

Daily Bulletin

Bulletin 3

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Yellow Jersey changes hands

When France surprisingly lost to lowly England, the lead changed hands as the defending champions Italy moved to the top of the table. The fall of France also allowed the field to close up, and Israel and Norway moved past them, relegating yesterday's leaders to fourth place. They have a nine point advantage over fifth-placed Denmark. They in turn are one point clear of Turkey, Belgium and Austria. The host nation maintained their position courtesy of a 25-0 VP blitz of Switzerland.

At the wrong end of the table Spain and Ireland are already beginning to look like candidates for the wooden spoon.

Schools Team Championship-Registration of Systems

Will you please make sure that you lodge your convention cards as soon as possible.

Internet News

You can follow the championships on the Internet at www.bridge.gr

While you are there why not take a look at some other excellent sites relating to bridge?

www.bridge.dk is the official site of the Danish Bridge Federation, and although it is in Danish, it currently contains the excellent bulletins from the recent Politiken Cup, which Barry Rigal reports featured many brilliant hands.

www.bridgemagazine.co.uk contains one of the best online shops on the net.

www.BridgeOn.net is a new online magazine that was launched on the first of July.

www.msoworld.com is well worth a visit.

If you go to www.greatbridgelinks.com you will find details of virtually every bridge related sit on the web.



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Switzerland - Ireland	10.30
Netherlands - Italy	15.00
Hungary - Russia	21.00

SCHEDULE

Sunday 9th July

10.30	Juniors, Round 7
15.00	Juniors, Round 8
21.00	Juniors, Round 9

Support Your Bulletin!

This Daily Bulletin aims to break fresh ground at a Junior Championship by operating as a real newspaper. We will keep you up to date with the key stories from all around the world, as well as presenting an insight into Junior Bridge. There are competitions, but they all require you to communicate with us! Please use the forms that have been prepared for submitting hands - you will find them at various key points in both the Hotel and the Conference Centre.

Mark Horton - Editor

JUNIOR TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	ISRAEL bye	0	0	18	0
2	NETHERLANDS BELGIUM	32	53	11	19
3	ICELAND RUSSIA	49	53	14	16
4	POLAND DENMARK	42	47	14	16
5	FINLAND HUNGARY	50	63	12	18
6	FRANCE SWEDEN	47	69	10	20
7	TURKEY ESTONIA	13	66	5	25
8	ENGLAND SCOTLAND	32	37	14	16
9	WALES SPAIN	81	11	25	2
10	SWITZERLAND ITALY	31	54	10	20
11	GERMANY PORTUGAL	43	49	14	16
12	AUSTRIA IRELAND	79	46	22	8
13	NORWAY CROATIA	54	42	17	13

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	BELGIUM bye	0	0	18	0
2	IRELAND SCOTLAND	54	98	6	24
3	ISRAEL AUSTRIA	57	38	19	11
4	ESTONIA NETHERLANDS	46	43	16	14
5	PORTUGAL NORWAY	22	68	6	24
6	DENMARK CROATIA	49	51	15	15
7	FINLAND RUSSIA	31	64	8	22
8	ICELAND SPAIN	64	20	24	6
9	HUNGARY WALES	53	70	11	19
10	ENGLAND FRANCE	41	23	19	11
11	POLAND ITALY	10	58	5	25
12	TURKEY SWITZERLAND	96	12	25	0
13	SWEDEN GERMANY	31	53	10	20

Attention Please!



The players taking part in these Championships represent the proud future of our sport. Many of you will go on to become the stars of tomorrow, just like the players we are featuring in the Daily Bulletins. However, we don't have all the information we need about each player, and it is therefore important that every captain, coach or supporter of the teams provides us with a profile of their players. Serious or humorous - it is up to you. We want to publish at least four a day from now on, so get busy!



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7

1	bye	FRANCE
2	AUSTRIA	DENMARK
3	ITALY	HUNGARY
4	SPAIN	RUSSIA
5	CROATIA	ENGLAND
6	ESTONIA	ISRAEL
7	SWEDEN	WALES
8	PORTUGAL	NETHERLANDS
9	SWITZERLAND	IRELAND
10	FINLAND	POLAND
11	SCOTLAND	GERMANY
12	NORWAY	TURKEY
13	ICELAND	BELGIUM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8

1	bye	NORWAY
2	BELGIUM	SWEDEN
3	HUNGARY	FRANCE
4	PORTUGAL	ISRAEL
5	IRELAND	ESTONIA
6	ICELAND	AUSTRIA
7	NETHERLANDS	ITALY
8	WALES	CROATIA
9	POLAND	GERMANY
10	SPAIN	ENGLAND
11	FINLAND	SWITZERLAND
12	DENMARK	SCOTLAND
13	RUSSIA	TURKEY

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9

1	bye	IRELAND
2	PORTUGAL	SWITZERLAND
3	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA
4	NORWAY	FINLAND
5	ESTONIA	BELGIUM
6	TURKEY	SPAIN
7	POLAND	SWEDEN
8	DENMARK	ENGLAND
9	ISRAEL	ICELAND
10	FRANCE	AUSTRIA
11	HUNGARY	RUSSIA
12	GERMANY	ITALY
13	SCOTLAND	WALES

JUNIOR TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 6

1	ITALY	122
2	ISRAEL	120
3	NORWAY	119
4	FRANCE	113
5	DENMARK	104
6	TURKEY	103
7	BELGIUM	103
8	AUSTRIA	103
9	NETHERLANDS	101
10	RUSSIA	96
11	ESTONIA	95
12	HUNGARY	93
13	GERMANY	91
14	CROATIA	90
15	POLAND	89
16	SWEDEN	88
17	ENGLAND	84
18	PORTUGAL	81
19	ICELAND	80
20	SCOTLAND	73
21	FINLAND	71
22	WALES	66
23	SWITZERLAND	62
24	SPAIN	45
25	IRELAND	43

Sport News



Wimbledon

Venus Williams is the new Wimbledon Ladies Singles Champion. She defeated the defending champion, Lindsay Davenport in yesterday's final in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6.

Cycling

Dutchman, Erik Dekker won yesterday's eighth stage of the Tour de France for the RAB team. Dekker finished 52 seconds ahead of the second-placed rider, Jan Xavier of France. Alberto Elli still retains the yellow jersey.

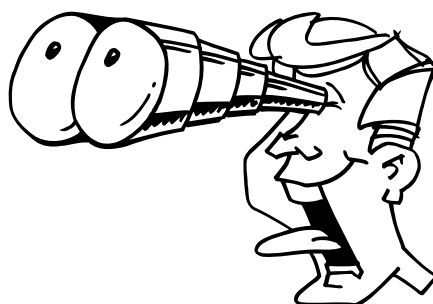
Rugby Union

World champions, Australia defeated South Africa by their largest ever winning margin, 44-23, to win the inaugural Mandela Cup.

