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BRIDGE EVOLUTION

From DDS to the Table

2026 European Championships and Historical Bermuda Bowls Compared

FOREWORD

This study began with an analysis of the deals used in the 2026 European Team Open Championship and a very simple question: what do the cards tell us when the theoretical potential identified by DDS (Double Dummy Solver) is compared with what actually happened at the table?

The analysis examines the 464 deals of the OPEN event, classifying their potential as Part-scores, Games, Small Slams and Grand Slams. Particular attention is devoted to the 77 deals in which the Double Dummy Solver identifies at least one makeable Slam.

For these deals, HCP, distributional features, the DDS contract and the contracts actually played are compared, with a closer look at the three countries considered: Norway, Denmark and Italy.

The same method is then extended to other international samples and to four historical Bermuda Bowl finals - 1957, 1959, 1967 and 1969 - making it possible to compare different eras, distributions and actual play at the table.

The report presents the data and the tools for exploring them; the analysis of the individual deals and the choices made is left to the reader and the expert.

The investigation also made it possible to develop new analysis methods, progressively refined and replicable for future international events.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

Of the 464 deals from the 2026 European Team Open Championship, 77 were identified in which DDS allows at least one Slam to be made. The report focuses its analysis on this sample, given the particular impact that Slam contracts can have on the outcome of a match and, consequently, on the final standings.

DDS stands for **Double Dummy Solver**. DDS contracts, or makeable contracts, indicate the highest contract level that can be made on a given deal, assuming perfect, error-free play by all four players. Analysis is performed using the deal's .LIN file.

Bridge Solver					
Optimum: EW 4H; -420		♠ Q 9 7 3 ♥ 3 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ A K 9 7			
♠ 6 2 ♥ A K 9 8 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ J 3 2		1		♠ A K J 10 ♥ J 10 7 4 ♦ K 10 9 ♣ 10 4	
10 10 12 8		♠ 8 5 4 ♥ Q 6 5 2 ♦ A 3 ♣ Q 8 6 5			
				♠	♦
				♥	♣
				NT	
				N	1 - - -
				S	1 - - -
				E	- 2 4 2 2
				W	- 2 4 2 2

THE 77 DDS SLAMS - SAMPLE PROFILE

The analysis of the 464 deals from the 2026 European Team Open Championship identifies 77 deals in which DDS allows at least one Slam to be made:

77 / 464 = 16.6% - approximately one deal in every 6 boards

HIGH-CARD POINTS

- 56 of 77 (72.7%) have fewer than 30 HCP
- 30 of 77 (39.0%) have fewer than 28 HCP
- A DDS Slam is therefore not necessarily associated with a high combined HCP count.

DISTRIBUTION

The 77 deals include:

- 52 singletons (67.5%)
- 11 voids (14.3%)
- 37 deals with at least one 6+ card suit (48.1%)

These features can, of course, occur simultaneously within the same partnership.

THE 27-28 HCP RANGE

This is the range in which the influence of distribution emerges particularly clearly:

- 24 DDS Slams
- 21 of 24 (87.5%) contain at least one singleton
- at 27 HCP: a singleton in 88.9% of cases
- at 28 HCP: a 6+ card suit in 86.7% of cases

FROM DDS TO THE TABLE

Of the 77 DDS Slams:

- 53 (68.8%) were bid by at least one of the three countries examined: Norway, Denmark and Italy.
- 24 (31.2%) were not bid by any of the three teams
- among the 30 cases below 28 HCP, 14 were bid and 13 were made

IN SUMMARY

The 77 DDS Slams provide a sample in which HCP, shortness, length and fit structure can be observed together, immediately comparing the theoretical potential of the deal with what happened at the table.

The following pages describe in detail the methods and procedures used to identify, classify and analyse the 77 DDS Slams, documenting the criteria adopted and the data on which this summary is based.

More than 20,000 deals were examined during the overall investigation.



MATERIALE ESAMINATO E PERCORSO DELL'INDAGINE

I campioni analizzati, dalle distribuzioni originali ai confronti internazionali e storici

*Più dati
più conoscenza
un bridge migliore*

1. EUROPEI 2026 Team Championships



624 distribuzioni disponibili
(intero pacchetto)

464 mani OPEN analizzate
(campione principale)

77 mani con almeno uno
Slam DDS
(analisi approfondita)

2. ALTRI CAMPIONI Nazionali e internazionali

- ASD Varese (Italia)
- ASD Legnano (Italia)
- FIGB Youth (Italia)
- Campionati Italia 2004
- Vanderbilt 2016 (Stati Uniti)
- Lione 2017 (Francia)
- Mondiale 2022 (Marocco)
- ASDForlì 2012 (Italia)

Stessi criteri di analisi:
distribuzioni, DDS
e contratto al tavolo

3. BERMUDA BOWL STORICI

Quattro finali a confronto



1957 – 224 mani
1959 – 156 mani
1967 – 128 mani
1969 – 128 mani

**Totale: 636 mani
84 Slam DDS**

Le stesse modalità di analisi
consentono un confronto
tra epoche, distribuzioni
e comportamento reale
al tavolo.

4. DOCUMENTI DI SUPPORTO

Fonti e strumenti utilizzati

- File LIN (Bridge Solver)
- PDF / Score originali
- Diagrammi delle mani
- Analisi con Double Dummy Solver
- Contratti, dichiaranti e attacchi giocati
- Database e archivi tornei internazionali

UN'UNICA METODOLOGIA DI ANALISI
per confrontare competizioni diverse e periodi storici differenti

**OLTRE
20.000
MANI ESAMINATE
NEL CORSO DELL'INDAGINE**

Distribuzioni • LIN • DDS • Score
contratti • attacchi • risultati



*Il bridge
unisce il mondo.
I dati ci aiutano
a comprenderlo meglio.*

GLI STRUMENTI

Analisi e verifiche con
strumenti professionali



File LIN e PDF
estrazione e verifica dati



Bridge Solver (DDS)
verifica giocabilità
e numero di prese



Score ufficiali
risultati e classifiche



Analisi delle mani
con PC e controlli manuali



**Pulizia e validazione
dei dati**
eliminazione di errori
e normalizzazione



L'ESPERIENZA DIVENTA METODO

*L'indagine ha permesso di mettere a punto nuove metodologie di analisi,
progressivamente affinate e replicabili in occasione di futuri eventi internazionali.*

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Analisi ed elaborazione dei dati con il contributo di **ChatGPT.**



