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ISRAEL JUNIORS RETAIN THE LEAD SCHOOL'S TEAMS WELCOMED

Although Israel were defeated for the first time by Belgium, they held on to their position at the top of the leader board. France have moved into second place, and Germany have suddenly arrived on the scene, appearing in third position.

The Schools championship starts today. The opening ceremony took place yesterday evening in the Convention Center. EBL Youth Committee Chairman Panos Gerontopoulos welcomed the teams and introduced them to the key personnel at the Championships.

Turkey suffered a major setback when they were blitzed by Denmark in the opening match of the day, and it is greatly to their credit that they came back with a win against the powerful Italian team. Although they have dropped to eighth place, don't discount their chances of qualifying. At the wrong end of the table, Spain are currently holding the wooden spoon.

Canyon - Rafting



The intrepid Austrians have organised a white water ride to soothe the nerves of any participants who are feeling the strain.

Thursday 10.00 - 16.30

Cost: TL 12,000,000 per person

The price includes bus transfer (air-conditioned!) lunch, and rafting equipment. (plus life jackets!)

To reserve your place you need to see

Jovi Smederevac, the captain of the Austrian juniors today. She will be in the piano bar until 00.00.

Photo Call



Congratulations to yesterday's four chosen teams who arrived promptly for their photo call. The teams chosen for today are as follows:

10.00

**SWEDEN • PORTUGAL
RUSSIA • SCOTLAND**

14.30

**FINLAND • WALES
NETHERLANDS • CROATIA**

Please assemble at the entrance to the Convention centre.

The full team must be present! That means Captains and coaches as well as players!

Please look smart!

Details of the teams to be photographed will appear in the Daily Bulletin. Please make sure you all attend at the right time, otherwise the scheme will not work.

JUNIOR TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 SWITZERLAND bye	0 0	18 0
2 ITALY ENGLAND	35 67	8 22
3 IRELAND GERMANY	19 117	0 25
4 SWEDEN PORTUGAL	29 58	9 21
5 RUSSIA SCOTLAND	59 13	24 6
6 FINLAND WALES	73 37	22 8
7 ESTONIA CROATIA	47 43	16 14
8 NETHERLANDS ICELAND	64 29	22 8
9 BELGIUM ISRAEL	52 41	17 13
10 DENMARK TURKEY	110 10	25 0
11 NORWAY AUSTRIA	38 32	16 14
12 POLAND FRANCE	59 50	17 13
13 SPAIN HUNGARY	12 63	5 25

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 11

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 bye SPAIN	0 0	0 18
2 WALES ENGLAND	15 81	2 25
3 SCOTLAND FINLAND	18 108	0 25
4 AUSTRIA SWITZERLAND	18 20	15 15
5 FRANCE CROATIA	64 25	23 7
6 IRELAND POLAND	33 37	14 16
7 ITALY TURKEY	35 43	14 16
8 BELGIUM HUNGARY	29 48	11 19
9 SWEDEN NORWAY	35 28	16 14
10 ISRAEL NETHERLANDS	36 43	14 16
11 RUSSIA DENMARK	64 41	20 10
12 PORTUGAL ICELAND	14 81	2 25
13 GERMANY ESTONIA	67 49	19 11

Bon Voyage



Please make sure you collect, fill out and return a **Departure Transfer Form**, and give it to the check in desk at the Hotel lobby.

Your pick up time will be announced on the sign-boards at the lobby & convention centre.

You can obtain a form from the reception area in the conference centre.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12

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

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13

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

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 14

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

JUNIOR TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 11

1 ISRAEL	204
2 FRANCE	198
3 GERMANY	196
4 NORWAY	196
5 DENMARK	195
6 NETHERLANDS	188
7 ITALY	188
8 TURKEY	186
9 RUSSIA	182
10 AUSTRIA	176
11 HUNGARY	175
12 BELGIUM	174
13 CROATIA	174
14 ENGLAND	173
15 SWEDEN	169
16 POLAND	165
17 ICELAND	154
18 ESTONIA	154
19 FINLAND	153
20 PORTUGAL	152
21 SWITZERLAND	117
22 SCOTLAND	113
23 WALES	111
24 IRELAND	106
25 SPAIN	97

Note from the Appeals Committee

In Appeal No. 2 in the bulletin of Sunday it was pointed out that the South player had been very careful when he made his alerts. He had put the alert card on the artificial bids, both his own and his partner's, and by having eye contact with his screen-mate made sure that it was noticed.

This, as pointed out by TD (Illan Shezifi) from Israel, is not the correct way to make alerts. Now the procedure is as follows:

"A player who makes a conventional call alerts his screen-mate by placing the alert card over the last call of the screen-mate, in his segment of the bidding tray; the alerted player must acknowledge by returning the alert card to his opponent.

When the bidding tray is returned to their side of the screen both players are obliged, before either has made a further call, to alert their screen-mate if partner's call is a conventional call; using the 'alert procedure'.

It is the obligation of the player making an alert to ensure that his screen-mate has noticed that an alert has been made."

When you follow this procedure, which has not been in use for a very long time, your alert card acts as a block for your screen-mate's calls.

Steen Möller
Chairman of the Appeals Committee.

SCHOOL TEAMS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1

1 ITALY	POLAND
2 LATVIA	ENGLAND
3 FRANCE	NORWAY
4 NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
5 AUSTRIA	HUNGARY
6 GERMANY	ISRAEL

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

1 GERMANY	ITALY
2 HUNGARY	POLAND
3 LATVIA	NETHERLANDS
4 ENGLAND	NORWAY
5 FRANCE	SWEDEN
6 ISRAEL	AUSTRIA

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

1 NORWAY	ITALY
2 ISRAEL	SWEDEN
3 GERMANY	LATVIA
4 HUNGARY	FRANCE
5 POLAND	AUSTRIA
6 NETHERLANDS	ENGLAND



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Spain - Estonia	Juniors	10.30
France - Israel	Juniors	15.00
Netherlands - Germany	Juniors	21.00

SCHEDULE

Tuesday 11th July

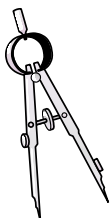
10.30	Juniors, Round 12 – Schools, Round 1
15.00	Juniors, Round 13 – Schools, Round 2
21.00	Juniors, Round 14 – Schools, Round 3

Meet the German Junior Team



Sven Krupp (24)

At the moment he does education in a bank. Unfortunately it's his last championship. He is the woman in the partnership, because he is always sitting South!