Meanwhile, Fiji demolished Canada by 42-11 in their Epsom Cup Pacific Rim match on Friday.

No-Trumps Ever Spades Never !

by Nissan Rand



In the opening round of the junior championship Israel defeated Switzerland 18-12 VP. Most of the winning margin came from this deal:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amit		Vax	
	1♦	Double	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Yaniv Vax made the right decision to ignore his six-card suit and simply raised to Three No-Trumps.

All the defence could take was four club tricks.

In the Closed Room, Switzerland, like most of the field, played in Four Spades and went one down. As an aside, the contract should always go down, but if South does not lead a heart or a club, he may not appreciate the necessity of hanging on to all his diamonds. More than one declarer recorded +620, but the play records don't tell us how!

Score Change

As a result of the appeal from Round 2 involving Portugal and Italy, the score in the match was changed from 16-14 to 17-13 in favour of Italy.

JUNIOR TEAMS **SESSION 3**



FRANCE

VS

ICELAND



After two rounds, France were the leaders of the Junior competition. Indeed, had it not been for a 2 VP mobile phone penalty, they would have had a 100% score. How would they perform against Iceland, who were just below half-way, in Round Three?

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Thorsson	Labruyere	Stefansson
1♦	Dble	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Geitner	Gunnarsson	Frey
INT	Double	All Pass	Pass

In the Closed Room, the French 2♠ contract drifted two off on an uninspired line from declarer; -200. In the Open Room, Bjarni Einarsson's weak no trump (11-13) was doubled by Julien Geitner, ending the auction. There was no defence. Geitner led the king of spades and continued with a second spade when that was ducked. Einarsson won the second spade and played a diamond for the jack and ace. Geitner switched to the queen of clubs now and Nathalie Frey ducked this to declarer's king. Einarsson cashed out for +180 and a 9 IMP swing to Iceland.

This was the only significant swing of the first 12 boards, after which Iceland led by 12-6 IMPs. From here, however, it was all France.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Thorsson	Labruyere	Stefansson
3♠	1♦	Pass	1♥
	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Geitner	Gunnarsson	Frey
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♥	All Pass	2♥

Where Geitner passed as dealer, his side eventually won the auction, Frey playing 3♥. She won the spade lead in dummy and immediately played a heart, ducking to the king. Einarsson switched to his singleton club. Frey won the ace and played a



Guillaume Grenthe

heart to her ace then cashed two top clubs while Einarsson discarded spades. She played a spade to hand and ruffed the third spade then ruffed dummy's fourth club. That was over-ruffed but she still had to come to a diamond trick for her contract; +140. In the other room, Pall Thorsson saw an opening bid in the North cards. Guillaume Grenthe made a pre-emptive overcall that won the contract and with the $\diamond K$ onside $3\clubsuit$ was a very nice contract. France chalked up another +140 and 7 IMPs to move into the lead.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>\spadesuit 6 \heartsuit A Q J 9 6 2 \diamond A K 10 9 3 \clubsuit 9</p>	<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		<p>\spadesuit A K Q 5 4 \heartsuit 7 4 \diamond 4 \clubsuit A Q 10 3 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit 10 8 7 2 \heartsuit K 5 3 \diamond J 5 2 \clubsuit K 8 6</p>
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	S											

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Thorsson	Labruyere	Stefansson
Pass	4 \heartsuit	4 \spadesuit	Pass
			All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Geitner	Gunnarsson	Frey
Pass	1 \heartsuit	1 \spadesuit	2 \heartsuit
2 \spadesuit	4 \diamond	4 \clubsuit	Double
All Pass			

Your choice of opening bid on the North cards says something about your philosophy of how the game should be played. Of course no-one could really criticise a 1 \heartsuit opening bid in third seat (except perhaps partner after it hasn't worked out very well), but Thorsson's 4 \heartsuit opening will appeal to players who like a lot of action and believe that the problems they cause the opposition will more than make up for their own loss of accuracy. Here, the only difference was that Pierre-Andre Labruyere escaped undoubled when Thorsson decided that he had said his piece, while Frey doubled Gudmundur Gunnarsson at the other table.

Neither defence was particularly hot and both declarers escaped with nine tricks; +50 for Iceland but +100 for France and 2 IMPs.

Five Hearts is makable courtesy of the diamond finesse, and I guess that if you were only going to take 4 \clubsuit doubled one off you would rather risk the five level in pursuit of the vulnerable game bonus. Of course, it is possible to do a little better on defence to spades, as was shown at both tables in the vugraph match between Scotland and Belgium, where both tables declared 5 \clubsuit doubled.

On screen we watched Robert Carr for Scotland cash a top

diamond then switch to ace and queen of hearts. His partner, Douglas Marshall overtook the second heart to play the jack of diamonds through and now there was no way for declarer to avoid the loss of a fifth trick as the defence had a force going against him. The fact that -500 was only worth a flat board shows the quality of the bridge in this match.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>\spadesuit K 9 7 2 \heartsuit A Q J 10 6 \diamond 5 \clubsuit A 10 5</p>	<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		<p>\spadesuit Q 8 \heartsuit K 2 \diamond J 9 8 6 4 3 \clubsuit J 7 2</p>	<p>\spadesuit A 4 \heartsuit 9 7 4 \diamond A K Q 2 \clubsuit K Q 9 4</p>
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W		E										
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Thorsson	Labruyere	Stefansson
1 \diamond	Double	3 \diamond	Pass
5 \diamond	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Geitner	Gunnarsson	Frey
1 \clubsuit	Dble	1 \diamond	Pass
1NT	2 \heartsuit	3 \diamond	3 \heartsuit
3 \spadesuit	4 \heartsuit	Pass	Pass
5 \diamond	Double	All Pass	

The French pair reached 5 \diamond in straightforward fashion and Grenthe got a spade lead to dummy's queen. He drew trumps and soon had 11 tricks for +600.

The auction in the other room was somewhat more complex. One Club was strong and the double showed both majors. One Diamond showed 4-7 HCP and from here the East/West auction was essentially natural, with 3 \clubsuit showing values in the suit. Meanwhile, Geitner showed a good hand with longer hearts by bidding freely for a second time. Why Frey raised hearts and never showed her spades is a mystery to me (I would have been inclined to bid 2 \spadesuit or even 3 \spadesuit at my first turn) but it worked out very well in a rather strange way.