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European 2026



FINAL STANDINGS

Open Teams			Mixed Teams			Women Teams			Senior Teams		
Rankings			Rankings			Rankings			Rankings		
#	Team	VPs	#	Team	VPs	#	Team	VPs	#	Team	VPs
1	NORWAY	386.50	1	POLAND	322.83	1	ENGLAND	294.78	1	POLAND	302.65
2	DENMARK	370.23	2	ROMANIA	310.31	2	NETHERLANDS	287.75	2	FRANCE	294.22
3	ISRAEL	367.00	3	ISRAEL	304.52	3	SWEDEN	272.55	3	SWEDEN	287.89
4	SWEDEN	354.69	4	BELGIUM	304.38	4	DENMARK	269.90	4	DENMARK	277.91
5	NETHERLANDS	348.41	5	ENGLAND	303.14	5	NORWAY	267.44	5	NETHERLANDS	276.42
6	ENGLAND	342.04	6	LATVIA	291.33	6	FRANCE	260.20	6	TURKIYE	274.00
7	ICELAND	341.18	7	SWEDEN	279.76	7	POLAND	249.93	7	GERMANY	255.11
8	FRANCE	331.08	8	FRANCE	276.19	8	TURKIYE	244.44	8	BULGARIA	254.79
9	GERMANY	321.67	9	ITALY	259.48	9	ESTONIA	238.63	9	ENGLAND	253.41
10	TURKIYE	317.54	10	HUNGARY	256.83	10	ITALY	210.83	10	ITALY	251.11
11	FINLAND	314.23	11	DENMARK	254.84	11	GERMANY	207.99	11	ICELAND	239.83
12	IRELAND	313.02	12	GERMANY	251.94	12	ISRAEL	203.85	12	CROATIA	238.89
13	HUNGARY	309.63	13	SPAIN	249.67	13	IRELAND	201.69	13	ISRAEL	220.60
14	SWITZERLAND	304.64	14	SWITZERLAND	247.69	14	GREECE	191.83	14	SPAIN	220.44
15	BELGIUM	303.55	15	NETHERLANDS	247.47	15	LATVIA	188.79	15	PORTUGAL	219.62
16	BULGARIA	300.90	16	NORWAY	246.23	16	FINLAND	172.57	16	BELGIUM	216.53
17	ITALY	285.94	17	IRELAND	243.77	17	ROMANIA	156.86	17	IRELAND	211.19
18	SPAIN	269.01	18	CROATIA	233.03	18	CROATIA	149.19	18	SCOTLAND	199.85
19	LATVIA	267.63	19	SCOTLAND	232.89	19	ICELAND	142.43	19	SWITZERLAND	178.82
20	POLAND	263.86	20	AUSTRIA	232.64	20	SPAIN	114.45	20	NORWAY	170.42
21	GREECE	261.80	21	FINLAND	197.68	21	PORTUGAL	106.90	21	LATVIA	170.02
22	ESTONIA	252.54	22	TURKIYE	196.47						
23	LITHUANIA	250.07	23	PORTUGAL	191.36						
24	CROATIA	243.01	24	LITHUANIA	184.43						
25	ROMANIA	242.05	25	ESTONIA	170.42						
26	GEORGIA	221.10									
27	PORTUGAL	212.88									
28	UKRAINE	206.78									
29	SCOTLAND	202.57									
30	AUSTRIA	180.45									

Per i mondiali si qualificano le prime 8 squadre

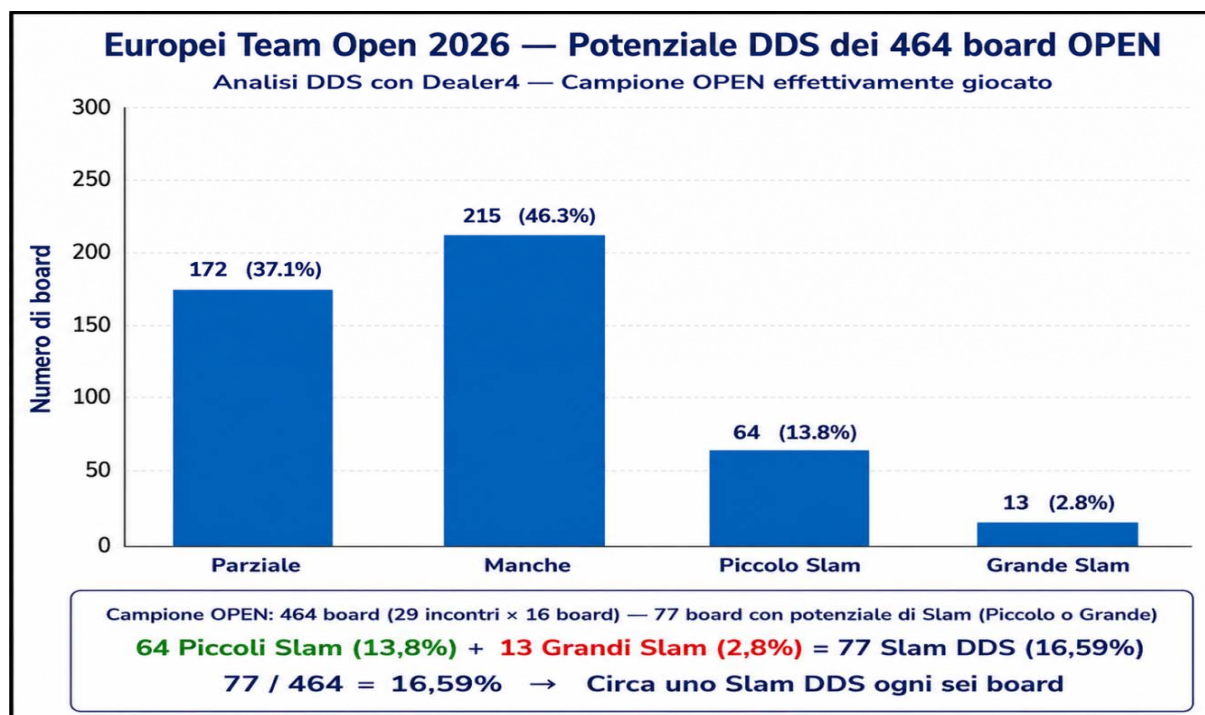
The next World Team Bridge Championships will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 24 August to 4 September 2027. The Italian teams in the various categories did not qualify for the World Championships.

2026 European Championship - Number of deals in the Round Robins (R.R.)

The complete set prepared for the European Championship contains 624 deals: 464 OPEN + 112 WOMEN, SENIOR and MIXED + 48 reserve = 624. The deals are prepared approximately 15 days before the competition.

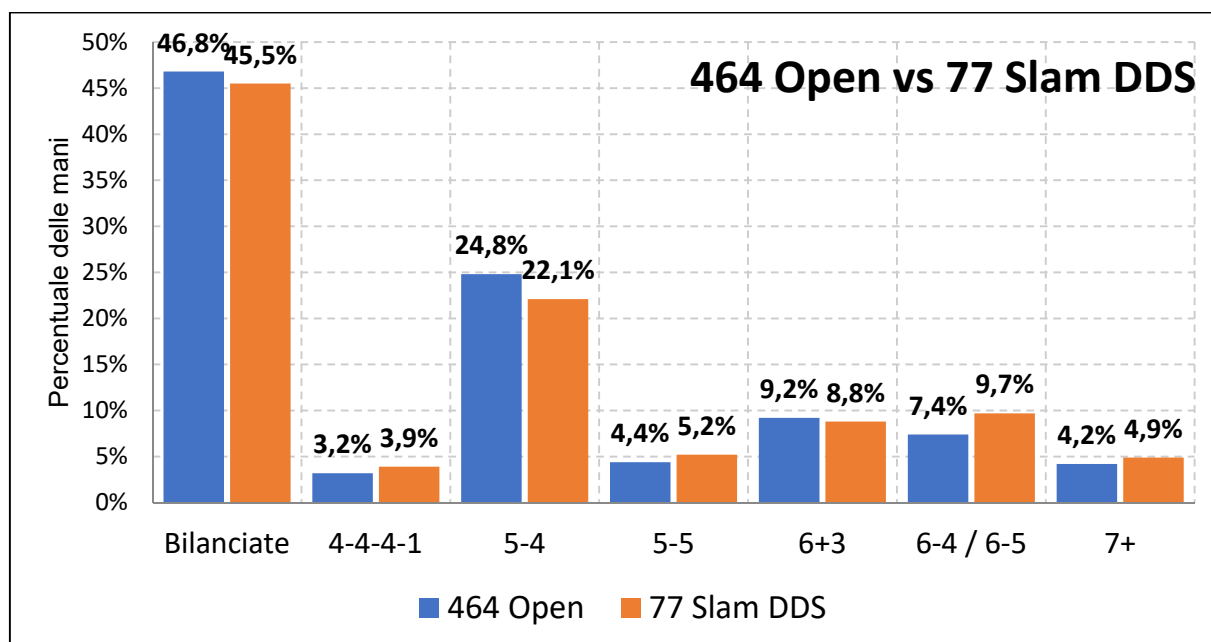
N. Mano per Bridge Solver	Data	R.R. OPEN	R.R. WOMEN	R.R. SENIOR	R.R. MISTA		
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33 a 48		3					
49 a 64		4					
65 a 80		5					
81 a 96		6					
97 a 112		7					
113 a 128		8					
129 a 144		9					
145 a 160		10					
161 a 176		11					
177 a 192	01-lug	12	1	1	1		
193 a 208		13	2	2	2		
209 a 224		14	3	3	3	Deals	
					4	16	
241 a 256	02-lug	15	4	4	5		
257 a 272		16	5	5	6		
273 a 288		17	6	6	7		
				7	8	16	
305 a 320	03-lug	18	7	8	9		
321 a 336		19	8	9	10		
337 a 351		20	9	10	11		
352 a 368	04-lug	21	10	11	12		
369 a 385		22	11	12	13		
			12	13	14	16	
				14	15	16	
433 a 448	05-lug	23	13	15	16		
449 a 464		24	14	16	17		
			15	17	18	16	
465 a 480	06-lug	25	16	18	19		
481 a 496		26	17	19	20		
			18	20	21	16	
					22	16	
529 a 544	07-lug	27	19	21	23		
545 a 560		28	20	22	24		
561 a 576		29	21	23	25		
						112	Totale 576
Boards		464				Extra	48
		Open					624

DDS CONTRACTS Analysis with Double Dummy Solver.



