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DUTCH DELIGHT



The Netherlands won the second European Girls Teams Championship, with Sweden taking the silver medal and defending champions, Austria the bronze. This was a tremendous performance from the Dutch team, in particular because they had to pick themselves up after their 4-25 defeat to Austria in Round 1 of the tournament. Congratulations to Rosalien Barendregt, Astrid Dekker, Marion Michielsen, Claudia van der Salm, Marleen van Gelder, Meike Wortel, npc Monique van de Sande, and coach Martine Verbeek.

Meanwhile, Italy lead the Juniors, despite a loss to Norway on vugraph - that result was sandwiched between two maximum 25s for the host nation, who are on 185.5 VPs. England are second on 181, followed by France 171, Norway 168, Poland 164, Sweden and Netherlands 161, after which there is a gap of 15.5 VPs to eighth-placed Hungary. Sweden had a great day, scoring 71 out of 75 VPs, while Norway's three wins earned 60 VPs and included matches against Italy and France. Turkey were the best of the rest, with three wins including against Netherlands and Poland.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 16.00 Schools Captains' Meeting - Vugraph Room on the ground floor
- 18.30 Girls Closing Ceremony and Schools Opening Ceremony - outside the front of the building. Drinks and a buffet will be served after the ceremonies.
- 20.30 Juniors Round 10, Girls Round 1



TODAY'S VUGRAPH

20.30 Italy v Netherlands Juniors

JUNIOR TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 7**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 NETHERLANDS	CROATIA	111 - 37	25 - 1
2 ISRAEL	DENMARK	41 - 51	13 - 17
3 NORWAY	LATVIA	115 - 16	25 - 0
4 SPAIN	ITALY	5 - 65	3 - 25
5 CZECH REP.	SWEDEN	5 - 88	0 - 25
6 HUNGARY	BELGIUM	53 - 40	18 - 12
7 LITHUANIA	ROMANIA	10 - 79	2 - 25
8 SCOTLAND	FRANCE	33 - 41	14 - 16
9 TURKEY	POLAND	46 - 30	18 - 12
10 AUSTRIA	PORTUGAL	57 - 62	14 - 1
11 GREECE	ENGLAND	63 - 66	14 - 16

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 GREECE	NETHERLANDS	35 - 23	17 - 13
2 ENGLAND	AUSTRIA	54 - 20	22 - 8
3 PORTUGAL	TURKEY	50 - 64	12 - 18
4 POLAND	SCOTLAND	83 - 21	25 - 3
5 FRANCE	LITHUANIA	78 - 37	23 - 7
6 ROMANIA	HUNGARY	32 - 23	17 - 13
7 BELGIUM	CZECH REP.	47 - 54	14 - 16
8 SWEDEN	SPAIN	75 - 28	24 - 6
9 ITALY	NORWAY	36 - 54	11 - 19
10 LATVIA	ISRAEL	20 - 66	6 - 24
11 DENMARK	CROATIA	66 - 63	16 - 14

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 NETHERLANDS	TURKEY	17 - 66	5 - 25
2 AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND	98 - 21	25 - 1
3 GREECE	LITHUANIA	65 - 46	19 - 11
4 ENGLAND	HUNGARY	36 - 23	18 - 12
5 PORTUGAL	CZECH REP.	55 - 14	23 - 7
6 POLAND	SPAIN	58 - 42	18 - 12
7 FRANCE	NORWAY	28 - 32	14 - 16
8 ROMANIA	ISRAEL	60 - 46	18 - 12
9 BELGIUM	CROATIA	52 - 31	19 - 11
10 SWEDEN	DENMARK	52 - 17	22 - 8
11 ITALY	LATVIA	69 - 18	25 - 5

GIRLS TEAMS**FINAL RANKING**

1 NETHERLANDS	177
2 SWEDEN	165
3 AUSTRIA	164
4 POLAND	157
5 RUSSIA	153
6 GERMANY	134
7 DENMARK	123
8 ENGLAND	116
9 ITALY	93
10 IRELAND	44

GIRLS TEAMS RESULTS**ROUND 7**

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 AUSTRIA	ITALY	55 - 27	21 - 9
2 GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	47 - 82	8 - 22
3 POLAND	IRELAND	100 - 3	25 - 0
4 RUSSIA	SWEDEN	30 - 58	9 - 21
5 DENMARK	ENGLAND	45 - 44	15 - 15

ROUND 8

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 IRELAND	AUSTRIA	23 - 63	7 - 23
2 NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	33 - 40	14 - 15
3 ITALY	ENGLAND	16 - 60	6 - 24
4 GERMANY	DENMARK	62 - 53	17 - 13
5 POLAND	RUSSIA	52 - 40	17 - 13

ROUND 9

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1 AUSTRIA	POLAND	17 - 35	11 - 19
2 RUSSIA	GERMANY	44 - 38	16 - 14
3 DENMARK	ITALY	39 - 40	15 - 15
4 ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	34 - 72	7 - 23
5 SWEDEN	IRELAND	82 - 17	25 - 3

