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# Congratulations to the Winners, Medalists and Qualifiers!



*The 2011 European Juniors Gold Medalists and Champions – Israel (Alon Birman, Lotan Fisher, Gal Gerstner, Moshe Meyuchas, Dror Padon, Ron Schwartz and NPC Gilad Ofir)*

There were some ups and downs during the last round but, when the music stopped, these were the medalists and World Championship Qualifiers.

Juniors: Gold – Israel, Silver – Italy, Bronze – Denmark, Other Qualifiers – Bulgaria, France, the Netherlands.

Youngsters: Gold – Poland, Silver – Israel, Bronze – Sweden, Other Qualifiers – England, Norway.

Those teams are guaranteed a trip to next summer's World Championships. It is always possible that Europe may gain an extra place if another zone cannot attend.



*The 2011 European Youngsters Gold Medalists and Champions – Poland (Wojciech Kazmierczak, Adam Krysa, Adam Lonski, Kamil Madej, Lukasz Witkowski, Justyna Zmuda and NPC Wlozdimierz Kryzstofczyk)*

**JUNIORS TEAMS****YOUNGSTERS TEAMS****RESULTS****RESULTS****ROUND 21**

	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BULGARIA	GERMANY	74 - 18	25 - 4
2	AUSTRIA	SERBIA	57 - 33	20 - 10
3	GREECE	SCOTLAND	51 - 67	12 - 18
4	TURKEY	HUNGARY	50 - 64	12 - 18
5	CROATIA	DENMARK	49 - 66	11 - 19
6	IRELAND	SWEDEN	48 - 73	10 - 20
7	ROMANIA	FINLAND	50 - 35	18 - 12
8	ENGLAND	FRANCE	44 - 56	13 - 17
9	NORWAY	ISRAEL	18 - 69	5 - 25
10	BELGIUM	ITALY	32 - 80	5 - 25
11	POLAND	NETHERLANDS	44 - 84	7 - 23

**ROUND 17**

	Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BULGARIA	CZECH REP.	72 - 6	25 - 2
2	LATVIA	RUSSIA	64 - 34	21 - 9
3	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	8 - 112	0 - 25
4	ITALY	TURKEY	50 - 32	19 - 11
5	DENMARK	AUSTRIA	105 - 16	25 - 0
6	NORWAY	FRANCE	48 - 32	18 - 12
7	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	60 - 40	19 - 11
8	POLAND	GERMANY	94 - 4	25 - 0
9	NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND	29 - 81	5 - 25

**JUNIORS TEAMS****YOUNGSTERS TEAMS****FINAL RANKING****FINAL RANKING**

1	ISRAEL	417
2	ITALY	398
3	DENMARK	386
4	BULGARIA	384
5	FRANCE	357
6	NETHERLANDS	355
7	CROATIA	348
8	POLAND	342
9	SWEDEN	340
10	NORWAY	338
11	ENGLAND	328
12	TURKEY	314
13	GERMANY	308
14	SCOTLAND	306
15	HUNGARY	296.5
16	GREECE	286
17	FINLAND	280
18	ROMANIA	261
19	AUSTRIA	226
20	IRELAND	205
21	BELGIUM	197
22	SERBIA	177.5

1	POLAND	339.5
2	ISRAEL	313
3	SWEDEN	302
4	ENGLAND	294
5	NORWAY	289
6	FRANCE	287
	ITALY	287
8	LATVIA	282
9	NETHERLANDS	275.5
10	DENMARK	267
11	HUNGARY	243
12	TURKEY	237
13	BULGARIA	227
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	206
15	SCOTLAND	205
16	GERMANY	196
17	RUSSIA	159
18	AUSTRIA	80



**Juniors  
Teams  
Italy  
Silver**

**Juniors  
Teams  
Denmark  
Bronze**



**Youngsters  
Teams  
Israel  
Silver**

**Youngsters  
Teams  
Sweden  
Bronze**



## EBL President's Closing Speecheh



Dear Young bridge friends,

I am pleased to welcome you for the EBL Youth Team Championship Closing Ceremony.

This year, you have been 50 teams coming from 25 countries to compete and I am confident that in the future the Girls participation will grow again.

You played in a very good spirit with a lot of fair play; there were few appeals.

These Juniors and Youngsters competitions are a qualification step for the World Championship. In 2012, these World Championships will be held at the end of July and probably in Cuba. From Europe, there will be six teams qualified in Juniors and five in Youngsters.

I want to thank the Bulgarian Federation, the organising committee and the staff, who have worked with enthusiasm and professionalism to make this event in Bulgaria such a success.

I hope that you will all keep a great memory of your stay in Albena.

Tomorrow, you will go back home.

Have a safe journey and enjoy your evening.

I officially declare closed the 23rd European Youth Bridge Team Championship.

**Yves Aubry**  
(President EBL)

## Invitation

### For all players:

Free entrance to the Flamingo Grand Night Club is offered from 2130 on Saturday evening.