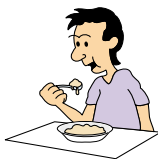
Martin Moeller (24)

Sitting always in the North seat. He is writing his P.H.D (promotion) in mathematics, so he sometimes knows the chances of his contract. In his free time here in Antalya he goes diving and snorkelling, watching the girls swimming from down below.



Raoul Balschun (24)

He just started to study law and is probably the most experienced player in the team. You will find him often at the beach with his 'Don Corleone' outfit. He once survived a session with the Editor!



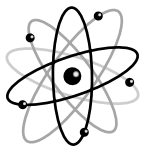
Mathias Schueller (22)

Everybody calls him Sancho and together with Raoul and Martin he was in the winning Schools Team in Cardiff 1996. When you see him eating you will not believe that a single man can eat so much. Maybe in an eating event our chances will improve!



Nils Bokholt (23)

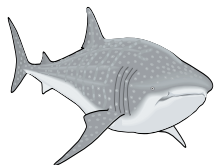
He is studying computer science, and he also plays the guitar very well. He always looks for nice girls especially on the beach of Hotel Talya. Yesterday was his birthday and the team won all three matches. In three days Sven has a birthday....so beware!



Andreas Kornek (22)

Corny' tries to study physics...well...maybe he will end up as a physicist one day, but by then we will all be playing in the senior championships. He is also very often at the beach and jumps in the water again and again...hopefully he will always return!

Michael Gromoeller (35)



He is the n.p.c of the team and got married some days ago. His big success as a captain was in 1993 as Germany won the Junior Team World championship. He must be aware at the beach, that the people from Greenpeace don't remove him to the sea, thinking he is a stranded whale!

Sport News

Football



At least twelve people are dead after crowd trouble at the Zimbabwe v South Africa World Cup qualifying match in Harare, Zimbabwe. Trouble started after South Africa took a two-goal lead, virtually clinching a win. Bottles rained down onto the pitch and police fired tear gas. The deaths came from people being trampled during the mass stampede for the exits.

The match was abandoned with eight minutes to go, but the result, 2-0 to South Africa, will stand.

Cycling



The first of the mountain stages in this year's Tour de France was won by Spain's Javier Otxoa. He finished 42 seconds clear of American, Lance Armstrong. There were six Spanish riders in the top

ten, though riding for four different teams.

The overall leader-board saw major changes, with Armstrong taking over the yellow jersey. He leads Germany's Jan Ullrich by four minutes and 14 seconds, with Frenchman, Christophe Moreau a further 56 seconds down.

Wimbledon



The Williams sisters, Venus and Serena, made history yesterday by becoming the first sisters to win the Ladies Doubles Championship. They proved too powerful for Ai Sugiyama and Julie Halard-Decugis, defeating them 6-3, 6-2.

Americans, Don Johnson and Kimberley Po took the Mixed

Doubles title. They defeated Leyton Hewitt and his girlfriend, Kim Clijsters, 6-4, 7-6.

Golf



Sweden's Annika Sorenstam won the Jamie Farr Classic in Ohio, after a play-off with Australia's Rachel Hetherington. Korea's Se Ri Pak was third.

Also requiring a play-off was Australia's Robert Allenby, as he won the Western Open in Illinois. Allenby defeated Zimbabwe's Nick Price at the first extra hole. Joint-third were Jim Furyk, Greg Kraft, and Japan's Shigeki Maruyama.

Pool



Fong Pang Chao of Taiwan won the final of the World Pool Championships in Cardiff. The 'Taipei Typhoon' crushed Mexico's Ismael Paez by 17-4 racks.

Swimming



Australia-based Russian Alexander Popov showed that he was back to his best when he won the 50 metres Men's Freestyle final at the European Championships in Helsinki. Popov also won the

100 metres Freestyle and was in the Russian teams which won two Relay gold medals.

Cricket



Pakistan's Waqar Younis has been handed a one-match international ban for ball-tampering after being seen to lift the seam during Sunday's Singer Cup game against Sri Lanka. Match referee John

Reid of New Zealand imposed the ban and fined Younis 50% of his match fee for the offence.

JUNIOR TEAMS

SESSION 9



RUSSIA

VS

HUNGARY



STICK OR TWIST

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The Round 9 VuGraph match between Russia and Hungary hinged on decisions after One Notrump had been doubled for penalties. Here are three of them:

Board 4. Dealer West. All. Vul.

West held:

♠ A 4 3 2 ♥ 6 3 ♦ A Q J 10 5 2 ♣ A

The Russian West opened One Diamond, heard an overcall of One Notrump doubled by his partner, and his RHO redoubled to show a rescue into an unspecified suit. West passed this back to the overcaller, who bid a compulsory Two Clubs, which East doubled. RHO passed, showing that clubs was his suit. What would you do?

West passed. His partner held:

♠ Q 6 5 ♥ A J 10 4 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ K 7 4

and can hardly be blamed for doubling both contracts (The Russian captain thought that a forcing Pass is better on the second round, as the opening 1♦ is normally five cards.) Two Clubs doubled made on a diamond lead (best defence holds it to one off) and you have a cold Three Notrumps your way. This bad result was obscured as the Hungarians at the other table reached a hopeless Six Diamonds! But Russia could still have scored much better by bidding 3NT instead of defending Two Clubs doubled.

Four boards later it was East who had the decision. He held, as dealer at Game All:

♠ K J 7 5 3 ♥ J 8 ♦ A J 9 5 2 ♣ J

Both tables opened One Spade, and heard an overcall of One Notrump doubled by their partners. If RHO passes, what would you do?

Suppose for the moment that you pass and the overcaller removes to Two Clubs, which your partner again doubles. When this gets round to you, what do you do?