JUNIORS TEAMS**RANKING AFTER SESSION 9**

1 ITALY	185.5
2 ENGLAND	181
3 FRANCE	171
4 NORWAY	168
5 POLAND	164
6 NETHERLANDS	161
—SWEDEN	161
8 HUNGARY	145.5
9 TURKEY	144
10 ROMANIA	140
11 BELGIUM	135
12 DENMARK	134
13 GREECE	132
14 PORTUGAL	127.5
15 ISRAEL	126
16 AUSTRIA	123
17 LATVIA	103
18 CROATIA	96.5
19 CZECH REPUBLIC	92
20 LITHUANIA	81
21 SPAIN	78
22 SCOTLAND	72

JUNIOR TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 10 20.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
2	LATVIA	SWEDEN
3	DENMARK	BELGIUM
4	CROATIA	ROMANIA
5	ISRAEL	FRANCE
6	NORWAY	POLAND
7	SPAIN	PORTUGAL
8	CZECH REPUBLIC	ENGLAND
9	HUNGARY	GREECE
10	LITHUANIA	AUSTRIA
11	SCOTLAND	TURKEY

SCHOOLS TEAMS PROGRAM**ROUND 1 20.30**

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
1	SERBIA & MONT.	BYE
2	LATVIA	NORWAY
3	POLAND	GERMANY
4	ISRAEL	TURKEY
5	AUSTRIA	FRANCE
6	NETHERLANDS	ITALY
7	HUNGARY	SWEDEN
8	DENMARK	ENGLAND

GIRLS TEAMS FINAL RESULTS

Team	NED	SWE	AUT	POL	RUS	GER	DEN	ENG	ITA	IRL	Pen	Team	Total	Rank
NETHERLANDS		14	4	22	18	22	25	23	25	24		NETHERLANDS	177	1
SWEDEN	15		15	19	21	23	22	16	9	25		SWEDEN	165	2
AUSTRIA	25	14		11	19	20	12	19	21	23	1	AUSTRIA	164	3
POLAND	8	11	19		17	19	14	21	23	25		POLAND	157	4
RUSSIA	11	9	11	13		16	21	25	25	22	1	RUSSIA	153	5
GERMANY	8	7	10	11	14		17	22	20	25		GERMANY	134	6
DENMARK	4	8	18	16	9	13		15	15	25		DENMARK	123	7
ENGLAND	7	14	11	9	5	8	15		24	23		ENGLAND	116	8
ITALY	0	21	9	7	1	10	15	6		24		ITALY	93	9
IRELAND	6	3	7	0	8	4	3	7	6			IRELAND	44	10

GIRLS FINAL BUTLER

1	Salm Cl	NET	0.93	120	—	Gogoman An	AUT	0.17	180
—	VanGelder Ma	NET	0.93	120	28	Kornilova Na	RUS	-0.05	179
3	Kychanova El	RUS	0.87	180	—	Nekrasova Ks	RUS	-0.05	179
—	Mochalova Ju	RUS	0.87	180	30	Ewald Je	GER	-0.09	160
5	Michielsen M	NET	0.84	140	—	Schwerdt Al	GER	-0.09	160
—	Wortel Me	NET	0.84	140	32	Roberts El	ENG	-0.13	120
7	FerrerLopez	POL	0.79	119	—	Morton Su	ENG	-0.13	120
—	Krawczyk Jo	POL	0.79	119	34	Baroni Ir	ITA	-0.17	140
9	Stockdale Su	ENG	0.7	140	35	Beimler Ka	GER	-0.23	120
—	Youngs Br	ENG	0.7	140	—	Wurmseer Ma	GER	-0.23	120
11	Gogoman Ad	AUT	0.6	179	37	Grabowska Ew	POL	-0.34	80
—	Grumm Ir	AUT	0.6	179	—	Jurkiewicz E	POL	-0.34	80
13	Rimstedt Ce	SWE	0.54	179	39	Marinelli St	ITA	-0.54	100
—	Sivelind Sa	SWE	0.54	179	40	Mortensen MD	DEN	-0.66	180
15	Maj Ma	POL	0.48	159	—	Schaltz AM	DEN	-0.66	180
—	Szczepanska	POL	0.48	159	42	Savoca El	ITA	-0.85	120
17	Rimstedt Sa	SWE	0.46	179	43	Botta Gi	ITA	-1.03	120
—	Sjoberg Em	SWE	0.46	179	—	Paolini Ca	ITA	-1.03	120
19	Bjorneboe Ra	DEN	0.41	180	45	Haugh Is	IRE	-1.26	80
—	MollerPeders	DEN	0.41	180	—	Rooney Ly	IRE	-1.26	80
21	Barendregt R	NET	0.39	100	47	Lomas Ka	IRE	-1.43	140
—	Dekker As	NET	0.39	100	—	Nicholls Ri	IRE	-1.43	140
23	Egging Ma	GER	0.35	80	49	Macdougall L	ENG	-1.58	100
—	Giampietro C	GER	0.35	80	—	Whitehead Sa	ENG	-1.58	100
25	Ricciarelli	ITA	0.2	120	51	Connolly Ru	IRE	-1.69	140
26	Assmann Ur	AUT	0.17	180	—	Nash Ke	IRE	-1.69	140

