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ISRAEL BEGINS TO SEE DAYLIGHT

The now long-time leaders of the Junior Championship, Israel, have at last started to draw clear of the chasing teams. They scored maximums in their first two matches yesterday, and only dropped 2 VPs in their third one to power themselves 23 VPs ahead of second-placed Norway.

Denmark is third, and the Netherlands, who also claimed three victories, are fourth. The chasing pack is not far behind, and is headed by France and Italy. England has come into the picture thanks to three victories, and Turkey is eighth. If any other teams are to have a chance of capturing one of the top four places, they will have to make a move soon.

Shocks for France and Poland

It was business as usual for the two leading teams at the start of the second day of the Schools Championship, with France and Poland both winning their opening matches, the Polish team recording a remarkable 126-1 IMP score against Germany. The lost IMP only came on Board 18, and the Polish coach immediately launched an enquiry! Not to be outdone, France scored 110 IMPs in their second match against Latvia, but they conceded 40 IMPs. Meanwhile, Poland went down to their first defeat against Sweden. That was followed by a losing draw with the Netherlands, but their hopes were rekindled by the news that France had lost 8-22 to Austria.

Photo Call

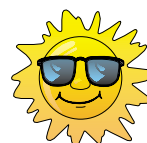


The next photo calls will be tomorrow. The chosen teams will be announced in tomorrow's bulletin.

Please assemble at the entrance to the Convention Centre.

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

Heatwave!



We want you all to have a great time today, but please be careful!

The weather forecast predicts temperatures in excess of 50°Celsius, and that is very hot indeed. Try not to stay out in the sun for too long, use sunscreen, drink lots of water. Remember, you have to play bridge this evening!

JUNIOR TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 15

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	bye	RUSSIA	0 0	0	18
2	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	15 58	6	24
3	ESTONIA	ICELAND	47 32	18	12
4	SWITZERLAND	NORWAY	23 59	8	22
5	SCOTLAND	ITALY	25 95	2	25
6	HUNGARY	DENMARK	31 70	7	23
7	BELGIUM	ENGLAND	28 62	8	22
8	POLAND	TURKEY	29 38	13	17
9	PORTUGAL	FINLAND	5 81	1	25
10	GERMANY	WALES	65 37	21	9
11	IRELAND	SPAIN	33 57	10	20
12	ISRAEL	CROATIA	74 4	25	2
13	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	42 65	10	20

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 16

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	bye	DENMARK	0 0	0	18
2	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	8 48	7	23
3	FRANCE	NORWAY	54 53	15	15
4	WALES	AUSTRIA	49 50	15	15
5	GERMANY	ICELAND	43 74	9	21
6	RUSSIA	BELGIUM	67 46	19	11
7	CROATIA	HUNGARY	51 43	16	14
8	ITALY	IRELAND	68 19	25	5
9	ENGLAND	SWITZERLAND	42 32	17	13
10	PORTUGAL	ESTONIA	89 25	25	3
11	SPAIN	POLAND	55 76	11	19
12	SWEDEN	FINLAND	84 47	23	7
13	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	83 20	25	3

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 17

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	TURKEY	bye	0 0	18	0
2	GERMANY	FINLAND	61 57	16	14
3	AUSTRIA	BELGIUM	26 63	7	23
4	ICELAND	CROATIA	41 38	16	14
5	WALES	DENMARK	21 46	10	20
6	SWEDEN	IRELAND	55 59	14	16
7	SPAIN	ISRAEL	26 63	7	23
8	RUSSIA	PORTUGAL	47 48	15	15
9	FRANCE	ITALY	44 22	20	10
10	ESTONIA	NORWAY	45 45	15	15
11	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	73 28	24	6
12	SCOTLAND	POLAND	56 42	18	12
13	NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND	103 4	25	0



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 18

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

RANKING AFTER SESSION 17

1	ISRAEL	336.5
2	NORWAY	313
3	DENMARK	310
4	NETHERLANDS	294
5	ITALY	290
6	FRANCE	289
7	ENGLAND	286
8	TURKEY	283
9	GERMANY	279
10	RUSSIA	279
11	CROATIA	271
12	SWEDEN	268.5
13	POLAND	267
14	AUSTRIA	266
15	FINLAND	253
16	HUNGARY	250
17	BELGIUM	249
18	ICELAND	238
19	PORTUGAL	231
20	ESTONIA	214
21	SPAIN	187
22	WALES	180
23	IRELAND	168
24	SWITZERLAND	168
25	SCOTLAND	166

SCHOOL TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	ITALY ENGLAND	47	58	13	17
2	FRANCE NETHERLANDS	78	54	20	10
3	AUSTRIA SWEDEN	33	68	8	22
4	NORWAY HUNGARY	57	60	14	16
5	ISRAEL LATVIA	54	44	17	13
6	POLAND GERMANY	126	1	25	0

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	ITALY AUSTRIA	46	56	13	17
2	NORWAY ISRAEL	65	44	19	11
3	SWEDEN POLAND	49	46	16	14
4	GERMANY ENGLAND	46	58	13	17
5	HUNGARY NETHERLANDS	84	75	17	13
6	FRANCE LATVIA	110	40	25	2

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6

Match		IMP's		VP's	
1	ISRAEL ITALY	37	43	14	16
2	SWEDEN GERMANY	68	60	16	14
3	HUNGARY ENGLAND	19	49	9	21
4	POLAND NETHERLANDS	49	50	15	15
5	LATVIA NORWAY	20	49	9	21
6	AUSTRIA FRANCE	70	34	22	8



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Turkey - Germany

Juniors

21.00



SCHEDULE

Thursday 13th July

21.00

Juniors, Round 18

RANKING AFTER SESSION 6

1	FRANCE	118.5
2	POLAND	113
3	NORWAY	106
4	SWEDEN	99
5	ENGLAND	93
6	NETHERLANDS	89
7	ISRAEL	85.5
8	AUSTRIA	84.5
9	HUNGARY	83
10	ITALY	79
11	GERMANY	72
12	LATVIA	38.5

Sport News

Football



Lazio claim to have agreed a world record deal to sign Argentinian star, Hernan Crespo from Parma. The Serie A champions say that the total value of the deal is 35.7 million pounds sterling. Mathias

Almeyda and Sergio Conceicao will move to Parma and Lazio will also pay Parma 10 million pounds. Lazio say that Crespo has signed a five-year deal. Crespo, however, says he has signed nothing.

Less good news for Lazio is that they have been accused of cheating, which could, in theory, rob them of the Scudetto. Argentinian star, Juan Veron had claimed to have an Italian grandmother but it appears that Lazio owner Sergio Cragnotti could be charged that the documents used to register him were forged. The benefit to Lazio was that Veron was exempted from the rule allowing only three non-EU players to be fielded at any one time.