Before saying what actually happened let's shift to the overcaller's seat. He held:

♠ A Q 10 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K Q 5 3 2

After dealer has opened One Spade and you have overcalled One Notrump you are doubled on your left and this is passed back to you. Do you agree with the overcaller who stuck One Notrump doubled?

These decisions contain some important matters of principle. The first is that where you have unexpected length you should be wary of passing when your partner doubles a suit rescue. On the first of our deals West held a good six-card diamond suit. It provides five tricks in Three Notrumps but only one in defence of Two Clubs doubled. So, though he is happy to pass One Notrump doubled, he should not have passed Two Clubs doubled. He is worth Three Diamonds, though even Two Diamonds is constructive. If you remove immediately, before passing the double back to the overcaller, you clearly have a weak distribu-

tional hand, so passing first and then removing later shows a constructive distributional hand. So, even if West bids only Two Diamonds, his partner, with ten points, has enough to bid Two Notrumps and be raised to Three. This would have improved the Russians' score from -180 to +630.

On the second deal East has a weak distributional opening and, though it is close, should I believe, remove to Two Diamonds immediately, before the double gets back to the overcaller. At one table the Hungarian East passed both the first double and a later double of Two Clubs. The actual auction, though, was this:

West	North	East	South
		1♠	INT
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	2♣
Dble	All Pass		

North's redouble was an unspecified rescue.

Before we see what happened to Two Clubs doubled let's go back to the question of whether the overcaller should have stuck One Notrump doubled at the table where his partner passed. The theory that partner's pass implies positive willingness to play One Notrump doubled is, in my opinion, wrong, but the key thing is to know for sure whether it means this. In practice responder had passed because he had a flat hand with two points! One Notrump doubled was held to three tricks for a penalty of 1100. Removing to Two Clubs fares much better. On a spade lead Two Clubs doubled went one off when the opponents can make Three Notrumps.

I believe that unless South had an agreement that partner rescues with a flat Yarborough he should remove (one of the Editors however agrees with the player, saying "Running is for Wimps!") West who held:

♠ 4 2 ♥ K Q 9 6 5 ♦ K 10 4 ♣ A 10 4

has a clear double of the overcall, and a reasonable double of the run-out (though this is borderline). I believe, on both deals, the second double shows at least three trumps to an honour (though some would make a forcing pass on such a holding).

To summarise: on the first deal West, with a good hand and a long suit was right to pass the double of One Notrump but then should remove the double of the run-out. On the second deal East, with a weak 5-5 should have removed at once. Although this would have given up the 1100 gained at one table, at least you get to Three Notrumps for a probable +600 rather than the +200 obtained by the defender who passed both doubles.

And South, the overcaller on the second deal, with a five card suit and a weak doubleton should, in my opinion, remove unless he has a specific agreement with his partner that responder's pass guarantees positive willingness to play One Notrump doubled. Hungary, by leaving in the doubles both in attack and defence, lost 14 IMPs on the board.

Also note a point about leading against the doubled contracts. Against the suit run-out it was right to lead a trump on both occasions. Leading partner's suit was clearly inferior.

JUNIOR TEAMS SESSION 6



ISRAEL

VS

AUSTRIA



When Israel met Austria on VuGraph in Round 6 of the junior championship, the crowd expected fireworks, and they got them.

The players faced a number of difficult deals, and did not always emerge unscathed.

reason for either East or West to attempt it, unless of course you enjoy playing to the gallery!

South did not lead a heart, preferring the six of clubs. Declarer played the nine and North ducked. Now declarer was in control, and simply played on diamonds. There was no way for the defenders to arrive at more than four tricks, so Israel was +600.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liran	Jerolitsch	Varshavski	Veverka
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Dble
Pass	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Two Hearts redoubled would have been an interesting contract, and it can certainly be made if declarer takes all the right views. Still, that was of academic interest only, as there was no



Aran Varshavski

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Vax	Gloyer	Amit
1♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

This time West was the declarer, and North found the excellent lead of the eight of spades, ducked by South to West's ten. Once again declarer went after the diamonds, playing the ace, and then finessing the jack. South had followed with the seven and six, North with the three and two. At this point declarer can, and perhaps should, play a heart, postponing the next play in diamonds. However, he cashed the king, and South discarded the two of hearts. It is still possible to make the contract by abandoning the diamonds, but with the club finesse in reserve, declarer cleared the suit. North won and played a spade, won by declarer's ace. He crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and cashed the jack of diamonds. When the club finesse lost the contract was two down, -200 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

That was a tough hand to play, and later on it was the turn of the South players to face a problem.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liran	Jerolitsch	Varshavski	Veverka
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣



Andreas Gloyer

West led the queen of clubs, and South won with the king, cashed the king of spades and ran the ten. East won with the queen, and played ace and another club. One spade, three clubs and one heart meant one down, -100.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Vax	Gloyer	Amit
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	2♦

This time South ducked the opening lead of the queen of clubs, and East overtook the next one and returned the suit. Declarer won with the king, and followed the same losing line by playing on spades. The question is, should declarer play on spades? If you lose a spade trick and the ace of hearts is with West, you are sure to be down. If he has that card you can simply play towards the heart honours twice for an easy nine tricks. What if East has the ace of hearts?

If he wins the first heart and does not return the suit at once, you have time to develop your tricks in spades. If he does return the suit you can elect to play him for either the jack or the nine, and even if West has them both, you still have the chance of three spade tricks.

If the king of hearts holds the trick, you will have a decision to make, but if West has both the ace and the jack, you will still be a heavy favourite to get home. There are also other chances in the heart suit, because West might have a helpful doubleton, ♡Jx or ♡9x.

As we go to press, we have not found a single declarer who played on hearts after a club lead, but watch this space. An instructive hand.

Our next deal featured one of the most amusing plays of the championship that on another day might have been in line for an award.

It certainly provides a quiz question. Playing in no-trumps how do you lose a trick with ♣J98542 facing ♠AKQ?