Denmark v Israel — Round 7 Juniors

Denmark and Israel were both in need of a big win in Round 7 if they wanted to stay in the race and climb nearer the top teams. Would either of the teams manage that?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 6 ♥ J 8 7 5 3 ♦ Q 9 8 7 3 ♣ Q 4	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q 8 ♥ K 2 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ A 7 6 3 2	♠ K 7 3 ♥ A Q 10 9 ♦ K 5 2 ♣ K J 5
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W E						
S						

West <i>Houmoller</i>	North <i>Reshef</i>	East <i>Nielsen</i>	South <i>Ginossar</i>
	Pass	1♣	INT
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

West <i>Bar-Yossef</i>	North <i>Gjaldbaek</i>	East <i>Azizi</i>	South <i>Schaltz</i>
	2♦*	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Dble
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

All Pass

3NT by East will actually make due to a successful spade finesse, but Yotam Bar-Yossef corrected into 4♠. 4♠ by East is cold as well, since North can be kept off lead and so a heart through dummy can be avoided. In the Closed Room Gjaldbaek led a heart and there were only nine tricks to win despite the king of spades being outside; -50.



Martin Schaltz, Denmark

At the other table Reshef made a hard-hitting attempt to bring a game bonus home to Israel. The dummy didn't disappoint him but as expected there was still a lot to do. The lead was the queen of spades and it was allowed to hold the first trick. A second spade was ruffed and Reshef let the jack of hearts run then played a heart to king and ace. A club to the queen held and East won the club continuation with the ace and exited with a club. Next came a diamond to the queen and the ace. A club would have given a ruff and a discard, so Nielsen exited with a diamond but Reshef read the position well and played low. Well done! That was N/S +420 and 8 IMPs to the Israelis and a perfect start for them.

With five boards played Israel had enlarged their lead into 24-1. Then came:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 5 ♥ K Q ♦ 10 6 4 2 ♣ J 9 7 5 2	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q 7 4 ♥ A J 8 7 ♦ A J 5 3 ♣ 6	♠ K 10 6 ♥ 10 6 4 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ A 10 8 3
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S						

West <i>Houmoller</i>	North <i>Reshef</i>	East <i>Nielsen</i>	South <i>Ginossar</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West <i>Bar-Yossef</i>	North <i>Gjaldbaek</i>	East <i>Azizi</i>	South <i>Schaltz</i>
		Pass	INT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Martin Schaltz had an easy ride to ten tricks in 3NT in the Closed Room after a spade lead; +430.

The Israeli pair reached 4♠, and that appears to be another making contract. There is no particular danger for declarer — or is there? Jonas Houmoller led the king of hearts, which held the first trick. Houmoller continued with the queen and declarer won the ace. The ace of trumps and another trump will lead to success but when declarer erred by playing a club towards dummy the Danes took their opportunity. Nielsen jumped up with the ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. The defence had to win a trump trick — a 'needless' undertrick for N/S; -50 and that gift meant 10 IMPs to the Danes.

Israel seemed to be the stronger team halfway through the match as they were in the lead by 38 to 11 after nine boards.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A K 10 6 5 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ Q 9 5 ♣ K 4	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ 9 8 ♥ J 10 5 3 ♦ A K 10 4 ♣ Q 7 3	♠ Q J 7 3 ♥ K Q 8 7 6 4 ♦ 3 ♣ 9 6
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W												
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West <i>Houmoller</i>	North <i>Reshef</i>	East <i>Nielsen</i>	South <i>Ginossar</i>
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		Pass	Pass
1♥	1♠	2NT*	3♣
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West <i>Bar-Yossef</i>	North <i>Gjaldbaek</i>	East <i>Azizi</i>	South <i>Schaltz</i>
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Pass	5♦	Pass	2NT*
		Dble	All Pass

2NT in the Open Room was four-card support support and 10+ HCPs. N/S however took over the auction, although the final contract was quite poor. Lars Kirkegaard Nielsen led the king of diamonds. You don't have to be a fortune-teller to see a diamond ruff to come, so Ophir Reshef counteracted by nicely playing the queen in tempo. Now Nielsen took a losing option when he switched to a trump. Everything but a trump (or a low diamond) will lead the defence through the defensive jungle. West put up the jack and as the cards lay declarer should play low to ensure making the game. Instead, Reshef won the ace to play the nine of diamonds up towards dummy. Nielsen won the ace — and at this moment he had a second possibility to defeat the game. To do so a red suit had to be played, but when Nielsen found a pioneering club continuation declarer was back on the road. The jack of clubs held the trick then came the spade finesse with the ten. Declarer cashed the king of trumps and gave a trump trick to West. Back came a heart but declarer won the ace, cashed the king of clubs then played a diamond to the eight and claimed; N/S +620.

