



Russia return to the Summit

Junior Championship

Russia and Denmark both had a tremendous day, scoring 71 and 72 Victory Points respectively. It was enough to take Russia back to the top of the table after an interval of several days. The Danes are now displaying the form that made them World Champions, which is bad news for the rest of the field. Norway would have been leading, but in their round fourteen encounter with Great Britain one of their pairs was fifteen minutes late for the start of play and they were fined 3VPs. Let's hope that does not return to haunt them later.

Our Austrian hosts were unable to reproduce their form of the previous day when they also amassed 72VPs. This time they had to be content with a modest 45, but they are still just about in contention for a medal.

Schools Championship

Italy continued to score at a phenomenal rate, but the overnight co-leaders Hungary could not match them. The Italians started the day with a fourth consecutive maximum and then proved they were human, scoring 'only' 21VPs in the fifth round. Normal service was almost resumed in round six when they collected 24VPs. Even though we are not quite at the half way stage there can be little doubt that they will capture the Gold medals.

Now that Hungary have started to falter there is hope for the chasing teams the closest of which at the moment are The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Poland.

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No Championship can be staged without the help and support of a whole host of people. Dr. Maria Schaumayr (see right) who had a distinguished political career and is a former President of the National Bank of Austria was one of those people. Today she paid a visit to the Championships.

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Elsewhere in this issue you will find details of next months World Championships. Of particular interest to everyone competing here will be the new Triathlon for Junior players. It is unique in that for the first time, no entry fee is required.

If you have not already made plans to compete but would like to do so then contact your Federation as soon as possible. In case of difficulties you are advised to contact the World Bridge Federation either by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

Some accommodation may, subject to availability, be free of charge. It will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Remember that World Championship Titles will be at stake!

Junior

Results

Round 12

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
France	Yugoslavia	61-65	14-16
Croatia	Finland	35-44	13-17
Belarus	Germany	59-32	21- 9
Spain	Great Britain	33-84	5-25
The Netherlands	Israel	25-60	8-22
Turkey	Norway	9-72	3-25
Sweden	Denmark	9-49	7-23
Hungary	Austria	59-50	17-13
Czech Republic	Greece	47-54	14-16
Italy	Poland	42-61	11-19
Russia	Iceland	61-10	25- 5

Round 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Yugoslavia	Finland	26-72	6-24
France	Belarus	64-31	22- 8
Great Britain	Croatia	28-47	11-19
Germany	The Netherlands	37-49	13-17
Norway	Spain	52-38	18-12
Israel	Sweden	50-64	12-18
Austria	Turkey	68-52	18-12
Denmark	Czech Republic	82-25	25- 4
Poland	Hungary	46-56	13-17
Greece	Russia	44-72	9-21
Iceland	Italy	23-49	10-20

Round 14

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
The Netherlands	Yugoslavia	56-36	19-11
Great Britain	Norway	23-26	14-13
Sweden	Belarus	41-45	14-16
Finland	Austria	41-35	16-14
Czech Republic	France	43-31	17-13
Croatia	Poland	65-70	14-16
Russia	Germany	65-17	25- 5
Spain	Iceland	34-92	4-25
Italy	Israel	32-46	12-18
Turkey	Greece	89-16	25- 1
Hungary	Denmark	21-66	6-24

Team Profiles

Every Captain should by now have found the form requesting a team profile for publication in the bulletin. Please ensure you complete and return it to the bulletin office before the start of today's final session.

Standings

After Round 14

1.	Russia	261
2.	Italy	260
3.	Norway	258.5
4.	Denmark	256
5.	Sweden	246.5
6.	Israel	245
7.	Netherlands	234
8.	Turkey	232
9.	Austria	224
10.	Belarus	223
11.	Poland	221
12.	Iceland	214.4
13.	Finland	207
14.	Gt. Britain	201
15.	Hungary	199
16.	France	179
17.	Croatia	171
18.	Yugoslavia	169
19.	Czech Rep.	169
20.	Germany	157
21.	Greece	127
22.	Spain	110

Congress of National Juniors' Officials

Eighteen Countries were represented at the meeting that took place on Monday. Following the presentation of the Chairman's report a valuable and illuminating discussion took place in which everyone participated to the full. The delegates and other representatives went away carrying positive ideas for the advancement of Junior Bridge in their respective Countries.