### For all organisers, officials, group leaders and staff:

Free entrance and a welcome drink at the Flamingo Grand Piano Bar from 2130 on Saturday evening.

## Good Defence

by Brian Senior

Israel defeated Belgium in Round 20 of the Juniors. This deal saw a mixed performance from the Belgians, defending at both tables.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

In one room, The Israeli East opened 1♣ and West responded 2♥, weakish with at least five spades and four hearts. East gave preference to 2♠ and was allowed to play there. As Deep Finesse assures us that a spade contract can be held to just eight tricks, I don't think we need to study the Belgian defence in any great depth. Suffice it to say that East made eleven tricks for +200.

This was the auction in the other room:

West	North	East	South
Van Overmeire	Birman	Bahbout	Padon
–	–	1♣	Dble
1♠	4♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Sam Bahbout led the five of spades, his partner's suit rather than his own – a good decision. Alon Birman won the ace and led a diamond to the king and ace. After a little thought, Bahbout got it right, underleading his king of spades to get partner in. Jens Overmeire had no difficulty in realising that his partner wanted to ruff a heart, and that was one down; +100 to Belgium but 3 IMPs to Israel.

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## Startled Rabbits

by Brian Senior

I play a lot of pro bridge with average players and one thing that I see over and over again is that when they are declaring a contract and the opening lead looks as though it is threatening a ruff they are like startled rabbits in a car's headlights – they have an overpowering urge to draw trumps then sit back and think what to do next. Very often, of course, that thinking period comes too late to do them any good.

I was reminded of this whilst watching the very last board of Thursday's play – Board 20 of Round 13 in the Youngsters Championship.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ Q 5 ♥ 10 5 ♦ 10 8 6 4 ♣ A 8 7 5 3</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	<p>♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ J ♣ Q 10 9 6 4</p>
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	<p>♠ A 9 4 2 ♥ A K Q 8 3 ♦ K Q ♣ K 2</p>				

In the match I was watching, both Souths declared 4♥ on a diamond lead and both, of course, saw the danger of conceding a diamond ruff. They both won the diamond, cashed two rounds of trumps, then tried to cash the second diamond. After East ruffed this trick there were only nine tricks – the fact that one declarer still came to ten had little to do with his skill and everything to do with East's looking forward to what he planned to do later that evening.

The play of two rounds of trumps followed by the second diamond is designed to gain when the same hand holds a singleton diamond and two trumps – two shortages together. This is against the odds, of course, particularly if there has been no opposition bidding. If diamonds are four-one and hearts three-two, the long hearts will be with the short diamonds more often than not.

Better is to accept the risk of a diamond ruff and play the second diamond at trick two. It is ruffed, but with the remaining trumps two-two declarer is in control. Say that the defence forces dummy to ruff a club by leading the queen to pin the bare jack then a second round. Declarer accepts the ruff, ruffs a low diamond and draws trumps ending in dummy – where there are three diamonds waiting to be cashed. On that defence he comes to an overtrick.

Deep Finesse assures us that the contract can be made on any defence and, as DF cheats, I am prepared to believe him.

One pair played 3NT, making with an overtrick, while five went two or three down in a heart slam. If you think that involved some over-optimistic bidding well, perhaps, but note that two three-two red suits breaks provides twelve tricks in 6♦ or 6♥ (double dummy, 6♥ having to be played by South to protect against the North hand being forced to ruff a club at trick two), and almost everyone here will have reached a worse slam than that at these championships.

Of those who played the heart game, one made an overtrick and five more made exactly (at least one only thanks to bad defence), while six went down, mostly after a diamond lead.

## What is the Contract?

by Brian Senior

This deal comes from Round 13 of the Youngsters Championship.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A 10 7 3 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ 10 8 6 5 2 ♣ 8</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W      E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	<p>♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ 5 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ Q J 9 7 4</p>
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	<p>♠ 8 ♥ Q J 10 9 6 ♦ A 3 ♣ K 6 5 3 2</p>				
	<p>♠ Q J 6 4 ♥ A 8 3 2 ♦ K Q 7 ♣ A 10</p>				

I watched the match between Israel and England, where both N/S pairs looked for slam then stopped in 5♥, once played by North on the lead of the queen of clubs, once by South on the lead of the eight of clubs.

Both declarers won the ace of clubs and played three rounds of diamonds to get rid of the spade loser.

For England, Basil Letts (South), next ruffed a spade to get to hand then ran the queen of hearts. West, Itamar Ginossar, ducked but, of course, when Letts played a second heart, East showed out. Letts rose with the ace and led his remaining club towards the king. There was no benefit to ruffing a loser so West discarded. Letts won the king of clubs and crossruffed his way to eleven tricks for +650.

