



Bulletin 3

Wednesday, 3 September 2008

FIRST WINNERS



The completion of the 3rd session gave us the first winners for this year's festival - quite predictably after the first two sessions, these are the Greek pair of Sapounakis-Vroustis. Although today they scored quite more modestly than in the two previous sessions, they not only maintained their lead but also extended their difference from the seconds to almost 10% overall.

Second place was captured by Krasimir-Minko, while in the third place we can see our organizer, Fulvio Fantoni, with the very young and promising Giuseppe Dellecave. The 3rd session was won by another Greek pair, Kannavos-Kouros, who managed with this performance to climb 39 places and join the price winners.

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

SESSION 3 RESULTS

1	KANNAVOS P	KOUROS L	65,68%	44	PUILLET C	CARBONNEAUX J	54,36%
2	BESSIS A	BESSIS A.	65,29%	45	DANELAKIS D	RAMOS E	53,48%
3	FRANCESCHETTI P	KILANI A	63,19%	46	KOTRONAROU A	KALIFRONAS M	53,37%
4	LEBATTEUX A	CHUISSIER N	61,68%	47	SVIGOS A	LIGINOU IN	53,27%
5	BARONI A	PRIMAVERA A	61,67%	48	DOXIAKDIS K	KOUFAKIS E	52,99%
6	MARANI F	DELLE V	61,56%	49	KATAN A	FARAHAT A	52,73%
7	IKONOMOPOULOS G	ZIPOVSKI D	61,39%	50	VELAITOU P	PAPIRAKI M	52,59%
8	ADELE H	NASR C	61,09%	51	SAKKAL C	MARTENS K	52,51%
9	PANAGAKI M	MILITSOPOULOS I	60,78%	52	CHATZIBALIS M	LAGOURANIS F	52,32%
10	ZIA M.	EIDI M	60,40%	53	ROQUETTE S	BOYACI E	52,19%
11	SPIRIDOU D	KETEN A	59,77%	54	WEINGOLD J	ANTONIOU J	52,10%
12	ZARA A	ELIAN A	59,73%	55	DARKADAKIS A	SIKIOTI CH	51,62%
13	DOVIDIO A	OURSEL A	59,72%	56	RIOLO J	STARACE A	51,60%
14	SAPOUNAKIS A	VROUSTIS V	59,70%	57	LIVERA R	LIVERA M	51,43%
15	PARVANOV A	STOILOV A	59,48%	58	RAHAL T	MAY M	51,42%
16	FUENSANTA R	HEDY G	59,42%	59	DUVILLANET R	DESCOMBES D	51,04%
17	FANTONI F	DELLECAVE G	59,21%	60	PAPAKIRIAKOPOULOS G	MANOLAS I	50,90%
18	VAINIKONIS V	OLANSKI W	58,97%	61	CANNONE C	LORENZIN C	50,88%
19	LERIAS E	PEZANAKIS N	58,77%	62	WATTAR W	ELCHEIKH M	50,82%
20	KLITSAS G	VAGIANOS G	58,72%	63	NUNES A	SATALIA S	50,78%
21	RITZMAN L	VENIER R	58,56%	64	VROUCHOS N	KELEPERAS K	50,58%
22	BIKA E	SOFIOS M	58,44%	65	DELEH F	DELEH A	50,45%
23	RONCONI R	TOMMASO L	58,27%	66	PANAGIOTIDOU D	KONSTANTINIDIS	50,44%
24	KARAMANLIS M	HANA M	58,09%	67	KAVALAKIS I	GIALLOUSIS M	50,15%
25	MICHALAKOU K	STAMATIOU N	57,91%	68	POURLIOTIS G	EFTICHIADIS D	50,08%
26	GAEDE B	TISSOT G	57,85%	69	RAMADAN Y	TRABOULSI S	50,04%
27	MAVRIKOU E	NESTORA TH	57,62%	70	KARAMANLI A	KARAMANLIS N	50,01%
28	THIZY A	CHAUGNY C	57,38%	71	VAGIANOU M	VROUSTIS A	49,25%
29	KARAKATSANIS V	KARAKATSANIS H	57,17%	72	CHAKER N	NAUFAL S	49,21%
30	PEDICCIO V	JANOUSEK B	56,45%	73	PAVLOUS S	SIDIROPOULOS S	48,76%
31	AVALLE D	CUZZI M	56,18%	74	MARINAKIS A	ZERVOS I	48,71%
32	VIGMOSTA E	NORDBY H	56,06%	75	KOUROGENI A	LIOSSIS G	48,69%
33	FAIZA E	EIDI G	56,00%	76	PAPAIOANNOU M	PAPAIOANNOU I	48,67%
34	LORDOS R	TILLYRIS F	55,97%	77	FASOULAKIS K	ERGAZAKIS N	48,58%
35	KRASIMIR V	MINKO A	55,88%	78	BONIS A	PAPAEMANOUIL D	48,49%
36	GEORGIADIS G	IOANNOU T	55,65%	79	DECIARA R	DELLECAVE O	48,04%
37	CHIDIAC P	BAROUDI N	55,55%	80	DOUKARELIS A	TRICHAKI R	47,97%
38	PANOPOULOS K	DIAMANTIDIS N	55,51%	81	VARENNE I	TISSOT F	47,96%
39	IKONOMOPOULOS IO	CHRISTODOULOU	55,39%	82	AVDOULOS S	RITSONI I	47,88%
40	LAROCCA A	STARACE A	55,17%	83	CHANTRE M	ROSSETTI C	47,35%
41	SYRAKOPOULOU CH	BOBOLAKIS S	54,99%	84	TZORTZAKAKI E	VOURDOGLOU G	47,07%
42	ARLOVICH A	VAINIKONIS E	54,79%	85	PANOUTSAKOPOULOU	BOBOLAKI V	46,91%
43	FAWAZ S	AQUIN G	54,79%	86	MCBRIDE S	WARREN D	46,82%