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liran	Jerolitsch	Varshavski	Veverka
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the two of hearts, and the entry to the clubs had gone. South played the queen, and declarer won with the ace. There was only one small chance, and declarer went for it. He cashed the ace of hearts, discarding the ace of clubs from dummy. When South followed with the nine, West's heart must have skipped a beat. If South had started with ♡Q109 alone, declarer could get rid of the blocking clubs and would then only need one more miracle, a singleton ten of clubs in either hand.

The king of hearts collected the five from North and the... three from South. Three down, -150.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Vax	Gloyer	Amit
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass



Martin Schifko



Iron Liran

Readers of a nervous disposition should ignore the bidding, well, West's at any rate. Same contract, different declarer. South led the three of hearts, and declarer put up the jack. When that held he played a club to the ace and then tried the jack of diamonds. South took the queen, and played the nine of hearts. Now declarer could get rid of the blocking clubs, and must have cursed his luck when the clubs failed to oblige. To add insult to injury, he was even one more down, -200.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liran	Jerolitsch	Varshavski	Veverka
	1♦	Pass	1♠
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

There was no way to defeat this contract; +850 to Israel.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Vax	Gloyer	Amit
	1♦	Pass	1♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
6♥	Dble	All Pass	

Israel were pushed around by some typical Austrian aggression, but West had a rush of blood. We will never know if East would have doubled Five Spades, and even if he had +500 would still lose 8 IMPs.

The match ended with a minor triumph for more Austrian aggression.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Liran	Jerolitsch	Varshavski	Veverka
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

South led the jack of diamonds and when that held he continued the suit. West won and played a spade to the jack and North's nine. The ten of heart was covered by the jack and queen, and the queen of spades was covered by the king and ace. Now declarer played on hearts and cashed all his red winners. South held on to the ace of clubs and his spades. So in the three-card ending, declarer cashed the eight of spades, and then exited with a club, using South as a stepping-stone to the ten of spades; +210.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schifko	Vax	Gloyer	Amit
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South made the same lead as in the other room, but although he did not allow himself to be endplayed, there was no stopping ten tricks, and Austria had +630 and 9 IMPs.

Israel had the better of the exchanges to win by 57-38 IMPs, 19-11 VPs.

Orbis Venice Cup - The Revenge



NETHERLANDS vs

USA



The outstanding website www.bridgeblaza.com reports on the return match between the Netherlands and USA I.

In the late hours of Thursday 20 January 2000, the Dutch team won the Orbis Venice Cup final, the official World Championship for women's bridge teams, by the smallest margin ever: one half of an IMP! This sensational match occurred on the picturesque island of Bermuda. Their opponents were the strong USA I team.

After the Dutch girls finished celebrating their victory, Hans Metselaar, owner of SBS, the 's-Gravenhaagsche Bridge School, suggested staging a rematch of this remarkable final. Ton Stam of Arboned and Peter Sisselaar of Sisselaar Onroerend Goed generously awarded the Dutch team DFL 25.000 for allowing their opponents the opportunity of revenge. In addition, the winning team would take a US\$ 25.000 prize, while the loser had to settle for US\$ 8.000. Add to that the ample hospitality, and you won't be surprised both teams accepted the invitation.

The venue for the 2000 Orbis Venice Cup Rematch was the 's-Gravenhaagsche Bridge School in Scheveningen near Den Haag.

Bridgeplaza offers you full and freely accessible online vu-graph coverage of the 2000 Orbis Venice Cup Final Rematch. Play was at three tables, with one table (called the "anchor table") comparing against both of the other ones.

You can see Vriend/Van der Pas, Pasman/Simons and Verbeek/Van Zwol in action against the USA team: Montin/Meyers, Sokolow/Molson and Mancuso/Wittes. Shawn Quinn will be replaced by Pam Wittes. You will see Pam (and Shawn) in action soon at the 2000 Maastricht Team Olympiad.

The Netherlands established an early lead, but the Americans turned the match around in the sixth segment. This deal cost the World Champions 22 IMPs.

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Mancuso	Verbeek	Wittes
1♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	4♠!	Pass
		5♠	All Pass

East's jump to Four Spades broke the rule of not preempting over a preempt, and tempted West into making a further move. North cashed a diamond and switched to the three of hearts. South played the king and declarer won with the ace. She cashed the ace of spades and then, appreciating that North was probably 1-3-7-2 decided to cash the ace of clubs, playing North for a doubleton honour, and planning to endplay her in due course. That meant she was one down, and it was a double game swing.

This is a difficult hand, and declarer had missed two important points. The first is that if North did have ♣Kx or ♣Qx, then a switch to a trump, or a second diamond to force the dummy at trick two, will be good enough to defeat the contract. That would be difficult to find but more importantly, if you allow for the possibility of a defensive mistake, and do decide to play for the doubleton honour, you must play a spade other than the ace or king at trick three. In this way you gain when North produces the singleton ten (you can also get home if South has ♠10x).

The Champions won two of the last three segments, but the damage had been done, and as you can see from the results table, the Americans had taken their revenge. Perhaps the decider will take place at the Olympiad in Maastricht!

2000 Orbis Venice Cup Final Rematch



Board 54. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

At the other two tables, West played in Four Spades, and made eleven tricks because, after cashing a top diamond, North switched to the ten of clubs.

Segment	IMP 1		IMP 2		Running IMP
	NL-USA	NL-USA	NL-USA	NL-USA	
Fri 7 July	1	39-18	29-15	68-33	68-33
Fri 7 July	2	20-6	2-25	22-31	90-64
Sat 8 July	3	24-16	37-19	61-35	151-99
Sat 8 July	4	31-39	22-17	53-56	204-155
Sat 8 July	5	26-14	20-30	46-44	250-199
Sat 8 July	6	5-42	3-43	8-85	258-284
Sun 9 July	7	29-25	31-25	60-50	318-334
Sun 9 July	8	25-5	4-35	29-40	347-374
Sun 9 July	9	37-29	21-21	58-50	405-424

Michal Kwiecien



Michal Kwiecien is a 42 year old car engineer and businessman from Lublin. He represents Bridge club - Unia Winkhaus, Leszno. His biggest wins include first place in the World Open Pairs Championship at Lille in 1998, second place in the European Open Teams Championship at Montecatini in 1997, third place in the World Transnational Open Teams at Hammamet in 1997, all of them with Jacek Pszczola. He has been playing together with Jacek Pszczola for 8 years.