In the other room, Adi Asulin played in exactly the same manner, ruffing a spade to hand to take the heart finesse. Here, however, Tommy Brass took his king and returned a spade. Declarer ruffed and attempted to cash the king of clubs. Brass ruffed that and returned his last trump and declarer had to concede the last trick; down one for -100 and 13 IMPs to England.

It seems to me that both declarers were guilty of forgetting what contract they were trying to make. Their line looks OK in 6♥, but in 5♥ you can afford two losers and playing on trumps is not the way to secure eleven tricks. I would suggest that, after taking the spade discard on the third diamond, playing a club towards the king is a better play. If someone ruffs with a low trump, the likelihood is that you will lose that trick plus one more, to the king of hearts, but that will be it as the defence will not be able to draw trumps to interfere with your planned crossruff (which will include a ruff with the ace if it is West who is short in clubs).

# JUNIORS TEAMS ROUND 20



**NORWAY**

**v**

**FRANCE**



by Ram Soffer

Two teams still very much in the thick of the battle for World Championship qualification, France and Norway, met in the penultimate (that's your new English word for the day – it means next-to-last) round of the Juniors competition. Norway took the early lead on these first two deals:

Skjetna began in the same way as had Franceschetti, top spade and a heart switch, but Simonsen made no mistake. He won the heart and returned the suit, and now he could give his partner a heart ruff when he won the ace of diamonds; down two for –300 and 10 IMPs to Norway.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Skjetna	Robert	Simonsen	Coudert
–	INT	2♣	2♦
4♠	5♦	Dble	All Pass
West	North	East	South
Franceschetti	Johansen	Lhuissier	Bogen
–	INT	2♣	2♦
3♠	4♦	All Pass	

Both Norths opened with a strong no trump and both Easts overcalled to show the majors. When South introduced diamonds, Pierre Franceschetti jumped to 3♠ and Lars Johansen competed with 4♦, where he was allowed to play.

Franceschetti led the king of spades and, on getting a count signal from Nicolas Lhuissier, switched to the seven of hearts. Lhuissier won the ace and switched back to spades, presumably not imagining that his partner would have five cards and only bid 3♠. That proved fatal to the defence. Haakon Bogen ruffed and played a diamond. Though Lhuissier switched back to hearts on winning the diamond ace, it was too late for a ruff and the contract was home; +130.

In the other room, Erlend Skjetne bid a level higher and his Four Spade bid caught Quentin Robert with five-card support for his partner's diamonds. It was tough not to bid 5♦ now but Steffen Simonsen doubled that, ending the auction.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Skjetna	Robert	Simonsen	Coudert
–	–	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♥	5♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Franceschetti	Johansen	Lhuissier	Bogen
–	–	Pass	Pass
3♣	3♥	5♣	Dble
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

At both tables, West opened 3♣ and East raised to 5♣ after North's overcall. Thibault Coudert passed as South and Robert doubled with the North cards, ending the auction. Robert cashed the top hearts then switched to the king of spades, seeing that declarer would be able to establish a diamond discard for any spade loser. There were just the minor-suit aces to be lost; two down for –300.

In the other room, Bogen doubled as South, an aggressive move, and Johansen bid his second suit. Bogen corrected to 5♥, ending the auction.

Lhuissier led a club. Johansen won the ace and led a spade up, Franceschetti grabbing his ace and returning the ten of diamonds to the queen and king. Lhuissier returned a diamond, and that gave the contract; +650 and 8 IMPs to Norway.

The spade situation should be the actual one as declarer

would not lead a spade at trick two with any other holding consistent with his playing the jack under West's ace. If East looks closely at dummy's heart spots, he will see that there is only one heart entry to dummy and so the spades cannot be both established and cashed. Accordingly, a passive exit after taking the king of diamonds should always defeat the contract.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 8 2 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ Q 9 5 2 ♣ Q 9 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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 10 7 3 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ 10 4	♠ 6 ♥ K 10 9 5 2 ♦ K 10 7 ♣ K 7 3 2
N						
W     E						
S						

West Skjetna – 1♣ 4♠	North Robert – Pass All Pass	East Simonsen – 1♥	South Coudert Pass Dble
West Franceschetti – Dble 4♠	North Johansen – 3♥ All Pass	East Lhuissier – 3♠	South Bogen 2♥ Pass



Steffen Simonsen, Norway

The Norwegians were playing the style, popular in northern Europe, where a 2♥ opening is weak with five hearts and a four-card or longer minor, so that was Bogen's choice. Franceschetti doubled and Johansen raised preemptively to 3♥, all he could afford with his flat hand. When Lhuissier could compete with 3♠, Franceschetti went on to game.

Bogen led the ten of hearts. Lhuissier won the ace and played king of spades then a spade to the queen. Next, he tried the four of clubs to the eight, losing to the nine. Johansen switched to the two of diamonds to the king and ace and basically there was nothing Lhuissier could do. The contract was one down for –100.