Distribuzione delle mani per famiglia

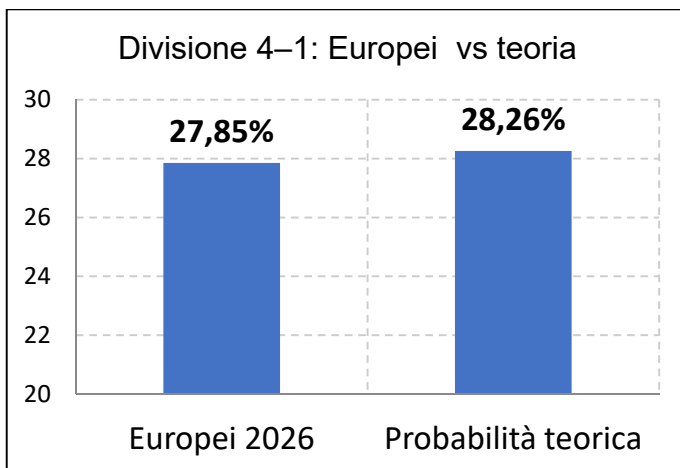
Confronto tra le 464 mani dell'Europeo Open 2026 e le 77 mani con Slam DDS



The distributions of the 77 deals with a DDS Slam are very similar to those of the complete sample. There is an increase in the major two-suiters 6-4/6-5 (+2.3 percentage points) and, to a lesser extent, in 5-5 shapes.

Balanced hands remain the most frequent family, with an almost unchanged percentage.

THE 4-1 BREAK WITH AN 8-CARD FIT



Il Fit di 8 carte sulla partnership rappresenta il riferimento standard ideale per giocare un contratto a colore ed è quindi particolarmente significativo nell'analisi di **manche e Slam**.

Nei campioni esaminati viene confrontata la distribuzione delle cinque carte mancanti tra gli avversari, distinguendo tra smazzate manuali e computerizzate

Riferimento	%	Scostamento
European Championship 2026	27,85%	-0,41%
The figure observed in the 2026 European Championship therefore essentially coincides with the theoretical probability.		

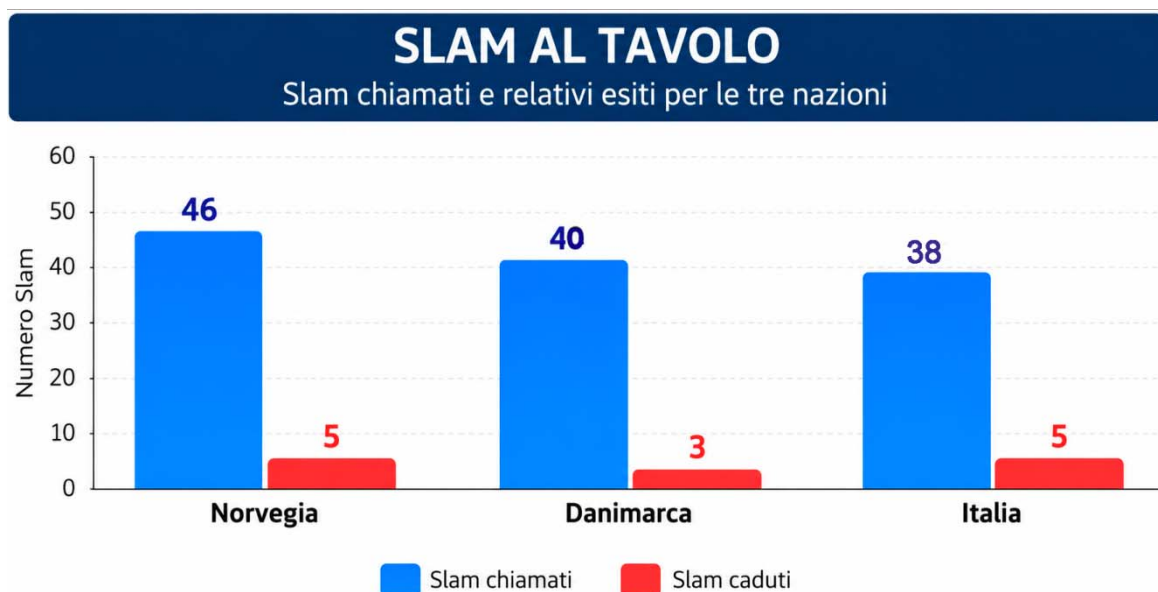
Con un fit di 8 carte, le cinque carte mancanti sono teoricamente distribuite:

- 3–2 nel 67,83% dei casi,
- 4–1 nel 28,26% e
- 5–0 nel 3,91%.

4–1 + 5–0 = 32,17% — quasi 1 volta su 3

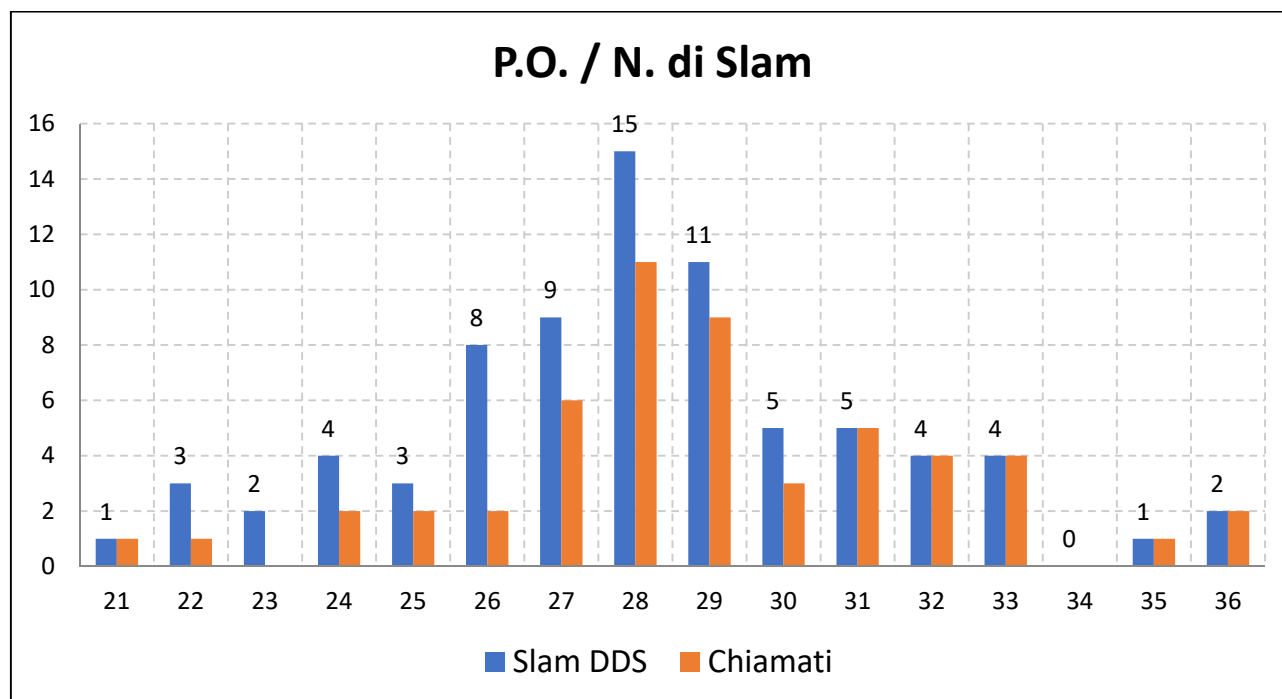
SLAMS BID AND MADE

The top two finishers in the European Championship and Italy, which is of specific interest in the analysis, are considered.