In the Closed Room, Martin Schaltz opened 2NT, showing a weak hand with the minors. Kare Gjaldbaek jumped directly to game as he knew there were no losers in the majors. Adi Azizi was in doubt the game could make, holding four to the ace-king in trumps. Without the ten of diamonds in East's hand Azizi might have led a top diamond in order to avoid declarer taking club ruffs in dummy. With the actual holding Azizi saw a chance to win three trump tricks, thus he tried a spade lead instead. It went to the jack and declarer's ace. Next Gjaldbaek played the queen of trumps from hand. Azizi took the ace to continue with another spade. Declarer could win with the ten then run the nine of trumps, which held the trick. More diamonds towards dummy and a club finesse later on completed the mission; N/S +750 and that was worth 4 IMPs to Denmark.

Denmark turned this match around by scoring 28 IMPs on the last four boards. Here came 11 IMPs:

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 8 6 5 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ K Q 9 8	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		E	W				S		♠ Q J 9 2 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ 3 ♣ 7 5 4 3 2	♠ 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ A Q J 10 8 6 4 2 ♣ J 6
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	S											
	♠ A K 10 7 ♥ K Q 9 6 5 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A 10											

West <i>Houmoller</i>	North <i>Reshef</i>	East <i>Nielsen</i>	South <i>Ginossar</i>
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	5♦	All Pass	
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West <i>Bar-Yossef</i>	North <i>Gjaldbaek</i>	East <i>Azizi</i>	South <i>Schaltz</i>
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	1♦	Pass	INT*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Rashef opened 5♦ and was left to play there; +420.

Gjaldbaek took another view and opened 1♦, Precision style. INT was game forcing with any hand. 2♠ showed 6+ diamonds, 3♥ was natural and 4♦ settled the trump suit. 4♠ was cue, 4NT asked for aces and 5♥ showed two out of five without the trump queen.

There was not much to the play; N/S +920 and that was worth 11 IMPs to Denmark.

A strong finish by Denmark gave the final score 51-41 in favour of the Danes; 17-13 VPs.



Ophir Reshef, Israel

Italy v Norway — Round 8 Juniors

Italy had moved into the lead for the first time after the previous round while Norway were also on the way up, lying fifth, making this an important match for both teams. The Norwegians struck first with a small gain on the first board of the match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 8 ♥ A K J 10 8 6 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 10 7 5	<table border="1" style="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 7 ♥ Q 2 ♦ J 8 4 3 2 ♣ Q 8 4 3	♠ K J 5 4 2 ♥ 9 7 3 ♦ 9 7 ♣ K 6 2
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W		E										
	S											

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>di Bello</i>	East <i>E. Eide</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
	1♥	Pass	2♥
Dble	2♠	Pass	3♣
3♦	4♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

West <i>Sbarigia</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Boldrini</i>	South <i>P. Eide</i>
	1♥	Pass	1♠
2♦	3♣	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

Petter Eide showed his spade suit in response to Allan Livgard's 1♥ opening and Matteo Sbarigia made a simple 2♦ overcall. Livgard showed his second suit and, when Andrea Boldrini leaped to the diamond game, Eide doubled, ending the auction. There was nothing to the play after the defence had cashed their heart winners; down one for -100.

Fabio Lo Presti preferred to raise hearts immediately and Espen Lindqvist doubled. Stelio di Bello could see that his opponents must normally have a spade fit and tried a 2♣ diversion — or, at least, we assume this was non-systemic, as there was no obvious alert at either side of the screen. Lo Presti showed his club feature, Lindqvist raised his eyebrows when given the information that 2♣ was 'normal', then bid the diamonds. Di Bello's 4♥ was easy, as was Erik Eide's 5♦. Now Lo Presti left the decision to his partner and, after a little thought, di Bello tried a fifth heart.

Double dummy, 5♥ can be made, of course, but you would have to be seeing the ball pretty well to succeed. Eide led the ♦2 and Lindqvist won the king then continued with the ace. Di Bello ruffed with the ten, cashed the ♥A, then played a spade to the jack and queen. He thought for a long time on the heart return before getting that right by rising with the king, but there was simply no good reason to get clubs right and he followed up with a club to the king so was down one; -50 and 4 IMPs to Norway.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A 8 4 3 ♥ A 9 8 ♦ K Q J ♣ Q 10 6	<table border="1" style="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		♠ K 2 ♥ Q J 5 4 3 ♦ 8 5 ♣ K J 9 5	♠ J 7 6 ♥ K 10 6 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ 8 4 3 2
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W		E										
	S											

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>di Bello</i>	East <i>E. Eide</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West <i>Sbarigia</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Boldrini</i>	South <i>P. Eide</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

The South hand is an awkward one for most pairs when North opens INT. Either we use Stayman and frequently have problems if partner does not have spades, or we give up on the spade fit and simply transfer to a diamond partscore. Those were the two options chosen in this match. Eide settled for the diamond partscore and Livgard chalked up a painless +130, while Lo Presti



Matteo Sbarigia, Italy — Peter Eide, Norway

tried Stayman then congratulated himself on his enterprise by raising to game when the spade fit came to light.

