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Congratulations to the Champions and medal winners at the 12th European Youth Championships:

Junior Pairs

Pawel Jassem and Jakub Wojcieszek Poland Gold,
Dennis Bilde and Rasmus Jepsen Denmark Silver,
Thomas Paske and Graeme Robertson England Bronze

Youngsters

Ola Rimstedt and Johna Safsten Sweden Gold, **Luc Tijssen and Thibo Sprinkhuizen** Netherlands Silver,
Colin Deheeger and Arthur Boulin France Bronze

Girls Pairs

Marie Eggeling and Katharina Brink Germany Gold, **Natalia Banas and Carla Groenland** Netherlands Silver, **Justyna Zmuda and Aleksandra Jarosz** Poland Bronze



The President's Cup went to Norway's **Tor Grude** and **Kristoffer Hegge**.



Juniors Final Results

1	JASSEM Pawel	WOJCIESZEK Jakub	POL - POL	57.37
2	BILDE Dennis	JEPSEN Rasmus Rask	DEN - DEN	56.41
3	PASKE Thomas	ROBERTSON Graeme	ENG - ENG	56.21
4	WACKWITZ Ernst	WESTERBEEK Chris	NED - NED	55.76
5	KANIA Michal	JOCHYMSKI Tomasz Maciej	POL - POL	54.70
6	GRONKVIST Mikael	GULLBERG Daniel	SWE - SWE	54.23
7	BILDE Soren Cilleborg	PLEJDRUP Andreas	DEN - DEN	52.51
8	SCHOLS Michel	SEVEREIJNS Luc	NED - NED	52.48
9	SZYMASZCZYK Pawel	MARKS Rafal	POL - POL	52.19
10	KRALIK Frantisek	BOURA Patrik	CZE - CZE	51.96
11	ZANASI Gabriele	BERGAMI Gianluca	ITA - ITA	50.35
12	KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech	WITKOWSKI Lukasz	POL - POL	50.08
13	NIAJKO Slawomir	BIELAWSKI Maciej	POL - POL	49.97
14	COMBESCURE Baptiste	BERNARD Julien	FRA - FRA	49.49
15	PADON Dror	MEYOUHAS Moshe	ISR - ISR	49.35
16	HULT Simon	EKENBERG Simon	SWE - SWE	49.31
17	POLAK Tobias	VAN OVERBEEKE Tom	NED - NED	48.93
18	GINOSSAR Itamar	BEN DAVID Yuval	ISR - ISR	48.60
19	KARLSSON Johan	STOKKA Adam	SWE - SWE	47.77
20	KESIC Luka	BRAJKOVIC Ivan	CRO - CRO	46.20
21	VERBEEK Thijs	VAN ENGELEN Bas	NED - NED	45.07
22	IVANOV Peter	YANINSKI Nikolay	BUL - BUL	43.50
23	LAZAR Kornel	FISCHER Brigitta	HUN - HUN	43.11
24	GANDOGLIA Alessandro	DONATI Giovanni	ITA - ITA	41.34
25	EREZ Eyal	ROSENTHAL Lee	ISR - ISR	41.30
26	VAN LANKVELD Joris	WESTERBEEK Ricardo	NED - NED	41.08

Youngsters Final Results

1	RIMSTEDT Ola	SAFSTEN Johan	SWE - SWE	62.10
2	TIJSSEN Luc	SPRINKHUIZEN Thibo	NED - NED	57.37
3	DEHEGER Colin	BOULIN Arthur	FRA - FRA	57.25
4	SEGAL Matan	YARDEN Shpiner	ISR - ISR	53.43
5	STOUGIE Leen	STOUGIE Marc	NED - NED	52.71
6	SZYMANSKI Marcin	MIESIAC Tadeusz	POL - POL	52.34
7	DONKERSLOOT Bob	COPPENS Pim	NED - NED	52.26
8	ZAMIR Ami	EZION Amir	ISR - ISR	51.51
9	PERCARIO Giacomo	SCATA Sebastiano	ITA - ITA	51.21
10	VINCENOT Thibaud	MARIE Benjamin	FRA - FRA	51.11
11	MARCINOWSKI Piotr	SOBCZAK Mateusz	POL - POL	50.78
12	BELLICAUD Luc	GUILLEMIN Theo	FRA - FRA	50.57
13	BUNE Soren	TODD-MOIR Victor	DEN - DEN	50.56
14	BAKKE Christian	FLATT Espen	NOR - NOR	49.79
15	MACZKA Stanislaw	TRENDAK Lukasz	POL - POL	48.97
16	OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis	KAPAYANNIDI Katerina	GRE - GRE	48.15
17	KRAWCZYK Blazej	KRYSA Michal	POL - POL	47.97
18	KILJAN Veri	BIJSTERVELDT Niels van	NED - NED	47.21
19	VOJTIK Jakub	KOLEK Lukas	CZE - CZE	45.41
20	LEROY Christian	HAHN Frederik	GER - GER	45.31
21	ILZINS Janis	ILDEIKINS Viktors	LAT - LAT	45.09
22	BEUGIN Francois	FOURRE Matthieu	FRA - FRA	43.51
23	BOTUR Michael	KOHUTOVA Lucie	CZE - CZE	43.20
24	ZALITIS Aleksis	DREIMANIS Gints	LAT - LAT	42.44
25	SUPERSON Krzysztof	PICHETA Przemyslaw	POL - POL	42.13
26	YEKUTIELI Asaf	AVITAL Shahaf	ISR - ISR	39.99

