



Bulletin 2

Tuesday, 2 September 2008

OPEN BATTLES



After the first two sessions the lead has been taken by the Greek pair of Sapounakis-Vroustis (who, incidentally, are members in the Greek teams for Beijing, albeit with different partners) after a sensational 71% in the second session. The winners of the first session, D' Ovidio-Oursel from France, had a bad 2nd session and are now out of contention for the first place.

The leaders have a quite comfortable overall lead of 6% over the second pair of Krasimir-Minko and the third pair of Wattar-Elcheich, but after that the gap closes leaving the final result quite open and unpredictable. Thus we can for sure expect a tense and fighting last session.

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TUESDAY'S PROGRAM	
 Bridge Lesson with Fantoni	15.00
Bridge Tournament	16.30
Friendly nights Pairs	21.30

SESSION 2 RESULTS

1	SAPOUNAKIS A	VROUSTIS V	71,63%	44	RITZMAN L	VENIER R	54,12%
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4	ARLOVICH A	VAINIKONIS E	62,93%	47	MARINAKIS A	ZERVOS I	53,45%
5	WATTAR W	ELCHEIKH M	62,27%	48	KOUROGENI A	LISSIS G	53,10%
6	PAPAKIRIAKOPOULOS G	MANOLAS I	61,94%	49	WEINGOLD J	ANTONIOU J	52,93%
7	VIGMOSTA E	NORDBY H	61,76%	50	FAWAZ S	AQUIN G	52,78%
8	CANNONE C	LORENZIN C	61,41%	51	KANNAVOS P	KOUROS L	52,56%
9	KRASIMIR V	MINKO A	61,36%	52	SVIGOS A	LIGINOU IN	52,56%
10	ZIA M.	EIDI M	60,96%	53	DELEH F	DELEH A	52,51%
11	LIVERA R	LIVERA M	60,93%	54	VARENNE I	TISSOT F	52,46%
12	KAVALAKIS I	GIALLOUSIS M	60,59%	55	GEORGIADIS G	IOANNOUT	52,22%
13	SAKKAL C	MARTENS K	60,14%	56	VAINIKONIS V	OLANSKI W	52,19%
14	CHIDIAC P	BAROUDI N	59,85%	57	PARVANOV A	STOILOV A	51,97%
15	BESSIS A	BESSIS A.	59,48%	58	KARAMANLIS M	HANA M	51,90%
16	FRANCESCETTI P	KILANI A	59,33%	59	TSVALOS A	TOULOUPAS I	51,39%
17	KATAN A	FARAHAT A	59,18%	60	KOTRONAROU A	KALIFRONAS M	51,38%
18	FANTONI F	DELLECAVE G	58,70%	61	MARIOTTI A	FRESIA A	51,35%
19	PAPACHATZIS N	PROKOPIOU I	58,44%	62	KONTEATIS G	MICHAILIDOU A	50,62%
20	PUILLET C	CARBONNEAUX J	58,39%	63	TIRADELIS B	KLITSAS A	50,40%
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32	DOXIAKDIS K	KOUFAKIS E	55,80%	75	KARAMANLI A	KARAMANLIS N	48,15%
33	RAMADAN Y	TRABOULSI S	55,75%	76	CHATZIBALIS M	LAGOURANIS F	48,07%
34	DANELAKIS D	RAMOS E	55,70%	77	DECIARA R	DELLECAVE O	48,02%
35	KACHAMI G	GHUBRIL F	55,39%	78	RAULT C	FEARON U	47,73%
36	PAPANDREOU M	PAVLINERIS G	55,37%	79	PAPAGEORGIOU A	NIKA V	47,45%
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93	POURLIOTIS G	EFTICHIADIS D	45,71%
94	THIZY A	CHAUGNY C	45,68%
95	RAHAL T	MAY M	45,57%
96	DOVIDIO A	OURSEL A	44,60%
97	AVDOULOS S	RITSONI I	44,46%
98	LORDOS R	TILLYRIS F	44,13%
99	FILIPPOU K	FOKIALI E	43,49%
100	FASOULAKIS A	KIRKEBYE L	43,20%
101	PERDI L	PERDI M	42,60%
102	MCBRIDE S	WARREN D	42,39%
103	ZANETAKIS N	NERATZI A	41,90%
104	PANOUTSAKOPOULOU	BOBOLAKI	41,63%
105	PIRPIRIS D	AGAPITOU S	41,63%
106	PAVLOUS S	SIDIROPOULOS S	41,60%
107	PANOPOULOS K	DIAMANTIDIS N	41,53%
108	MAGRIPLIS E	KOFINAKOS P	41,21%
109	LUPSAN O	LUPSAN C	41,19%
110	PAVLOGIANNIS N	CHARALABIDOU S	41,07%
111	TZORTZAKAKI E	VOURDOGLOU G	41,05%
112	PAPACHRISTOFOROU V	GIANNAS K	40,86%
113	DUVILLANET R	DESCOMBES D	40,78%
114	DOUKARELIS A	TRICHAKI R	40,66%
115	LAROCCA A	STARACE A	40,61%
116	PALIGIANNIS F	XATZIOANOU E	40,58%
117	GALANOPOULOU A	PAPADOPOULOS	40,48%
118	VROUCHOU R	GRIGORAS N	40,12%
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125	SPIRIDOU D	KETEN A	33,77%
126	PAPADAKI D	PETRIDIS V	32,60%
127	MCBRIDE C	AYET	28,54%
128	KARAGIANNI R	PAPANIKOLAOU T	27,42%