Frey led a heart against 5 \diamond doubled and Geitner put in the ten to find out what was going on in the suit. Gunnarsson won the $\heartsuit K$ and drew two rounds of trumps then played the king of clubs off the table. Geitner won the ace and played two rounds of hearts, declarer ruffing, and it was all down to the club position. Remembering the auction, declarer could not imagine that South had five spades and only three hearts. Since she was marked with only three hearts for her partner's 2 \heartsuit bid, she surely had to be 4-3-2-4. Gunnarsson played the club jack then a club to the nine and shook his head sadly when that lost to the ten. His spade loser went away on the $\clubsuit Q$ but that was for one down; -200 and 13 IMPs to France.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Thorsson	Labruyere	Stefansson
2♣	2NT	All Pass	1♥

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Geitner	Gunnarsson	Frey
2♣	4♥	4♠	1♥
4NT	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

There is little point in dwelling on the Closed Room auction - clearly somebody was on the wrong page of the system file. Two No Trump was three down for -150.

Back to the real world: Geitner made the simple man's bid of 4♥ over Einarsson's 2♣ overcall and Gunnarsson showed his spades. Einarsson no doubt expected something a little better than a five-card jack-high suit, and asked for key cards. The pass over 5♥ showed one key card and Einarsson signed off in 5♠. Fortunately, this auction sounded rather strong to North/South also. Geitner actually alerted his own pass and said that maybe it was forcing, maybe not. When Frey passed it out he amended that to 'obviously not'. Three rounds of diamonds for a ruff then a heart switch meant that 5♠ had to go three down for -300; harmless enough with 5♥ cold the other way, and the French pair must have been quite pleased to find themselves gaining 10 IMPs for their slightly soft result.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Grenthe	Thorsson	Labruyere	Stefansson
1♦	2♠	Pass	2NT
3♣	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Einarsson	Geitner	Gunnarsson	Frey
1♦	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

That doesn't look like a French vulnerable weak jump overcall to me - clearly Geitner does not share the style of his seniors - and perhaps it didn't look like one to Frey either, as she confidently jumped to 3NT in response. Einarsson tried the queen of diamonds but with that wonderful spade position it really didn't matter what he led. Frey won the ♦K and played the ace of spades, on which Einarsson unblocked the queen in the hope that his partner might have ♠Jxx and gain the lead. Frey rattled off the spades and had sufficient confidence in her reading of the ending to play a club to the ace then lead the queen of hearts to king and ace. Next she played a heart to her nine and just conceded the last two tricks to Einarsson in diamonds; +660.

The North hand looks a lot more like a Nordic weak jump overcall and Frimann Stefansson clearly had less confidence in it than Frey had shown at the other table. He allowed his opponents to play 3♦, a contract which drifted a quiet one off for -100 but 11 IMPs to France.

The final score was 50-12 in France's favour, converting to 23-7 VPs and extending their lead at the top of the table.

Team Profile: The Team BYE

We are not a wealthy country, competing only when there is an odd number of teams and the organisers wish us to make up the numbers. If you look at the Results Table you will see we have a consistent, rather poor, record, losing every match 0-18. However, that is better than some!

We have some members on the staff. You may have had a ruling from our studious Tournament Director, BY The Book, or our member of the Appeals Committee, BYE Law. Missing, incidentally, is BY the Way.

Now let me introduce our team. Our top player, of course, is BEST BUY. His partner, also a competent player, I shall name later. (Can you guess why?) In our second partnership we have a player, who, for a Junior, bids very little, namely PASS BY. His partner is the only female in the team, the tall blonde who plays cricket, LEG BYE. Our third pair is fairly inexperienced. One player I rest as often as possible, LAY BY. The other, really only a reserve, is STAND BY. We have a local coach from Turkey, ALI BI.

Did you guess the name of BEST BUY's partner who I mention last? It is GOOD BYE.

**Signing off: The team n.p.c., BYE BYE.
(aka Patrick Jourdain)**

JUNIOR TEAMS

SESSION 5



NORWAY

VS

CROATIA



Norway lay third overnight but had an awkward morning match against the dangerous Croatian team. First blood went to Norway with a single IMP on the first board of the match, then Croatia took the lead on Board 4 when Norway declared an inferior partscore and declarer misguessed the ending.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Pilipovic	Charlsen	Sasek
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
Pass	1♦	2♣	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

Three Diamonds is a much more comfortable contract than 2NT and I much prefer Tomislav Sasek's auction to that of Ronny Jørstad.

Unless he is willing to lead his singleton trump queen, East will give a trick whichever suit he leads and Marina Pilipovic brought home ten tricks in 3♦, to score +130 for Croatia.

Jørstad received the lead of a club through dummy's queen from Vanja Grahek in his 2NT contract. He played the queen and ducked the king. Grahek won the second club and played the ace of diamonds. When the queen fell he cashed three more rounds of diamonds, on which Karlo Brguljan pitched a spade then two hearts. The spade pitch was an error as it gave Jørstad a chance to make his contract. He led the ♠Q from hand but, when Grahek ducked smoothly, Jørstad chickened out of running the queen. When he rose with the ace he could cash the fifth diamond but had to concede the remainder for down one; -100 and

6 IMPs to Croatia.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Pilipovic	Charlsen	Sasek
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
		6♣	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
		5♣	All Pass

What would you rebid with the East cards? Brguljan went for the classic diamonds, diamonds, then clubs sequence to show a weak 6-4, while Thomas Charlsen preferred to bid clubs at his second turn. Olav Ellestad drove Charlsen to slam while Grahek was willing to stop in game.

The lead against 5♣ was a trump. Grahek won in hand and played three rounds of hearts, ruffing, then cashed the ace of spades before playing a diamond to the ace and ruffing a diamond. He had 11 tricks now on a crossruff; +400.

The opening lead was more critical in the other room where Charlsen was in slam, but from the other side. The singleton trump lead did not look attractive and Sasek actually chose a spade. Charlsen won the ♠A and proceeded to cash all his winners then crossruff his way to 12 tricks - four top tricks in the side suits and eight trump tricks.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 10 7 6 ♥ 7 5 ♦ A 10 7 3 ♣ A 6 5 4	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A Q J 9 8 2 ♥ A 6 4 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ 2	♠ – ♥ K 2 ♦ Q J 6 5 4 ♣ K Q 10 8 7 3
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Pilipovic	Charlsen	Sasek
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♦
2♠	Pass	3♥	2♣
4♠	Double	All Pass	Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
Pass	1♥	1♠	1♣
2♠	3♣	3♠	2♣
Double	All Pass		5♣

One can sympathise with Pilipovic's double of 4♠. After all, she had a ten-count and king to four trumps facing a hand that could open the bidding then make a free rebid. But she found that she could do nothing to defeat the contract. Indeed, Charlsen managed an overtrick. He was able to ruff three clubs in hand and two hearts on table and eventually develop an endplay to make all six of his trumps for a huge +990.