Girls Final Results

1	EGGELING Marie	BRINCK Katharina	GER - GER	58.08
2	BANAS Natalia	GROENLAND Carla	NED - NED	55.81
3	ZMUDA Justyna	JAROSZ Aleksandra	POL - POL	54.18
4	BOTTA Giorgia	COSTA Margherita	ITA - ITA	52.19
5	BIRD Sinead	O'CONNOR Sarah	ENG - ENG	51.10
6	SZCZYPCZYK Agnieszka	DLUGOSZ Olga	POL - POL	50.67
7	MOURGUES Jennifer	TARTARIN Anne-Laure	FRA - FRA	49.73
8	TICHA Magdalena	LEUFKENS Lotte	NED - NED	47.39
9	BUDZYNSKA Magda	SROKA Joanna	POL - POL	47.35
10	SCHULZOVA Kristyna	JANIKOVA Jitka	CZE - CZE	45.43
11	CHAVARRIA Margherita	SALVATO Michela	ITA - ITA	45.12
12	VAN DELFT Doris	BRUIJNSTEEN Merel	NED - NED	42.55

President's Cup Final Results

1	HEGGE Kristoffer	GRUDE Tor Eivind	NOR - NOR	66.34
2	BILDE Majka Cilleborg	JEPSEN Peter	DEN - DEN	64.58
3	TIHOLOV Todor	ANDONOV Mark	BUL - BUL	63.50
4	CIMINS Janis	FREIMANIS Gints	LAT - LAT	63.24
5	KVOCEK Juraj	ZYLKA Kamil	SVK - CZE	62.37
6	CASPERSEN Soeren Veel	BRODERSEN Jon	DEN - DEN	61.79
7	SYNNOTT David	GORMALLY Hugh	IRL - IRL	61.57
8	BAHBOUT Sam	VAN DEN HOVE Wouter	BEL - BEL	60.43
9	COENEN Joost	LUCASSEN Adriaan	NED - NED	59.67
10	SIDEROV Zhivko	BOYCHEV Yordan	BUL - BUL	59.09
11	LE PENSEC Alice	THEPAUT-VENTOS Solene	FRA - FRA	58.17
12	ROPER William	JONES Matthew	ENG - ENG	58.11
13	TRNAVAC Vuk	DJUKANOVIC Nikola	SER - SER	58.10
14	RUMANCIK Jakub	KOVAC Ondrej	SVK - SVK	57.97
15	GOTINK Kevin	SCHOUTEN Yordi	NED - NED	57.55
16	KHANDELWAL Ankush	HOLMES-MACKIE Ambrose	ENG - ENG	56.38
17	WILSON Abigail	MILNE Jake	SCO - SCO	55.44
18	CONNOLLY John	DOYLE Nathan	IRL - IRL	55.35
19	SCHEBERAN Philip	FLIERL Vanessa	AUT - AUT	55.31
20	BOWDEN Adam	NEGREANU Carina	ENG - ENG	55.19
21	GRUENKE Paul	WEINBERGER Simon	GER - AUT	54.93
22	KHOMIAKOV Robert	WADL Raffael Daniel	BEL - AUT	54.81
23	NAKAMARU-PINDER Jun	DEAN Nicholas	SCO - ENG	54.45
24	RODIN Erika	BUUS THOMSEN Emil	SWE - DEN	54.19
25	MENDES DE LEON Guy	ALARDS Luuk	NED - NED	54.09
26	HERMANN Sophie	VANDEWIELE Emiel	AUT - BEL	53.74
27	NORTON Ben	KENNEDY Stephen	ENG - ENG	53.62
28	ALISHAW Michael	NATT Shahzaad	ENG - ENG	53.50
29	POCKAJS Roberts	DIMA Ionut Claudiu	LAT - ROM	53.46
30	CHARKOW Tamara	ANDRITSCH Lukas	AUT - AUT	53.44
31	ELLINGSEN Kristian	EIDE Harald	NOR - NOR	53.20
32	THUILLEZ Mathilde	LELEU Anais	FRA - FRA	53.07
33	VARLEY Daniel	BOLAND Conor	IRL - IRL	53.06