Spanish Euro 2000 star, Pedro Munitis has moved to Real Madrid from Racing Santander for 7 million pounds.



Cycling

Yesterday was a rest day in the Tour de France.

Golf



Tiger Woods completed a convincing victory in the McManus Invitational Pro-Am at Limerick. He scored 68 in the second and final round to win by six strokes from England's Malcolm Mackenzie.

Cricket



South Africa will meet Sri Lanka in the final of the Singer Triangular Tournament after beating Pakistan by seven wickets in the last qualifying match. Pakistan batted first and lost their first six wickets for only 19 before recovering to 153 all out. South Africa coasted to 156-3.

JUNIOR TEAMS SESSION 12



ISRAEL

VS

GERMANY



Roll & Co. stop the roll

by Stefan Back



Stefan puts his 'Back' into his article

Stefan Back, the vice-chairman of the EBL Youth Committee has many duties at these championships, but still found the time to report on a key encounter in the Junior Championship. As Editor of the DBV Bridge Magazine, it must have been quite painful to write!

The German team had come into an excellent roll to win its last seven matches convincingly and climb from nowhere up to third place. The Tuesday morning session saw their encounter with the leaders from Israel. A crucial match for both teams if they wanted to stay at the top of the scoreboard.

In the Open Room Yussi Roll and Ran Schnieder playing North/South for Israel against Raoul Balschun and Matthias Schüller from Germany, threw down the gauntlet on Boards 2 and 3.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
Pass	3♥	2♠ All Pass	Pass

South passed 3♥ and was rewarded when his partner took exactly nine tricks. Roll ducked the ♠K, won the second round with the ace and played a third round of spades, which was ruffed in dummy and overruffed by Schüller. Back came a heart to the ace and when Roll led a club to his king and laid down the ♥K to collect the remaining trumps he was home, only losing two clubs in the end. Israel; +140. This result was worth 12 IMPs when the German North/South pair in the Closed Room tried 3 NT and went five light, Israel; +500 and an early 13-0 lead.

A German balancing manoeuvre gave Israel another chance to score heavily:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
Pass	INT	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♠
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Dble	All Pass	Pass

North's INT was alerted as forcing, and Balschun did not come in with his hearts on the first round of bidding. When it stopped at a rather low level he decided to go for a diamond or heart response to his reopening double and found out all too late

that he had entered a lions' cage. He might have escaped by simply passing Three Clubs. If South doubles that, East can redouble to show the red suits, with better hearts. N/S were observing their opponents' misfit bids and doubled the final prey confidently.

The defence started with the $\diamond Q$ and declarer inserted his king. When it held, the $\clubsuit 9$ went to two, ten and jack, and North switched to a heart. Declarer ducked in dummy, so South won with the queen and put the $\spadesuit K$ on the table. Declarer ducked again and South played back the $\heartsuit 9$ to jack and ace. Now declarer cashed his second top heart, discarding a diamond from hand, played a spade to the ace, cashed the $\clubsuit A$ and exited in diamonds. At this stage he is four down, as N/S are able to collect all the remaining tricks. However, when the defence slipped slightly in the end, Schüller must have been happy to have escaped for two down only, which nevertheless meant +500 to Israel.

In the other room Krupp/Möller for Germany were left to play in $2\spadesuit$ on the N/S cards, where they went three off; Israel another +150 and in the lead by 25-0.

Germany tried to close the gap and finally scored a double digit, when Balschun/Schüller stopped in game without showing any slam ambitions:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
			Pass
$1\diamond$	Pass	$1\heartsuit$	Pass
INT	Pass	$2\diamond$	Pass
$2\heartsuit$	Pass	$4\heartsuit$	All pass

Balschun lost the obvious three tricks in hearts and clubs to win his contract; Germany +620. In the Closed Room Vax and Amit went overboard in $6\heartsuit-2$ to give the Germans +200 and an urgently needed 13 IMPs with Israel still in the lead 25-14. Murphy's law struck Matthias Schüller when he thought he had picked up this collection on the very next board:

\spadesuit J 7
 \heartsuit 10 8 2
 \diamond J 7 5
 \clubsuit K 10 5 4 3

In nine cases out of ten a hand like this doesn't play a role at all - and it even doesn't matter if the player who holds it finally discovers that he has one club less and a third spade instead! Well, it mattered this time:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
Pass	INT	$2\clubsuit$	Dble
$2\heartsuit$	Pass	Pass	Dble
$2\spadesuit$	Dble	All Pass	

After North's INT-opening East came in with a vulnerable $2\clubsuit$ -bid showing both majors. Politely speaking, this is a very doubtful action, with the NT-range (12-14) and the vulnerability given as it is. Schüller now should have bid $2\diamond$ to show equal length in both majors, which unfortunately he did not have at that very moment. When Schnieder doubled $2\heartsuit$ West finally discovered his third spade and hoped to escape the penalty double by trying the other major. Roll was happy to double $2\spadesuit$ and this time the defence took full advantage of the situation. A heart was led to the king and ace, followed by three rounds of spades and a club to the ace and a club back. West won the $\clubsuit K$, played a heart to the queen and another one to South's jack. A club to the queen drew declarer's last trump and he had to lose all the remaining tricks as a consequence; five down and +1100 to Israel.

In the Closed Room Germany played the normal contract of 3NT making five; Germany +460 but another 12 IMPs to Israel; who were in the lead now by 37-14.

The Israeli fans had not stopped cheering yet, when their team increased its lead even further:



Yossi Roll

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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



West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All pass	3♥

Roll/Schnieder stopped in 3NT+1; Israel +430, whereas Krupp/Möller in the other room got to 6♣ which had no play, losing the ♥A and a trump trick; Israel +100. After the first half of the match Israel now led by 50-14.

When two boards later the Germans ran a little out of patience, Israel once again had the better end on its side:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	3♠	3NT
Dble	All pass		

A very good Israeli bidding sequence accompanied by a not very well-timed penalty double by West resulted in an easy overtrick for Schnieder. West led a top diamond to the ace and Schnieder competently got the clubs right by laying down the ♣A. When East showed out, declarer ran the ♣10 which held the trick. Next came a club to the king, a spade to the ace and a club to West, who now switched to the ♥K. Declarer took all his win-

ners and ended up with ten tricks; Israel +950.