In the other room, the Croatians had not bid to game on the East/West cards and must have been quite happy with the +500 they took from 5♣ doubled. Grahek led spades at every opportunity and declarer eventually lost control. Though he was able to ruff out the diamonds, he had insufficient trumps to be able to enjoy them. Grahek had a small trump to make at the end for a promising Croatian result. They can do without more promising results like that one, as it cost them 10 IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Pilipovic	Charlsen	Sasek
1♣	Pass	1♠	Dble
3♦	3♥	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
1♣	Pass	1♠	Double
4♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Ellestad's mini-splinter jump reverse allowed Pilipovic to get her hand off her chest at the three-level and she had no reason to remove what was an essentially penalty double of 4♠. Sasek cashed the ace of hearts then switched to a low diamond for the jack and ace. Charlsen played a low spade from hand, losing to the jack, and now Sasek forced dummy with a heart. Charlsen could not draw trumps without conceding a second heart trick and had to go two down; -300.

In the other room, Grahek made the full-blooded jump to 4♠ and Jørstad doubled. Perhaps Jørstad intended that to be for penalty, but if so I disagree with him, and so apparently did Stig Roar Hakkebo, who removed to 5♥. Had that been doubled, it could have gone three down for 500 to Croatia, however, when Brguljan felt unable to double, Grahek took the push to 5♠ and that was 500 the other way and 5 IMPs to Norway.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Pilipovic	Charlsen	Sasek
3♥	Dble	Pass	1♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	5♥



Thomas Charlsen

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Pilipovic	Charlsen	Sasek
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Three Clubs made 11 tricks after a spade lead had allowed declarer to get rid of all his diamonds; +150. But that proved to be insufficient because Croatia bid aggressively to the no trump game and it was far too tough for Ellestad to find the killing heart lead. Not unnaturally, he led a low diamond and Charlsen played king, ace and a third round of the suit. When declarer got the clubs right, he had the rest of the tricks for -660 and 11 IMPs to Croatia.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
2♥	Dble	Pass	1♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	5♠

Norway outbid their opponents on this deal, Hakkebo/Jørstad reaching the cold spade slam while Pilipovic/Sasek reached the inferior but hardly terrible club slam, which failed on the 5-1 trump split.

Ellestad's 3♥ pre-empt put his opponents under more pressure than Grahek's weak jump overcall, but it still looks odd not to reach spades. Six Clubs was two down for -100 while 6♠ made an easy +980 to give 14 IMPs to Norway. The Norwegians led by 42-7 at this stage but the next big swing went to Croatia, who needed it.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 9 4											
♥ A Q 9											
♦ 6 2											
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		♣ 5									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
2♠	Pass	3♣	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Two Spades was weak with spades and an unspecified minor and 3♣ was pass or correct. Brguljan led the ♣9, zero or two higher, to the queen and king. Hakkebo played a diamond to the king and came back to hand with a heart to lead a second diamond up. Brguljan took his ace and exited with the ♥J to dummy's king. Hakkebo cleared the diamonds and Brguljan cashed his ♣A; ten tricks for +430.

The Closed Room auction is withheld to protect the guilty. Given a free run, the Croatian pair took 15 bids to reach 5♠, a contract of no great beauty and even less chance of making. It went five down for -250 and 12 IMPs to Norway. It's a shame I can't speak Croatian, because I imagine that the post mortem must have been quite entertaining.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ellestad	Pilipovic	Charlsen	Sasek
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	2♠	4♣	4♠
5♣	Pass	6♣	Dble
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Grahek	Hakkebo	Brguljan	Jørstad
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Six Clubs is an excellent contract. You can usually overcome a 4-1 trump break if the diamond is onside and are virtually solid on an even trump split. To get doubled and find that you have to

go two down after getting forced at trick one seems a little cruel. Charlsen/Ellestad perhaps consoled themselves with the thought that their opponents would have made 4♠ and that the club game was always going down. Perhaps -500 would not be too terrible a score.

Indeed, -500 for East/West could have been a very healthy pick-up for Norway. In the Open Room, Hakkebo did not come into the bidding at all until his opponents had alighted in 4♥. Then he doubled. Jørstad realised that his partner was almost certainly void in clubs and took the double as being Lightner-like. He led the nine of clubs and Hakkebo, after some thought, ruffed and underled his ♠A, reading the nine as a suit-preference lead. Brguljan ruffed the spade and played ace of hearts and a heart to the king then took the diamond finesse. Had Jørstad now forced declarer with another spade, he would have been held to just his five trumps and one diamond trick, for four down and -1100. That would have been worth 12 IMPs to Norway. Alas, he instead led a club and Hakkebo could ruff or not but would only come to one trump trick. Croatia chalked up +790 and gained 15 IMPs on the deal. The second club ruff cost 27 IMPs. Has anyone seen a more expensive play yet at these championships?

Despite the last board, Norway held on to win by 54-42 IMPs, enough for a 17-13 VP win.

Not altogether surprisingly, that last board created havoc around the room with swings in almost every match. The most amusing swing probably came in the vugraph match. The Portuguese East/West played in 3NT, for reasons known only to themselves, and went two down for -200. Not to worry, that was worth 12 IMPs to Portugal. 12 IMPs, you ask? 11 IMPs is easy enough to see if North plays 4♠ doubled for +790, but 12? The auction at the other table was very simple; the German East opened 1♥ and West responded INT. Now North overcalled 2♠. East thought that his hand was right for a double. Even without knowing their system, I am willing to say that I disagree with him, as I would not double even for take-out. And if double was take-out, I would not pass it with the West hand as happened at the table. Declarer made only nine tricks but +870 was quite satisfactory from his point of view.

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Bridge Family Schaltz



Peter Schaltz

For some lucky people, ability at bridge is in the blood. For an example we travel to Denmark. It is a hot bed of talent, where the best junior players almost always go on to achieve even greater success. One such is Peter Schaltz.

Back in 1970, in Dublin, Denmark won the second European Junior Team Championship, and guess who was a member of the winning team? Spot on, it was our man Peter, one of the outstanding players in Europe, with a

string of impressive results behind him including medals at several major Championships, including silver at the Europeans in Lausanne in 1979 and bronze at the Olympiad in Seattle in 1984. The most recent of his many triumphs came earlier this year at the European Mixed Championships in Bellaria, where he was a member of the winning team, along with his wife Dorte, and Jens & Sabine Auken.

The semi-finals of that event were one-sided affairs, but this deal showed the standard of play required at the highest levels.

Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 6 4 2 ♥ Q 7 4 ♦ 5 ♣ A K 10 7</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N</p> <p style="margin: 0;">W E</p> <p style="margin: 0;">S</p> </div>	<p>♠ K Q J 5 3 ♥ A J 10 3 ♦ A K Q ♣ J</p>	
<p>♠ A ♥ 9 8 ♦ J 9 8 7 6 4 2 ♣ Q 9 6 4</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ 8 5 3 2</p>		

West	North	East	South
Peter	Levy	Dorte	Willard
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♥**	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Two Clubs was forcing, and the reply denied five or more hearts or a six-card minor with two honours. Three Hearts was game-forcing.

