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And the winners are Tonči Radelja & Aljoša Čakić

Hello everyone! Pairs tournament is over, and we have our first winners. They are Tonči Radelja and Aljoša Čakić from Split. Aljoša was playing for Croatian team on 46th European Championship held in Salsomaggiore 2002, and Tonči Radelja was a candidate for last year's open team. There was 34 pairs playing on this tournament which is a great number! Please consider that there are some 25 bridge playing pairs in Dubrovnik area.

I would also thank to all people involved in organization: Mercian Bridge Travel, Hotel Bellevue and Dubrovnik-Neretva county. We apologize if something went wrong at any time and we will certainly try to correct it next year.



Winners

A Final	
1 Tonči Radelja & Aljoša Čakić	70,37
2 Frano Staničić & Niko Dubčić	56,48
3 Zoran Zorić & Branko Krolo	55,56
4 Toni Radić & Miše Jančić	53,70
5 Dubravka Zvrko & Tomo Mačai	50,46
6 Samir Dolarević & Faruk Mašić	44,91
7 Stjepo Čubela & Pero Ivelja	44,44
8 Miše Bego & Đuro Popović	41,67
8 Souse Beal & Gerard Lovett	41,67
10 Janet Russell & George Towler	40,74

B Final	
1 Martin Shepherd & Wendy Shepherd	57.035
2 Pavo Handabaka & Vinko Mijoč	56.095
3 Pero Jemo & Željko Milić	55.29
4 Margaret Telford & Jenny McIntosh	52.605
5 Arlette Slade & Pamela Tredinnick	50.835
6 Edi Vojković & Ante Vilić	50.7
7 Cvjetko & Vlaho Kalauz	50.09
8 Stanko Kružić & Lucijana Ivelja	49.75
9 Ivan Mosettig & Mili Belamarić	49.69
10 Liz Ross & Jeanne Waller	49.215
11 Štefica Ivelja & Boris Lovjler	48.625
12 Boško Mišić & Tiho Kopitović	48.2
13 Ana Čević & Frano Mozara	47.905
14 Richard Prestien & Marija Jelcic	47.84
15 Isabel & Basil Leighton	47.52
16 Luko Dalmatin & Antun Matana	47.485
17 Iva Jančić & Amela Obad	46.625
18 Margo Ayers & Deirdre Pudney	46.535
19 Eve Atkinson & Ken Woods	44.43
20 Maro Dabelić & Titomir Zokić	44.785
21 Antun Marega & Slavica Novak	43.33
22 Avril Patoff & David Silverman	41.65
23 Tanja Vojković & Lucija Mijić	39.81



2nd place



B Final winners

Pietro Forquet of Naples, Italy, banker World Bridge Federation Grandmaster. One of the greatest players of all time, and considered by many to be the best player in the world. Won World Team Olympiad 1964. 1968, 1972 and World Championships 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1973, 1974. Perhaps the greatest Italian players during the Blue Team's remarkable string of ten consecutive World Championships from 1957-1969. Forquet established a reputation for calm, unruffled performances, apparently immune from the nervous tension which often affected his opponents.

Even if you have made a good plan, you should always be ready to change your strategy if, at a certain moment, you discover that it cannot work. Here is an Example; you are West and you play in Four Spades.

North leads Heart five and you play the jack, which holds the trick. You then play Spade jack and you let it ride to North's queen. He continues with Heart four won in dummy, and now you play Spade ten which wins, North and South following suit. On the Spade ace North discards Heart eight and South drops the Spade king. You can count nine tricks sure. What is your plan to make the tenth?

If the club finesse succeeds, there is no problem, but if it loses to North's king, you must attack the diamonds now in order to create a discard for a club. If the diamonds are 3-3, everything is easy. But if South has a doubleton honour, the correct approach is to play to the ace, then small to the king and then to dummy's ten. Then the Diamond ten will

provide the tenth trick.