He was a little younger back in 1982 when he was a member of the Polish team that won the Junior Championship in Sasomaggiore.

This hand comes from a match played in the Polish First Division in 1991.

Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A Q 4
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ –
♣ K 10 9 7 5



♠ K 10 7 5 2
♥ 2
♦ A J 10 8 4 3
♣ Q

Without any interference you have reached a small slam in spades. After a long huddle West leads a heart. Can you make the most of your opportunity?

Solution

♠ A Q 4
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ –
♣ K 10 9 7 5



♠ K 10 7 5 2
♥ 2
♦ A J 10 8 4 3
♣ Q

♠ J 9 8 3
♥ 7 6 4
♦ K 9 2
♣ J 8 3

♠ 6
♥ J 10 9 3
♦ Q 7 6 5
♣ A 6 4 2

Winning the opening heart lead, Kwiecien cashed two more tricks in the suit, discarding a club and a diamond from hand, and then proceeded to crossruff in clubs and diamonds, cashing the ace of diamonds along the way. On the fourth diamond, West had to play a trump, and declarer overruffed. In the three-card ending, Kwiecien played a heart from the table, discarding his remaining diamond from his hand. West had to ruff and play a spade into the declarer's ♠K10.

A club lead obviously defeats the contract. The declarer will also have problems after an unlikely trump lead, provided the opponents defend carefully.

This deal comes from Poland's match in the Round Robin against the eventual winners, USAI in the Orbis Bermuda Bowl 2000.

Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J 2
♥ 10 9 2
♦ A K 10 4 2
♣ 9 7 3



♠ Q 8
♥ A Q 7 6 5 2
♦ 7 5
♣ A K 4

West	North	East	South
Meckstroth	Pszczola	Rodwell	Kwecien
1♠	2♥	Pass	1♥
All Pass		3♠*	4♥

* pre-emptive

Your formidable opponent leads the queen of clubs. Plan your play.

Solution

♠ J 2
♥ 10 9 2
♦ A K 10 4 2
♣ 9 7 3

♠ A 7 6 5 4
♥ K
♦ Q J
♣ Q J 10 5 2



♠ Q 8
♥ A Q 7 6 5 2
♦ 7 5
♣ A K 4

♠ K 10 9 3
♥ J 8 4
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ 8 6

The opening lead of the queen of clubs makes it clear that West does not hold both the ace and king of spades. For his preemptive raise East should not have more than one defensive trick, so that must be a spade honour. West knows his side has at least a nine-card fit, but he has not gone on to Four Spades. The conclusion: West must have the king of hearts. Kwiecien played the ace of hearts and then ran the ten.



Michal Kwecien

MEET THE DUTCH

After considerable thought we could not come up with better information about ourselves than this.
Everthing you (n)ever wanted to know about the Dutch:

Name: **Niek Brink**
Age: old
Shoe size: small
Length: below average
Weight: above average
Room number: 223
Favorite color: orange
Lucky number: 25
Pets: 3 cockroaches
Single: forever
E-mail: niek_brink@hotmail.com



Name: **Bart Groosman**
Age: 23
Shoe size: 43
Length: 183
Weight: 80
Room number: 202
Favorite color: blue
Lucky number: 69
Pets: guppies
Single: happily married
E-mail: bart.groosman@bigfoot.com



Name: **Schelte Wijma (npc)**
Age: 27
Shoe size: 45
Length: 198
Weight: 85
Room number: 225
Favorite color: yellow
Lucky number: 1100
Pets: wild mice
Single: yes
E-mail: wijma@casema.net



Name: **Sjoert Brink**
Age: 19
Shoe size: 42
Length: 186
Weight: 80
Room number: 201
Favorite color: red
Lucky number: 226
Pets: pussycat
Single: ?
E-mail: sjoertbrink@hotmail.com

Name: **Bas Drijver**
Age: 20
Shoe size: 44
Length: 185
Weight: 85
Room number: 201
Favorite color: yellow
Lucky number: 5..
Pets: no
Single: unsure
E-mail: bassie@hotmail.com

Name: **Kees Tammens (coach)**
Age: 50
Shoe size: 44
Length: 180
Weight: more above average
Room number: 224
Favorite color: red&white
Lucky number: 17
Pets: Bas
Single: happily together with a world champion
E-mail: a.simons@keesing.nl

Name: **Maarten Schollaardt**
Age: 22
Shoe size: 45
Length: 202
Weight: 80
Room number: 202
Favorite color: green
Lucky number: 10
Pets: hopefully not
Single: no
E-mail: mschollaardt@econ.vu.nl



Name: Marcel Lagas
Age: 25
Shoe size: 46
Length: 192
Weight: 70
Room number: 202
Favorite color: green
Lucky number: 6
Pets: cats & snake
Single: yes (so be quick ;-)
E-mail: marcel@lagas.demon.nl



Name: **Bas Tammens (mascotte)**
Age: 16
Shoe size: 44
Length: 193
Weight: 70
Room number: 201
Favorite color: blue
Lucky number: 8
Pets: no
Single: yes
E-mail: a.simons@keesing.nl



The Disaster Corner



There was no trouble deciding on the winner of the daily prize for this issue of the Daily Bulletin. Marc van Beijsterveldt of the Netherlands was directing in the Open Room, and reported these two deals.

Portugal v The Netherlands

Round 7.

Board 7. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A K 10 6 3 ♥ 6 3 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A K 4 3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 9 4 ♥ A Q 5 4 ♦ A J 9 6 ♣ 9 5 2
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	♠ 8 7 5 2 ♥ 10 9 8 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ J 10										

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the two of diamonds, and declarer took North's king with the ace, and played back the six of diamonds. Dummy's ten was allowed to win, and declarer now played a low spade. North won with the queen and switched to the two of hearts. Declarer went up with the ace and ran the nine of spades. That led to one down, and E/W must have anticipated a swing.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♦
			All Pass

Only a plea of temporary insanity might save North, but it would require a very sympathetic jury! His double was completely unsound, even more so facing a passed partner.