When Germany missed this game in the Closed Room to score +130 in 2♣ making four, Israel collected 13 IMPs for its combined efforts to increase the lead to 63-14 and there was more to come:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

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



Open room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♥	All pass

Roll, as Möller in the Closed Room, found the excellent lead of the ♥A. He continued with another heart to dummy's king and Schüller continued with a diamond to the ace and a club ruff. A few seconds later he claimed, conceding a heart and two club tricks for down one without even trying to establish the spades, having forgotten that he already had lost a heart trick. So that was down one; Israel +50. When Amit/Vax scored an overtrick (Israel +450) in the other room Israel had built up an impressive 74-18 lead with only five more boards to go.

Two out of the last three big swings went to Israel as well, but it was Germany to score 9 IMPs first.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
2♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass



Ran Schnieder

After Schüller's 2♥ transfer bid showing spade support Balschun, who realized they were down in the match, felt he had nothing to lose and therefore jumped to game right away. South led the ♥A and continued hearts. Balschun ruffed and laid down the ♦Q. When it held - North following with the jack - he knew he was on the right track. He cashed the ♠A, played ♣AK and ruffed a club in dummy. Then he took the spade finesse which South won and gave his partner a diamond ruff, but that was all the defence could get; Germany +620.

When Israel in the Closed Room stayed out of game and scored three overtricks in 2♣, the Germans - still trailing by 57 IMPs - had won 9 IMPs and were hoping for a strong finish but it was not to be, as Israel saved its best efforts for last.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 7 5 ♥ 8 ♦ 10 8 ♣ 10 9 8 5 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ 8 6 2 ♥ 9 6 5 3 ♦ K J 4 ♣ K Q J ♠ K 10 4 ♥ K 10 ♦ A Q 9 7 6 2 ♣ A 2 ♠ A 9 3 ♥ A Q J 7 4 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ 7 6	
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Open room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
Pass	2♥	1♦	1♥
Pass	3NT	3♦	3♥
Pass		All pass	

Despite a 6-4 heart fit, North/South managed to get to 3 NT - by the way, this result was achieved by the Israeli Schools team in their match as well! And how right Roll was to protect his diamond features! Once a small diamond was led nothing could stop declarer from establishing heart and club tricks and when the fog cleared up he had collected eleven tricks for a score of +660, when East cashed his ♦A after winning the ♣A to possibly

fell a singleton ♦K in the North hand.

In the other room the German South played a heart partial at the three level, received a diamond lead and finally went three off to give his opponents another +300 which translated into 14 IMPs for Israel.

The very last board of the match proved to be a tough test in creativity. Here is the bidding:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schüller	Roll	Balschun	Schnieder
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Imagine you are East and you hold:

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

You lead the ♥Q and dummy goes down:

♠ K Q 8 7
 ♥ A K 6 5 3
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ Q J

Declarer takes the ace and plays the king of spades, what do you do?

Did you - like the German East player - take the ace and continue hearts? Then you have just handed the opponents a vulnerable game on a silver plate.

Declarer will take the ♥K, finesse in diamonds twice and end up with five diamond tricks, three spade tricks and the ♥AK. This was the full deal:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 5 2 ♥ 4 2 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ A 10 5 4 3	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ J 4 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ A Q J 8 4 ♣ 8 7 2 ♠ A 10 6 ♥ Q J 10 9 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ K 9 6 ♠ K Q 8 7 ♥ A K 6 5 3 ♦ 9 5 ♣ Q J	
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Of course it was a clever move from Roll to go for the spade tricks first and leave East with a lot of guesswork to do. Had North started with a couple of successful diamond finesses, East surely would have worked out that the only way to beat the contract was to bring in some club tricks. Anyway, that was another +630 to Israel, who scored 11 more IMPs when Germany in the Closed Room bid and made 1NT for a score of +90.

Israel blitzed its contender 99-29 - or 25-2 in VPs respectively - to defend their lead impressively at almost halftime of the championships.

JUNIOR TEAMS SESSION 14



ISRAEL

VS

WALES



by Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

The youngest player in the Junior event is Catherine Evans, 14, of Wales. She was playing in the match when Wales beat Belgium 16-14 and also in the encounter with leaders, Israel, that Israel won by the same narrow margin. Catherine's partner is David Davies, 23. The Welsh team, incidentally, has an Evans, a Jones, and a Davies, needing only a Williams to complete the quartet of most common family names in Wales.

The key deal of the match was this problem facing Ranny Schnieder of Israel. Schnieder dealt at red and this was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Schnieder	Davies	Roll	Evans
1♥	4♣	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

North, who had pre-empted with Four Clubs, leads the six of clubs, and this is what you see:

♠ Q 10 2	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A	
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♦ K		♦ A Q 10 9 5 2				
♣ Q J 2		♣ A 10				

How do you play?

If you put in the ten South follows with the eight.

Before revealing the winning line we report this good play by Aran Varshavski of Israel:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jones	Varshavski	Dunn	Liran
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
2♠	2NT	Dble	1♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	3♣

North's 2NT was Lebensohl, so South bid Three Clubs in case North had a weak Three Club bid, and North's Three Notrump continuation was strong.

Against Three Notrumps East, Jake Dunn, led a low diamond. Declarer finessed the queen, and ran the ten of clubs to the bare queen. A second diamond was ducked to West's jack and a low

spade switch was won by North. On a high club East discarded a diamond, and West took the ace to lead another low spade. Declarer got this right, rising with the king to fell East's queen. He then cashed one top heart and the third club. East had to retain all his hearts, so threw another diamond. Now declarer entered dummy with the spade jack and played ace and another diamond. East was end-played to lead away from the queen of hearts. Well done. At the other table Wales reached Four Hearts doubled which went one light; 13 IMPs to Israel.

Going back to our first deal this was the full layout:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West was in Six Hearts, and North, who had overcalled Four Clubs, led a club. Declarer put in the ten, which held, and led a trump. North won and gave his partner a club ruff for one off.

There are two points here. First, when the ten of clubs held North knew West held both missing clubs and that South held a singleton, so it was easy when he was in with the trump ace to play another club. Declarer does better to overtake the ten in order to leave North in doubt about the suit.

Second, declarer knew South had a singleton club, and was likely to have two trumps, so must consider the danger of a ruff if North holds the ace of trumps. The winning line after taking the club finesse is to unblock the king of diamonds, cross to the ace of spades, and play good diamonds. If the diamonds are 3-3 both clubs go away and the danger is averted. The diamonds are not 3-3 but when South ruffs the third one the danger has been removed in a different way. You simply over-ruff and now play your trump. North wins, but South has no trumps left with which to ruff the next club.

This is a losing line where North has short diamonds and a small trump, so it was a close decision for declarer. Evans did well not to bid Five Spades, which might well have led declarer to find the winning line.