Eide led a diamond against 4♠, not the most challenging lead, though only declarer can defeat the game. Lindqvist won the diamond and played one back and di Bello followed the simple line of playing ace and another spade, perhaps not optimum for that combination, but a very practical play for the whole hand, and when the king appeared he had eleven tricks for +650 and 11 IMPs to Italy, ahead by 12-5.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ K 10 6 5 2 ♣ A J 10 3	<table border="1" style="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		♠ K 8 7 6 ♥ 9 2 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ 9 8 6 4	♠ J 10 4 ♥ Q 10 8 6 4 ♦ 9 3 ♣ Q 5 2
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W		E										
	S											

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>di Bello</i>	East <i>E. Eide</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
1♠	1♦ INT	Pass 2♠	1♥ All Pass
West <i>Sbarigia</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Boldrini</i>	South <i>P. Eide</i>
1♠ 3NT	1♦ Dble Pass	Pass 3♥ 4♠	1♥ Pass All Pass

This deal saw Norway begin a long string of middle-sized pickups as they built up a healthy lead in the match. Again, Italy bid game while Norway stopped in partscore.

Di Bello led a low diamond against 2♠ and, when Lo Presti didn't bother to put up the nine, Lindqvist scooped in his seven. When he later picked the heart position successfully he had ten tricks for +170.

The stakes were rather higher at the other table, where Livgard led his trump against 4♠. Declarer can succeed, but it requires him to guess the hearts and, after eliminating everything, exit with the third diamond to force North to lead clubs — of course, North has the option of baring the ♣A to keep an extra diamond winner so that declarer has to also read the ending. This is not very likely, but it is possible. Anyway, Sbarigia drew three rounds of trumps and continued with the three rounds of diamonds to North. Livgard got out with ace and another heart, solving one problem, but now Sbarigia had to play clubs himself so was one down; -50 and 6 IMPs to Norway.

Norway added a further 25 IMPs over the next six boards then 13 more on Board 12 when di Bello/Lo Presti had a bizarre auction to 5♥ doubled for —800 while the Norwegian N/S defended 3♣ down one on their combined 18-count. Three more IMPs to Norway on the next board made it 52-12 in their favour when finally Italy broke the spell and scored some IMPs of their own.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K J 9 7 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 8 7 4 2 ♣ K J 8	<table border="1" style="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		♠ Q 10 8 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ 6 3 ♣ Q 9 6 4	♠ 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ A Q 9 ♣ A 7
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W		E										
	S											

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>di Bello</i>	East <i>E. Eide</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	All Pass	All Pass	All Pass
West <i>Sbarigia</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Boldrini</i>	South <i>P. Eide</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	All Pass	All Pass	All Pass

System had a large part to play in the swing on this deal as Livgard was not strong enough in his style to make a two-over-one response and so languished in INT. He managed an overtrick for +120.

Di Bello could respond 2♦, transfer to hearts, and Lo Presti jumped to 3♥, inviting game. Di Bello had an easy acceptance of the invitation. The methods had succeeded in putting West on lead, the hand that could never be expected to find a trump lead. Lindqvist actually led a diamond so Lo Presti won in hand with the ace, played ace and another club and won the heart switch with his ace. He crossed to the ♠A to ruff a club, ruffed a spade then ruffed the last club and had ten tricks for +420 and 7 IMPs to Italy.

On a trump lead, if declarer wins the ace and plays ace and another club, West needs to unblock the jack so that East can win the second round to play a second trump. That restricts declarer to just one club ruff and would appear to beat the contract.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ — ♥ 9 ♦ K J 10 7 6 3 2 ♣ A K 6 5 3	<table border="1" style="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		♠ A K J 3 ♥ A Q 7 5 ♦ 9 8 ♣ J 10 9	♠ 10 6 4 2 ♥ 10 8 3 2 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ Q 4
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	S											

♠ Q 9 8 7 5 ♥ K J 6 4 ♦ A ♣ 8 7 2
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West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>di Bello</i>	East <i>E. Eide</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
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Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A Q 10 3 2		♠ J 8 6
♥ A		♥ K Q 10 7 6 2
♦ A J 6		♦ K 3
♣ Q J 3 2		♣ 10 4
♠ K 9 7 5 4		♠ —
♥ 9 8 4		♥ J 5 3
♦ Q 4 2		♦ 10 9 8 7 5
♣ 9 6		♣ A K 8 7 5

			Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♦
3♦	4♦	5♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West <i>Sbarigia</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Boldrini</i>	South <i>P. Eide</i>
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			Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

With 5♥ making on the likely diamond lead, both N/S pairs would have been disappointed to concede —550, but it is not clear that anyone did anything terrible, is it? Anyway, no swing.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>di Bello</i>	East <i>E. Eide</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
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		1♦	1♥
Dble	Rdbl	INT	Dble
All Pass			

West <i>Sbarigia</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Boldrini</i>	South <i>P. Eide</i>
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		Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Having passed as dealer, Boldrini overcalled 2♦ and was raised to 3♦ in competition. The defence led three rounds of spades and Boldrini ruffed with the nine. He eventually ran into a trump promotion which resulted in a third undertrick and —150.