34	SPENCER Simon	LAM Kyle	ENG - ENG	52.86
35	WISEMAN Yvonne	SHAH Shivam	SCO - ENG	52.77
36	SAU Roberto	CALMANOVICI Alessandro	ITA - ITA	52.43
37	MIKELSONE Ilze	GOFMANS Andris	LAT - LAT	52.40
38	RACCA Francesco	MANGANELLA Andrea	ITA - ITA	52.22
39	BEHRENS Sam	CHARKOW Alischa	ENG - AUT	51.83
40	PETERSEN Moa	PETERSEN Irma	SWE - SWE	51.72
41	BUNE Sophie	CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm	DEN - DEN	51.61
42	PELSIS Nauris	VEGNERS Leo	LAT - LAT	51.54
43	STINGLMAYR Gernot	HOLZNER Michael	AUT - AUT	51.30
44	ANDRUSZKIEWICZ Jakub	SUCHARDA Edward	POL - POL	50.98
45	ZVEZDIN Zigfrid	ARSENTEVA Elizaveta	RUS - RUS	50.93
46	KOLEN Sandra	VAN DEN BOS Tim	NED - NED	50.87
47	ANTONIO Melissa	LIGHTOWLER Ryan	IRL - IRL	50.79
48	BUUS THOMSEN Signe	SANDSTROM Olle	DEN - SWE	50.52
49	LAHRMANN Christian	ROSAGER Oliver	DEN - DEN	50.18
50	WIAZECKA Anna	JASINSKI Piotr	POL - POL	49.98
51	NIJSSEN Oscar	OVERVELDE Sven	NED - NED	49.77
52	SOMERVILLE Wayne	ATCHISON Jordan	IRL - IRL	49.57
53	COVILL Laura	BIRCHALL Alex	ENG - ENG	49.56
54	BOLGER Arran	BARR Stephen	IRL - IRL	49.49
55	BARNE Dylan	DUFRENE Melic	FRA - FRA	49.34
56	DE LUTIO Caterina	RAFFA Enrica	ITA - ITA	49.31
57	CAILLOL Hugo	BASLER Raphael	FRA - FRA	49.17
58	VON BUEREN Yannick	GUINAND Zoe	SUI - SUI	48.77
59	ANTERYD Daniel	MATSSON Johannes	SWE - SWE	47.91
60	LITTERST Maximilian	BEHAGHEL Thomas	GER - GER	47.82
61	STRECK Lauritz	ALTER Florian	GER - GER	47.73
62	GRIGOREAN Vlad-Ionut	POPESCU Mihai	ROM - ROM	47.39
63	KAMPERMANN Fritz	JESSE Stig	GER - GER	47.12
64	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	PABST Philipp	GER - GER	46.36
65	STRBOVA Barbora	KRALIK Jan	CZE - CZE	46.35
66	HARGROVE Sarah	HOLMES Helen	ENG - ENG	46.30
67	PEDZINSKI Kacper	KALCZYNSKI Michal	POL - POL	45.97
68	WILSON Aaron	SMYLIE Craig	IRL - IRL	45.75
69	SVILANE Katrina	KRAUZE Kristaps	LAT - LAT	45.70
70	DE HAAS Arjen	VAN DER VEGT Koos	NED - NED	45.69
71	HANNON Turlough	CLARK Rowan	IRL - IRL	45.65
72	JAKABSIC Jakub	LAPCIKOVA Renata	SVK - CZE	44.84
73	KRUMINS Klaidis	EISAKS Davis	LAT - LAT	44.66
74	TASINATO Gianluca	SARTORI Elisa	ITA - ITA	44.58
75	OTTO Viktor	NORDMANN Felix	GER - GER	43.87
76	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	BLOM Jasper	NED - NED	43.43
77	HUVERS Wisse	ADAMS Sean	NED - NED	43.05
78	VALENTINE Ronan Richard James	OBRIEN Liam	SCO - SCO	42.70
79	DONNELLY MICHAEL	AKPE-MOSES Joy	IRL - IRL	42.36
80	PUKIS Mikus	BALODIS Martins	LAT - LAT	41.72
81	CHIARANDINI Francesco	GAJOTTI Alvaro	ITA - ITA	41.56
82	McGRATH Johnathan	DOYLE Jason	IRL - IRL	40.32
83	GANZEVLES Barbara	LEJEUNE Mette	NED - NED	40.05
84	BEGLEY Michaela	WATTERS Roisin	IRL - IRL	38.65
85	MARTIN Philip	IRVINE Gavin	IRL - IRL	38.44
86	CHILDS Laurence	HALL Dylan	IRL - IRL	38.00
87	VORNKAHL Leonard	PETER Florian	GER - GER	37.95
88	WALSH Sheila	GORMALLY Niamh	IRL - IRL	36.76
89	FARRELL Conor	JOHNSON PHILIP	IRL - IRL	35.10
90	MCDONNELL Jarleth	CARTHY Joseph	IRL - IRL	33.40
91	SRIDHAR POOJA DEVI	FRAME Victoria	IRL - IRL	31.87
92	KANE Ariane	MATHEWS Ciara	IRL - IRL	31.59

Caddy's Chance

by Patrick Jourdain

Erik Klems, 18, of the Czech Republic is a member of his country's Under 20 squad but in Burghausen he had to work as a BBO operator and caddy, wishing all the time he could be playing.

But on Tuesday morning the German coach walked out into the market square and shouted "Anyone under 20 here like to play bridge? We have a player ill." Erik's was the first hand to go up. He was introduced to his partner Robin Tischer and 10 minutes later they made the only transnational pair in the field.

The German pair is one of their least experienced so the challenge for Klems was to improve their ranking. In his first session they moved up three places.

This was one of their better results, against the Dutch pair Guy Mendes de Leon and Luuk Alards:

Youngsters' Qualifier Session 6

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Klems	de Leon	Tischer	Alards
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♥
		All Pass	

North's second call was very conservative and some reached game after a more aggressive action. 5♦ is against the odds, missing two aces, a trump finesse to take and a possible club lead through the ace. But 3NT should be easy when the diamonds come in and might well survive even when the finesses loses.

Tischer led a low spade against 2♦ and Klems won with the ten and switched to a low trump.

For some reason declarer decided to rise with the ace. If North's thinking was "I must hope the finesse is losing because otherwise those in game will succeed" then it was wrong logic. Those in 3NT or 5♦ are irrelevant to you whether they win or lose. What matters is the others in a partscore, and you must not give up tricks to them.

After the trump ace declarer led a heart to the king and

ace and Klems was awkwardly placed. There was a risk any losing spade was going to disappear on the hearts so he cashed the diamond king and laid down the ace of spades. This was ruffed and now declarer had a cost-nothing play of finessing ♥10. When this held he was able to discard two clubs on dummy's winners and claim 10 tricks.

More than half the field had made bid and made game so this result was worth 54/16 to our caddy. Had declarer taken the diamond finesse and made 11 tricks this would have reduced to 42/28.

Your reporter stayed with the Dutch pair and next up was the championship's youngest player, Christian Lahrman, 11, of Denmark partnering Jon Brodersen, 19. When a spectator, perhaps a little condescendingly, said to Lahrman how nice it must be to have an experienced partner Christian replied sharply "we are equal". Actually Lahrman also played in the event as a 9-year old when Denmark hosted in Vejle. Certainly his body-language and speed of play has all the confidence of an old hand.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lahrman	de Leon	Brodersen	Alards
1♦?	1♠	INT	3♦*
3NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass

When Lahrman was asked why he opened 1♦ his reply was "I was expecting to play 3NT and wished to avoid a diamond lead." He got his chance to bid 3NT. When the tray came back with 5♦ both West and South laughed. They guessed East was having a little joke.