North cashed a top club and switched to a spade. Declarer won, cashed three top diamonds, North discarding a club and a heart, and played a low heart. North won the queen and exited with a spade. Declarer won, cashed the ace of hearts, and played

spade, spade, spade to endplay North into giving the ninth trick to the queen of clubs.

West	North	East	South
Mouiel	Jens	Cronier	Sabine
	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

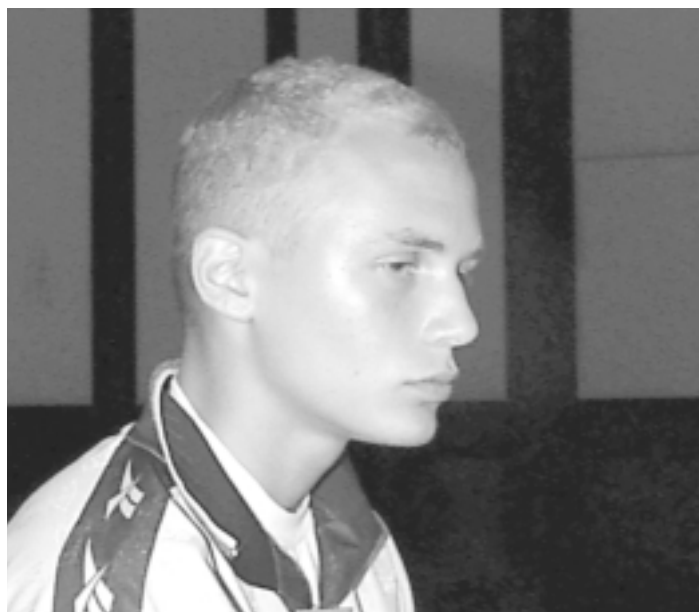
North cashed a top club and switched to a spade. Declarer won, cashed three top diamonds, North discarding a club and a heart, and two more rounds of spades, discovering the 5-2 break, before playing a low heart. North won with the queen and exited with a spade. Declarer won, cashed the ace of hearts, and played a spade to endplay North into giving the ninth trick to the queen of clubs.

The armchair analysts can have some fun working out if it is better to play the nine of hearts at trick three, intending to run it if North does not cover.

Hot on his parent's heels is Martin Schaltz, representing the Danish Junior team. Ib Lundby reported the following award winning deal.

Lizzi and Jørgen-Elith Schaltz were some of the hot bridge names I read about and learned from, when I was a junior player. Lizzi won the European Ladies Team title several times, and her husband played on our national team as well. For a couple of years my partner was Peter Schaltz, their son, and in 1970 I was his captain when he and his team won the European Junior title in Dublin. Since then Peter has for many years played on our national team with different partners, among them his wife Dorte and his cousin Knud-Aage Boesgaard.

Dorte and Peter are still competing in the Danish first division, but their chances to represent Denmark again maybe have decreased a little. No problem at all - the third generation is ready to take over! Meet 14 year old Martin Schaltz in this fasci-



Martin Schaltz

nating hand from a club evening where Martin ended up as declarer.

Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	3NT	All Pass	INT

West led his fourth best heart, won by dummy's queen, and after a diamond to the queen the next diamond trick told Martin that he had to work for it. So he did!

The ♦K took trick three, and a heart to the eight end-played West on the nine. He elected to play the ♠J which was taken by the ♠K, and a spade went to the eight and the bare ace. Now it was East's turn to be thrown in! A low club went to the jack and queen, and before Martin cashed the ♠Q this was the picture:

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

Look what happens to East when the ♠Q is played. If he throws a diamond, declarer will cash the ♦A and continue with a diamond, thereby making his third end-play. Therefore East had to throw a club, but it didn't help him very much. Instead Martin played a club to his ace, discarded a diamond on the ♥A and threw East in with the ♣K. Dummy's A10 in diamonds took the two last tricks. 3NT made with an overtrick.

Two end-plays and a throw-in squeeze in the same hand... I guess that we will meet Martin at the international scene very soon. Right you are!

We have spotted several well-known names in the programme, and we invite you to work out (assuming we are right!) who their (doubtless temporarily!) more famous parents might be!

CYMRU AM BUTH

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

Wales did not have a good start to their international campaign, but in Round 5 came their first win, and in style, 25-2 over Spain. This deal featured excellent defence by Mike Cleaton (now known as Cutie Cleaton, thanks to the misspelling of his name in the Programme) and Mark Roderick:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Cleaton	Masia	Roderick	Perez
2♥	Dbl.	Pass	1♥
5♣	5♥	4♣	4♥
Double	All Pass	Pass	Pass

2♥ showed spades and clubs

West	North	East	South
Jones		Dunn	
2♥	Pass	Pass	1♥
3♥	4♥	2♠	3♦
		5♣	All Pass

2♥ showed spades and a minor

Six Clubs by East is an excellent contract but no table found it. Here both tables reached Five Clubs, but Spain decided to take the sacrifice in Five Hearts. Thanks to accurate defence this proved almost as profitable as making slam.

West, Cleaton, led his top spade, on which Roderick played low to show an odd number. West cashed a second spade and East contributed his lowest to suggest a high card in clubs. Now Cleaton unblocked his ace of diamonds and underled his ace of clubs. Roderick won with the queen and gave his partner a diamond ruff. Cleaton then led another low club to the East's king. Declarer was able to ruff this, but was stuck in hand to concede a trick to East's trump king. The contract was four light for 1100 and 10 IMPs to Wales.

Cymru am byth - Wales forever!

BOLS REVISITED

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

One feature of Junior Bridge is that there is always a new generation of players who may not have heard the old saws. When the BOLS liqueur company ran a competition for journalists to provide advice of a general nature ("The five level belongs to the opponents" is perhaps the best remembered), my contribution was: "With eight winners and five losers in Three No-Trumps, play off your long suit."

This deal from Round 3 illustrates the point

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ A 4 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ A K Q 2 ♣ K Q 9 4</p>	<p>♠ K 9 7 2 ♥ A Q J 10 6 ♦ 5 ♣ A 10 5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ Q 8 ♥ K 2 ♦ J 9 8 6 4 3 ♣ J 7 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 6 5 3 ♥ 8 5 3 ♦ 10 7 ♣ 8 6 3</p>
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At several tables, after North had overcalled in hearts, East reached Three No-Trumps. If South leads a spade this must fail, but most led their partner's suit, setting up declarer's eighth trick. On Vugraph the Belgian declarer clearly did not know my Tip for he crossed to dummy to try to sneak a club trick by playing low towards the jack. North for Scotland, Robert Carr, was not hard-pressed to pop up with the ace and cash his hearts. One off.