Erik Eide opened the East hand and declared INT doubled after di Bello had shown a top heart via his redouble. Lo Presti led the ♥6 to the king and back came the ♥7. He thought for some time before winning the heart and now had to find a switch to beat the contract. After some more consideration, Lo Presti got it right, switching to a low club, and that meant two down for —300 and 4 IMPs to Italy—well defended.

West <i>Lindqvist</i>	North <i>di Bello</i>	East <i>E. Eide</i>	South <i>Lo Presti</i>
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Pass	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West <i>Sbarigia</i>	North <i>Livgard</i>	East <i>Boldrini</i>	South <i>P. Eide</i>
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Pass	1♠	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Boldrini's overall made life a little more awkward for his opponents. When Livgard cuebid in response to the negative double, it is unclear why Eide picked his weaker minor suit, but in diamonds game was the limit and the Norwegians scored just +600.

Meanwhile, the Italian N/S were given a free run and the deal suited their methods very well. Lo Presti responded INT and now di Bello's 2♣ rebid was either any 16+ or natural. Two Diamonds was game-forcing opposite 16+ and 3♣ confirmed both clubs and a strong hand (2♠ would have been weak with spades and clubs and would not have been forcing). Lo Presti could agree clubs conveniently and, after an exchange of cuebids, di Bello jumped to the excellent club slam. That was +1370 and 13 IMPs to Italy, who had recovered well to lose by only 36-54 IMPs, 11-19 VPs.

While the Italians had been rather erratic, sometimes very good, sometimes very bad, Norway had impressed with their play in this match and looked as though they could be real challengers for at least a medal.