Lahrman gave thought to bidding on but correctly passed. Had either finesse lost the limit would have been 11 tricks. Lahrman showed his class on winning the spade lead by winning the first finesse with the ♦8 and the later one with ♣8. When both worked the losing spade went away and only the heart finesse failed. +620 was worth almost exactly average with those in 3NT picking up the great scores.

Board 4. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ A Q 7 5 3 ♥ A 8 7 5 ♦ 7 2 ♣ 8 6	<table style="border: 2px solid green; width: 80px; height: 80px; 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	♠ 8 6 ♥ J 10 9 4 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ J 9 4 3
N					
W E					
S					
♠ K J 4 ♥ K 6 ♦ 10 6 5 3 ♣ A Q 7 5					

West	North	East	South
Lahrmann	de Leon	Brodersen	Alards
1♠	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Lahrmann was on lead against 3NT. It did not take him long to choose a low heart. Alards won, cashed a top diamond, came to hand with a club, and then guessed the diamonds playing to the king. East hung onto his clubs so when they failed to break the end position was down to four cards. Lahrmann correctly threw his spade queen and claimed the last four tricks.

Alards congratulated Lahrmann on his lead. A spade lead allows declarer ten tricks. Holding declarer to nine tricks was worth 43/27 to the youngest Youngster. Ten tricks would have reversed the score.

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye

*If we offend, it is with our good will.
That you should think, we come not to offend,
But with good will. To show our simple skill,
That is the true beginning of our end.
Consider then we come but in despite.
We do not come as minding to content you,
Our true intent is. All for your delight.*

Patrick Jourdain worked like a trojan, producing a terrific series of articles, while Kareen Schroeder entertained the home crowd with her German pages.

Fotis Skoularikis somehow found the time to make the layout (whilst at the same time performing many other tasks, including bringing you the results).

Klara Beger and **Sharon Bofinger** took the fabulous photographs and had some help from **Micke Melander** with the front page pictures.

Catherine Vitry made sure we had perfect communication with the main office (thank goodness it was along the same corridor).

Philipp Radeecker and his team, **Pascal Fink & András Kovacs** printed all these Bulletins, working all hours.

A very big thank you to you all.

Mark Horton

Championship Diary

When a member of the Bulletin team passed on a piece of information the Editor (in a rare fit of pique) said 'I already know that. Why is it that I always bring you tomorrow's news today while you bring me yesterday's news tomorrow.'

We found these figures not without interest:

Pythagorean Theorem:	24 words
Lord's Prayer:	66 words
Archimedes' Principle:	67 words
Ten Commandments:	179 words
Gettysburg address:	286 words
US Declaration of Independence:	1,300 words
US Constitution	
with all 27 Amendments:	7,818 words
EU regulations on the sale	
of cabbages:	26,911 words
Laws of Bridge	27,263 words

(When I asked Tacchi how many words in The Laws of Bridge he replied four.)

The Bulletin Room has been under constant threat from a tribe of ants. They became so bold that Micke Melander suspects they were using his computer in the night.



The Junior Final Session I

by Patrick Jourdain

The carry-over, shown handily to seven decimal places, was put on each table. So our pairs to watch first, Mikael Gronqvist & Daniel Gullberg of Sweden, in 8th place, against Peter Ivanov & Nikolay Yaninski of Bulgaria, in 12th spot, knew exactly what fraction of a matchpoint they needed to close the gap on those in front. The gap between 1st and 26th was exactly two tops (48 matchpoints).

Board 1. Dealer North. None.

<p>♠ A J ♥ K 8 ♦ K 10 7 6 3 ♣ 10 4 3 2</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K 9 8 6 5 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A 2 ♣ A Q 7 5</p>	<p>♠ Q 2 ♥ 10 9 6 4 3 ♦ J 5 ♣ K J 8 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gronqvist</i>	<i>Yaninski</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Ivanov</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

2NT was 4-card support for partner's major, at least invitational values.

Gullberg, playing 3rd and 5th leads, led ♥3 against Yaninski's 3♠. The Bulgarian, who at the age of 16 still has nine years of junior bridge ahead, finessed the queen. Gronqvist won and after some thought, returned a heart. This caters for the possibility that partner has ♠Qx (which he does) and an entry such as ♣A (which he doesn't). You can win the first trump, put partner in with his entry and then ruff a heart with ♠J to promote a second trump trick for your side.

Actually the entry to East was not needed as declarer won the second heart in dummy and immediately played the third top heart, Gronqvist ruffing with ♠J as planned. Declarer gave this a long look but eventually decided to over-ruff and start on his own cross-ruff: ace of clubs, club ruff, diamond to the ace, club ruff, and then the fourth heart. On this Gronqvist took the chance to ditch his last club. Now when declarer ruffed his last club Gronqvist over-ruffed and cashed the king of diamonds.

That held declarer to nine tricks but 14-10 in favour of the Bulgarians as six tables had reached game and failed. Four pairs in game succeeded.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

<p>♠ 7 6 4 ♥ J 10 ♦ 9 6 5 4 ♣ J 10 9 4</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K 10 9 ♥ 8 7 6 4 ♦ A 10 8 7 ♣ 6 5</p>	<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ A Q 5 ♦ K Q J 2 ♣ K Q 8 7</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gronqvist</i>	<i>Yaninski</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Ivanov</i>
Pass	2♥	INT	2♣*
		All Pass	

After the strong notrump 2♣ showed both majors and 2♥ implied longer hearts than spades as with equal length North could bid 2♦.