The auction at the other table was:

West	North	East	South
Jones	Varshavski	Dunn	Liran
1♥	Pass	3♠	4♠
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

East's Three Spades was a splinter. Despite this North led his singleton spade, and declarer, Dafydd Jones, had no problem in making his slam; 17 IMPs to Wales.

JUNIOR TEAMS

SESSION 13



AUSTRIA

VS

RUSSIA



Austrian Double

In Round 13 of the Juniors, Austria won a tough battle with Russia by 18-12 VPs. These two deals made the difference between the two teams.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 7 5 ♥ J 10 8 6 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ J 9 6 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ J 8 ♥ Q J 9 5 3</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 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>	<p>♠ Q 3 ♥ K 9 5 2 ♦ K 6 5 4 3 ♣ 10 8</p>	<p>♠ A K 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A Q 10 9 2 ♣ A K 7</p>
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West	North	East	South
	Schifko		Gloyer
	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Dble	Pass
Pass	Rdbl	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

Andreas Gloyer opened a strong club and the 2♣ response was a natural positive. A series of natural bids now confirmed Gloyer's interest in a club slam. Martin Schifko cuebid the ace of hearts and, when East doubled, Gloyer passed to see if he could next show the ♦K. Instead, he redoubled, confirming that the heart control was the ace, but denying the diamond card. No doubt East expected the final contract to be played in clubs, when South would be the declarer, but Gloyer could see that it would be much better to play such that the ♥K would be on lead. Accordingly, he jumped to 6NT, making Schifko the declarer.

There was no problem in the play and Schifko soon brought home his slam to earn his side 11 IMPs as the Russian pair at the other table stopped in game.

It was Schifko's turn to show a little imagination a few boards later.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 8 7 2 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ J 3 ♣ K Q 9 8 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 6 ♥ K 9 7 2 ♦ A K 7 4 ♣ 10 6 3</p>	<p>♠ A K J 4 ♥ Q 5 ♦ Q 9 8 5 ♣ J 7 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 9 5 3 ♥ J 10 8 6 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ A 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
	Schifko		Gloyer
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

One No Trump was weak (12-14) and Schifko could not double the Stayman response as that would simply have shown a strong hand. When the opposition followed an invitational sequence to game, however, he tried the effect of a lead-directing double. If you had never discussed this situation, would a double ask for the lead of dummy's bid suit, even though the actual bid was artificial, or would it ask for the lead of the only suit dummy has shown - hearts by inference?

In practice, partner will always be able to work it out by looking at his relative holdings in the two suits. Here, it was clear for Gloyer to lead the ace and another club and that meant a quick two down. Three No Trump was always going down, but +300 is better than +100, and it went nicely with Austria's +90 from the other table to create a swing of 9 IMPs.

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Edited by Mark Horton



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Just see the Editor in the office of the Daily Bulletin.

Elimination is the Key

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nurmi	Di Bello	Ahonen	Di Bello
			Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led her singleton club and when West played the king, declarer won, crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds, and played a spade to the queen and king. East made no mistake, cashing the king of diamonds and playing the jack for her partner to ruff. She ruffed the club return, and the contract was one down; +100 for Finland. It looks better to cross to dummy by cashing the ace of hearts and then ruffing the queen of hearts. Now you can take your choice of plays in spades and as the cards lie, you will get home easily even if you take the wrong view.

Open Room

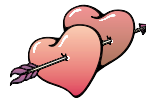
West	North	East	South
Guariglia	Tamminen	Biondi	Heikkinen
			Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Against the same contract, this time East led a low heart. Declarer pitched a club from dummy, and won with the queen. He now cashed the ace of spades and the ace of hearts, and then played a low spade. East won with the king (it would not have mattered if he had been able to win with the jack) and switched to his singleton club, covered by the nine, king and ace. Declarer drew the outstanding trump, crossed to the ace of diamonds and played a diamond to the ten. East could get one more trick with the jack of diamonds, but that was all. The instructive point about this deal is that declarer must be better off to eliminate the heart suit at an early stage, because it limits the options open to the defence.



Pia Nurmi

The Italian team profile



BERNARDO BIONDO: This 25 year-old, who hails from Rome, is the oldest player in the team and also the holder of most titles. A university student (Arts Faculty), he is also a bridge teacher and tournament director. Unfortunately not currently playing to the best of his ability since falling madly in love with the Spanish player, Claudia Anglada. (Claudia, please help me to get him back on form - Coach)



FURIO DI BELLO: A 21 year-old Neapolitan who is a would-be Web-site designer and a would-be guitarist, but a true bridge player. Almost married to a player much better than him.



STELIO (aka OTHELLO) DI BELLO: The 20 year-old brother of Furio, and even more jealous than the Moor of Venice. Also known as Psycho for his rather disturbing temperament. The youngest member of the Lavazza team, he is also a Web engineer and romantically linked to the Israeli player Dana Tal, although she does not know it yet.



RUGGIERO GUARIGLIA: 22 years old and a well-known ceramics salesman from Salerno (despite breaking a lot more than he sells), he is also known as "the philosopher" for his ascetic nature. Pretends to study languages, but earns a fortune teaching bridge to old ladies in need of affection.



ANDREA MEDUSEI: This 24 year-old, originally from Lerici (La Spezia), lives in Parma where he spends a lot of time in search of girls for his partner Mazzadi, so much in fact that he has no time left to find one for himself. He studies Computer Engineering, with similar results to those of his bridge playing, i.e. very poor.



FRANCESCO MAZZADI: 22 years old and from Parma, he is nicknamed "Il Rosso" (the red) and doubts exist over his nationality. Could be Irish if it were not for his accent. He won the last Italian Cup and is so happy with this victory that now he can no longer even manage a finesse. He has seven mobile phones, and as many girlfriends, and swears he loves them all.



(NPC) GIANPAOLO "GIAGIO" RINALDI: Father for a month to little Valentina, his hot temper has not lessened with fatherhood, however. One of the best known players in Italy, not only for the number of titles he has won but especially for his very original expressions of disapproval (ask the Italians what "Cane porco" means).



(COACH) ANDREA PAGANI: 36 years old, although he seems much younger - not physically but mentally. After a hard life in management, he decided to dedicate himself to bridge and to get stressed for a more noble cause. An ex-bridge player, ex-rock musician and ex-Latin lover, he's got now a triple X size for his great love of cholesterol.

Worst Bid of the Championship?