If, instead, declarer simply plays out his diamonds, North cannot avoid giving declarer a chance. North can happily throw two spades and two clubs, but the pressure exerted by the last diamond proves unbearable. He must either throw a good heart, in which case declarer can safely play a club, or he has to bare the king of spades. Note that cashing the long suit works even if North had something like ♠KQ with declarer having the jack. All that is needed is that the defender is hanging on to useful cards in three suits.

Sunamak, declarer for Turkey, knew the play, cashed his diamonds, and made his game when North for Sweden, Nystrom, bared his king of spades in the ending. The Danish declarer in the same contract also knew the Tip and duly cashed his diamonds. However, full credit goes to the Estonian North, Lauri Naber, who bared his king of spades, smoothly, before declarer played the last diamond, on which he threw a club. East could not believe North, if squeezed, had managed his discards without signs of distress, and eventually decided to play for hearts to be 4-4, despite the evidence to the contrary. He continued with a club. One off.

The main drama came in the match between Croatia and Italy where both tables were in Three No-Trumps doubled on a heart lead:

West	North	East	South
Medusei	Zoric	Mazzadi	Grahek
2♦	2♥	3NT	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Pilipovic	Biondo	Sasek	Guariglia
1♦	1♥	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Double	All Pass	

Both Souths dutifully led a heart, with North putting in the ten. The declarers, Mazzadi and Sasek, won the heart and rattled off six diamonds. On the last one, the Croatian North threw a heart, and Mazzadi set up a club for his game. At the other table, the Italian North, Bernardo Biondo bared his spade king, but Tomislav Sasek read the ending and played a spade to the ace. Well done. 750 was a flat board.

Team Quiz



1. In rubber bridge, what is the best possible score that can be obtained on a single deal?
2. Which of the following hand patterns is the more common? (A) 6-4-2-1 or (B) 4-4-4-1?
3. Who invented the "Stayman" convention?
4. At duplicate bridge there are several ways to score +550. You may bid and make three notrump or five of a minor (doubled, nonvulnerable). How else can you obtain +550?
5. Which is the larger? (A) The number of possible bridge auctions or (B) The number of possible bridge deals?
6. Which country first won the Women's World Team Olympiad?
7. During the last Junior Teams Championship, at one table the players bid and made seven no-trump vulnerable. When they compared scores, there was a tie on the deal, although their opponents at the other table did not bid any slam. What happened at the other table?
8. What does NAMYATS stand for?
9. Which of the following movements was invented first? (A) Howell or (B) Mitchell?
10. Unscamble the phrase "mangler of cards" and produce a bridge phrase.

**Best set of answers will win a prize.
Deadline: Monday Midnight**



In the Hot Seat

by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)



It sometimes happens that a player has little to do in the course of a match, but by the same token all the difficulties may fall on the shoulders of one player. In Round 4 of the junior championship, Norway's Thomas Charlsen frequently found himself with a problem to solve when his country faced Poland in what may prove to be a key encounter as the tournament unfolds.

drawing trumps, declarer plays a club towards the queen? West wins and plays a diamond. Declarer wins, ruffs a diamond, and takes the club finesse, He cashes the ace of clubs and then plays a spade. This gives him various chances in the spade suit, and wins against various club combinations, including ♣KJ in either hand.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K 10 6 5 4 ♥ 3 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ K J 9 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		♠ A 2 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ Q J 10 8 7 ♣ 8 5 2	♠ J 9 7 ♥ K 9 6 5 ♦ A K 4 ♣ A 10 7
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	S											
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Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Lutostanski</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Kucharski</i>	<i>Ellestad</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Not being gifted with second sight, East did not find the killing lead of the ace of spades, and started with the queen of diamonds. Declarer won, drew trumps in three rounds and played a club to the ten. When that held he could play ace and another club, forcing the defenders to open up the spades or concede a ruff and discard. However, if East had held the jack of clubs, this line would have led to defeat.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Harr</i>	<i>Baranowski</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Rozkrut</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

An identical auction to the same contract. Play followed an identical course for several tricks but, after eliminating the diamonds, declarer played a spade to the jack and ace. East switched to a club and declarer could not avoid the loss of four tricks.

It looks like normal technique to eliminate the diamond suit, but it may be better to postpone that move. Suppose after

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lutostanski</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Kucharski</i>	<i>Ellestad</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

A classic Stayman auction led to the thin game.

East led a trump, and declarer won and drew trumps ending in dummy, as East discarded a diamond. A heart to the jack held, and in due course declarer arrived at ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Harr</i>	<i>Baranowski</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Rozkrut</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♣
Pass	4♠	All Pass	3♣

Once again the lead was a trump. After playing three rounds of the suit, declarer advanced the jack of diamonds, ducking when East covered with the jack. The club switch went to the king and ace, and another diamond was taken by West's king. He played a club to his partner's queen, and declarer won the club continuation in hand with the jack. East had taken a long time at various stages of the defence, and that persuaded declarer to try for a brilliancy by running the jack of hearts, hoping to pin a doubleton ten. That was a brave play, especially on VuGraph, and like so many attempts it met with no reward.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 4 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ A K 7 4 ♣ K 8 3	♠ A K 9 8 7 6 ♥ A 4 ♦ 9 ♣ Q 9 7 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W S </div> </div>	♠ Q 3 ♥ J 9 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ A J 10 6 5 4	♠ 5 2 ♥ K 10 8 5 3 2 ♦ Q J 10 6 5 ♣ -
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When South introduced his hearts at once, North felt constrained to retreat to spades. East led the ace of clubs, and declarer ruffed, as West followed with the eight. Declarer crossed to hand with the ace of hearts and played the queen of clubs, the winning play if West had started with ♣J8 or ♣108. When East followed with the six of clubs a diamond was discarded from dummy, and West won with the king. He cashed the ace of diamonds, and East followed with the eight, a good play, trying to make it clear he had an odd number of cards in the suit. Inexplicably, West continued with the king of diamonds, and declarer took full advantage. He ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, and crossed to dummy with the king of heart to get rid of his losing clubs on the established diamonds.