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026: 77 DDS SLAMS / AT THE TABLE

HCP	77 Slam DDS	Bid (almeno da 1 nazione)	% DDS bid	Among Slams bid	
				Slams Made	Slam Down
21	1	1	100,0%	1	0,00%
22	3	1	33,3%	1	0,00%
23	2	0	0,0%	0	—
24	4	2	50,0%	2	0,00%
25	3	2	66,7%	2	0,00%
26	8	2	25,0%	2	0,00%
27	9	6	66,7%	5	16,70%
28	15	11	73,3%	11	0,00%
29	11	9	81,8%	8	11,10%
30	5	3	60,0%	3	0,00%
31	5	5	100,0%	5	0,00%
32	4	4	100,0%	4	0,00%
33	4	4	100,0%	4	0,00%
34	0	0		—	—
35	1	1	100,0%	1	0,00%
36	2	2	100,0%	2	0,00%
	77	53	68,8%	51	3,80%



30 of the 77 DDS Slams (39.0%) can be made with fewer than 28 HCP in the partnership. Of these, 14 were found at the table by at least one of the three countries and 13 were made.

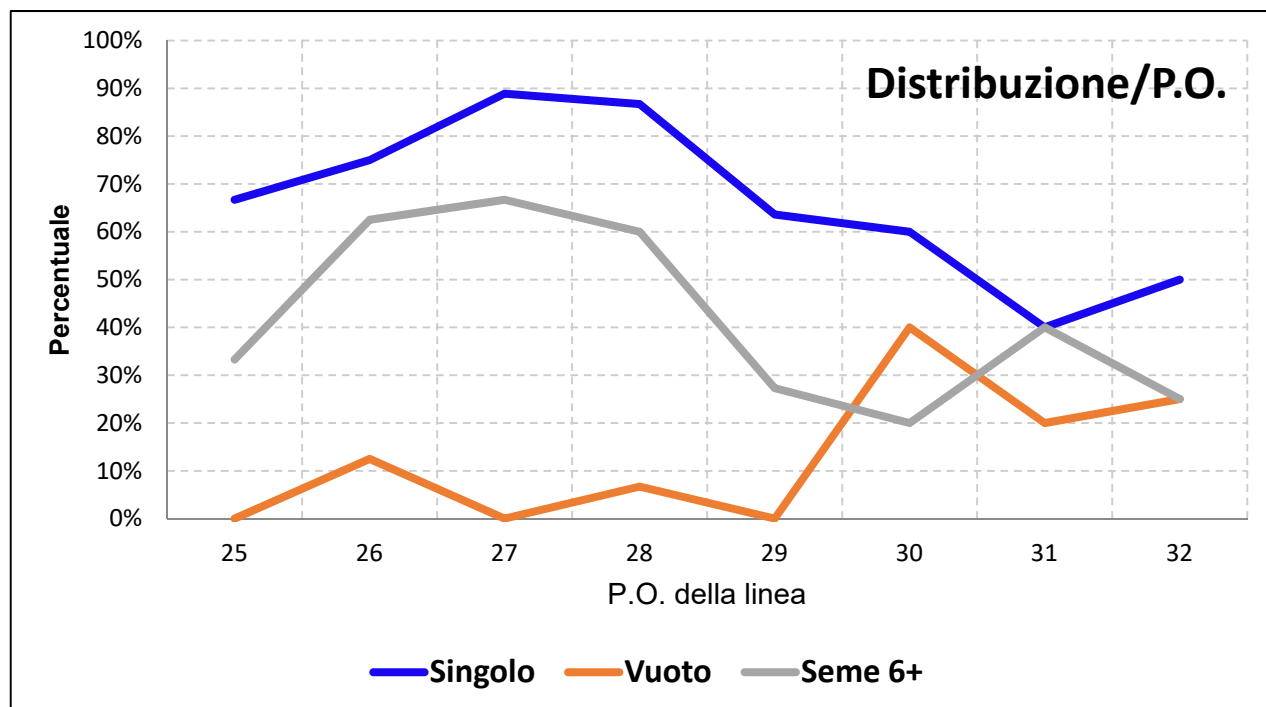
NOTE

HCP describe nominal strength; the data make it possible to examine how length and shortness affect DDS Slams and the Slams actually bid.

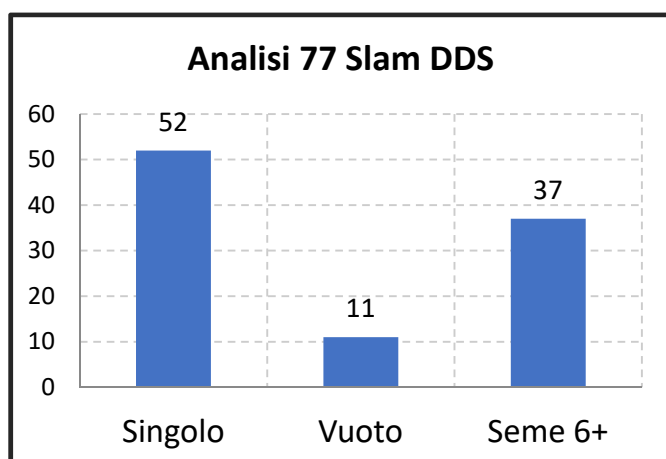
HCP AND DISTRIBUTIONAL FEATURES IN THE 77 DDS SLAMS

HCP partnership	DDS Slams	Singleton	Void	6+ card suit
25	3	66,7%	0,0%	33,3%
26	8	75,0%	12,5%	62,5%
27	9	88,9%	0,0%	66,7%
28	15	86,7%	6,7%	60,0%
29	11	63,6%	0,0%	27,3%
30	5	60,0%	40,0%	20,0%
31	5	40,0%	20,0%	40,0%
32	4	50,0%	25,0%	25,0%

In the 27–28 HCP range, 21 of the 24 DDS Slams (87.5%) contain at least one singleton.



NOTE - In the 77 DDS Slam sample, singletons are markedly more frequent than voids: 52 deals (67.5%) versus 11 (14.3%).



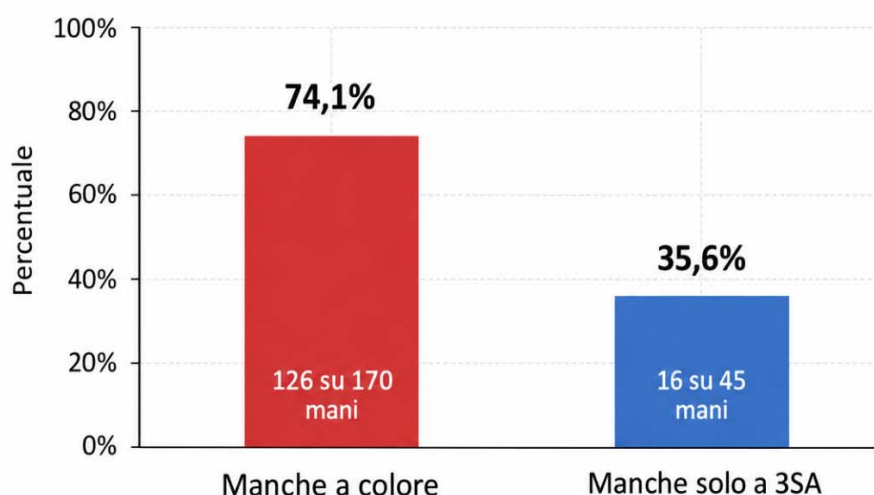
As the partnership HCP count decreases, makeable Slams are more frequently associated with distributional features