East led ♦K. Declarer does best to play on trumps at once. With the ace aside and the trumps breaking that ensures ten tricks. But, seeking nine, declarer won the first trick, ruffed a diamond, returned to hand with a spade, ruffed another diamond, and again came back with a spade.



He now led a trump from hand. East ducked so the king won and a second trump was taken by the queen.

Gullberg erred by drawing the third trump allowing declarer to concede only his remaining diamond. The club loser went away on the spades. But suppose East had switched to the club king before drawing the trump. Then he would be able to ruff the third spade and cash two winners.

+170 was worth 13-11 in favour of the Bulgarians. +140 would have been a complete top for the Swedes.

The new arrivals at the table for the second round were Luka Kesic & Ivan Brajkovic of Croatia NS, against Itamar Ginossar & Yuval Ben David of Israel. Ginossar's elder brother is the currently better-known Eldad.

Board 3. Dealer South EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Kesic</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Brajkovic</i>
			Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ showed a balanced 18/19 and 2♠ was a transfer to 2NT.

The opening lead to 3NT was ♠2 (third and fifth) to the ten. This gave declarer a nasty problem. He thought of ducking but realised that only pays when spades are 6-2 and the lead implied they were 5-3. So Ben David won and tested hearts. When South showed out declarer had to decide whether to rely on clubs 3-3 or ace of diamonds outside. The latter would give him nine tricks so he now led a diamond to the king. When that held things momentarily looked good. He returned to the ace of clubs and led a second diamond. Ouch! North threw a club. South won the jack and without cashing his top diamond continued spades. When the ten held he had another chance but actually played a third spade. North put the contract two off but still had a club left to concede a trick to dummy.

Amazingly the contract can be made. Of course Deep Finesse knows it is the clubs that are breaking. So win the first spade and cash four clubs. North is squeezed in three suits. He has to keep a diamond entry to his partner's hand and cannot throw a heart so must give up a spade. Now declarer sets up his ninth trick by playing a diamond and the defence have only four tricks to cash.

Actually there is some logic to that play when one has placed North with five spades to the ace. Ace of diamonds outside is slightly against the odds. An alternative is to rely on either clubs or hearts breaking and it is better to cash the clubs first as that is the one where you have only 8 tricks if they break, and you benefit from cashing the long club. You can still play for ace of diamonds outside.

Two declarers made 3NT, two collected big penalties, five went one off, and four shared the bottom for -200 and 3-21.

The next deal appeared to be a fairly dull 3NT for N-S but there plenty of match points at stake depending on whether declarer made 10 or 11 tricks.

Board 4. Dealer West. All.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Kesic</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Brajkovic</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The simplest of auctions led to 3NT by South on the lead of ♠J. Declarer won in dummy and led a diamond to the ace. When the queen fell declarer had nine top tricks and could concentrate on the overtricks. It is clearly a bit dangerous to try for the ace of clubs outside but a simple safe line is to cross to dummy and play a heart to the ten. That gives you ten and you still have time to try for an eleventh.

Declarer actually cashed all the diamonds (opponents throwing mainly spades) and then ran the heart queen to the king. West played a second spade and now declarer won in dummy and risked a finesse of the ♥10. When that worked he gratefully cashed his ten tricks and conceded the last two. Making ten tricks was worth only 8-16 to NS. Making 11 was 20-4.



Youngsters Qualifier Set 9

by Patrick Jourdain

The Rimstedt family of Sweden has been winning bridge trophies for many decades and the younger members are continuing the tradition. The oldest girl, Sandra, is a European Womens silver medallist, Cecilia has won the World Junior pairs, and their younger twin siblings are Mikael and Ola. Mikael is not here but Ola and his partner Johan Safsten were leading the Youngsters qualifier by a clear margin with a set to go. Over the ten boards of Session 7 they had scored 83.3%.

Ola & Safsten have invented their own system based on Strong Club with an artificial 1♦ opening which is either a weak notrump or unbalanced (10-16) with a 4-card major and longer minor, followed by relays.

The Swedish have names on their shirts like football players and Safsten is wearing one marked Simon Ekenberg. This is not because of the complexity of their system but because Johan lost his luggage en route to Burghausen.

The first opponents we watched were Florian Alter and Lauritz Streck of Germany.

Board 7. Dealer South. All.

♠ 8 4 ♥ 10 7 ♦ Q J 7 6 ♣ 10 9 7 6 4	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		♠ 9 5 2 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ 10 8 5 4 ♣ K 3 2	
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S									
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West	North	East	South
Ola	Streck	Safsten	Alter
			1♣
Dble 2♦	Pass All Pass	1♦	Dble

Ola's bidding was aggressive but N-S can be expected to make ten tricks in clubs so the target for Safsten was to go one off. This was not possible on the actual lie. Best defence actually puts the contract three off (two spades and a spade ruff, two hearts and a heart ruff, a club to the ace and then another major promotes a further trump trick for North).

South led a top spade but switched to his singleton trump. Safsten won and played the club queen taken by South's ace. South now continued with a club. Safsten discarded a heart from the dummy and won in hand. Now declarer led a spade. South went in with the king, gave his partner a ruff, received a heart back and the defence played

two rounds of hearts and then took a heart ruff.