JUNIORS BUTLER AFTER 9 ROUNDS

1	Ferrari Fr	ITA	1.85	60	65	Nyaradi Ga	HUN	-0.04	100
—	Sangiorgio A	ITA	1.85	60	—	Nyaradi Zs	HUN	-0.04	100
3	Bessis Th	FRA	1.68	140	67	Honyek An	HUN	-0.05	119
—	Gaviard Ju	FRA	1.68	140	—	Szabo Cs	HUN	-0.05	119
5	DiBello St	ITA	1.27	180	69	Neimanis Ja	LAT	-0.08	159
—	LoPresti Fa	ITA	1.27	180	—	Rubins Ka	LAT	-0.08	159
7	Woodcock An	ENG	1.15	119	71	Gjaldbaek Ka	DEN	-0.09	160
—	Burgess Ol	ENG	1.15	119	—	Schaltz Ma	DEN	-0.09	160
9	Berg Er	NOR	0.95	120	73	KulovicProbs	CRO	-0.1	120
—	Ringseth JA	NOR	0.95	120	—	Martinovic S	CRO	-0.1	120
11	Byrne Mi	ENG	0.82	120	75	Houlberg AS	DEN	-0.11	80
—	Morris Al	ENG	0.82	120	—	Houlberg Si	DEN	-0.11	80
13	Johansson Pa	SWE	0.81	160	77	Barbosa Ja	POR	-0.15	140
14	Eide EA	NOR	0.78	120	—	Palma An	POR	-0.15	140
—	Lindqvist Es	NOR	0.78	120	79	Salomonsson	SWE	-0.16	100
16	Munnen An	NET	0.66	120	80	Mandruta Co	ROM	-0.18	120
—	Ritmeijer Ri	NET	0.66	120	—	Vulcan Bo	ROM	-0.18	120
18	Groenenboom	NET	0.64	120	82	Seker BD	TUR	-0.21	140
—	Molenaar Da	NET	0.64	120	—	Ucan Ol	TUR	-0.21	140
20	Moraru Co	ROM	0.63	120	84	Braga Ra	POR	-0.23	100
—	Serea Ga	ROM	0.63	120	—	Braga Ri	POR	-0.23	100
22	Araszkiwicz	POL	0.59	179	86	Toutenel El	BEL	-0.27	100
—	Buras Kr	POL	0.59	179	—	Vanparijs Pi	BEL	-0.27	100
24	Malmstrom Pe	SWE	0.54	120	88	Eglseer We	AUT	-0.31	180
—	Soderlund Ro	SWE	0.54	100	89	Kopecky Mi	CZE	-0.33	120
26	Thalen Bj	SWE	0.52	80	—	GodedMerino	SPA	-0.33	120
27	Ginossar El	ISR	0.51	179	—	Goncalves Pe	SPA	-0.33	120
—	Reshef Op	ISR	0.51	179	92	Guiot Be	BEL	-0.35	80
29	Marjai Pe	HUN	0.49	140	—	Hubert Al	BEL	-0.35	80
—	Minarik Ga	HUN	0.49	140	94	Beran Vi	CZE	-0.36	120
31	Jerolistch S	AUT	0.47	100	95	Azizi Ad	ISR	-0.45	80
32	Green Be	ENG	0.46	120	—	BarYossef Yo	ISR	-0.45	80
—	Happer Du	ENG	0.46	120	97	Baronaite Mo	LIT	-0.52	120
34	Dalkilic Ba	TUR	0.38	139	—	Vainikonis E	LIT	-0.52	120
—	Eskizara Om	TUR	0.38	139	99	Pojman Mi	CZE	-0.59	119
—	Morin He	SWE	0.38	160	—	GomezHierro	SPA	-0.59	120
37	Kalita Ja	POL	0.34	140	—	SunolTorres	SPA	-0.59	120
—	Kotorowicz K	POL	0.34	140	102	Macura Mi	CZE	-0.67	120
39	Bessis Ol	FRA	0.29	120	103	Brikmane Li	LAT	-0.7	100
—	DeTessieres	FRA	0.29	120	—	Veksa Na	LAT	-0.7	100
41	DeDonder St	BEL	0.26	180	105	Jogun Ni	CRO	-0.72	100
—	DeRoos St	BEL	0.26	180	—	Vukic Go	CRO	-0.72	100
—	Damaso Nu	POR	0.26	120	107	Ellison My	SCO	-0.76	140
—	Patraso Pe	POR	0.26	120	108	Wilkinson Al	SCO	-0.77	160
45	Owczarek Pi	AUT	0.23	180	109	Blazevicius	LIT	-0.78	120
—	Schulz Di	AUT	0.23	180	—	Korkevicius	LIT	-0.78	120
—	Boldrini An	ITA	0.23	120	111	Morgan Fr	SCO	-1.01	140
—	Sbarigia Ma	ITA	0.23	120	—	Morrison Ph	SCO	-1.01	140
49	Balint Mi	ROM	0.22	120	—	Brguljan Ka	CRO	-1.01	140
—	Lazar CL	ROM	0.22	120	—	Kazalicka Ma	CRO	-1.01	140
51	Eide Pe	NOR	0.13	120	115	Birman Al	ISR	-1.08	100
—	Livgard Al	NOR	0.13	120	—	Argelazi El	ISR	-1.08	100
53	Chauvelot Ni	FRA	0.12	100	117	Barzda Sa	LIT	-1.13	120
—	Thibault Ma	FRA	0.12	100	—	Bielskis An	LIT	-1.13	120
55	Anter SM	TUR	0.09	80	119	Pisa Zb	CZE	-1.15	139
—	Bakan HG	TUR	0.09	80	120	Sigmund Ma	CZE	-1.28	100
—	Kontomitros	GRE	0.09	179	121	Gruber Ch	AUT	-1.29	80
58	Doxiadis Ko	GRE	0.06	160	122	Laukus La	LAT	-1.45	100
—	Karamanlis M	GRE	0.06	160	—	Movsovcis Le	LAT	-1.45	100
60	Vroustis Va	GRE	0.04	159	124	EscaleraGuer	SPA	-1.53	119
61	Drijver Bo	NET	0	119	—	LedesmaPique	SPA	-1.53	119
—	Tammens Ba	NET	0	119	126	Pearson Go	SCO	-1.59	80
63	Houmoller Jo	DEN	-0.03	120	127	Ellison Gy	SCO	-1.83	60
—	Nielsen La	DEN	-0.03	120					

S p o r t s N e w s

Golf

Tiger Woods won the British Open at St. Andrews, his second major of the year. Final Leaderboard: T Woods US -14, C Montgomerie Sco -9, J Olazabal Sp -8, F Couples US -8, G Ogilvy Aus -7, B Langer Ger -7, V Singh Fij -7, M Campbell NZ -7, S Garcia Sp -7, R Goosen SA -7, G McDowell NI -6.

Cycling

George Hincapie outsprinted Oscar Pereiro to win his first Tour de France stage as team captain Lance Armstrong tightened his grip on the overall lead. The American, one of Armstrong's top 'domestiques', sat at the back of a 14-man break on a brutal day of climbs. But, when it became clear that Armstrong would not catch him, he was given the all-clear to pursue a Stage 15 victory. Armstrong finished strongly with Ivan Basso, who took over second place from battling Dane Mickael Rasmussen.

Boxing

Jermain Taylor is the new undisputed world middleweight champion after a split points decision win over Bernard Hopkins in Las Vegas. Hopkins, 40, was champion for 10 years, the third longest reign in boxing history, and was making a record 21st defence against the 26-year-old.

Olympic Lightweight Silver medallist Amir Khan made a stunning debut to his professional career by stopping opponent David Bailey after just 109 seconds of their fight in Bolton.

Oscar Larios became the first man to stop Wayne McCullough to retain his WBC super-bantamweight title. Doctor Margaret Goodman told referee Richard Steele to call off the contest after

the tenth round of a pulsating fight in Las Vegas. After a controversial points win in their first meeting back in February, Larios made sure the judges scorecards wouldn't be required in the rematch.