TOTAL RESULTS AFTER 3 SESSIONS

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8	ZIA M.	EIDI M	59,54%	51	PANAGIOTIDOU D	KONSTANTINIDIS	51,80%
9	ADELE H	NASR C	59,24%	52	RAHAL T	MAY M	51,79%
10	WATTAR W	ELCHEIKH M	59,04%	53	GEORGIADIS G	IOANNOUT	51,74%
11	ARLOVICH A	VAINIKONIS E	58,84%	54	KARAMANLI A	KARAMANLIS N	51,62%
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32	KAVALAKIS I	GIALLOUSIS M	55,64%	75	LERIAS E	PEZANAKIS N	49,06%
33	SAKKAL C	MARTENS K	55,12%	76	DELUCAR A	CIAMPA P	48,98%
34	CHIDIAC P	BAROUDI N	54,75%	77	AGOURATSIOS T	VEINOGLOU E	48,89%
35	WEINGOLD J	ANTONIOU J	54,27%	78	DESCOMBES D	DUVILLANET R	48,79%
36	LIVERA R	LIVERA M	54,08%	79	POURLIOTIS G	EFTICHIADIS D	48,66%
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41	FAWAZ S	AQUIN G	53,21%	84	RICHETTI M	MONTAGUTI V	47,51%
42	KARAKATSANIS V	KARAKATSANIS H	53,07%	85	TSOUKATOU TH	KATRINIS M	47,41%
43	PUILLET C	CARBONNEAUX J	53,06%	86	MALAXOS S	POLITIS T	47,15%

Open Pairs Session 2

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass	INT	Pass

The bidding is a typical normal sequence that may have happened to a lot of tables, although the specific instance is what happened at the table where Zia-Eidi were playing N-S. 1♠, although it may not be everyone's choice with such a weak hand and bad suit, still has a lot of merit given the favorite vulnerability and the lack of interest for the other suits. INT is again a practical pairs decision, and of course West has enough to raise to game.

Zia led the ♠8, ducked to Eidi's King. Now it is obvious by the sight of the dummy that spades have no future, so Eidi decided to switch to a small ♦. Zia won declarer's Queen with the Ace and, having no information about declarer's diamond strength, returned another diamond enabling E-W to claim the remaining tricks for a top score.

Fantoni-Dellecave, to their misfortune, had instead enough tools in their armory to cope with this hand:

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

1♣ shows various types of hands, but the INT is showing 10+ HCP. 2♦ is 17+ HCP and 3♦ shows a 5 card diamond suit and 10-12 HCP. After these exchanges West of course picks 3NT as final contract.

The lead and the second trick was identical as in our first table, but now South, alarmed by the 3♦ bid, of course didn't return another diamond leaving declarer with an unavoidable ♣ loser. This is again a typical situation, especially in pairs, where more often than not it is much better to leave the opponents uninformed about declarer's exact strength and distribution.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
3NT	All Pass	INT	2♣

INT is a weak notrump and 2♣ showed at least 5-5 in ♣ and ♥. West chose to bid 3NT, although as we can see in the specific board there is a huge misfit that might easily prove catastrophic for N-S. Anyway, even though N-S escaped the penalty, their early activity will not go unpunished!

South led the ♣J, won by declarer's Queen, and a small heart was played to dummy's King, elimination both North's exit cards. Now the ♦3 was led to the Jack, followed by the ♦A where South discarded a ♣. Declarer read the position correctly and continued with ♣ to the A (just in case North had a second ♣) ♠K and ♠ to the 8, and then exited with a ♦ endplaying North in ♠. Thus the contract was made with 4♠+1♥+2♦+2♣.

Board 30. Dealer East None Vul.

