

Here's how the new VP scale was welcomed

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Maurizio Di Sacco

Has the new VP scale been welcomed by the players of the European Open Championships?

It was very well received. No more than five people came to ask questions (not complaining), and all went away satisfied with the explanations.

I read that someone has posted slips of complaints. It was an isolated protest?

Yes, but I do not know who did it. The text of the leaflets said, more or less, "No the new VP scales. It is bad for Bridge". This remains the only episode (and the only one) "opposed" to the scale and by the way did not have any result.

Is there comparative data? I mean, had you still used the old scale, would some of the meetings of this Championship had a different outcome?

If the new scale had been introduced in the past it would have moved some silver and bronze medals

There is no comparative data, but it would not make sense to make comparisons meeting to meeting. The comparison should be made in the context of the entire event (see, ie, if it would have changed something in the field of qualified teams in the Mixed Team and the Teams Open). This work, however, was done in the context of **the Commission's work** : we analyzed the charts of the Round Robin of the Bermuda Bowl, and the European Championships Team since 2000. And the differences, although not very significant, are there.

The new scale would have **changed three medals in the "European"** , and some **qualifiers** (7 in all, if I remember correctly), in the [Bermuda Bowl](#) , Venice Cup and Seniors Bowl. Obviously it would also changed other positions. Under no circumstances would it have changed the winner.

From a technical point of view how was the transition to the new scale? Were IT updates necessary?

The software had to be updated, but it is a work of five minutes (it is simply to change the values in a conversion table).

Seeing the scale in action have you thought about possible changes to be made?

No. The scale is mathematically perfect, as **shown by authoritative experts in the art**.