One of our spies has come up with another entry for the worst Bid of the Championships Award. It comes from the Round 16 Juniors match between Austria and Wales, and the hero (?) is an Austrian.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ A 8 ♥ Q 9 5 2 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ A J 10 4</p>	<p>♠ K 9 6 3 ♥ J 10 8 4 3 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ 9</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 100%; height: 100%; background-color: black; color: white; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div> </div>	<p>♠ 5 4 ♥ - ♦ A Q 9 6 4 2 ♣ K 8 7 3 2</p>	<p>♠ Q J 10 7 2 ♥ A K 7 6 ♦ J ♣ Q 6 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Veverka		Jerolitsch	
		Pass	1♠
Dble 5♥	3♠ Dble	4♣ All Pass	Pass

It may be that East made a single bid, or to be more precise, a single call (Pass, Double and Redouble are calls, not bids) that was the worst of the championship, and it may not. Certainly, however, he would be a hot favourite for the 'Worst Combination of Calls Award' if we had one. Both your editors would have opened the East hand, so we can start with some mild criticism of the initial pass.

The next three calls all seem perfectly normal to us, but then we come back to East again. Surely, the way to show both minors is to bid 4NT, not 4♣. If willing to drive to slam, you might start with 4♣ if you had first-round spade control, as long as you had a lot of confidence in your partnership agreements. But to bid 4♣ on this hand seems wrong to both of us. However, this pales into insignificance when compared to the pass over the double of 5♥. One can only assume that East was distracted by a low-flying cow, or something, because to hope that partner will guess to pull the double is complete fantasy.

Five Hearts doubled went six down for -1700, costing Austria 20 IMPs. The match ended as a 15-15 draw. As we have pointed out to the Austrian captain, it could have been worse - East might have decided to redouble 5♥ for rescue!!! If West passed that, and why shouldn't he, the penalty would have been 3400!

Enjoy your 15 minutes of fame, Markus Jerolitsch. You have a real chance to win the Worst Bid Award!



Finland Team Profile

Meet Hulda, Pia, Fredi, Janne, Jussi (Kettu - Fox) Tatu and big boss Kari.

We are so much of a team that we are not persons at all. There are some things that we like and dislike!

We like: (as you can see, we are a very positive team! We like a lot!)

- Finnish Sauna! Of Course! - so we are used to heat and the local weather is no problem.
- Mika Hakkinen, F1 Driver - no explanation necessary
- Dice Game Yatzy (Five Lines)
- Card Game Kingi - we have the rules if you are interested
- Making bets of all kinds - Stromberg from Sweden has one story about that!
- Following Sports
- Good food - kebabs - we eat a lot
- Drinking beer and talking bull
- Partying
- Laughter
- Talking Finnish, when nobody understands it
- Nokia mobile phones

We also like:

One of us likes Roberto Carlos & Brazilian football - Tommi Makinen, Teemu Selanne, Led Zeppelin, Juice Leskinen, Z.Valiaho, Zinedine Zidane, Fight Club the Movie, Keanu Reeves (Girls like) Pamela Andersson (Boys like), Jari Litmanen.

We don't like:

- Ferrari F1 team - no explanation necessary!
- Our position in this tournament - yet!
- Morning matches
- Ericsson mobile phones

That's about everything there is to know about us! If you want to know more contact any of us!

Tales out of School

by Anon



A source close to the Italian team reveals the secret of the delay in the start of the Netherlands - Italy VuGraph match.

An enterprising Italian coach had discovered a quirk in the rules of the EBL. Brown Sticker (Highly Unusual Methods) defences are permitted to a 1♣ opening showing two or more cards, but not to a 1♣ opening showing three or more cards. Since the Dutch pair on VuGraph had a two-card opening, they decided to change their methods to make 1♣ show three or more cards, robbing the Di Bello brothers of the chance to use germ warfare.

The Italians, a volatile squad, were enraged, and decided to try to play by the rules. Accordingly, each of the Italian pairs called the Director during the course of the match. One pair protested when a Dutchman led the ♠2 from ♠AJ82 against 3NT though normally playing third and fifth - a grievous crime indeed!

The other pair called the Director when a Dutchman with a 4-4-1-4 20 count including the singleton ♦Q opened 2NT - protesting that the system card did not indicate this possibility (a claim whose merits were somewhat reduced when their teammates duplicated the action). Both calls received the proper acknowledgement from the TD of course.

National Juniors' Officials Congress



The Congress of National Juniors' Officials was held on Monday Morning with delegates from 25 countries present.

The Chairman of the EBL Youth Committee, Panos Gerontopoulos, opened the Meeting, expressing his pleasure at the record attendance, and welcoming the Delegates from the three new EBL Federations of England, Scotland and Wales.

1. Mr Gerontopoulos then presented his Chairman's Report to the Meeting.

1.1 Success of European Teams

Mr Gerontopoulos said that he was very proud of the great success of European Junior Teams at the World Junior Championships held in Florida last year and reported that the next Championship is likely to be in South America in early August 2001.

1.2 European Junior Pairs and Camp

Mr Gerontopoulos reported on a record attendance at the 1999 Junior Pairs held in Prague, Czech Republic, but expressed great disappointment at the low number of participants in the Junior Camp. He felt strongly that NBOs should encourage participation at this event, which is an excellent opportunity for young players to expand their knowledge of bridge in a less formal, friendly atmosphere while at the same time being able to enjoy the other sports and activities on offer. He expressed the hope that, in future, NBOs would consider providing financial support to juniors attending the event, as well as encouraging participation.

1.3 European Youth Teams Championships

Mr Gerontopoulos congratulated Mr Aydin and the Turkish Bridge Federation on the staging of these Championships. He said that he was very pleased to see so many teams present in the Junior Series and hoped that more countries would participate in the Schools Series in future years. The Chairman noted that negotiations are under way to stage the Championships in England in 2002.

1.4 The Future

Mr Gerontopoulos emphasised the responsibility of all NBOs to develop and encourage Junior Bridge in their countries, since by encouraging participation of young players, the future of the game is assured. He said that there is a great deal of work to be done in this field, and hoped that all Federations would work for a new era in Junior Bridge.

2. Committee Reports

2.1 Regional Events

Stefan Back, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, reported on Regional Events, saying that he hoped to encourage and assist NBOs to stage more of these in order to give their young players the opportunity to participate in international Junior tournaments on a more regular basis. He outlined proposals from the Youth Committee offering assistance to the NBOs.

2.2 Junior Camps

Henrik Røn, Member of the Youth Committee, presented a report on Junior Camps, outlining proposals for future such events and stressing their importance to young players in Europe.

2.3 Media and Public Relations

Anna Gudge, Member of the Youth Committee, presented a

report on Media and Public Relations. She asked the Delegates to recognise the value of good relations with the media in general and made some proposals as to how this might be achieved.