It was quite a tough day at the office for Thomas, but he still came up smiling as Norway recovered from a poor start to win the match.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Harr	Baranowski	Kvangraven	Rozkrut
		3♣	Pass
3NT	Double	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Four Hearts cannot be beaten on this layout. West started with the ace of diamonds and switched to the king of clubs, ruffed by declarer, who ruffed a diamond and then ruffed another club. With trumps 3-2, it was a simple matter to arrive at ten tricks.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lutostanski	Charlsen	Kucharski	Ellestad
		3♣	Pass
3NT	Double	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	



Lutostanski

MEDAL TABLE

Whereas the European Open Team Championships have been dominated by just three countries, Italy, France and Great Britain, the Junior version has already seen nine different Champions crowned. This is the role of honour:

Medal Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Sweden	3	1	1
Norway	3	0	4
Italy	2	3	0
France	2	1	2
Great Britain	2	1	2
Poland	2	0	1
Denmark	1	2	3
Austria	1	0	1
Netherlands	1	0	1
Israel	0	2	1
Germany	0	1	0
Ireland	0	1	0
Portugal	0	1	0
Spain	0	1	0
Russia	0	1	0

Only three countries have taken part in every event since the first Championship in Prague in 1968, Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Enter The Dragon



These Championships mark the first appearance of a Welsh team at a Junior European Championship. It is fair to say that they started the event a little slowly; well, umm, actually they scored zero in their first match on Thursday night. But match two against Switzerland started rather better with a slam swing in on the first board of the new day.

Round Two

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Weisweiler	Jones	Justitz	Dunn
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

Dafydd Jones' INT opening was 12-14 and Jake Dunn's 2NT showed diamonds. Three Clubs promised at least Hxx in diamonds and after an exchange of cuebids Jones closed proceedings with a leap to the no trump slam. He chose no trump to protect the spade position, knowing that partner had six good diamonds and the ace of clubs so that there should be reasonable prospects of being able to find twelve tricks.

Nathalie Justitz led a heart and Jones won in dummy. He cashed all six diamonds, throwing a club on the fourth round in the hope of inducing a club pitch from the defence. Sure enough, East threw two clubs away and Jones now played the suit successfully for four tricks and twelve in all. That was worth 11 IMPs to Wales as Switzerland stopped in game at the other table.

Wales may have won the battle but they lost the war, going down to a 5-25 defeat. Still, take this as a warning to beware the dragon's fiery breath!

Did you know?

In Scotland, the Döner Kebab is more popular than the Haggis!

Kees for the Defence

Our 'Leading Counsel' Kees Tammens' continues his series about defence.

The defence starts with the first lead. It is amazing how often this is also the end of any defensive chances.

Round 2.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

West	North	East	South
	1♥	2♣	2♠
4♣	4♠	5♣	5♠
Pass	6♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2♠: 8-11 HCP

After this very scientific, highly controlled auction by N/S, Bas Drijver and the youngest Brink (Sjoert), West had the honour to put a card on the table.

What was the reason North went on to the six-level and preferred his own suit in favour of the agreed spade fit? So your killing lead is?

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

The Norwegian West thought, (so right), that East should have diamond length and values for his save in 5♣. North, of course, was certain to have a void in clubs. So West's choice was the ♦10, with disastrous consequence.

Length, in diamonds yes, values no! The club loser quickly went away and declarer only lost to the trump ace.



Bas Drijver



Appeal 2

Turkey vs Portugal



It is no longer standard to publish the result of all appeals, but they are still numbered to reflect the order in which they were considered.

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Nissan Rand (Israel), Stefan Back (Germany), Elisabeth McGowan (Scotland) and Henrik Røn (Denmark)

The Director:

The TD agreed that there had been misinformation and to find out how much damage this had done to East, he in turn consulted three expert players giving them the facts from the North/East side of the screen. The three experts all reacted by deducing that there had been a bidding misunderstanding and that dummy would come down with a club suit. The first two of the experts now led a heart and the third the diamond queen. The TD applied Law 12C and awarded 4 IMPs to East/West.

Juniors Fourth Session
Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

East/West appealed.

The Players:

East explained that when he "knew" that North held "two real aces" the heart ace would probably be included. Together with the heart control South had shown, the declarer would have the suit stopped twice. In East's opinion this made a diamond lead much more attractive than a heart lead. He selected a small diamond in case West should have the doubleton king.

West said that he had not seen any alert of the Three Heart bid and had no chance of making a lead directing double.

South said that he had been very careful with his alerts all the time following the correct procedure, i.e. placing the alert card on all the calls that required an alert and to get eye contact with his screen mate. The Portuguese captain confirmed this. After his alert of Three Hearts (in his opinion a sort of "fourth suit forcing") he felt that his screen mate nodded in agreement.

North said that he had not understood that East asked about the number of real aces and in his world there are five aces of which he had two. He admitted to the fact that he and his partner had had a serious bidding accident, but as he and his partner were rather inexperienced they could not tell the committee who was at fault. They had, however, agreed for the future to play the way South thought they were playing.

The Committee:

The AC felt that East should have called for the TD as soon as dummy's cards hit the table, when they did not meet his expectations. The AC also felt that South had reason to expect that West had seen his proper alert of Three Hearts and did not consider it likely that West would have doubled for the lead even if he had seen it. It was due to language problems and some inexperience that East did not get or did not understand the information that North could count the spade king as one of his aces.

When making the decision the TD had taken all these things into consideration - even asking some expert players for their opinion - and had finally awarded the non-offending side compensation to create equity.

The AC felt that the size of this compensation was a fair one - for both teams.

The Committee's decision: The TD's decision upheld.

Relevant Laws: Law 12C3, Code of Practice.

Deposit: Returned

<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ A J 9 4 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ 9 6 5 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K Q 7 ♥ K 5 2 ♦ A K 9 4 3 ♣ 8 7</p>	<p>♠ A 9 8 ♥ 10 8 6 3 ♦ Q J 5 2 ♣ 10 4</p>
<p>♠ J 10 6 3 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ 10 ♣ A K Q J 2</p>			
West	North	East	South
<i>Erdogan</i>	<i>Braga</i>	<i>Erdemic</i>	<i>Bragai</i>
Pass	INT	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5NT*	All Pass	

Contract: Five No-Trumps played by North

Lead: Five of diamonds

Result: 11 tricks, +660 to North/South

The Facts:

The TD was called to the table after play was finished. East said that there had been a bidding misunderstanding and that he had been misled into selecting a bad opening lead. Three Clubs and Three Diamonds were only alerted by North and both explained as showing control. Three Hearts was alerted on both sides of the screen (disputed) and explained by North as showing control. Five Clubs was alerted only by North who said it was Exclusion Blackwood. North alerted Five No-Trumps and wrote on the sheet "2 A + Q". East wrote "Ace or Key card?". North pointed on "Ace". East claimed that he would have led a heart if he had known the true nature of South's hand and that North could hold the spade king as one of his "aces". West said that if he had known that Three Hearts was artificial he might have doubled to help East to find the best lead.