Coudert was playing simple weak two bids and the South hand did not qualify. He passed and Skjetna opened 1♣. Simonsen responded 1♥, transfer, and Coudert took the opportunity to double to show hearts. Skjetna simply jumped to 4♠.

Robert led the four of hearts to the nine and ace and Skjetna crossed to dummy with a spade to the ten to lead the ten of clubs. Coudert played low. Robert won the queen of clubs and led the eight of hearts to the jack and queen. Coudert switched to the ten of diamonds for the jack and queen and back came the two of diamonds to the king and ace. Skjetna drew trumps and led the four of clubs to the jack. The diamond loser went away on the ace of clubs; +620 and 12 IMPs to Norway.

I prefer Skjetne's club play to that adopted by Lhuissier – you can always guess to lead low to the eight on the second round if the ten of clubs gets covered, but there are some club layouts where South has no winning play on the lead of the ten if declarer picks the situation correctly.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 3 ♥ J ♦ 8 5 ♣ A K Q J 6 5	<table style="margin: auto; border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; 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	♠ 10 2 ♥ A Q 9 3 2 ♦ K Q 10 7 2 ♣ 3	♠ K 5 4 ♥ 10 6 5 ♦ A 9 6 3 ♣ 9 8 2
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W     E						
S						

West Skjetna – 2♦(i) All Pass	North Robert – 3♣	East Simonsen 1♥ Pass	South Coudert Pass 3NT
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(i) Natural GF or a poor heart raise

West	North	East	South
Franceschetti	Johansen	Lhuissier	Bogen
–	–	1♥	1♠
2♥	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

Two rather different auctions! Skjetna could show a poor heart raise and, when Robert overcalled, Simonsen decided he was well out of the auction. Coudert took a shot at 3NT and Skjetne led a heart. Simonsen could see little future in hearts so switched to the two of diamonds. Coudert tried to look like a man with some diamond strength by putting in the jack, but Skjetne wasn't to be fooled and won the ace then returned the suit for a quick two down and 100 to Norway.

In the other room, Bogen made a four-card 1♠ overcall and Johansen raised to game – hardly surprisingly, facing heart support and having the potential for a great deal of playing strength, Lhuissier went on to 5♥, which Bogen promptly doubled.

A forcing defence, leading and continuing clubs, would have created a second trump trick for Bogen, but he had no way to know that his partner had the clubs. He started with the partnership suit, leading ace then queen of spades to dummy's king. Lhuissier led a low heart to the jack, queen and king, but he could ruff the spade continuation, draw trumps and cash the diamonds. That was just one down for –100 and 5 IMPs to Norway.

These four boards do not give a balanced view of the match as they are all Norwegian gains. France had a string of gains of their own and, while Norway won the match, it was by only 43-30 IMPs, 18-12 VPs. The result left France in fifth place and Norway eighth, both still in contention going into the final round.



Thibault Coudert, France

## What's in a Name?

by PO Sundelin



As a coach I have had the doubtful pleasure of studying all the Juniors and Youngsters systems (and some from the Girls). They have mostly been in English, as prescribed.

Computers seem to have a future in Italy, judging by the fact that some of their cards were handwritten and very difficult to read.

But what struck me was the fact that so many captains and coaches accept that their players use names to describe methods. Stayman is well known, perhaps also Namyats. Nor have I any complaints about Blackwood or Bergen. But let us see how many you know!

Capelletti is perhaps easy, and Drury, but are two-way Drury, reversed Drury, and Toronto?

Flannery and Gerber may slip by, but is everybody familiar with Gazilli, Garozzo, Ghestem and Granovetter? Not to mention Ekren, Fisher and Eide.

Michaels, Lavinthal, Lebensohl, perhaps even transfer Lebensohl and Rubensohl are for everyday use, but are Muiderberg and Manfield?

Josephine and Jacoby we know, but what about Jordan and Lebel?

Kaplan's inverted minor raises have reached the world, but I'm not so sure about Kantar's contributions. Truscott had several ideas, I wonder which is the one referred to here?

Rosenkrantz (and Romex) are for the well read, Timbuktu perhaps for the well travelled.

Wolff, Ogust, and Walsh we may have vague ideas about, but does anyone know Weissberger?

I know very well Albarran, but who is Amanda???

Let us end with a few abbreviations; PORI, PODI, PEDO, DOPI, DEPO, DOPE, ROPI, PNS-ROBI, ROPI. And ORKCB, Kickback, Serious, Turbo, XYZ, UCB.

# YOUNGSTERS TEAMS ROUND 16



**POLAND**

**V**

**ISRAEL**



by Ram Soffer

Poland and Israel both appearing at the podium (usually in this order) has become a familiar scene at the European Youngsters Team Championship. How do they do it year after year when their squads are constantly changing? I think the reason is organized high-level coaching for promising young players. The secret of success for both teams has been sound bidding, rare at the Youngster level.