EUROPEAN OPEN - 464 deals: DDS CONTRACT DISTRIBUTION

Part-score	Game	Small Slam	Grand Slam
172	215	64	13

Manche DDS – Presenza di singoli e vuoti

Confronto tra Manche a colore e Manche solo a 3SA



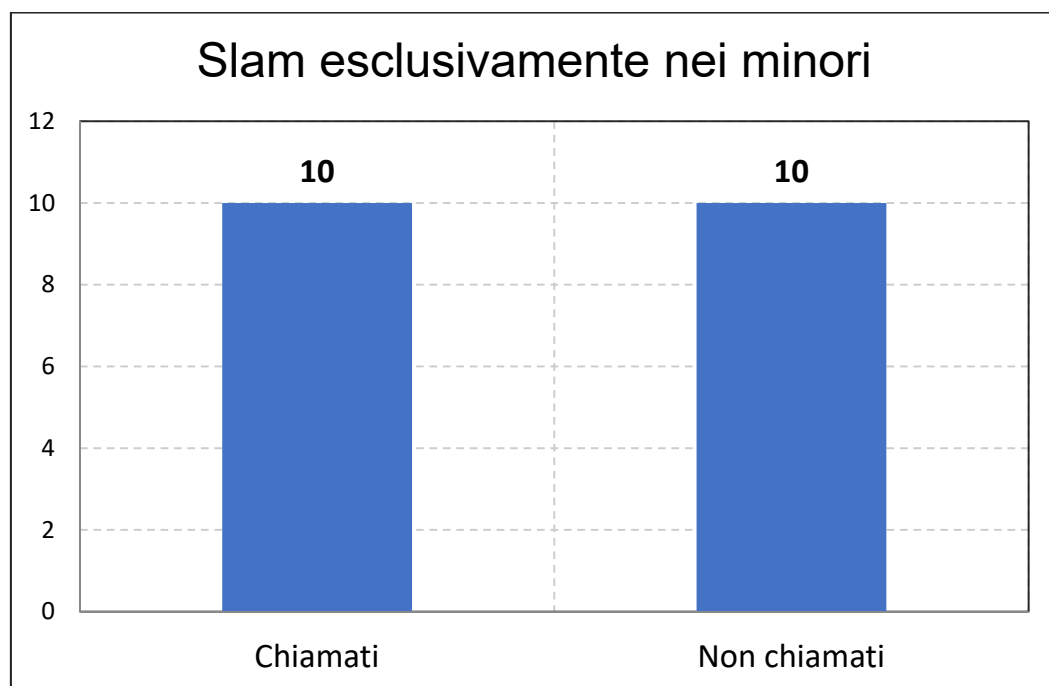
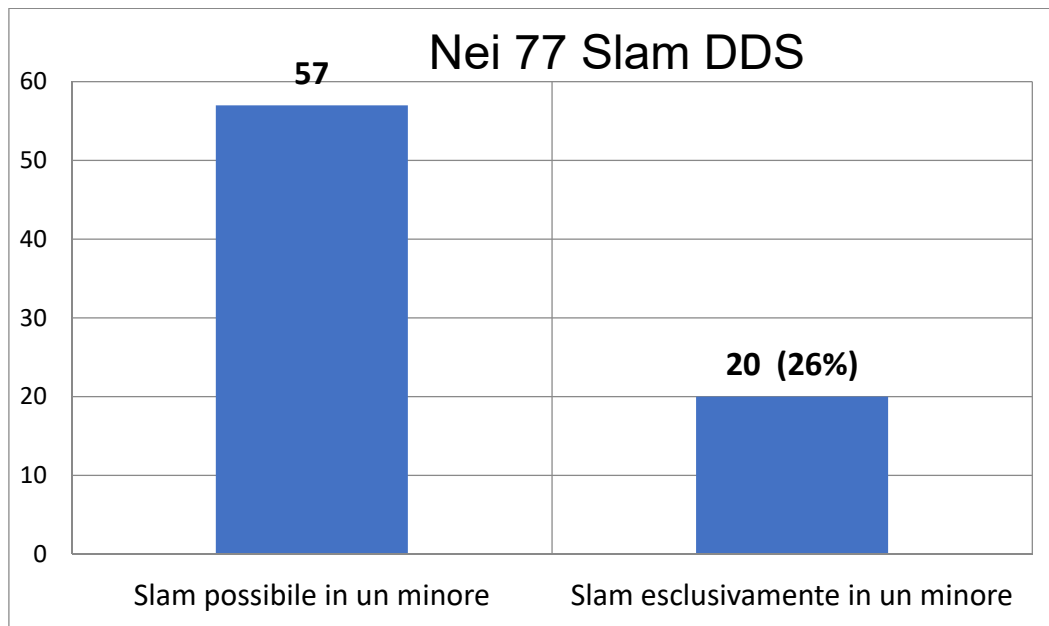
Nelle manche a colore la presenza di singoli e vuoti è circa il doppio rispetto alle manche realizzabili esclusivamente a 3SA.

La presenza di singoli e vuoti non è limitata agli Slam e, anche nelle Manche DDS, può avere un impatto, seppure presumibilmente più limitato. Questi i dati raccolti: nelle Manche DDS a colore interessa il 74,1% delle mani, contro il 35,6% delle Manche realizzabili esclusivamente a 3SA.

Considerate le numerose variabili in gioco, l'eventuale relazione con i P.O. della linea non è stata ulteriormente approfondita.

SLAMS IN THE MINOR SUITS

Analysis of the 77 DDS Slams



Among the 10 cases that were bid, no country is clearly predominant, with substantially balanced results among the three teams examined.

The diagrams of the unbid DDS minor-suit Slams are shown on the following page.

DDS No.	1	19	23	33	36	39	52	63	67	70
Diagram No. (below)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

10 unbid DDS Slams in the minors

Hands Statistics: <table><tr><td>Hand:</td><td>N</td><td>S</td><td>E</td><td>W</td><td>NS</td><td>EW</td></tr><tr><td>Average HCP:</td><td>7.30</td><td>10.80</td><td>11.10</td><td>10.80</td><td>18.10</td><td>21.90</td></tr><tr><td>Balanced:</td><td>5</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>10</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Voids:</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>3</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Singletons:</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Long suits (7+):</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr></table>		Hand:	N	S	E	W	NS	EW	Average HCP:	7.30	10.80	11.10	10.80	18.10	21.90	Balanced:	5	5	4	5	10	9	Voids:	1	2	0	0	3	0	Singletons:	1	2	4	3	3	7	Long suits (7+):	0	1	0	0	1	0	Board: 1 Dealer: N Vul.: None ♠JT63 ♥T62 ♦KJ ♣7542 ♠Q72 ♥975 ♦A853 ♣AK3 ♠A98 ♥AKJ43 ♦Q962 ♣J ♠K54 ♥Q8 ♦T74 ♣QT986 N ♠♥♦♣ N S E 5 3 5 6 1 W 5 3 5 5 1 5 13 HCP 15 7	Board: 2 Dealer: E Vul.: NS ♠92 ♥QJ2 ♦T876 ♣KT53 ♠A4 ♥K98764 ♦532 ♣87 ♠865 ♥AT53 ♦K4 ♣QJ94 ♠KQJT73 ♥ ♦AQJ9 ♣A62 N ♠♥♦♣ N 1 5 6 3 S 1 5 6 4 E 1 W 1 6 7 HCP 10 17
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10 Slams: 6 in Diamonds, 4 in Clubs

These are the contracts played at the table

Diagram No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Norway	4	4	3NT	3NT	5	5	3CX	4	3NT	5
Denmark	4	4	5Q	5Q	3NT	5	4	5	3NT	5
Italy	4	4	3NT	3NT	3NT	5	4	1NT	3NT	5

DDS CONTRACT TABLE

The table contains the 77 deals from the 2026 European Open in which DDS identifies at least one makeable Slam.