JUNIOR TEAMS

BUTLER AFTER SESSION 6

PLAYER		AVG IMPS	BOARDS						
1	Sunamak G	TUR	1.61	79	73	Zoric V	CRO	-0.03	80
2	Tatlicioglu	TUR	1.61	79	74	Kotanyi B	HUN	-0.07	100
3	Di Bello F	ITA	1.40	100	75	Brguljan K	CRO	-0.08	80
4	Di Bello S	ITA	1.40	100	76	Mraz M	HUN	-0.12	40
5	Bazin G	FRA	1.29	80	77	Baranowski J	POL	-0.12	80
6	Charletoux T	FRA	1.29	80	78	Rozkrut M	POL	-0.12	80
7	Gloyer A	OST	1.25	100	79	Grunt A	POL	-0.13	80
8	Schifko M	OST	1.25	100	80	Sarniak A	POL	-0.13	80
9	Hakkebo S	NOR	1.23	80	81	Heikkinen T	FIN	-0.14	100
10	Jorstad R	NOR	1.23	80	82	Tamminen J	FIN	-0.14	100
11	Amit A	ISR	1.16	80	83	Henriksen B	DEN	-0.15	80
12	Vax Y	ISR	1.16	80	84	Tomsen T	DEN	-0.15	80
13	Liran I	ISR	1.05	60	85	Szikszi J	HUN	-0.22	80
14	Varshavski A	ISR	1.05	60	86	Sasek T	CRO	-0.23	80
15	Balasy Z	HUN	0.88	120	87	Einarsson B	ICE	-0.24	60
16	Hegedus G	HUN	0.81	120	88	Gunnarsson G	ICE	-0.24	60
17	Bennett K	ENG	0.78	60	89	Pilipovic M	CRO	-0.27	80
18	Hillman R	ENG	0.78	60	90	Halldorsson	ICE	-0.32	100
19	Cornelis T	BEL	0.76	100	91	Haraldsson S	ICE	-0.32	100
20	Donder S	BEL	0.76	100	92	Rosta E	HUN	-0.34	20
21	Kelina M	RUS	0.76	100	93	Tihane A	EST	-0.36	100
22	Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.76	100	94	Targla T	EST	-0.36	100
23	Marquardsen	DEN	0.71	80	95	Malinovski N	RUS	-0.37	80
24	Schaltz M	DEN	0.71	80	96	Solntsev E	RUS	-0.37	80
25	Labruyere P	FRA	0.70	80	97	Wade R	ENG	-0.39	80
26	Grenthe G	FRA	0.70	80	98	Zivan L	ENG	-0.39	80
27	Brink N	NET	0.70	80	99	Sousa J	POR	-0.42	80
28	Groosman B	NET	0.70	80	100	Teixeira N	POR	-0.42	80
29	Harr G	NOR	0.70	80	101	Cockburn D	SCO	-0.45	80
30	Kvangraven N	NOR	0.70	80	102	Myles A	SCO	-0.45	80
31	Askgaard M	DEN	0.69	80	103	Lagas M	NET	-0.46	60
32	Bjarnarson G	DEN	0.69	80	104	Schollaardt	NET	-0.46	60
33	Ahonen H	FIN	0.63	60	105	Canelas T	POR	-0.48	79
34	Nurmi P	FIN	0.63	60	106	Sarmento P	POR	-0.48	79
35	Uz T	TUR	0.57	100	107	Jerolitsch M	OST	-0.51	60
36	Alper T	TUR	0.57	100	108	Veverka A	OST	-0.51	60
37	Noberius H	SWE	0.56	80	109	Heche G	SWI	-0.52	120
38	Thornqvist T	SWE	0.56	80	110	Grahek V	CRO	-0.53	80
39	Mazzadi F	ITA	0.48	60	111	Justitz N	SWI	-0.58	100
40	Medusei A	ITA	0.48	60	112	Dunn J	WAL	-0.61	100
41	Kucharski P	POL	0.44	80	113	Jones D	WAL	-0.61	100
42	Lutostanski	POL	0.44	80	114	La Spada O	SWI	-0.64	120
43	Brink S	NET	0.41	100	115	Carr R	SCO	-0.74	80
44	Drijver B	NET	0.41	100	116	Marshall D	SCO	-0.74	80
45	Balschun R	GER	0.40	100	117	Goded G	SPA	-0.74	100
46	Schueller M	GER	0.40	100	118	De Tejada L	SPA	-0.74	100
47	Frey N	FRA	0.38	80	119	Grumm I	OST	-0.77	40
48	Geitner J	FRA	0.38	80	120	Kriforn S	OST	-0.77	40
49	Charlsen T	NOR	0.35	80	121	Weisweiler J	SWI	-0.86	120
50	Ellestad O	NOR	0.35	80	122	Masia S	SPA	-0.92	60
51	Bergson H	SCO	0.29	80	123	Perez J	SPA	-0.92	60
52	McCrossan D	SCO	0.29	80	124	Nystrom F	SWE	-0.92	80
53	Biondo B	ITA	0.24	80	125	Stromberg P	SWE	-0.92	80
54	Guariglia R	ITA	0.24	80	126	Green J	ENG	-0.94	60
55	Braga Rf	POR	0.21	80	127	Hazel G	ENG	-0.94	60
56	Braga Rc	POR	0.21	80	128	Erdemil P	TUR	-0.96	60
57	Roos D	BEL	0.20	80	129	Erdogan I	TUR	-0.96	60
58	Roos S	BEL	0.20	80	130	Barton A	IRE	-1.05	80
59	Luks L	EST	0.20	100	131	Nolan D	IRE	-1.05	80
60	Naber L	EST	0.20	100	132	Bokholt N	GER	-1.16	40
61	Cleaton M	WAL	0.15	100	133	Kornek A	GER	-1.16	40
62	Roderick M	WAL	0.15	100	134	Mac Cormac T	IRE	-1.17	100
63	Roll Y	ISR	0.13	60	135	Mac Kenzie B	IRE	-1.17	100
64	Schneider R	ISR	0.13	60	136	Airaksinen J	FIN	-1.25	80
65	Eliazohn N	SWE	0.11	80	137	Jafs F	FIN	-1.25	80
66	Melander M	SWE	0.11	80	138	Anglada C	SPA	-1.55	80
67	Krupp S	GER	0.10	100	139	Villalonga T	SPA	-1.55	80
68	Moeller M	GER	0.10	100	140	Roos T	BEL	-1.74	20
69	Stefansson F	ICE	0.05	80	141	Toutenel E	BEL	-1.74	20
70	Thorsson P	ICE	0.05	80	142	Davies D	WAL	-2.04	40
71	Andreev V	RUS	-0.01	60	143	Evans C	WAL	-2.04	40
72	Semisochenko	RUS	-0.01	60	144	Bavalia S	IRE	-2.21	60
					145	Martin J	IRE	-2.21	60
					146	Gencer B	SWI	-2.94	20