Each team included one girl. Adi Asulin (Israel) had to form a new partnership one month prior to the event with Eyal Erez, since her long-time partner couldn't come here. Justyna Zmuda (Poland) has probably been the busiest player in Albena. After helping the Polish Girls team to victory she joined the Youngsters team. A successful outcome in this match could mean a second gold medal for her.

At the start Poland led Israel by 12.5 VPs, and their remaining match on Saturday was the easier one, so they were the overwhelming favourites for gold. However, the Israelis were on a very strong run of 140 VPs out of a possible 150 in their previous matches, and an upset could not be ruled out.

Let's start with a small bidding quiz. Which of the following two 11-point hands would you prefer to open as dealer?

- ♠ A K 3 2
- ♥ K 5 2
- ♦ 7
- ♣ J 7 4 3 2

or

- ♠ 9 7 6 5 2
- ♥ Q J 7
- ♦ A Q 8
- ♣ Q 9

No doubt you preferred the first one, which has better distribution and more controls, not to mention the terrible quality of the spade suit in the second hand.

Now watch how the deals which included those hands unfolded at the table.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Krysa	Asulin	Zmuda	Erez
1♣	1♥	Dble	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ginossar	Kazmierczak	Reiter	Witkowski
Pass	1♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

Once Itamar Ginossar didn't apply the 'rule of 20' and passed in the Closed Room, game was out of the question as far as East was concerned, and earning two vulnerable undertricks against North's 3♥ was the best they could achieve.

In the Open Room, Adam Krysa opened the West hand. The spade fit was found after a standard negative double. Zmuda invited with her 11 points, and Krysa liked his diamond singleton as well as the prospect of making his ♥K after a heart lead. In fact, Asulin led a trump, but declarer still made ten tricks, namely four spades, four clubs, diamond ace and a heart ruff; 9 IMPs to Poland.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Krysa	Asulin	Zmuda	Erez
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Ginossar	Kazmierczak	Reiter	Witkowski
—	Pass	2♥	3♣
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

Adi Asulin decided that 1♠ was OK at this vulnerability. Eyal Erez was looking for more than game when he bid 3♠, but finally settled for 4♠. Zmuda led her singleton club. Declarer had to develop her club suit in order to make the contract, so she played small from dummy. Krysa won and returned the ♣5 for a ruff. Justyna read this correctly and led a heart to the ace, followed by another ruff. Adi was unlucky that East still had the ♠J to over-ruff her nine. Unlucky?! She was not obliged to open with 11 points and a five-card suit headed by the nine...

At the other table Kazmierczak passed as dealer and Adam Reiter used his two-suited weak 2♥ opening. Ginossar became over-excited, bidding 4♥ which North promptly doubled. Declarer lost the five obvious tricks for Minus 500, and Poland gained 11 IMPs.

Apart from these two hands there was not much to write about from the first half of the match. Both teams played solidly and gave away almost nothing. Poland led 24-1 after 10 boards. This lead increased when Eyal Erez attempted 3NT with another 11-point hand after partner's vulnerable 3♦ opening, going down four, while his Polish counterpart passed, 3♦ making with an overtrick.

After 13 boards Poland led 39-1, and Israel's prospects looked gloomy, but complacency is never good at bridge. The Polish E/W pair failed to bid some makable games, allowing Israel back into the match. Here is one example:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 8 ♥ 8 6 5 4 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ A 9 4 2	<table 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 Q 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ K 2 ♣ K
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West	North	East	South
Krysa	Asulin	Zmuda	Erez
–	1♦	1♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ginossar	Kazmierczak	Reiter	Witkowski
–	1♣	Dble	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

A lazy 1♠ overcall left Zmuda playing that contract, and she scored ten tricks. Adam Reiter started properly with a 'big double', and bid the spade game after learning that partner had some scattered points. After a club lead he would have been in trouble in view of the scarcity of dummy entries, but Lukasz Witkowski led a misguided ♥J,

and Kazmierczak provided further assistance when he played the ♥A (although it was clear from the bidding that a ruff would not be coming).