West cashed the ace of spades and switched to the six of hearts. East took the queen and ace and played back a spade. Careful play will allow declarer to score three tricks, but you can't really blame him for making only two, to record -1700.

Belgium v Sweden

Round 8.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 7 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ A 10 8 6 5 3 2 ♣ K	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; 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 6 4 3 ♥ K Q J ♦ Q 7 ♣ Q 10 9 5
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W		E									
	S										
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Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Dble	3♥
5♦	All Pass		Pass

Do you think North should raise to Four Hearts? Our opinion is 100% in favour of a quick pass. Declarer made the obvious twelve tricks for +620.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Pass	4♥	Dble	3♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	5♥
All Pass			Dble

North did not go quietly in this room, but it did not do any real harm - until South made a very undisciplined bid. He compounded his error by doubling Six Diamonds, but Mr. Lightner would not have approved! Declarer soon claimed twelve tricks, and +1540.



THE RULING CLASS

If you have paid a visit to the Bulletin office you may have noticed this sign on the door.

Number 1
The Editor is always right.

Number 2
When the Editor is wrong, see Rule **Number 1**.

For no Reward

by Nissan Rand

The Israeli juniors had the best of fortunes when they met Estonia in the seventh round of the Junior Championship, defeating Estonia by 25-1VP.

On this deal Israel's Ran Schneider took advantage of a defensive error, but it turned out to be in a losing cause.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East <i>Schneider</i>	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Dble	INT	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

West led the ten of spades, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer played a club and put up his king. When that held he cashed the queen of spades, and then played a second round of trumps, putting West on play with the queen. A third spade was taken by South's jack, as East, instead of ruffing and playing a heart, mistakenly discarded the seven of hearts. Declarer then cashed the ace of diamonds and when West failed to unblock the king, it was all over. He had to win the next diamond with the king, and had a choice of losing plays. If he played a spade, East could ruff, but South would simply discard a heart. So he switched to the four of hearts, and declarer was able to win with his king. He cashed the queen of diamonds and ruffed his last diamond in dummy. He then discarded his remaining heart on the king of spades and made ten tricks, losing only two trumps and a diamond.

Plus 130 was a fine score, but in the other room, the bidding followed an obscure route:

West	North	East	South
2♦	Pass	3♦	3NT
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Two Diamonds clearly promised both majors, but the rest is a mystery. This little adventure cost 1400 - it could have been 1700 - and is right in there in the contest for the biggest disaster.

Anagram Corner

Barry Rigal notes that Sami Cohen converts neatly into 'I am Chosen'.

In the steps of Gray

by Peter Gál

Maurice Harrison Gray was one of the greatest English players of all time. He maintained that when there was no obvious way to make a contract, declarer should run his long suit to make life difficult for the opponents. I don't know if my players have read the recently published classic *The Best of Gray* by Raymond Brock, but one of them applied this technique to good advantage in the opening round of the Junior Championship.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West <i>Balásy</i>	North <i>McCormac</i>	East <i>Hegedüs</i>	South <i>McKenzie</i>
Pass	INT	Dble	2♣
3♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

I can answer the question Nissan Rand posed in Bulletin number three concerning this deal from the first round.

The opening lead was the eight of diamonds. Gal Hegedüs, top player of the Hungarian team, eliminated the diamonds, and rattled off his trumps to reach the following five-card ending with North still to discard.

<p>♠ - ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ - ♣ 8 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>♠ - ♥ A 2 ♦ - ♣ J 3 2</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ 9 8 ♦ - ♣ Q 9 7</p>
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W		E										
	S											

North, not knowing declarer's hand, and perhaps wanting to appear in the bulletin, discarded the ace of clubs. Now declarer exited with a club, and North won with the king and tried the ten of clubs. Declarer did not cover, and to save his partner from the endplay, South overtook with the queen, promoting the jack of clubs into the game going trick.

KEES FOR THE DEFENCE

Round 3. Board 1.

West	North	East	South
	3♣	Dble	Redbl
3♦	Pass	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

WEST: ♠ 963 ♥ 754 ♦ QJ75 ♣ 432

Do you lead your own suit, in which partner certainly has length and values, or do you try a major, trying to find partner's best suit?

Reflection: With declarer likely to have six or seven solid club tricks you will have to be quick. Either in finding partner with a solid four-card major or a five card major with an certain entry.

Marks: diamonds not much, you certainly give declarer a trick (♦K) or the tempo, hearts almost as good as a spade, spades the jackpot.

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

Only Swing

There was only one major swing in the Round 8 match on vu-graph, featuring Italy and the Netherlands. After a pass on your left, partner opens 2NT and you are looking at:

♠ 10 4 3 2
♥ K Q 8
♦ 10 5 2
♣ 10 8 2

Well, personally I have a lot of sympathy with a simple raise to 3NT as nine tricks could easily be easier than ten and my tens may be very useful in providing a second stopper in whatever suit is led. Neither player chose that option, preferring to use five-card Stayman. When partner responded 3♦, denying a five-card major, the Italian player bid 3NT, while the Dutch player continued to check for a 4-4 major-suit fit. The latter decision was rather more successful, 4♠ making for the Netherlands while 3NT went two down for Italy; 11 IMPs to the Netherlands.

Partner held:

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ A 10 6 3
♦ Q
♣ A K Q 9

Why anyone would want to open 2NT with this hand is beyond this reporter, but then, we would not have had a single hand to report on from this match had the two players not made the choice that they did.



SCOTTISH JUNIOR TEAM PROFILE

This is the first ever Scottish representative team in any EBL event, and we are very happy to find ourselves at such a wonderful event.

Scotland has a very strong sense of national identity, though the only real unifying factor is that we are not now, and never have been, English. Our mountains host numerous clans constantly fighting with one another, something our team is rather good at. They are;

Robert Carr. Clan: MacChatty.

Motto: "They Shall Not Pass".