A Difficult Defense

At the first round of the 2nd session there was the encounter of Eidi-Zia against Bessis-Bessis from France. And, sure enough, there was an aggressive auction leading to a very interesting contract with a very difficult defense problem.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

	♠ K 5		
	♥ J 9 5 4		
	♦ A K 9 2		
	♣ K 10 8		
♠ A 9 7		♠ Q 10 8 3	
♥ A K 6 3 2		♥ Q 10 7	
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West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
3♥	3NT	2♥	3♣
		All Pass	

The 1♥ opening bid found M. Eidi with no good bid, so he elected to pass - especially facing a passed partner. But suddenly, after the 2♥ response Zia came in with a 3♣ overcall, and that was enough to persuade Eidi to try his luck in 3NT.

The lead was the ♥7, where Eidi just in case dropped a mildly deceptive 5. Now it was really time for West to think.

North obviously has a good ♣ support, so we can count NS for 7 club tricks. He must also have the remaining unseen Ace, and that brings his tricks total to 8 - a 9th trick could come from either hearts, K of diamonds, or spades in case of a passive return. Thus there are two possible lines of defense: Either return a heart and hope partner has Q107 in hearts, or return a diamond hoping to find partner with the King in that suit. After much agonizing thought Bessis decided to try for the latter, an unlucky decision in the specific board but I think a percentage play.

Looking for partner?

If you are looking for partner for the Mixed pairs, please remember to write your name in the list posted at the hospitality desk.

Alternatively, you can first have a look at the names in this list to see if your problem has already an easy solution.

TOTAL RESULTS AFTER 2 SESSIONS

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PHOTOS



Open Pairs Session I

The first session of the Open Pairs saw some both interesting and instructive hands, giving plenty of opportunities for shining. Let's see some of them through the eyes of our organizer, Fulvio Fantoni.

Board 25. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

♠ A K 5 ♥ K J 9 8 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ Q 10 7	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J 10 9 ♥ 10 6 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ J 9 5 3 2	♠ Q 8 ♥ A Q 7 5 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ A K 8 4 ♠ 7 6 4 3 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K Q 9 8 3 ♣ 6
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West	North	East	South
	1♥	Pass	1♠
INT	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

INT is natural, showing a balanced hand in the 16-18 points range. East, having been informed about the distributional hand of North, and seeing 5 clubs, can clearly visualize South's shortage in ♣; accordingly East leads a ♥ to cut down declarer's ruffs in dummy.

Declarer wins the ♥ Q and plays ♣A and a small ♣ ruffed in dummy, and continues with the ♦ K. Now West, who didn't have a count in the ♦ suit, chose to win the Ace and continue with ♠AK and ♣Q.

North wins the ♣K and cashes ♥ A, noticing the ♥ 9 (carelessly) played by West, and now declarer can visualize West with a 3433 distribution, with the only unknown card being the ♦ J. But it doesn't really matter - now declarer puts West in with a trump and the defense is powerless to win more than the two trumps tricks they were entitled.

Board 19 saw a very well controlled bidding auction by the overnight winners, D' Ovidio-Oursel.



Board 19. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A 4 2 ♥ K J 9 7 4 ♦ A K 8 ♣ 7 5	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 3 ♥ A 8 5 3 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ J 10 9 3	♠ J 10 8 6 5 ♥ 10 6 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ K 6 2 ♠ K Q 7 ♥ Q ♦ J 9 7 5 2 ♣ A Q 8 4
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West	North	East	South
			1♦
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Dbl
4♥	All Pass		

1♦ shows 14+ points with at least 4 diamonds. 2NT is invitational and then comes the key bid 3♦ showing values in that suit. South's double shows that South doesn't like a ♦ lead, but West already has all the required information to reach the top spot of 4♥. Well done!

And now it is time to see a systemic feature in action.

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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West	North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ showed 14+ HCP with 4+♣ and 2NT was artificial, showing 10-15 HCP with a 5 card major and 5332 distribution. With this information North has a quite reasonable 3NT bid, despite the weakness in ♦, expecting that with his non existing ruffing values and the excellent fast tricks 3NT would be a nice spot, especially for pairs.

And that was indeed so in the specific layout, especially after the ♦ lead East erred by putting the Q, immediately solving all South's problem.