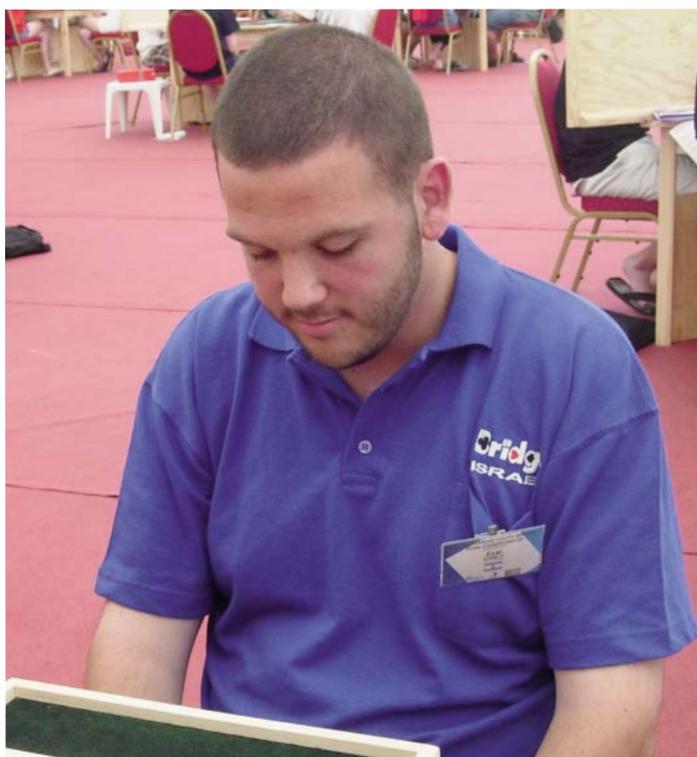
At this stage declarer could hardly go wrong. Seeing all four hands one would overtake the ♣K and finesse spades, but that was not a percentage play. Reiter laid down his spade ace and drew a second round, using his only dummy entry to play a diamond towards his king. North was marked with the ♦A due to his 1♣ opening. In fact Reiter drew some more trumps, forcing discards, and when the ♣Q was revealed in the South hand there remained little doubt about the diamond situation.

Israel crawled back into the match, and it was 39-27 to Poland with one board to go.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

♠ – ♥ A J 10 6 5 2 ♦ K Q J 7 4 ♣ A 2	<table 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 J 6 5 2 ♥ 4 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K 8 6 5	♠ A K 10 9 7 3 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ 10 3
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West	North	East	South
Krysa	Asulin	Zmuda	Erez
1♥	1♠	Pass	INT
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass



Eyal Erez, Israel

West	North	East	South
Ginossar	Kazmierczak	Reiter	Witkowski
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	All Pass

In the Open Room North overcalled lightly, which served as a distraction for East, who was thinking about the large penalty missed when her partner bid 3♦, instead of a potential slam.

In the Closed Room N/S were silent and when Ginossar showed a strong 6-4 hand, Reiter decided to move past game. As there was only one dummy entry, the slam was not particularly good, but not entirely hopeless either. Itamar played for his best chance, discarding a club on the ♠A and running the ♥9, which was destined to succeed if South had a singleton honour, Qx, Kx, KQ, KQx or KQxx. When one of these possibilities materialized Israel registered +1430 and 13 IMPs, overtaking Poland 40-39 for a 15-15 tie.

The final score left everybody happy. Poland practically secured the gold medal, while Israel, having escaped a heavy defeat, was almost assured of the silver.

## Double Delight

We should offer special congratulations to Justyna Zmuda of Poland. Not many people win two European Championships at one tournament, but Justyna was a member of the Polish gold-medal winning teams in both the Girls and Youngsters Championships. Not bad for ten days work!



## Team Profiles – Israel

### Juniors

**Lotan Fisher (21) & Ron Schwartz (24)**, nicknamed 'the contractors' for their uncanny ability to build towers of IMPs out of scratch. Both of them have other notable skills beside bridge. Lotan, formerly active in junior soccer and handball, is currently an international handball referee, while Ron is a great table tennis player. Lotan is planning an international bridge career. He is looking for young female partners for mixed events around the world. Any suggestions?

**Alon Birman (24) & Dror Padon (22)** started playing together only a few months ago, but results are coming fast. This is the time to reveal Dror's new nickname: Tsitsa (Hungarian for 'cat'). Alon is known for years as Hatul (Hebrew for 'cat'). Rest assured that once they sit at the bridge table, both kittens turn into super-tigers.

**Gal Gerstner (21) & Moshiko Meyuchas (20)**, our least experienced Junior pair, exceeded our expectations in every match they played. Gal has already won the Israeli open pairs championship. The pair visits the local night club each night, and they also 'dance' extremely well at the bridge table.

**Gilad Ofir (27)** is our Juniors NPC. Having played in many Israeli youth teams, after becoming too old he started captaining his former team-mates. Gilad has just finished a period of six years in the Israeli army, but he maintains that the bridge table is the most fearsome battlefield of all. A notoriously tough captain: "Gold is everything".

### Youngsters

**Adi Asulin (18) & Eyal Erez (20)** are our leading Youngsters pair. Adi is known for her aggressive bidding, which is not surprising as she is also a basketball player in the Israeli Premier league for women. As her former partner couldn't attend this championship, IDF soldier Eyal Erez was recruited to the team after a few years of bridge inactivity, and his performance was well above our expectations.

**Itamar Ginossar (18) & Adam Reiter (18)** both come from bridge-playing families. Itamar's elder brother Eldad is now a member of the Israel open team, after starting out with the Israeli Youngsters. So far Itamar has been following suit. On the other hand, Adam may be found in his spare time playing and watching basketball around the clock.