For each board, the complete distribution of the partnership concerned, the opponents, the contracts actually played by Norway (N), Denmark (D) and Italy (I), and the corresponding DDS contract are shown. The table also gives the hand file number (LIN) and links to the EBL boards, allowing the reader to move directly from the data to the original deal and, by downloading the .LIN file, to play it in Bridge Solver.

The compact structure was also designed to make consultation simple and smooth on a smartphone. For developing and experienced players, the table is also a study tool: from the hand distribution to the DDS contract and the choices made at the table by international-level players. It therefore also provides practical experience in approaching Slam bidding.

New: the structure of the table

For the first time, the main elements useful for an immediate assessment of a deal have been collected and related in a single table: distribution, HCP, singletons and voids, long suits, contracts played, opening leads and DDS potential.

Building the table required particularly demanding work to collect, compare and verify the data, with the aim of transforming information that is normally scattered into an immediate and verifiable overview.

The direct link to the original event Score completes the path, allowing the reader to move from the summary to examination of the actual deal.

A single row therefore becomes a complete record of the deal

EUROPEI TEAM OPEM 2026 - 77 SLAM DDS - LINK EBL ATTIVI											Cliccare il n. del board per visualizzare lo score			
# / LIN	RR/ Board	Sing.	Vuoti	6+ Carte	P.Linea	P.O. CROCE	Distrib.	AVVERSARIO	MANO COMPLETA - linea Slam privilegiata	AVVERSARIO	N	D	I	DDS
1	01	E:♣			28	13 7 5 15	4-3-3-3 5-4-3-1	S ♠K54 ♥Q8 ♦T74 ♠QT986	W ♠Q72 ♥975 ♦A853 ♣AK3 E ♠A98 ♥AKJ43 ♦Q962 ♣J	N ♠JT63 ♥T62 ♦KJ ♣7542	4♥ 4♣ vs SWEDEN	4♥ T♦ vs HUNGARY	4♥ J♣ vs POLAND	6♦
2	01	S:♠	N:♥	6♠ N 8♥ S	28	18 6 6 10	6-4-3-1 8-2-2-1	W ♠KT3 ♥5 ♦K642 ♠98742	N ♠AJ9874 ♥— ♦AQ87 ♣AK3 S ♠2 ♥AKJT9842 ♦J3 ♣J6	E ♠Q65 ♥Q763 ♦T95 ♠QT5	6♥ 4♣ vs SWEDEN	7♥ 2♣ vs HUNGARY	4♥ 2♦ vs POLAND	6♥
3	02	N:♥			29	12 8 3 17	5-4-3-1 4-4-3-2	W ♠Q82 ♥9742 ♦Q64 ♠A85	N ♠T43 ♥Q ♦AKT7 ♣KT963 S ♠AKJ6 ♥AJT ♦J982 ♣QJ	E ♠975 ♥K8653 ♦53 ♠742	3SA 4♥ vs DENMARK	3SA 7♥ vs NORWAY	3SA 7♦ vs BELGIUM	6♦/6♠/6SA
4	02				35	22 2 3 13	5-3-3-2 4-4-3-2	W ♠QT93 ♥8 ♦T543 ♠8652	N ♠AK ♥AKJ73 ♦QJ2 ♠A97 S ♠J742 ♥T2 ♦AK86 ♣KQ3	E ♠865 ♥Q9654 ♦97 ♠JT4	6SA 5♥ vs DENMARK	6SA 9♣ vs NORWAY	6SA Q♦ vs BELGIUM	6♥/6♦/6SA
5	03	E:♠	W:♣	6♠ W	24	10 10 6 14	6-4-3-1 5-4-3-1	S ♠T72 ♥QJ ♦J973 ♠AQ78	W ♠K98543 ♥AT95 ♦KT6 ♣— E ♠A ♥K8742 ♦A85 ♣K943	N ♠QJ6 ♥63 ♦Q42 ♠J7652	6♥ 7♣ vs IRELAND	6♥ A♣ vs GREECE	5♥ 7♦ vs HUNGARY	6♠/7♥

[View the complete table of the 77 DDS Slams \(11-page PDF\)](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)

HOW TO READ THE DIAGRAMS

- The diagrams are oriented to the Slam partnership rather than to the traditional N-E-S-W geographical layout.

When the Slam was actually played, declarer is placed at the bottom, dummy at the top and opening leader on the left, so that the reading naturally follows the clockwise direction of play.

For Slams identified only by DDS and not bid at the table, the hand of the partnership with the higher HCP count is placed at the bottom.

- The original N-E-S-W positions are always shown next to the cards.
- White background: Slam partnership · grey background: opponents.
- In columns N-D-I (N = Norway, D = Denmark, I = Italy), the opening lead and contract result are shown: green dot = made; red dot = down. HCP are shown next to the respective hands, with declarer indicated.
- Voids - Singletons - 6+ Cards highlight the main distributional features of the Slam partnership.

The consistent orientation of the diagrams reduces the reading load and makes it easier to focus on fit, controls, losers, opening lead and plan of play.

Bridge Solver

- You can analyse bridge deals using Bridge Solver Online, a free tool based on the Double-Dummy calculation engine.
- It allows you to play or replay the deal card by card, highlighting optimal plays in green and showing the maximum number of tricks possible for each play.
- It instantly determines makeable contracts, par contracts and par scores for any deal.



To play the deals with Bridge Solver, download the complete (.LIN) file of the 464 Open deals from the European Championship and select the deal number.

FREQUENCY OF DDS SLAMS IN THE EVENTS EXAMINED

Comparison between computer-dealt and manually dealt competitions

Event	Type	No. Deals	Small Slams	Grand Slams	Total Slams	% Slams
ASD Varese (tournament deals)	PC	3.314	319	70	389	11,7%
ASD Legnano (tournament deals)	Manual	630	60	14	74	11,7%
World Championship 1967	Manual	128	15	0	15	11,7%
Simultanei FIGB Youth 2026	PC	630	63	16	79	12,5%
Campionati Sq. Italy 2004	PC	268	22	13	35	13,1%
World Championship 1969	Manual	128	10	7 *	17	13,3%
World Championship 1959	Manual	156	20	1	21	13,5%
Vanderbilt (USA) 2016	PC	674	70	21	91	13,5%
World Championship 1957	Manual	224	23	8	31	13,8%
World Championship Lione 2017	PC	639	68	21	89	13,9%
World Championship 2022 - Italy	PC	480	54	15	69	14,4%
ASD Forlì 2012	Manual	642	77	25	102	15,9%
European Championship - Riga 2026	PC	464	64	13	77	16,6%

Note:

The 1969 World Championship stands out for the unusual incidence of Grand Slams: 7 of 17 DDS Slams (41.2%).

Methodological note

The table shows the frequency of makeable DDS (double-dummy) Slams in the different samples examined. The observed differences are not attributed to specific methods of generating or shuffling the cards.

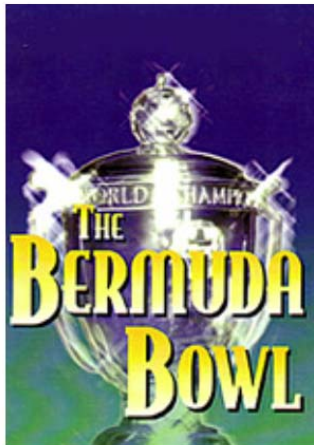
Meaning of the indicator

The DDS Slam percentage indicates how often the dealt cards theoretically allow at least one Slam to be made. The value is naturally influenced by the strength and distribution of all four hands. The differences observed among the various events therefore describe the samples examined and, by themselves, do not allow their causes to be attributed to specific methods of generating or dealing the cards.

FREQUENCY OF DDS SLAMS

In the complete 2026 European Championship sample, 104 deals with at least one makeable DDS Slam were identified among 624 boards (16.67%). After selecting only the OPEN deals, the absolute number falls to 77, while the percentage remains essentially unchanged, at about 16.6-16.7%. In simple terms, this means approximately one DDS Slam deal every 6 boards.