Having made this plan, you play the king and ace of Diamonds on which North, and not South, drops the queen. Now you must pause. What can you deduce from Diamond queen played by North? It is unlikely that North holds ♦Q-J-x because on the first round he would have split the honours and he also might have

E deal			
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lead: ♥5			
North		East	
♠ Q8		♠ J1054	
♥ K10854		♥ AJ	
♦ Q4		♦ A1063	
♣ KJ93		♣ 765	
West		South	
♠ A976		♠ K32	
♥ Q32		♥ 976	
♦ K75		♦ J982	
♣ AQ8		♣ 1042	
W	N	E	S
1NT	pass	2♣	pass
2♣	pass	4♣	all pass

preferred an initial lead from touching honours instead of leading from an unsupported king. There is another possibility to consider: North may be clever enough to unblock the suit to ensure that his partner will win the third Diamond trick with the jack. But using your judgement you conclude that North is not of the calibre to find such an excellent defence. Here is the full hand:

At this point, because you have abandoned the hope of a third Diamond trick, *you must change your original plan.*

So you decide to play the Heart queen and on North's king you discard a club from dummy. North continues with Heart ten. If you ruff in dummy and play a club, intending to put in your eight, South will definitely spoil your manoeuvre by playing Club ten.

So on the Heart ten you discard another Club from dummy and the losing Diamond from your hand. Now North will regret the Heart discard on the third round of trumps for he

must return a Club, giving you the tenth trick and contract. This example proves the value of my Bols Tip: Even if you have made a very good plan, always be ready to change your strategy once you have discovered that it cannot work. In this case, I must admit my tip worked mainly because of good card reading and play.

Forquet's tip: 'Always be ready to change your plan', reflects the analytical power of the author. It also reflects his alertness at the table. He used all the information available and was ready to change his plans as play developed.

Nije uvijek sve bajno

Petak uvečer, mrtva umorna i pospana, nije mi ni do čega, a sveupm me zove na International Carpatian Cup na BBOu. 12 bordova, potrajat će možda do ponoća, ali nemam srca odbiti ga.

U 4. bordu na 3. poziciji otvorim 1♥ s ♠A9 ♥KQJ64 ♦J4 ♣AQ72, sveupm izvuče 2♦, pass do mene i 2NT. Zašto sa 17 pts kad mi je partner obećao 11? Nemam pojma. Pretpostavljam da sam licitirala u stanju neuračunljivosti. Tome u prilog govori i to što sam se izbezumila kad mi je Frano pasirao mojih, mislila sam, pozivnih 2NT. Čuđenju nije bilo kraja. Ali to nije sve! Ne, nećete dobiti rovokopač jer ste prvi naručilac šišača dlaka u nosu i ušima. Ovo nije Top Shop, ovo je Bridge Base Online. Samo hoću reći da nigdje kraja mojim ludorijama.

South atakira mali pik, dummy donese ♠1063 ♥92 ♦AK10762 ♣K4, mali sa stola, North stavi K, ja propustim. North vrati mali pik, ovaj put moram odnijeti asem. Finesiram ♦J, fines ne uspije, Q je u N. Protivnici uzmu još 2 pika, od trećeg odustanu, tko zna zašto. South vrati ♣J, a ja ga uzmem u ruci s Q! Jesu li vam se nakostriješile sve dlake na glavi? Vjerujem da jesu, jednako kao i mom partneru iako je očišan po vojnički. Gdje je logika u mojoj igri? Zar sam htjela samu sebe blokirati? Jesam li htjela ponovo finesirati iako se nije imalo što finesirati? Iskreno – ne znam. Tisuću zašto, a nijedan zato. Istina je da sam uspjela napraviti točno 8 štihova, ali bilo ih je 9 i pala bih da sam igrala 3NT. Ili bih onda možda bila „normalnija“ i igrala kako Bog zapovijeda? Trebam li napomenuti da je turnir bio s MP obračunom? Ovo me podsjetilo kako pojedinci reću da postoje sigurni kontrakti koji se ne mogu pasti. Netočno. Uvijek mogu, a ja sam najbolji primjer za to.



3rd place