**Yuval Ben-David (18) & Oren Dar (15)** are our reserve pair. Yuval helped our captain a lot preparing for the opponent teams' systems, while Oren, a university student of physics, made a deal that if the team wins a medal he is going to cut his hair for the first time in many months. The haircut is scheduled to take place just before the closing ceremony.

**Ori Assaraf (28)**, a veteran of the Youngsters gold medal team of 2002, has returned to action in 2010 to win a bronze at the Student World Championship, and is now on the way to another medal. In between he is running a Public Relations office in Eilat (by the way, don't forget to come there for the Red Sea Bridge Festival in November), after starring in the local night life for several years.

Last but not least, we have to thank our dedicated junior coach David Birman. While not present here, he is the driving force behind all our achievements.

## PULA BRIDGE FESTIVAL SPECIAL OFFER to Junior Teams in Albena



The organisers of the Pula Bridge Festival offer free accommodation to one team from the Junior Championship here in Albena. The offer goes, not to the most successful team, but the unluckiest. How does it work?

Unluckiest is decided by how often the team suffers from the Victory Point scale. A team gets a point towards this every time that one more IMP would have earned them an extra VP, whether by taking them up to the next level or stopping their opponents getting there.

Below is the final ranking.

If the first team, Turkey, does not want to accept, the offer goes to the second-ranked team above and so on. The organisers need to know if you wish to take up the offer, of course.

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	BAD	GOOD
TURKEY	6	3
POLAND	5	0
SWEDEN	5	2
DENMARK	5	3
CROATIA	5	5
FINLAND	4	1
AUSTRIA	4	2
ISRAEL	4	3
SCOTLAND	4	3
FRANCE	4	6
IRELAND	3	2
ROMANIA	3	2
ENGLAND	3	4
GERMANY	3	5
ITALY	2	1
HUNGARY	2	3
SERBIA	2	3
BULGARIA	2	5
GREECE	1	3
NETHERLANDS	1	3
NORWAY	1	3
BELGIUM	1	5

### Foolish Promise



*Oren Dar of the Israeli Youngsters team made a deal with his team-mates that if they won a medal he would get his hair cut for the first time in several months. They won silver, so...*

## FINAL BUTLER - JUNIORS TEAMS

		Country	Butler	Boards
1	MADALA Agustin	Italy	1,06	380
2	MEYUCHAS Moshe	Israel	1,04	80
3	FISHER Lotan	Israel	0,90	380
4	LHUISSIER Nicolas	France	0,75	300
5	BILDE Dennis	Denmark	0,71	340
6	SKORCHEV Stefan	Bulgaria	0,66	400
7	LORENZINI Cedric	France	0,60	260
8	TOFTE Lars	Denmark	0,58	300
9	SIDEROV Zhivko	Bulgaria	0,58	280
10	IGLA Bartlomiej	Poland	0,57	160
11	BIRMAN Alon	Israel	0,54	380
12	JONES Edward	England	0,50	420
13	BOGEN Haakon	Norway	0,49	260
14	RUSO Lara	Croatia	0,47	380
15	DRIJVER Bob	Netherlands	0,47	340
16	GULLBERG Daniel	Sweden	0,39	280
17	LANKVELD Joris van	Netherlands	0,38	320
18	DONDIVIC Luka	Croatia	0,37	340
19	SIMONSEN Steffen Fredrik	Norway	0,36	300
20	ROHRBERG Matias	Denmark	0,36	200
21	VROUSTIS Vassilis	Greece	0,31	380
22	RAINFORTH Thomas	England	0,25	80
23	TUCZYNSKI Piotr	Poland	0,25	400
24	USLUPEHLIVAN Sarper	Turkey	0,23	300
25	DE LEO Francesco	Italy	0,19	180
26	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	Italy	0,15	280
27	RIMSTEDT Cecilia	Sweden	0,14	260
28	ROBERT Quentin	France	0,14	280
29	ERCAN Sehmus	Turkey	0,08	180
30	MORGAN Frazer	Scotland	0,07	420
31	SAKOWSKA Natalia	Poland	0,07	280
32	ORTH Paul	Germany	0,05	260
33	RIMSTEDT Sandra	Sweden	0,04	300
34	KISS Gabor	Hungary	-0,01	420
35	WILKINSON Alexander William	Scotland	-0,02	420
36	AIMALA Antti	Finland	-0,03	260
37	GEORGESCU Horia	Romania	-0,04	320
38	WILLIAMS David	England	-0,04	80
39	HELMICH Aarnout	Netherlands	-0,04	180
40	ELLERBECK Max	Germany	-0,05	300
41	TORMA Robert	Hungary	-0,16	400
42	SYUSYUKIN Ivan	Bulgaria	-0,25	160
43	KOCLAR Akin	Turkey	-0,27	360
44	FAGERLUND Vesa	Finland	-0,32	340
45	BRAUN Raffael	Germany	-0,34	280
46	KAYE Alice	England	-0,35	260
47	KOFLER Thomas	Austria	-0,39	340
48	WADL Raffael Daniel	Austria	-0,40	340
49	JONES Ian W B	Ireland	-0,42	320
50	EIDE Harald	Norway	-0,43	280
51	BAHBOUT Sam	Belgium	-0,48	320
52	OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis	Greece	-0,51	320
53	NISTOR Radu	Romania	-0,52	340
54	MARINKOVIC Jovana	Serbia	-0,54	340
55	VALLIVAARA Visa	Finland	-0,57	240
56	VAN MECHELEN Joram	Belgium	-0,62	220
57	GUMZEJ Rudolf	Croatia	-0,73	120
58	EPURE Ionut-Constantin	Romania	-0,81	180
59	BOYD Richard	Ireland	-0,83	280
60	DJOROVIC Fedor	Serbia	-1,04	280
61	SYNNOTT David	Ireland	-1,10	240
62	GEENS Bert	Belgium	-1,33	300
63	MAIR Doris	Austria	-1,45	160
64	ANASTASATOS Aris	Greece	-1,48	60
65	ETINSKI Nikola	Serbia	-1,58	220