The comparison with other major international samples - Vanderbilt 2016: 13.5% and the 2022 World Championship: 14.4% over the first 480 boards - is in the same order of magnitude, with the 2026 European Championship at 16.6%.



BERMUDA BOWL

(World Championships)

Sono state analizzate le quattro finali della Bermuda Bowl del 1957, 1959, 1967 e 1969

Source of the historical deals

The hand files from the Bermuda Bowl finals published by The Bridge Channel. The deals were subsequently analysed with DDS to determine the theoretically makeable contracts.

The four Championships are first examined separately, preserving their specific characteristics; the data are then aggregated for the overall comparison with the 2026 European Championship.

Bermuda Bowl 1957: Italy vs USA

- 224 deals - Winner: Italy
- Venue: New York

The Italian team

Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Carl Alberto Perroux (Non-playing captain / NPC).

Bermuda Bowl 1959: Italy vs USA

- 156 deals - Winner: Italy
- Venue: New York

The Italian team

Giorgio Belladonna, Pietro Forquet, Carl Alberto Perroux (Non-playing captain / NPC), Walter Avarelli, Guglielmo Siniscalco, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio.

Italy won its second title, the second in a series of ten consecutive titles. To these should be added victories in three Olympiads and 12 European Championships!

Bermuda Bowl 1967: USA vs Italy

- 128 deals - Winner: Italy
- Miami Beach, FL, USA

The Italian team

Walter Avarelli, Giorgio Belladonna, Eugenio Chiaradia, Massimo D'Alelio, Pietro Forquet, Benito Garozzo, Carl Alberto Perroux (Non-playing captain / NPC).

Italy fielded the Blue Team at the height of its strength. However, the event was notable for the absence of its incomparable captain, Carl'Alberto Perroux. He intended to exclude D'Alelio and Avarelli in order to introduce a new pair, but the Blue Team rebelled and Perroux resigned, being replaced by Guido Barbone.

Bermuda Bowl 1969: Italy vs Taiwan

- 128 deals - Winner: Italy
- Venue: Rio de Janeiro

The Italian team

The Italian Blue Team won its tenth consecutive Bermuda Bowl title and its 12th World Championship in 13 years. Australia had earned the right to participate, but financial constraints led to its withdrawal, so that part of the world was represented for the first time by Nationalist China.

1969 - THE END OF A CYCLE

With the victory in Rio de Janeiro, Italy completed the extraordinary run of ten consecutive Bermuda Bowls, which began in 1957.

SCORES, HAND DIAGRAMS and DDS CONTRACTS (click)

[1\) Bermuda Bowl 1957: Italy vs USA](#)



[3\) Bermuda Bowl 1967: USA vs Italy](#)



[2\) Bermuda Bowl 1959: Italy vs USA](#)



[4\) Bermuda Bowl 1969: Italy vs Taiwan](#)



MATCH SCORES

Bermuda Bowl 1957 - Final - Segment 1

Clicca il numero per aprire il diagramma della mano

DDS
3NT EW
4♠/♥ NS
5♠ NS
5♠ EW
4♠ EW
5♦/♠ EW
DDS

Italy 37		USA 29	
Open room		Closed room	
N: Chiaradia S: D'Alelio	E: Koytchou W: Ogust	E: Siniscalco W: Forquet	N: Leventritt S: Goren
1	3♦+1 130	5♦-1 50	7 5
2	2♠= 110	200	4♠-2 7
3	200	2♠= 110	7 1
4	2NT+1 150	2NT= 120	5 2
5	2♠-2 200	400	3♦-4 15
6	4♠= 420	5♠x-2 500	2 1
7	3♠x+1 930	4♠x-1 200	12 6
8	2♦+1 110	2♦+2 130	5 1
9	100	5♠= 600	2♥+1 140
10	4♥-1 100	4♠x= 590	3♦+2 150
11	4♠= 420		
12	3♦+2 150		
N: Belladonna S: Avarelli	E: Seamon W: Leventritt	E: Siniscalco W: Forquet	N: Ogust S: Koytchou

ATTACCHI
Ap Ch
♠A ♠A
♠J ♠A
♦4 ♠T
♠T ♠T
♦9 ♥3
♥A ♠A
♥A ♥Q
♠K ♥4
♠Q ♠Q
♦2 ♦2
♥6 ♦5
♠8 ♥A

The opening leads and DDS contracts have been added to the scores.

Clicking the board number displays the hand diagram.

BERMUDA BOWL 1957 - SLAMS BID / DDS

Italy vs USA

Board	DDS	Contratto DDS	ITALIA Contratto	Attacco	Esito	USA Contratto	Attacco	Esito
25	7	7SA / 7♠ / 6♥ / 7♣	7♠=	♠3	●	7♠=	♦7	
44	6	6♥	3SA+2	—		3SA+2	—	
51	7	7SA / 7♠ / 7♥ / 7♣	6SA-1	♦2	●	5♥+1	—	
53	6	6SA / 6♥	6♥=	♠8	●	3SA+3	—	
72	6	6♣	4♠+1	—		4♠+1	—	
82	6	6SA / 6♥	6♥-3	♦Q	●	6♥=	♠2	●
85	6	6♣	6♠=	♠T	●	3♠+4	—	
90	7	7♣	5♠+1	—		3SA=	—	
92	6	6SA / 6♣	4♠+2	—		3SA+1	—	
95	6	6♥	4♥+3	—		4♥+3	—	
97	7	6SA / 6♠ / 7♣	6♠+1	♦A	●	6♠+1	♦A	●
122	6	6SA / 6♦ / 6♣	6♠=	♥J	●	6♠=	♥J	●
127	6	6♦	5♦+1	—		3SA-1	—	
133	6	6SA / 6♦ / 6♣	6♦=	♥A	●	6♦=	♥A	●
147	6	6SA / 6♥ / 6♦	3SA+2	—		3SA+2	—	
148	6	6♥ / 6♣	5♠+1	—		4♥+2	—	
149	6	6♥	5♠x-2 (avv.)	—		6♥=	♠T	●
152	6	6SA / 6♣	6♠=	♠5	●	6SA=	♠7	●
155	7	6SA / 7♥	6♥+1	♦2	●	6♥=	♦T	●
158	6	6SA / 6♣	6♠=	♥A	●	3SA+2	—	
160	7	7SA / 7♥ / 6♦ / 7♣	6♥+1	♠7	●	6♥+1	♦9	●
171	6	6♣	4♠+1	—		4♠+1	—	
177	7	7SA / 7♠ / 7♣	6♠+1	♦K	●	7♠=	♦4	●
188	6	6SA	6♦-1	♠A	●	5♦+1	—	
202	7	6SA / 6♠ / 7♣	4♠+2	—		4♠+2	—	
208	6	6SA	4♠+1	—		3SA+2	—	
209	6	6SA / 6♦ / 6♣	5♠+1	—		6♠=	♥6	●
210	6	6♣	6♠=	♠A	●	4♠+2	—	
214	6	6♥	7♦x-6 (avv.)	—		6♥-1 / 7♦x-6	♦6 / ♥Q	
215	6	6♦	5♥=	—		3SA+2	—	
221	6	6♥	4♥+2	—		4♥+1	—	

ITALY

- bid 48,4% of the 31 DDS

Slams;

- made 80,0% dei 15 bid;

- down 20,0%.

USA

- bid 41,9% of the 31 DDS

Slams;

- made 84,6% dei 13

- bid; down 15,4%.