Coat of arms: Mouth rampant on background of pure silage.

Douglas Marshall. Clan: MacStrongsilent.

Motto: "Let Passers Beware"

Coat of arms: Two large blue crosses on background of blood red.

Long-standing clan rivalry means this pair must be separated by a screen at all times.

Their claymores were confiscated at the airport, but watch out for the sghean dhu, a smaller weapon, easily concealed in a sock.

Duncan Cockburn. Clan: MacRaki.

Motto: "Who Dares, Passes".

Coat of arms: White flag on background of deep mistrust.

Andrew Myles. Clan: MacGotalight?

Motto: "Let No Man Double"

Coat of arms: Three green tickets on background of green baize.

Do not be fooled by the apparent docility of this pair. The fact that an army marches on its stomach came to light when they were once deprived of food, drink and tobacco. Things will be all right as long as the honey cakes and ale last, but if they are roused by hunger blood will flow.

Harold Bergson. Clan: MacDozy.

Motto: "Pass the Bread"

Coat of arms: Red lion rampant, yellow mouse couchant, separated by black question mark.

David McCrossan. Clan: MacDeepthought

Motto: "Does Pass Exist?"

Coat of arms: Open system file on background of doubt.

This pair, from two of the more peace-loving clans, have nonetheless had to perfect the art of self-defence ("it was his fault") to survive in a warmongering environment.

Captain: Catherine Gerrard. Clan: McAllthevices.

Motto: "Pass the sickbag".

Coat of arms: Whisky bottle couchant on background of resignation.

Welding these old enemies into a unified team has had some effect on this once tall stately lady. It is a mark of her character that her team stand in awe even of the smaller version.

Coach: Liz McGowan. Clan: MacThemsuffer.

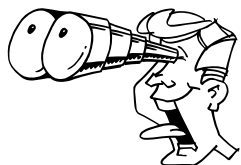
Motto: 'Bid, Bid, and Bid Again'

Coat of arms: Red hand rampant above a bidding box.

Research in her guidebook revealed that in Turkey women are demure and inconspicuous. Quite so.

The Biggest Disaster?

by Piotr Lutostanski



Poland's Round 5 contest with Denmark featured a hand which may be the greatest disaster of these championships. This was the deal:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Lutostanski		Kucharski
	Pass	1♦	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	2♣	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	2♦	Dble	All Pass



Piotr Kucharski

One Diamond was better minor. One Spade would not have pretty but it would have been quite a bit cheaper than 2♦. Best, of course, is 2♥ - well, actually, best is not to play the hand at all on the North/South cards, but that ceased to be an option as soon as Piotr Kucharski overcalled and the Danes began to look for a penalty. Piotr Lutostanski ran from 1♠ doubled and Kucharski in turn ran from INT doubled. It does seem that it should have been possible to get to hearts - why is South redoubling for rescue then standing for playing in his doubleton?

The lead was the singleton spade and West switched to the jack of diamonds. When Lutostanski covered that he was held to just one trump trick for seven down, -2000. No, team-mates did not manage to flatten the board (very disappointing).

Will anybody manage to concede a bigger penalty over the course of the next few days?

Polish Slam

by Piotr Kucharski

Poland lost their Round 9 match against Sweden by 9-21 VPs, but the match included this triumph for their bidding methods and judgement.

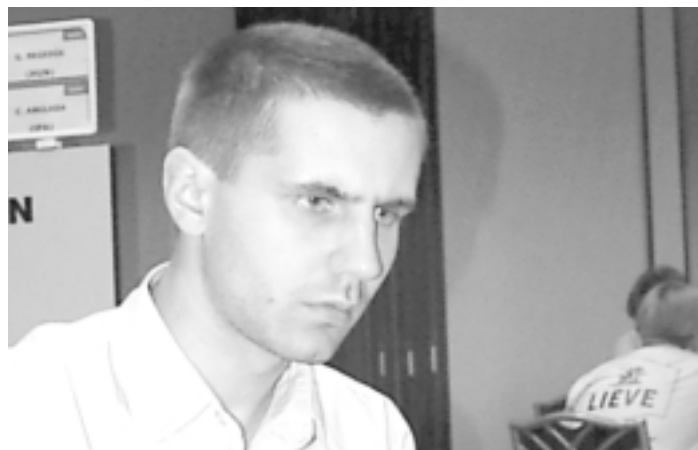
Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Rozkrut	Thornqvist	Baranowski	Noberius
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

One Club was either natural or balanced outside the 15-17 no trump range, and the 4♣ rebid showed 4-2-1-6 with 11-14 HCP (4♠ would have shown 4-1-2-6, while 4♦/♥ would have been splinters with a stronger hand). Jacek Baranowski now bid 4♦ to see if his partner could cuebid hearts. When Marek Rozkrut could only sign off in 4♠, Baranowski used RKCB, already knowing that his partner's strength was mostly concentrated in the black suits. Rozkrut showed one key card and Baranowski checked for the trump queen. Five No Trump showed the queen and Baranowski converted to 6♠.

On the auction, declarer was always going to get a red-suit lead and, of course, played by East both red-suit positions were protected. Baranowski duly made twelve tricks for a swing to Poland.