2.4 Communication

Henrik Røn expanded on this topic with a report on Communication and proposals regarding "Twinning" of countries. He also informed the meeting that an Internet Information letter would be set up by the Committee as a reference point for anyone involved in Junior Bridge.

2.5 Teaching Methods

The final two reports were from Mr Gerontopoulos and Mr Back, on different teaching methods that might be used by the Federations.

3. General Discussion

Mr Gerontopoulos invited each country in turn to report on the status of Junior Bridge in their own Federation. These reports were very positive, with many countries implementing new programs for the development of Junior Bridge, and recognising that there is still a great deal of work to be done.

The Chairman considered that the Congress had been very interesting and useful and said that he looked forward to hearing of the success of many initiatives at the next Meeting in 2002.

London Junior Inter-Count(r)y Teams

Each year the LMBA (London Metropolitan Bridge Association) host an event which we call the Junior Inter-County Teams. There are two categories, Under-25's and Under-19's. The event is open to any County that wants to enter and whose players are able to travel to London.

This year I would like to open the event up further and invite neighbouring countries to send teams making the event an Inter-Count(r)y Teams. The visiting teams would have to make their own travel arrangements, but there would be no entry fee and I would attempt to find accommodation in peoples houses, in beds if possible but if not there should be sufficient floorspace.

The event itself is run as a multiple teams of four. We aim to play about 36 boards with a short break at half time.

Players must qualify as Juniors in 2001 so must be under 25 or under 19 on 1 January 2001.

The event is on Sunday 25 February 2001 at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in Earl's Court, London, and it starts at 13:00. I will also organise a warm-up event on Saturday 24 February 2001 for teams that arrive early and want to get some practice.

If you would like to know more you can usually find me in the press room or the vugraph theatre. Alternatively you can email me at dmuller@dircon.co.uk. The details will shortly be posted on the English Bridge Union Junior Website. Just go to www.ebu.co.uk and click the Juniors Icon.

David Muller
London Regional Youth Officer

A Grand Squeeze

by Nissan Rand

Although Netherlands won their Round 11 match against the leaders by 16-14VP, it was Israel who picked up the biggest swing.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Amit		Vax	
		INT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♥	All Pass		

Four Diamonds showed hearts, and Five Clubs promised zero or three aces. When East showed the king of spades, West decided to chance his arm.

North led a trump, and it was immediately obvious to declarer that he would need a squeeze. He drew trumps in three rounds, discarding a club from dummy. Vax continued with the queen of spades and also cashed the ace and king of spades, discarding a diamond from hand. When declarer ruffed dummy's last spade, South was squeezed in the minors. He threw a diamond, so declarer played the king of diamonds, a diamond to the ace, and ruffed a diamond, setting up a diamond as his thirteenth trick. It was worth 13 IMPs, as in the other room the contract was only Six Hearts.

Well played, but if North had held the king of clubs, ruffing the last spade would not have worked. With so many menaces, there is probably always a winning line, but declarer may be required to guess the ending.



Cash Flow Problems?

Do you think you may have lost some money in the VuGraph during yesterday's afternoon match?

If so, please contact the Daily Bulletin office.



What Would You Lead?

Julien Gaviard of the French Schools team found a lead to mislead declarer and persuade him to go down in a contract he could have made in France's Round Three match against Hungary.

West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Marjai	Bessis	Szabo
			Pass
1♦	2♦ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

⁽¹⁾ Both majors

You, West, are looking at:

♠ J
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A K Q J 3 2
♣ 9 8 4

What would you lead?

Gaviard chose the king of diamonds, systemically denying the ace. This was the full deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

At trick two, Gaviard switched to the jack of spades. Declarer won in dummy and, imagining that East held the ace of diamonds, assumed that West would hold the rest of the high cards. Accordingly, he played a club to the ace and then took the heart finesse. That was a quick one down in a contract that could have been easily made by ruffing two hearts in hand. Perhaps declarer would have taken the heart finesse anyway - who knows? - but more likely he would have found the winning line without Gaviard's deceptive lead.

Kees for the Defence

Round 10.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

Your hand: ♠ K876 ♥ - ♦ A854 ♣ A10873

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	INT(15-17)	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Dble
All Pass			

You, like Sjoert Brink in the South seat, double for take-out and partner converts it to penalties.

A difficult lead. Probably partner has some trump tricks but as you see you cannot lead one!

You decide to take a look at the dummy and lead the ♣A. Maybe partner is short in clubs.

The dummy:

♠ Q J 3
♥ 10 8 7 5 3 2
♦ 9 3
♣ 6 2

Partner throws ♣9, discouraging and suggesting an odd number of cards. Declarer drops the ♣J.

How do you continue?

In real life Sjoert played a small spade for the ♠Q in dummy, and declarer threw a diamond on the ♠KQ to take eight tricks.

The full deal:

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



Kees Tammens

Sjoert explained later that he hoped for ♠A and ♦QJ with his partner. This, together with some heart honours, seems impossible.

There was a nice solution for Sjoert's problem. If partner does have the ♠A he could first play ♦A. If partner discourages you can play a spade to the ace partner surely must have. If partner encourages diamonds you play a diamond and will later in the play make the ♠K for down one.