BERMUDA BOWL 1959 - SLAMS BID / DDS

Board	DDS	Contratto DDS	ITALIA Contratto	Attacco	Esito	USA Contratto	Attacco	Esito
7	6	6♦	6♠=	♥K	●	6♦=	♥K	●
10	6	6SA / 6♥	6♥=	♠A	●	6♥+1	♥2	●
17	6	6♣	4♠+2	♠T		4♠+2	♠T	
22	6	6♣	4♠+1	♥Q		4♠+2	♥Q	
24	6	6♦	6♦=	♥6	●	6♦=	♠T	●
58	6	6SA / 6♠ / 6♥	5♠+1	♦8		6♠=	♠T	●
86	6	6♦	6♠x-4	♦A	●	6♠x-4	♥T	●
90	6	6♥	3SA+1	♦6		6SA-1	♥7	●
95	6	6♣	6♠=	♥2	●	6♠=	♠5	●
96	6	6SA / 6♠	6SA=	♠A	●	5♠=	♠Q	
102	6	6♥	5♥+1	♠4		6♥-2	♠6	●
105	6	6♥ / 6♣	4♠+2	♠9		3♠+3	♠6	
106	6	6SA / 6♣	3SA+3	♥6		6♠=	♥T	●
116	6	6♥	5♥+1	♠A		5♥=	♥Q	

ITALY

- bid 38,1% of the 21 DDS

Slams;

- made 100,0% of the 8 bid;

- down 0,0%.

USA

- bid 28,6% dei 21 DDS;

- made 66,7% of the 6

- bid; down 33,3%.

BERMUDA BOWL 1967 - SLAMS BID / DDS

Italy vs USA

Board	DDS	Contratto DDS	ITALIA Contratto	Attacco	Esito	USA Contratto	Attacco	Esito
7	6	6♦	6♠=	♥K	●	6♠=	♥K	●
10	6	6SA / 6♥	6♥=	♣A	●	6♥+1	♥2	●
17	6	6♠	4♠+2	♠T		4♠+2	♠T	
22	6	6♠	4♠+1	♥Q		4♠+2	♥Q	
24	6	6♦	6♦=	♥6	●	6♦=	♠T	●
58	6	6SA / 6♠ / 6♥	5♠+1	♦8		6♠=	♠T	●
86	6	6♦	6♠x-4	♦A	●	6♠x-4	♥T	●
90	6	6♥	3SA+1	♦6		6SA-1	♥7	●
95	6	6♠	6♠=	♥2	●	6♠=	♠5	●
96	6	6SA / 6♠	6SA=	♣A	●	5♠=	♣Q	
102	6	6♥	5♥+1	♠4		6♥-2	♠6	●
105	6	6♥ / 6♠	4♠+2	♠9		3♠+3	♠6	
106	6	6SA / 6♠	3SA+3	♥6		6♠=	♥T	●
116	6	6♥	5♥+1	♠A		5♥=	♥Q	

ITALY

- bid 40,0% of the 15 DDS Slams

- made 83,3% of the 6

-bid; down 16,7%.

USA

- bid 66,7% of the 15 DDS Slams;

-made 70,0% of the 10 bid;

-down 30,0%.

BERMUDA BOWL 1969 - SLAMS BID / DDS

ITALY vs TAIWAN

Board	DDS	Contratto DDS	ITALIA Contratto	Attacco	Esito	USA Contratto	Attacco	Esito
11	6	6SA / 6♥ / 6♦	4♥+2	A♦		3SA+2	—	
20	6	6SA / 6♥	4♥+2	2♥		4♥+2	3♦	
26	6	6SA / 6♠ / 6♣	6♠=	4♦	●	6♠=	7♥	●
29	6	6♠	4♠=	6♥		4♠+1	6♥	
34	6	6♠ / 6♣	6♠+1	3♥	●	4♠+2	3♥	
51	6	6♠	—	—		—	—	
64	6	6SA / 6♥ / 6♣	6♥=	A♠	●	6♥=	J♠	●
72	6	6♥	6♥=	7♦	●	4♠+1	7♦	
84	6	6♠	—	—		—	—	
86	6	6♠	4♠+1	3♦		4♠+1	7♦	
91	6	6SA / 6♦	3♥x-2	A♦		3SA+2	6♠	
100	6	6♥	—	—		—	—	
102	6	6♥	—	—		—	—	
125	6	6♠	4♠+2	3♦		4♠=	3♦	
127	6	6♥	6♥+1	3♠	●	6♥+1	6♠	●
129	6	6♥	6♥x=	J♠	●	4♥+2	J♠	
130	6	6♠	3SA=	4♠		3SA+3	2♦	
137	6	6♥	6♥=	—	●	6♥+1	J♠	●
145	6	6SA / 6♠ / 6♥ / 6♦	6♠=	5♠	●	7♠-1	A♥	●
152	7	7SA / 7♠ / 7♦	—	—		—	—	

Grandi DDS Slams

Nel campione del World Championship 1969, 7 dei 17 DDS Slams sono Grandi Slam (41.2%), la quota più elevata tra i quattro Mondiali storici esaminati.

- 1957: 25.8%
- 1959: 4.8%
- 1967: 0% ·
- 1969: 41.2%.

ITALY: bid 58.8% of the 17 DDS Slams; made 100.0% of the 10 bid; down 0.0%.

TAIWAN: bid 52.9% of the 17 DDS Slams; made 88.9% of the 9 bid; down 11.1%.

To display the hand diagram and check the other contracts, click the same Board number shown in the SCORE table. (Hand diagrams on the following page)

1969: 17 SLAMS IN TOTAL, INCLUDING 7 GRAND SLAMS NOT BID

Diagrams of the 7 DDS Grand Slams

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The student is invited to identify the possible reasons

			European Championship 2026		World Championships (1)		Among Slams bid			
HCP	DDS Contracts		Bid (2)		Bid (2)		No. Slams	down	No. Slams	down
	N.	N.	N	%	N.	%	made	%	made	%
19		1	—		0	0,00%	—	—	0	—
20		0	—		0	—	—	—	0	—
21	1	0	1	100,00%	0	—	1	0,00%	0	—
22	3	1	1	33,30%	0	0,00%	1	0,00%	0	—
23	2	3	0	0,00%	1	33,30%	0	—	1	0,00%
24	4	7	2	50,00%	3	42,90%	2	0,00%	3	0,00%
25	3	2	2	66,70%	0	0,00%	2	0,00%	0	—
26	8	7	2	25,00%	3	42,90%	2	0,00%	3	0,00%
27	9	9	6	66,70%	5	55,60%	5	16,70%	5	0,00%
28	15	10	11	73,30%	6	60,00%	11	0,00%	5	16,70%
29	11	14	9	81,80%	6	42,90%	8	11,10%	4	33,30%
30	5	11	3	60,00%	8	72,70%	3	0,00%	6	25,00%
31	5	10	5	100,00%	7	70,00%	5	0,00%	7	0,00%
32	4	4	4	100,00%	4	100,00%	4	0,00%	4	0,00%
33	4	0	4	100,00%	0	—	4	0,00%	0	—
34	0	3	0		3	100,00%	—	—	2	33,30%
35	1	2	1	100,00%	2	100,00%	1	0,00%	2	0,00%
36	2	0	2	100,00%	0	—	2	0,00%	0	—
	77	84	53	68,8%	48	57,1%	51	3,8%	42	12.5%

(1) BERMUDA BOWL 1957 + 1959 + 1967 + 1969

(2) Bid by at least one country

- **European Championship:** 53/77 bid = **68.8%**
- **Historical World Championships:** 48/84 = **57.1%**
- Among the Slams bid: **3.8%** down in the European Championship compared with **12.5%** in the historical World Championships.
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CONCLUSIONS

The analysis of the 2026 European Open identifies **77 DDS Slams among 464 boards (16.6%)**, approximately one every six deals. 72.7% have fewer than 30 HCP in the partnership and, in the 27-28 HCP range, 21 of the 24 DDS Slams (87.5%) contain at least one singleton.

Of the 77 DDS Slams, 53 (**68.8%**) were bid by at least one of the three countries examined and 51 were made.

In the four historical World Championships examined, **48 of the 84 DDS Slams (57.1%)** were bid by at least one country and 42 were made. Among the Slams bid, the down rate is **3.8% in the 2026 European Championship and 12.5% in the historical World Championships**.

The data describe what happened; the tables, interactive Scores and links to the individual deals allow the reader to investigate the reasons directly.