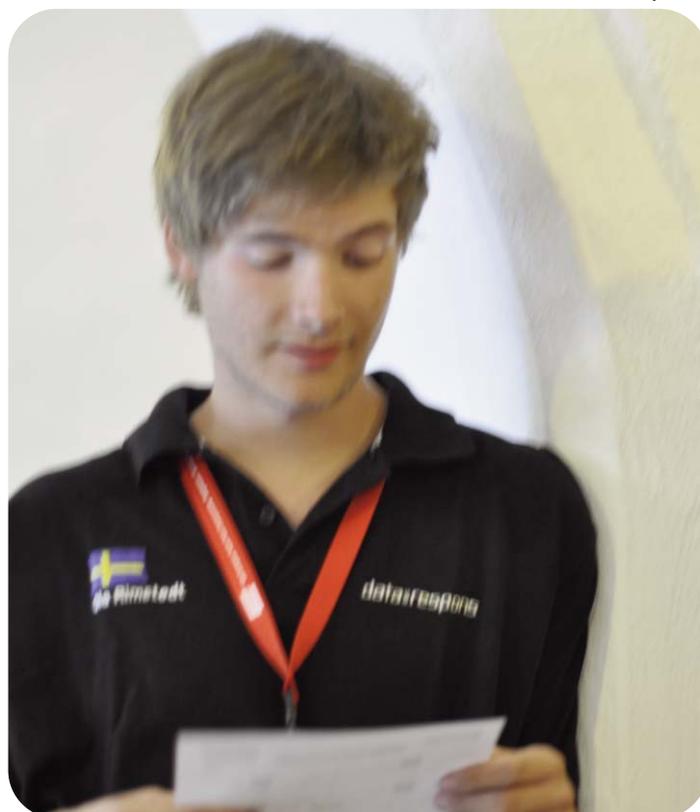
The dreaded -200 was a below average 25-45 for the Swedes. Allowing N-S to play a club partial would have reversed the scores. But had E-W been non-vulnerable the aggressive action would have paid off.

Board 8. Dealer West. None.

♠ 4 3 ♥ Q 7 2 ♦ A K 7 5 4 ♣ 7 5 4	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">W</td><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #008000; color: white;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>	N		W	E	S		♠ 6 5 ♥ A 9 6 5 ♦ J 9 6 3 ♣ Q 3 2	
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West	North	East	South
Ola	Streck	Safsten	Alter
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Against's South's 3NT Ola led ♣J. Declarer won the first club and immediately started on the diamonds. When these failed to break he abandoned the suit and ducked a spade



to West who continued with a low club to the queen. Declarer also won this and now tried a heart to the queen and ace. East cashed his diamond and led a second spade. Declarer made only his seven obvious tricks. +100 was worth 58-12 whereas one off was average.

If the diamonds are breaking they still will be later so South does best after winning the club to start on hearts. That will provide one extra trick.

On the next two deals the Swedes' opponents were Jason Doyle and Johnathan McGrath of Ireland. It was an opportunity for the unnamed Swedish system to take a bow.

Board 1. Dealer North. None.

♠ Q J 8 4 ♥ A K J 4 ♦ 6 5 3 ♣ Q 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ A 10 9 7 ♥ 9 2 ♦ Q J 7 4 ♣ A 10 5	♠ 6 5 ♥ 7 6 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ K J 8 6 3 2 ♠ K 3 2 ♥ Q 10 8 5 3 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ 9 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Ola</i>	<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Safsten</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Five alerted bids followed by a jump to game in a suit that had not actually been bid earlier. The meaning was:

- 1♦ Either a weak notrump or 10-16 with 4-card major and longer minor.
- 1NT Forcing enquiry
- 2♣ Weak notrump
- 2♦ Forcing relay
- 2♥ Four spades.

The interesting point to your observer was that the opponents, bemused perhaps by all the alerting, did not ask any questions. Of course, the answers would only have told them about dummy and might well not have affected the opening lead. North chose a club. Ola ran this to the queen and had gained a trick from the field.

The trump finesse lost to South who played a second club. Ola drew trumps ending in hand and led a diamond to the queen and ace. Winning the heart switch he played another diamond. When North held the king and the diamonds broke 3-3 declarer had the rest to make his 4♠ and score a shared top 69-1 in matchpoints. Most pairs had not reached game.

Our next deal was one of the most spectacular of the championships:

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ J 7 6 5 3 ♥ J 8 7 6 ♦ 8 7 5 2 ♣ —	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N <hr style="width: 100%;"/> W <hr style="width: 100%;"/> E <hr style="width: 100%;"/> S </div>	♠ A 10 2 ♥ A K Q 10 9 4 3 ♦ K 9 ♣ 3 ♠ Q ♥ 5 2 ♦ A J 6 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 6 2	♠ K 9 8 4 ♥ — ♦ Q 10 4 3 ♣ A K J 5 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Ola</i>	<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Safsten</i>	<i>Doyle</i>
1♦*	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	1♠*	Pass
4♥	All Pass	3♥	Pass

- This time four artificial bids before something natural.
- 1♣ 16+
 - 1♦ Negative 0-4 based on a point count A=3, K=2, Q=1;
 - 1♠ 5-cards in EITHER Major OR a 3-suiter
 - 2♣ Double negative

No questions from N-S but this time there was a difference. N-S, who never bid, are cold for a slam. Indeed, they can make all thirteen if East leads the wrong ace.

Against 4♥ South led ♣10. This was ruffed. Declarer drew one trump and then a spade went to South's queen. A second club allowed declarer to ruff again and throw a diamond from hand. Declarer took a spade finesse and South made his remaining trump. But when South underled his diamond ace declarer made his bare king and claimed 11 tricks.

+450 gave the Swedes 57-13. +420 would have worth 47-23. The top E-W score of 590 was achieved three times.

The N-S who managed to find their club fit did well. Those who pushed E-W to Five Hearts one off scored average. 5♣ made with two overtricks was worth 56-14. Six Clubs doubled just making was worth 65-5 and the shared top went to Six Clubs doubled making with an overtrick for 1740 and 69-1.