SCHOOL TEAMS

BUTLER AFTER SESSION 5

PLAYER		AVG IMPS	BOARDS
1 Kotorowicz J	POL	2.18	60
2 Kotorowicz K	POL	2.18	60
3 Bessis T	FRA	1.37	60
4 Gaviard J	FRA	1.37	60
5 Burgess O	ENG	1.16	80
6 Woodcock A	ENG	1.16	80
7 Bessis O	FRA	1.16	80
8 Tessieres G	FRA	1.16	80
9 Buras K	POL	1.10	80
10 Kapala S	POL	1.10	80
11 Magnusson S	SWE	1.09	80
12 Olofsson T	SWE	1.09	80
13 Molenaar D	NLD	1.00	80
14 Verbeek T	NLD	1.00	80
15 Eide P	NOR	1.00	20
16 Ringseth J	NOR	0.84	100
17 Delmas T	FRA	0.82	60
18 Grenthe J	FRA	0.82	60
19 Minarik A	HUN	0.75	20
20 Lindqvist E	NOR	0.48	100
21 Stoszek M	GER	0.29	80
22 Minarik G	HUN	0.28	100
23 Sbarigia M	ITA	0.27	100
24 Araszkiwicz	POL	0.17	60
25 Madry P	POL	0.17	60
26 Marjai P	HUN	0.16	100
27 Tal D	ISR	0.14	80
28 Tal N	ISR	0.14	80
29 Piasini S	ITA	0.13	80
30 Aal S	NOR	-0.03	80
31 Eglseer W	AUT	-0.04	80
32 Ginossar E	ISR	-0.04	60
33 Reshef O	ISR	-0.04	60
34 Berg M	SWE	-0.05	80
35 Karlsson J	SWE	-0.05	80
36 Eide E	NOR	-0.18	100
37 Katerbau J	GER	-0.19	80
38 Katerbau T	GER	-0.19	80
39 Marjai G	HUN	-0.25	100
40 Gogoman Ad	AUT	-0.30	100
41 Gogoman An	AUT	-0.30	100
42 Gruber C	AUT	-0.30	80
43 Anzengruber	AUT	-0.32	40
44 Szabo C	HUN	-0.35	80
45 Nijholt A	NLD	-0.39	40
46 Salm C	NLD	-0.39	40
47 Lo Presti F	ITA	-0.44	100
48 Barendregt E	NLD	-0.45	80
49 Ritmeijer R	NLD	-0.45	80
50 H.Pritchard	ENG	-0.54	60
51 Hydes A	ENG	-0.54	60
52 Ewald J	GER	-0.67	60
53 Smirnov A	GER	-0.82	60
54 Hoffman R	ISR	-0.84	60
55 Lellouche D	ISR	-0.84	60
56 Happer D	ENG	-1.02	60
57 Stockdale S	ENG	-1.02	60
58 Mortarotti A	ITA	-1.07	80
59 Buss A	LAT	-1.14	100
60 Ilzins A	LAT	-1.14	100
61 Hedh S	SWE	-1.14	40
62 Thalen B	SWE	-1.14	40
63 Maggi G	ITA	-1.29	20
64 Neimanis J	LAT	-1.78	100
65 Rubenis K	LAT	-1.78	100
66 Borla C	ITA	-2.49	20
67 Morton S	GER	-2.84	40

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PLAYER		AVG IMPS	BOARDS						
1	Amit A	ISR	1.12	200	73	Gunnarsson G	ICE	0.07	200
2	Vax Y	ISR	1.12	200	74	Brguljan K	CRO	0.05	220
3	Hakkebo S	NOR	1.01	180	75	Henriksen B	DEN	0.03	140
4	Jorstad R	NOR	1.01	180	76	Tomsen T	DEN	0.03	140
5	Marquardsen	DEN	0.99	200	77	Halldorsson	ICE	0.00	240
6	Schaltz M	DEN	0.99	200	78	Haraldsson S	ICE	0.00	240
7	Gloyer A	AUT	0.94	300	79	Medusei A	ITA	-0.06	100
8	Schifko M	AUT	0.94	300	80	Canelas T	POR	-0.06	219
9	Roll Y	ISR	0.87	220	81	Sarmento P	POR	-0.06	219
10	Schneider R	ISR	0.87	220	82	Nystrom F	SWE	-0.06	240
11	Hegedus G	HUN	0.86	300	83	Stromberg P	SWE	-0.06	240
12	Balschun R	GER	0.85	280	84	Grahek V	CRO	-0.07	240
13	Schueller M	GER	0.85	280	85	Luks S	EST	-0.07	300
14	Balasy Z	HUN	0.78	320	86	Naber L	EST	-0.07	300
15	Di Bello F	ITA	0.77	279	87	Mazzadi F	ITA	-0.07	139
16	Di Bello S	ITA	0.77	279	88	Eliazohn N	SWE	-0.07	200
17	Bazin G	FRA	0.70	200	89	Melander M	SWE	-0.07	200
18	Charletoux T	FRA	0.70	200	90	Airaksinen J	FIN	-0.08	200
19	Kelina M	RUS	0.67	240	91	Jafs F	FIN	-0.08	200
20	Krasnosselsk	RUS	0.67	240	92	Krupp S	GER	-0.11	260
21	Noberius H	SWE	0.59	200	93	Moeller M	GER	-0.11	260
22	Thornqvist T	SWE	0.59	200	94	Mraz S	HUN	-0.12	40
23	Askgaard M	DEN	0.50	260	95	Masia S	SPA	-0.12	160
24	Bjarnarson G	DEN	0.50	260	96	Perez J	SPA	-0.12	160
25	Uz T	TUR	0.44	259	97	Roos D	BEL	-0.19	240
26	Alper T	TUR	0.44	259	98	Roos S	BEL	-0.19	240
27	Harr G	NOR	0.43	240	99	Cleaton M	WAL	-0.25	280
28	Kvangraven N	NOR	0.43	240	100	Roderick M	WAL	-0.25	280
29	Sunamak G	TUR	0.42	238	101	Erdemil P	TUR	-0.36	140
30	Tatlicioglu	TUR	0.42	238	102	Erdogan I	TUR	-0.36	140
31	Brink S	NLD	0.41	260	103	Kotanyi B	HUN	-0.46	300
32	Drijver B	NLD	0.41	260	104	Stefansson F	ICE	-0.46	200
33	Liran I	ISR	0.40	180	105	Thorsson P	ICE	-0.46	200
34	Varshavski A	ISR	0.40	180	106	Heche G	SWI	-0.46	280
35	Ahonen H	FIN	0.33	140	107	Roos T	BEL	-0.48	140
36	Nurmi P	FIN	0.33	140	108	Toutenel E	BEL	-0.48	140
37	Frey N	FRA	0.31	200	109	Jerolitsch M	AUT	-0.49	200
38	Geitner J	FRA	0.31	200	110	Veverka A	AUT	-0.49	200
39	Bennett K	ENG	0.29	220	111	Szicszai J	HUN	-0.53	280
40	Green J	ENG	0.29	180	112	Andreev V	RUS	-0.53	160
41	Hazel G	ENG	0.29	180	113	Semisochenko	RUS	-0.53	160
42	Hillman R	ENG	0.29	220	114	Bergson H	SCO	-0.53	240
43	Lagas M	NLD	0.25	220	115	McCrossan D	SCO	-0.53	240
44	Schollaardt	NLD	0.25	220	116	Rosta E	HUN	-0.57	40
45	Baranowski J	POL	0.24	220	117	Sousa J	POR	-0.58	200
46	Rozkrut M	POL	0.24	220	118	Teixeira N	POR	-0.58	200
47	Cornelis T	BEL	0.23	220	119	Goded G	SPA	-0.58	220
48	Donder S	BEL	0.23	220	120	De Tejada L	SPA	-0.58	220
49	Pilipovic M	CRO	0.23	260	121	Cockburn D	SCO	-0.65	160
50	Brink N	NLD	0.23	160	122	Dunn J	WAL	-0.72	259
51	Groosman B	NLD	0.23	160	123	Justitz N	SWI	-0.78	240
52	Charlsen T	NOR	0.20	180	124	La Spada O	SWI	-0.78	280
53	Ellestad O	NOR	0.20	180	125	Jones D	WAL	-0.80	279
54	Kucharski P	POL	0.19	239	126	Grumm I	AUT	-0.80	100
55	Lutostanski	POL	0.19	239	127	Kriftner S	AUT	-0.80	100
56	Guariglia R	ITA	0.17	219	128	Bokholt N	GER	-0.81	60
57	Labruyere P	FRA	0.16	200	129	Kornek A	GER	-0.81	60
58	Grenthe G	FRA	0.16	200	130	Barton A	IRE	-0.85	219
59	Grunst A	POL	0.16	180	131	Nolan D	IRE	-0.85	219
60	Sarniak A	POL	0.16	180	132	Weisweiler J	SWI	-0.87	280
61	Braga Rf	POR	0.16	220	133	Tihane A	EST	-0.88	300
62	Braga Rc	POR	0.16	220	134	Targla T	EST	-0.88	300
63	Malinovski N	RUS	0.16	200	135	Mac Cormac T	IRE	-0.89	220
64	Soltsev E	RUS	0.16	200	136	Mac Kenzie B	IRE	-0.89	220
65	Wade R	ENG	0.15	200	137	Anglada C	SPA	-0.93	220
66	Zivan L	ENG	0.15	200	138	Villalonga T	SPA	-0.93	220
67	Heikkinen T	FIN	0.13	260	139	Myles A	SCO	-0.95	180
68	Tamminen J	FIN	0.13	260	140	Evans C	WAL	-1.02	80
69	Biondo B	ITA	0.13	258	141	Gencer B	SWI	-1.02	120
70	Sasek T	CRO	0.11	240	142	Davies D	WAL	-1.16	100
71	Zoric V	CRO	0.10	240	143	Carr R	SCO	-1.42	180
72	Einarsson B	ICE	0.07	200	144	Bavalia S	IRE	-1.47	160
					145	Martin J	IRE	-1.47	160
					146	Marshall D	SCO	-1.62	200