Jacek Baranowski

JUNIOR TEAMS

BUTLER AFTER SESSION 10

PLAYER		AVG IMPS	BOARDS				
1 Hakkebo S	NOR	1.29	120	73 Cleaton M	WAL	-0.03	180
2 Jorstad R	NOR	1.29	120	74 Roderick M	WAL	-0.03	180
3 Marquardsen	DEN	1.25	140	75 Bennett K	ENG	-0.04	120
4 Schaltz M	DEN	1.25	140	76 Hillman R	ENG	-0.04	120
5 Balschun R	GER	1.17	180	77 Mazzadi F	ITA	-0.06	100
6 Schueller M	GER	1.17	180	78 Medusei A	ITA	-0.06	100
7 Gloyer A	OST	1.04	180	79 Heikkinen T	FIN	-0.07	180
8 Schiffko M	OST	1.04	180	80 Tamminen J	FIN	-0.07	180
9 Amit A	ISR	0.98	120	81 Frey N	FRA	-0.07	120
10 Vax Y	ISR	0.98	120	82 Geitner J	FRA	-0.07	120
11 Roll Y	ISR	0.94	120	83 Roos D	BEL	-0.10	140
12 Schneider R	ISR	0.94	120	84 Roos S	BEL	-0.10	140
13 Kelina M	RUS	0.94	160	85 Canelas T	POR	-0.10	139
14 Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.94	160	86 Sarmento P	POR	-0.10	139
15 Balasy Z	HUN	0.88	200	87 Mraz M	HUN	-0.12	40
16 Bazin G	FRA	0.85	120	88 Wade R	ENG	-0.17	120
17 Charletoux T	FRA	0.85	120	89 Zivan L	ENG	-0.17	120
18 Hegedus G	HUN	0.84	200	90 Henriksen B	DEN	-0.19	100
19 Labruyere P	FRA	0.82	120	91 Tomsen T	DEN	-0.19	100
20 Grenthe G	FRA	0.82	120	92 Brguljan K	CRO	-0.24	120
21 Askgaard M	DEN	0.79	160	93 Halldorsson	ICE	-0.24	160
22 Bjarnarson G	DEN	0.79	160	94 Haraldsson S	ICE	-0.24	160
23 Cornelis T	BEL	0.73	160	95 Erdemil P	TUR	-0.29	100
24 Donder S	BEL	0.73	160	96 Erdogan I	TUR	-0.29	100
25 Di Bello F	ITA	0.73	160	97 Einarsson B	ICE	-0.30	100
26 Di Bello S	ITA	0.73	160	98 Gunnarsson G	ICE	-0.30	100
27 Noberius H	SWE	0.71	120	99 Stefansson F	ICE	-0.33	140
28 Thornqvist T	SWE	0.71	120	100 Thorsson P	ICE	-0.33	140
29 Uz T	TUR	0.69	160	101 Roos T	BEL	-0.34	60
30 Alper T	TUR	0.69	160	102 Toutenel E	BEL	-0.34	60
31 Brink S	NET	0.62	160	103 Rosta E	HUN	-0.34	20
32 Drijver B	NET	0.62	160	104 Kotanyi B	HUN	-0.36	180
33 Sunamak G	TUR	0.50	139	105 Cockburn D	SCO	-0.40	120
34 Tatlicioglu	TUR	0.50	139	106 Myles A	SCO	-0.40	120
35 Kucharski P	POL	0.36	160	107 Grunt A	POL	-0.42	100
36 Lutostanski	POL	0.36	160	108 Sarniak A	POL	-0.42	100
37 Sasek T	CRO	0.34	160	109 Szikszai J	HUN	-0.47	160
38 Pilipovic M	CRO	0.32	160	110 Dunn J	WAL	-0.48	160
39 Krupp S	GER	0.27	160	111 Heche G	SWI	-0.51	180
40 Moeller M	GER	0.27	160	112 Nystrom F	SWE	-0.55	140
41 Luks L	EST	0.26	180	113 Stromberg P	SWE	-0.55	140
42 Naber L	EST	0.26	180	114 Jones D	WAL	-0.62	180
43 Bergson H	SCO	0.25	140	115 Andreev V	RUS	-0.62	120
44 McCrossan D	SCO	0.25	140	116 Semisochenko	RUS	-0.62	120
45 Zoric V	CRO	0.23	140	117 Grumm I	OST	-0.69	80
46 Biondo B	ITA	0.23	140	118 Kriftner S	OST	-0.69	80
47 Guariglia R	ITA	0.23	140	119 Goded G	SPA	-0.74	160
48 Lagas M	NET	0.23	120	120 De Tejada L	SPA	-0.74	160
49 Schollaardt	NET	0.23	120	121 Barton A	IRE	-0.75	120
50 Brink N	NET	0.18	120	122 Nolan D	IRE	-0.75	120
51 Groosman B	NET	0.18	120	123 La Spada O	SWI	-0.75	160
52 Ahonen H	FIN	0.15	100	124 Jerolitsch M	OST	-0.76	100
53 Nurmi P	FIN	0.15	100	125 Veverka A	OST	-0.76	100
54 Liran I	ISR	0.13	120	126 Justitz N	SWI	-0.79	140
55 Varshavski A	ISR	0.13	120	127 Bokholt N	GER	-0.81	60
56 Harr G	NOR	0.08	140	128 Kornek A	GER	-0.81	60
57 Kvangraven N	NOR	0.08	140	129 Masia S	SPA	-0.81	100
58 Charlsen T	NOR	0.06	100	130 Perez J	SPA	-0.81	100
59 Ellestad O	NOR	0.06	100	131 Airaksinen J	FIN	-0.84	120
60 Green J	ENG	0.02	120	132 Jafs F	FIN	-0.84	120
61 Hazel G	ENG	0.02	120	133 Tihane A	EST	-0.90	180
62 Grahek V	CRO	0.01	140	134 Targla T	EST	-0.90	180
63 Baranowski J	POL	0.00	140	135 Weisweiler J	SWI	-0.98	180
64 Rozkrut M	POL	0.00	140	136 Carr R	SCO	-1.21	140
65 Sousa J	POR	0.00	120	137 Marshall D	SCO	-1.21	140
66 Teixeira N	POR	0.00	120	138 Mac Cormac T	IRE	-1.23	140
67 Braga Rf	POR	-0.02	140	139 Mac Kenzie B	IRE	-1.23	140
68 Braga Rc	POR	-0.02	140	140 Anglada C	SPA	-1.39	140
69 Malinovski N	RUS	-0.02	120	141 Villalonga T	SPA	-1.39	140
70 Solntsev E	RUS	-0.02	120	142 Gencer B	SWI	-1.64	60
71 Eliazohn N	SWE	-0.02	140	143 Bavalia S	IRE	-1.66	100
72 Melander M	SWE	-0.02	140	144 Martin J	IRE	-1.66	100
				145 Davies D	WAL	-1.94	60
				146 Evans C	WAL	-2.04	40