Girls! Girls! Girls!

by Mark Horton

Girls! Girls! Girls! is a 1962 American musical comedy film starring Elvis Presley as a penniless Hawaiian fisherman who loves his life on the sea and dreams of owning his own boat.

I can't say how many of the competitors in the Girls Championship might yearn after a boat, but for sure they are all hoping to be on the podium on Wednesday.

I had a few moments to spare on Monday, so I dashed off to watch a couple of deals.

I caught the end of Board 6 where England's Sinead Bird and Sarah O'Connor reached 5♦ with ♠Q7 ♥AQ62 ♦J8 ♣A10943 opposite ♠983 ♥K104 ♦AKQ1076 ♣K. Their opponents did well to cash two spades on the go to hold declarer to +600 which was worth only 9/13.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A ♥ A 4 ♦ A Q 10 7 3 ♣ Q J 7 5 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	♠ J ♥ 8 6 ♦ J 9 8 6 4 2 ♣ 10 6 3 2	♠ Q 10 8 7 4 ♥ K Q 5 3 ♦ K 5 ♣ A 9
	♠ K 9 6 5 3 2 ♥ J 10 9 7 2 ♦ — ♣ K 8		



West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Budzynska</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Sroka</i>
3♥*	Pass	3NT	2♥* All Pass

2♥ Majors, weak

The idea of opening 2♥ to show both majors is not new (it is described in detail in *The Mysterious Multi*).

It looks as if 3♥ was designed to show both minors (you might like to consider how best to defend against this particular convention) and it left East with a tough decision. With a lot of high cards, but no obvious way to investigate higher level contracts she eventually opted for 3NT.

South led the five of spades to dummy's ace. A club to the ace and a club set up that suit and when South switched to the jack of hearts declarer won with dummy's ace, played a heart to the king and the queen of spades. South took the king and declarer claimed the rest, +660 and 14/8.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ K 10 9 ♦ Q J 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♣ J 10	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	♠ 8 6 3 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ A K ♣ 8 6 5 4 2	♠ K Q J 10 2 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ 9 ♣ K Q 9 7
	♠ A 9 7 5 4 ♥ A J 8 6 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A 3		

West	North	East	South
<i>Chavarria</i>	<i>Budzynska</i>	<i>Salvato</i>	<i>Sroka</i>
1♠ Pass	4♦ Pass	Pass Dble	5♦ All Pass

Looking at two cast iron tricks and facing an opening bid it is hard to blame East for doubling although you could argue that there was particular reason for South to be taking an advance sacrifice at this vulnerability.

As you will see, it turned out badly.

Declarer won the spade lead with dummy's ace, pitching a club and played a diamond to the queen and king. She took the club switch with dummy's ace, ruffed a club and played the jack of diamonds. She ruffed the club return and played four more diamonds pitching a heart from dummy before crossing to the ace of hearts and playing a heart to the ten. +550 was achieved three times so that was 20/2.

Burn's Laws

This marvellous article by David Burn originally appeared under the title Larry Who? It has been published on the Internet, but it deserves a wider audience, especially in light of a deal reported elsewhere by Patrick Jourdain.

It appears that the most significant bridge book to emerge in recent years is something called The Law of Total Tricks. This work is said to have revolutionised competitive bidding among experts and average players alike, and it even has a sequel called Following the Law. The third volume in the series, Lesser Breeds Without the Law, ought to be out in time for Christmas.

The principle on which the Law is based was originally developed by Jules Verne in his novel Nord contre Sud, or "North Doubles South". It should be apparent from the title that the novel is a bridge fantasy, not meant to be taken seriously, but this has not prevented scholars from following its precepts religiously. In particular, the pithily expressed notion that "the sum of the number of tricks available to North-South in their best trump fit and the number of tricks available to East-West in theirs equals the sum of the number of trumps held by North-South in their best fit and the number of trumps held by East-West in theirs" has caused innumerable learned writers, including the present author, to forget what they were going to say at the end of a sentence because the beginning of it has gone on for so long.

The Law itself is more or less worthless, since the total number of tricks taken by anyone almost never equals the total number available to them, regardless of how many trumps they might have. That is why, in his second book, Larry Cohen was at pains to develop the theme of "adjustments". The current version of the Law of Total Tricks, assuming that I have fully understood the great man's words, is:

"The total number of tricks that North-South and East-West can take in their respective best trump fits is equal to: the total number of trumps they hold, minus one for the number of holdings such as Qx and Jxx in any of the hands, plus one for each card over eight in a side suit held by the partnership, minus a half for every honour held in a short suit, plus a half for having most of your honours in your long suits, with a tendency towards a negative assessment if the opponents bid one of your long suits, but a tendency towards a positive assessment if your hand does not contain impurities."

No wonder it doesn't work. And even if it did, no one would have a hope of understanding it. What I am going to present in this article is a far simpler rule, with the following absolute guarantee: If you never again violate Burn's Law of Total Trumps, your results will improve enormously.