## FINAL BUTLER - YOUNGSTERS TEAMS

		Country	Butler	Boards
1	ZMUDA Justyna	Poland	1,42	180
2	KRYSA Adam	Poland	1,24	100
3	SHAH Shivam	England	0,94	340
4	SPENCER Simon	England	0,84	80
5	SZIRMAY-KALOS Barnabas	Hungary	0,84	80
6	GRUDE Tor Eivind	Norway	0,81	120
7	BAKKE Christian	Norway	0,77	220
8	GINOSSAR Itamar	Israel	0,76	300
9	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	Denmark	0,71	280
10	KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech	Poland	0,68	300
11	COMBESURE Baptiste	France	0,65	220
12	HULT Simon	Sweden	0,64	338
13	ZANASI Gabriele	Italy	0,63	300
14	ASULIN Adi	Israel	0,61	340
15	VERBEEK Thijs	Netherlands	0,49	238
16	LONSKI Adam	Poland	0,40	100
17	GARKAJE Ginta	Latvia	0,38	340
18	POLAK Tobias	Netherlands	0,34	258
19	RIMSTEDT Mikael	Sweden	0,32	338
20	DRAGANOV Zhivko	Bulgaria	0,31	180
21	ILZINS Janis	Latvia	0,30	340
22	BILDE Majka Cilleborg	Denmark	0,26	280
23	KONKOLY Csaba	Hungary	0,23	60
24	CALMANOVICI Alessandro	Italy	0,22	240
25	AYDOGDU Erkmn	Turkey	0,22	200
26	BEUGIN Francois	France	0,21	220
27	GRUDE Tor Eivind	Norway	0,20	200
28	IMDAT Eren	Turkey	0,20	120
29	BAKKE Christian	Norway	0,19	80
30	ORMAY Krisztina	Hungary	0,11	140
31	WISEMAN Ralph	Scotland	0,11	280
32	CHARIGNON Fabrice	France	0,10	240
33	KONKOLY Csaba	Hungary	0,10	160
34	RACCA Alberto	Italy	0,08	140
35	ERASTOVA Anastasia	Russia	0,08	80
36	ROBERTS Alex	England	0,03	260
37	YANCHEV Penko	Bulgaria	-0,05	160
38	OVERBEEKE Tom van	Netherlands	-0,19	180
39	IMDAT Eren	Turkey	-0,23	180
40	DRAGANOV Zhivko	Bulgaria	-0,26	160
41	KRALIK Jan	Czech Republic	-0,29	240
42	ORMAY Krisztina	Hungary	-0,31	160
43	ERTEL Niko	Germany	-0,33	340
44	BOTUR Michael	Czech Republic	-0,43	260
45	GALLIK Ondrej	Czech Republic	-0,43	180
46	PINKERTON Stewart	Scotland	-0,66	180
47	HOFFMEISTER Toke	Germany	-0,74	340
48	VLADYKIN Vasilij	Russia	-0,76	240
49	KONKOLY Csaba	Hungary	-0,83	60
50	TIHOLOV Todor	Bulgaria	-0,86	180
51	ELISEEV Gleb	Russia	-0,95	80
52	ELISEEV Gleb	Russia	-0,97	60
53	ROSE Stephen	Scotland	-1,07	220
54	BUUS THOMSEN Emil	Denmark	-1,12	120
55	HOEFER Alexander	Austria	-1,23	260
56	GULENC Baturalp	Turkey	-1,33	80
57	WEISS Florian	Austria	-1,67	300
58	ELISEEV Gleb	Russia	-1,85	60
59	ERASTOVA Anastasia	Russia	-1,94	100
60	HINTEREGGER Verena	Austria	-3,36	80

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