	♠ 3 2		
	♥ Q 7 6 4		
	♦ A J 9 5 4 3 2		
	♣ -		
♠ Q 5 4	N	♠ A K J 8 6	
♥ A 10 2	W E	♥ K 9 8 3	
♦ 7		♦ K 6	
♣ A Q J 8 5 3	S	♣ 6 4	
	♠ 10 9 7		
	♥ J 5		
	♦ Q 10 8		
	♣ K 10 9 7 2		

West	North	East	South
2♣	3♦	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass	Dbl	Pass

Let's suppose that South has no supernatural talents and chooses to lead his diamond, taken by North with the Ace

TOTAL RESULTS

87	KACHAMI G	GHUBRIL F	47,15%
88	KOTRONAROU A	KALIFRONAS M	47,08%
89	PAPANDREOU M	PAVLINERIS G	46,96%
90	PAVLOUS S	SIDIROPOULOS S	46,93%
91	ROMAGNOLI I	MEUS F	46,91%
92	BONIS A	PAPAEMANOUIL D	46,79%
93	SPIRIDOU D	KETEN A	46,78%
94	MAVRONIKOLAS I	KALOPETRIS S	46,46%
95	MAGRIPLIS E	KOFINAKOS P	46,18%
96	MANTHOU E	KAMTSIOU T	46,16%
97	DOUKARELIS A	TRICHAKI R	45,91%
98	FASOULAKIS A	KIRKEBYE L	45,72%
99	O'NEILL M	NATHANAIL D	45,57%
100	VROUSTI T	SIMATIS A	45,28%
101	AVDOULOS S	RITSONI I	45,06%
102	PAPAIOANNOU M	PAPAIOANNOU I	44,98%
103	TIRADELIS B	KLITSAS A	44,86%
104	LUPSAN O	LUPSAN C	44,61%
105	MCBRIDE S	WARREN D	44,51%
106	POPOROS A	ADAMAKIS I	44,10%
107	LAROCCA A	STARACE A	43,73%
108	BISIGNANO V	IAKONA I	43,57%
109	RAULT C	FEARON U	43,11%
110	KONTEATIS G	MICHAILIDOU A	42,87%
111	PANOUTSAKOPOULOU	BOBOLAKIV	42,68%
112	GALANOPOULOU A	PAPADOPOULOS	42,36%
113	PIRPIRIS D	AGAPITOU S	42,33%
114	PAVLOGIANNIS N	CHARALABIDOU	42,04%
115	PERDI M	PERDI L	41,76%
116	RICCI I	MARTINI R	41,12%
117	TZORTZAKAKI E	VOURDOGLOU G	40,84%
118	TSAGALIDIS D	PAPASSAVAS G	40,50%
119	PALIGIANNIS F	XATZIOANOU E	39,34%
120	ZANETAKIS N	NERATZI A	38,79%
121	KASIMATI TH	SOFIANOU V	37,92%
122	PAPADAKI D	PETRIDIS V	37,36%
123	BINIS G	KLOUVAS I	37,31%
124	KATRINI D	CALLIGARI G	36,68%
125	KARAGIANNI R	PAPANIKOLAOU T	36,34%
126	VROUCHOU R	GRIGORAS N	36,29%
127	MCBRIDE C	AYET	35,49%
128	FILIPPOU K	FOKIALI E	34,56%

and followed with another diamond to declarer's King, who discards on this trick a ♥ from dummy. Can you now secure all the remaining tricks?

The way to go is to cash just two rounds of spades (preferably the A and K), ending in hand, and then finesse in ♣. Now you reenter hand with a ♥ and repeat the ♣ finesse again in ♣. After ruffing a club in hand you enter dummy with the ♥ A, ruff the remaining ♣, and finally enter dummy with a trump to enjoy the established 6th ♣. Not very trivial maybe, but playable.

Of course, bridge would be much easier if you could see all hands, and without this hindsight declarer can so easily go wrong. For example, Fulvio's opponent (North) chose, instead of returning a second diamond, to return ♥. Seeing all 4 hands this may seem pointless, but declarer was quite justified to think that this was a singleton and tried immediately to finesse in clubs. Much to his surprise the shortage was elsewhere, and suddenly 11 tricks was the limit of the hand.

Board 19. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Despite the 1♣ opening West preferred to lead his suit - and right he was. East won the ♣K and continued the suit, and declarer took West's 10 with the Ace to continue with a ♦ to the K, ducked by West. Now declarer played the ♠3 to the King, ducked again since East didn't really want to play anything - and now declarer was at the crossroads: Should he continue with a ♠ or with a ♦ ?.

Unfortunately for him he chose that his best chance for making the contract is to try to establish the diamond suit, accordingly he continued with a diamond to the Queen taken now by West, who continued with the ♥J. The second unfortunate decision of declarer was to duck this, because now West could cash the ♦J forcing dummy to part with a ♠ winner. The ♥10 followed and then East, after cashing the ♠A and the ♥K, locked declarer in dummy forcing him to concede the last two clubs to West.