That may sound a grandiose and wholly unjustifiable claim, but it is not. I have conducted the most comprehensive and painstaking research in order to verify my theory. At the recent Olympiad in Rhodes, any one of forty teams would have won but for the fact that at some point they violated Burn's Law. Chinese Taipei, for example, would have been in the final instead of France had they not done this:

Dealer North. North/South Game

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

In the Closed Room the auction was:

West	North	East	South
	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	6♦*	Pass	6♥*
Pass	Pass*	Pass	

It may help to set out the two different versions of this somewhat bewildering auction:

Bid	Meaning according to North	Meaning according to South
2♣	5+ ♣, perhaps a major, 11-16	5+ ♣, perhaps a major, 11-16
2♦	relay	relay
2♠	4+ spades	4+ spades
3♥	5+ hearts	I ought to have hearts but I am a bit fixed because 3♠ is not forcing, 4♦ is a splinter and 4♠ is feeble
3♠	No diamond guard	No diamond guard
4♦	Fourth suit, presumably looking for somewhere to play	A cue bid, which I hope partner will realise agrees ♠ even though there is no reason why he should
4♥	Heart support	Heart support
4♠	Cue bid with ♥ agreed	Spade support
5♣	Cue bid with ♥ agreed	Cue bid with ♠ agreed
5♦	Cue bid with ♥ agreed	A sign off in ♠
5♠	Cue bid with ♥ agreed	♣ support (it might be argued that taking six rounds of the auction to support your partner's first bid suit is a little excessive, but in view of the number of rounds that

- 6♣ Grand slam try in ♥
 - 6♦ A sign off in ♥
 - 6♥ Oh, well!
- South took to support ♠, not especially surprising
Cue bid with ♠ agreed asking for good trumps
Grand slam try in ♠, asking for good trumps
What the *@\$\$!

In the Open Room, the bidding was no less risible but rather more effective:

West	North	East	South
<i>Lin</i>	<i>Mari</i>	<i>Shen</i>	<i>Bompis</i>
	INT*		
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♦*	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠*	All Pass	

- INT Out of turn, but nobody noticed
- 2NT Both majors
- 4♦ Transfer to spades
- 6♠ A punt, hoping that the slam would either be a good one or would make on a blind opening lead

Six spades made, six hearts went five down, and France took the lead in the match for the first time in the final set of sixteen boards.

Shattered by this blow, the Chinese Taipei men could not recover and all because they had failed to obey Burn's Law of Total Trumps:

'When you are declarer, the total number of trumps held by your side should be greater than the total number of trumps held by your opponents.'

Britain would have been in the knock-out stages but for this:

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

In the Open Room, Slovenia did well to stop in a making contract, for South had ♠KQJ3

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In the Closed Room, one of the more serious violations of the Law occurred:

West	North	East	South
			1♣
Pass	3♣	4♣	All Pass

This contract went five down (it is an interesting corollary to Burn's Law that almost all violations of it end up going five down) and Slovenia gained 12 IMPs.

In true Larry Cohen style, I have already written the sequel to the Law of Total Trumps.

It is called The Rule of Eight, and it is for those of you whose bidding methods are already geared to the avoidance of 3-0 fits

but whose judgement at the higher levels of the auction may be a little suspect.

This deal from the Olympiad final between France and Indonesia is a good example.

Dealer South. Love All

♠ Q J 10 7 6 5
♥ A Q 7 2
♦
♣ 9 4 2

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Szwarc</i>	<i>Panelewen</i>	<i>Multon</i>	<i>Watulingas</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♦
4♦	4♥	4NT	5♥
Pass	5♠	6♦*	Pass
Pass	6♠*	Double	All Pass

6♦ A violation of the rule of eight, 6♠ See above
In the Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Karwur</i>	<i>Mouiel</i>	<i>Sakul</i>	<i>Levy</i>
			Pass
Pass	1♠	2♦	3♦
4♦	4♥	5♣	5♠
6♦*	6♥*	Pass	6♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

6♦ Further violation, 6♥ Ditto

make the same guarantee for the Rule of Eight as I made for the Law of Total Trumps. If you never again violate it, your results will improve immeasurably.

The rule is similar to the well-known Rule of Eleven, and is applied in three stages:

1. During the auction, ascertain how many aces are held by your opponents. 2. Subtract this number from eight. 3. Do not bid at the level given by the answer.

The third book in the series will cover advanced topics in card play such as putting down the dummy. To whet your appetite, here is an important principle:

If your side has bid and supported a major suit during the auction, but finished up in no trumps, you should put the major you were bidding on the extreme right of dummy as it appears from declarer's point of view.

Otherwise, as one poor soul discovered in Rhodes, your partner may fall foul of Burn's Third Law:

You cannot make 3NT on a cross-ruff.

President's Closing Speech

Dear Young bridge friends,

I am pleased to welcome you for the EBL Youth Pairs Championships Closing Ceremony.

This year, you have been 217 pairs coming from 26 countries. This is an 25% increase compared to the last Youth Pairs Championships with a record level of participation in the Youngsters Series.

You played in a very good spirit with a lot of fair-play.

Next month some of you will play in Istanbul. I wish you all a great success and numerous medals for the European countries during this World Championship.

Next year the 25th EBL Team Championships will be held in Tromsø/Norway from 17th to 25th July. The Championship has been reduced to one week with matches of 16 boards. To have a complete round-robin, some days could be played with 4 matches. You are young so you can do it.

You will be hosted in a nice place in the University of Tromsø in the Midnight Sun.

Since 2006, there has been no Youth camp following the Youth Championships. As I have promised it to you in Vejle in 2012, the EBL organises again a Youth camp. More than 120 players have now registered for the EBL 3-day camp followed by the German 3-day camp with the support of the DBV.

I want to thank the German Authorities and in particular Hans Steindl, Mayor of Burghausen, for their great support.

I will ask Hans Steindl to come to the stage to receive an EBL plaque. Thank you Mr Mayor.

Thank you also to all sponsors and in particular the Raiffeisenbank and its Director, Herr Oberreiter who is attending the ceremony.

I want to thank the German Federation, the organising committee and all the staff from Germany and EBL who worked with enthusiasm and professionalism to make this event in Burghausen such a success.

I will award some Members of the German Federation and

I ask Karen Schroeder to come to the stage

Thank you Karen

I ask Josef Harsanyi to come to the stage

Thank you Josef

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

Tomorrow, if you are not participating in the camp, you will go back home.

Have a safe journey and enjoy your evening.

I officially declare closed the 12th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships.