SCHOOL TEAMS	POLAND	HUNGARY	GERMANY	SWEDEN	ISRAEL	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	ENGLAND	LATVIA	ITALY	PENALTY	TOTAL	RANK
1 POLAND	■	19	25	14			17	15				23		113	2
2 HUNGARY	11	■				16	21	17	9	9				83	9
3 GERMANY	0		■	14	12					13	25	8		72	11
4 SWEDEN	16		16	■	18		22	23	4					99	4
5 ISRAEL			18	12	■	11	14				17	14	-0.5	85.5	7
6 NORWAY		14			19	■			10	20	21	22		106	3
7 AUSTRIA	13	9		8	16		■		22			17	-0.5	84.5	8
8 NETHERLANDS	15	13		7				■	10	19	25			89	6
9 FRANCE		21		25		20	8	20	■		25		-0.5	118.5	1
10 ENGLAND		21	17			10		11		■	17	17		93	5
11 LATVIA			2		13	9		0	2	13	■		-0.5	38.5	12
12 ITALY	7		22		16	8	13			13		■		79	10



JUNIOR TEAMS	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	GERMANY	ISRAEL	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	TURKEY	HUNGARY	IRELAND	RUSSIA	SPAIN	DENMARK	POLAND	BELGIUM	ITALY	CROATIA	ICELAND	FINLAND	NORWAY	SWITZERLAND	AUSTRIA	WALES	NETHERLANDS	bye	PENALTY	TOTAL	RANK	
1 ESTONIA	■		7	11	1	3	10		25		15	12	7	11		16		16	18	13	15				16	18		214	20	
2 SCOTLAND		■	9	13	3	1		16	11		24	6		13	18	4	2		17	0					8	3	18		166	25
3 FRANCE	23	21	■		11		10	11		15			25	12	13		20	23	23		15		16	25	10	18	-2	289	6	
4 GERMANY	19	17		■	2	14	20			25	4	25		21	15	23			9	16			13	21	17	18		279	9	
5 ISRAEL	25	25	19	25	■	14			20	25	21	23			13		25	17				18	20	16	14	18	-1.5	336.5	1	
6 PORTUGAL	25	25		16	16	■	21		13	14		15			4	19	13		2	1	6	25	9		7			231	19	
7 SWEDEN	20		20	10		9	■	16	12		14	17			21	13	20		17	23	16		6	22	13	-0.5	268.5	12		
8 ENGLAND		14	19				14	■		24	19		19	10	8	22	22	13		17		17	11	25	14	18		286	7	
9 TURKEY	5	19				17	18		■			21	22	0	17	18	16	14	18	24	24	25			7	18		283	8	
10 HUNGARY			15		10	16		6		■	25	17	25	7	13	19	6	14		18	12	15		11	21			250	16	
11 IRELAND	15	6		0	5		16	11		0	■	10	10	8	14		5	10				16	8	16		18		168	23	
12 RUSSIA	18	24		25	9	15	13		9	13	20	■	20	20		19			16	22	8		12			18	-2	279	10	
13 SPAIN	23		4	4	7			11	8	5	20	10	■	7	11			15	6			22	14	2		18		187	21	
14 DENMARK	19	17	18					20	25	23	22	10	23	■	16		8	15	13			24	19	20		18		310	3	
15 POLAND		12	17	9		25	9	22	13	17	16			19	14	■		5	8		25	12	19		25			267	13	
16 BELGIUM	14	25		15	17	11	17	8	12	11		11				■			12	15	7		23	14	19	18		249	17	
17 ITALY		25	10	7		17	10	8	14	24	25			22	25		■	17	21	7		20	25		13			290	5	
18 CROATIA	14		7		2			17	16	16	20		15	15	22		13	■	14		13	23		25	21	18		271	11	
19 ICELAND	12	13	7	21	13	25	13		12			14	24	17		18	9	16	■		6		10			8		238	18	
20 FINLAND	17	25		14		25	7	13	6	12		8			3	15	23			■	7	25		22	13	18		253	15	
21 NORWAY	15		15			24	14		6	18		22			18	23		17	24	23	■	22	16	25	13	18		313	2	
22 SWITZERLAND					12	3		13	0	15	14		8	6	11		10	7		5	8	■	15	25	0	18	-2	168	24	
23 AUSTRIA			14	17	10	21	24	19			22	18	16	11		7	5		20			14	15	■	15		18		266	14
24 WALES		22	0	9	14		8	2		19	14		25	10	5	16		5		8	3	5	15	■				180	22	
25 NETHERLANDS	14	25	20	13	16	23	17	16	23	9						11	17	9	22	17	17	25			■			294	4	