Athletics

Russian Yelena Isinbayeva broke the women's pole vault world record for the second time in 11 days when she cleared 4.95m in Madrid on Saturday. The 23-year-old sailed over the bar on her second attempt at the IAAF Super Grand Prix to break her previous mark of 4.93 set in Lausanne on 5 July.

Tennis

Davis Cup quarter-finals: Australia 1 - 4 Argentina; Russia 3 - 2 France; Slovakia 4 - 1 Netherlands; Croatia 4 - 1 Romania.

Motor Sport

Rally of Argentina

Leading Final Positions after Special Stage 17:

1 Sebastien Loeb (Fr)	Citroen	2hrs 56 mins 03.8secs
2 Marcus Gronholm (Fin)	Peugeot	@ 27.7 secs
3 Petter Solberg (Nor)	Subaru	@ 46.1
4 Toni Gardemeister (Fin)	Ford	@ 2:35.4
5 Harri Rovanpera (Fin)	Mitsubishi	@ 2:51.4
6 Markko Martin (Est)	Peugeot	@ 3:24.0
7 Francois Duval (Bel)	Citroen	@ 4:19.1
8 Manfred Stohl (Aut)	Citroen	@ 4:44.3
9 Chris Atkinson (Aus)	Subaru	@ 5:27.4
10 Roman Kresta (Cze)	Ford	@ 6:56.0

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Team Profile of the Dutch Girls

Since our NPC of last year, Marjolein Debets, had a baby last April, she could not join the team this year. Especially at this moment, we miss her creativity, since making a team profile is not really our thing. But we are going to give it a try anyway. Last year, our team profile focussed on the boyfriends of the girls, because having a good bridge player as a boyfriend is very important. Lets see how things look this year.

We start with our benjamin of 19 years old, **Rosaline Barendregt**. She is the one who is with the national flag (as a cape, robe or skirt). Therefore we had no trouble choosing a person as flag carrier during the opening ceremony. Unfortunately, she did not meet the requirements of having a bridge boyfriend, but she is still looking. If you want to know if you have the required characteristics, please approach her.

Her partner is **Astrid Dekker**, 23 years old. She is a social worker and her boyfriend is a patissier (an expert dessert maker, the only reason why she was allowed to keep this one, and of course our demand of a victory dinner made by him after the tournament). Her brother-in-law, Danny, is playing in the Dutch junior team, so fortunately her sister has made a wise decision.

Next we have **Marion Michielsen**, 19 years old, a bronze medal winner of the mixed teams in Tenerife. She is also the best-dressed girl of our team and she has an excellent taste, since one of the other team members always follows her example. (Those who have read the team profile of last year realise that we have made some remarks of last year). There are no further details of the fact that she has no bridge boyfriend at the moment, please contact her if you are interested.

Her partner, **Meike Wortel** (22 years) is the pride of our team. She has found an upgraded boyfriend (an excellent bridge player), who actually made an appearance in the first bulletin of this championship. They even won the Dutch Mixed Team Championships this year, so she is allowed to stay in the team as long as she desires, though she has to improve her Fluxx skills. How can someone not play the 'hand limit' card, when another player had 11 cards in her hand. Now that player won instead of the captain...

Marleen van Gelder, 22 years old, is a thorn in the eye of the captain and coach, because she actually has a bridge boyfriend (the same as last year), though he is not the brightest light in the world (sorry Hans), although he was smart enough to join the captain's team for our national competition next year. That is a good opportunity for him to improve his bridge skills, so there will be a chance that Marleen will join the team again in two years time.

Her partner, **Claudia van der Salm**, is the only new player in this team and is an excellent choice, since her boyfriend was an excellent bridge player. He has had a pause for a few years and recently started playing again. Fortunately, Claudia is also a good player herself, so it was a win-win situation.

The coach of this team is Martine Verbeek (32 years old). Being one of the founders of the boyfriend rules, she has entered the danger zone. Her bridge boyfriend has stopped playing bridge... She is a real bull terrier, so if you want to have a discussion she is the one!



Monique van de Sande, Netherlands npc

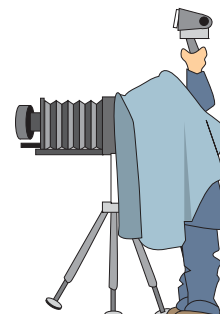
Finally we have the captain, **Monique van de Sande** (26 years old). She has been kicked out of the team, since she made no effort in finding a bridge boyfriend. Fortunately the position of captain was available so she could still join us. It appears that she is a better captain than player, because she is stricter towards the opponents than last year.

If you want to know how the boyfriend stories continue, please read our team profile in two years from now.

Teams and Players' Photos Schedule — Monday July 18th

JUNIORS

- 15.00 Denmark
- 15.15 England
- 15.20 France
- 15.30 Greece
- 15.40 Hungary
- 15.50 Israel
- 18.00 Italy
- 18.10 Latvia
- 18.20 Lithuania
- 18.25 Netherlands



All the above teams (including the captain and the coach) are kindly requested to be present at the specific time outside of the building.

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