland.

Younger and completely fancy-free

Yesterday we showed you how some Dutch juniors are able to play a completely worry-free type of game. Today we take a look at the very young. Two Dutch under-eighteen players, facing a Dutch top pair, De Wijs - Muller, were absolutely not impressed by their opponents.

W/EW	♠ KJ6		
	♥ A643		
	♦ Q43		
	♣ Q97		
♠ 109872		♠ A	
♥ 7		♥ KJ982	
♦ A105		♦ KJ87	
♣ AK63		♣ 542	
	♠ QJ43		
	♥ Q105		
	♦ 962		
	♣ J108		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>De Wijs</i>	<i>Dont</i>	<i>Muller</i>	<i>Worry</i>
1♠	dbl	rdbl	pass
pass	1NT	dbl	pass
pass	rdbl	pass	2♣
dbl	pass	pass	pass

North had a 'routine' double and subsequently redoubled his side's best contract. Even juniors play this as SOS so now it was up to South to choose another contract. He tried 2♣, which came back to him, doubled by West. Apparently North's double neither promised a decent hand (hence North's decision to double) nor did it guarantee possession of a four-card suit in hearts (hence South's decision to pass 2♣ doubled). Total freedom!

The defence was not difficult, and even a heart switch by East after a spade lead to his Ace didn't matter very much. Declarer led a trump, West took the trick with the ♣K, gave his partner a spade ruff and another one after he regaining the lead with the ♦A. A heart ruff, two more diamond tricks and another heart ruff meant five down, 1100 for EW.

3NT - 3 at the other table led to a grand total of 1400, or 16 imps.

The point of this story?

Minus 1100 today means nothing. Juniors are looking to the future. Be happy.

It's your call

At dinner last night Justin Hackett presented us two bidding problems.

1) With East dealer and North-South vulnerable, you hold as South:

♠AKJ97 ♥104 ♦A74 ♣AKQ

West	North	East	South
pass	pass	pass	2NT
pass	3♦	pass	3♥
pass	3♠	pass	4♣
pass	4♠	pass	??

Systematically you had to bid 3♥, denying a heart fit. 4♣ was a cuebid, agreeing spades. Partner signs off. Do you give up?

2) With West dealer and both sides vulnerable, you hold as South:

♠AK ♥J9865 ♦K107 ♣J54

West	North	East	South
pass	1♣	1♥	??

Do we go for penalties?

1)

S/NS	♠ 10842		
	♥ QJ865		
	♦ 5		
	♣ 864		
♠ Q53		♠ 6	
♥ 72		♥ AK93	
♦ KQ863		♦ J1092	
♣ J53		♣ 10972	
	♠ AKJ97		
	♥ 104		
	♦ A74		
	♣ AKQ		

West	North	East	South
pass	Justin	pass	Jason
pass	pass	pass	2NT
pass	3♦	pass	3♥
pass	3♠	pass	4♣
pass	4♠	pass	5♦
pass	5♠	pass	pass

Jason Hackett gave it one more try and bid 5♦ over 4♠. 'Of course' the spades didn't behave and the five level proved too high. Did you pass over 4♠? We admire your restraint.

2)

Yes, you should go for penalties. Don't you want to defend a heart contract?

N/All	♠ QJ103	
	♥ —	
	♦ J542	
	♣ AK732	
♠ 64		♠ 98752
♥ K10		♥ AQ7432
♦ Q983		♦ A6
♣ Q10986		♣ —
	♠ AK	
	♥ J9865	
	♦ K107	
	♣ J54	

West	North	East	South
-	Jason		Justin
pass	1♣	1♥	3NT
pass	pass	4♥!	dbl
pass	pass	pass	

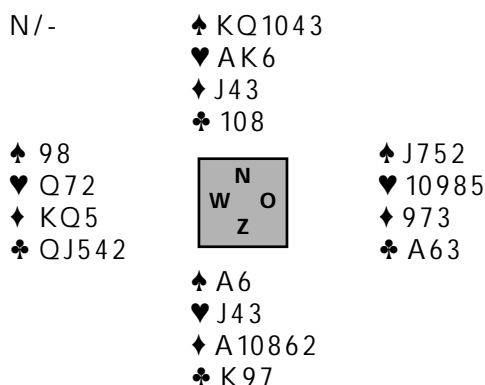
Jason didn't, at least not at the one level. He bid 3NT, expecting that call to end the auction. What an unexpected but pleasant surprise East's next bid was! He didn't try 4NT over 4♥. East made six tricks in 4♥ doubled. Plus 1100.



Justin Hackett: ... 1100...

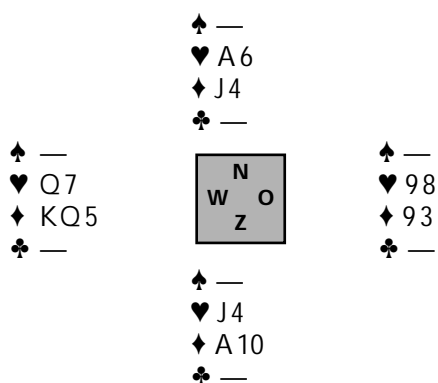
A pretty strip squeeze

North America owed its qualification the Forbo International Teams A final in no small measure to its 17-13 VP win over the Hackett team and specifically the following deal, featuring Howard Weinstein as successful declarer.



West	North	East	South
<i>Jason</i>	<i>Carruthers Justin</i>		<i>Weinstein</i>
	1♠	pass	2♦
pass	3♦	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

Against 3NT, Jason Hackett led a low club, for Justin's Ace. Weinstein ducked the club continuation and took the third round with his King. Then he cashed the ♠A followed by a finesse of the 10, losing to the Jack. East now returned the ♥10 but Weinstein withheld his Jack and won the trick with dummy's King. Three rounds of spades followed, subjecting West to a strip squeeze leading to this position (with West still to play to the trick):



West elected to part with his low diamond and now Weinstein played ♦A, other diamond end-playing West who now had to lead away from his ♥Q.

Notice that if declarer had lost four rather than three tricks at this point (remove the ♥6, ♦10 and two of West's cards from the diagram), West would have fallen victim to a criss-cross squeeze.

Would this result be duplicated at the other table? No chance! Playing 14-16 notrumps, Ross Harper, North, opened 1NT and was raised to 3NT by Paul Hackett. This time East was on lead and he tabled the ♥10. When in again with the ♠J he lead another heart which effectively broke up any possibility of a similar ending. In the end, declarer went one down which netted North America 10 imps.



*Howard Weinstein: ...successful...*