Tomorrow's Vugraph



10:30 Juniors - Round 15

Denmark – The Netherlands

15:00 Schools - Round 8

Poland – The Netherlands

20:30 Juniors - Round 17

Norway – Sweden

Schools

Results

Round 4

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Italy	Yugoslavia	100-27	25- 1
The Netherlands	Germany	68-30	23- 7
Sweden	Ireland	62-35	21- 9
Austria	Norway	34-35	15-15
Hungary	Russia	67-31	22- 8
France	Great Britain	46-60	12-18
Poland	Israel	36-25	17-13

Round 5

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Yugoslavia	Austria	26-72	16-14
Russia	Ireland	62-25	23- 7
The Netherlands	France	52-37	18-12
Poland	Italy	32-64	8-22
Germany	Israel	5-70	3-25
Great Britain	Sweden	17-58	7-23
Norway	Hungary	64-43	19-11

Round 6

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Ireland	Yugoslavia	24-47	10-20
Austria	The Netherlands	52-80	9-21
Italy	Russia	61-16	24- 6
France	Germany	59-36	20-10
Sweden	Poland	45-72	9-21
Israel	Norway	28-54	10-20
Hungary	Great Britain	58-67	11-19

Standings

After Round 6

1.	Italy	145
2.	Hungary	119
3.	Netherlands	109
4.	Norway	105
5.	Sweden	98
6.	Poland	95
7.	France	93
8.	Israel	85
9.	Russia	80
10.	Austria	75
11.	Germany	74
12.	Gt. Britain	69
13.	Yugoslavia	49.5
14.	Ireland	35

Tough Slam

Nils Kåre Kvangraven is one of the less well-known names on the Norwegian team - but he took his chance for stardom when he was confronted with a tough slam.

Dealer South. NIS Game

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

	♠ A J 8 6 4 3	
	♥ 4	
	♦ A 5	
	♣ A J 5 4	

Nils found himself in Six Clubs after the following two over one game forcing sequence:

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Dble	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

When South heard North show five plus clubs and failed to support spades, he could read his partner's hand type pretty well.

On the lead of the king of diamonds declarer won with the ace, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. He then drew two rounds of trumps and crossed back to hand with the ace of hearts. He played the queen of hearts and when it was covered he could ruff, ruff the spades good and discard his losing diamond on the jack of hearts.

Few pairs bid a slam and there were even some in a part score. Even less made twelve tricks, let alone thirteen.

Thought for the Day

A bus station means that a bus stops here.
 A train station means that a train stops here.
 A work station - which is what we have in the Daily Bulletin office means...

Match Of The Day

Juniors, Round 12: Turkey - Norway

Norway was lying third and Turkey fifth when the teams met on VuGraph in Round 12.

A bidding misunderstanding led to the first big swing:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Game.

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

Closed

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakan</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Serim</i>	<i>Harr</i>
2♠	3♥	5♦	All Pass!

Open

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Uz</i>	<i>Saur</i>	<i>Alper</i>
Pass 4♠	3♥ All Pass	4♣	2♥ Pass

In the Closed Room Bakan made a light overcall on the West cards which made his partner think, quite rightly, of slam, though there was a risk of two heart losers. We do not know whether East's call of Five Diamonds was intended as Exclusion Blackwood, or a splinter, and it didn't seem wise to ask, as his partner's Pass had left him in a difficult spot. Five Diamonds went only six light but against 4♠+1 at the other table it was 15 IMPs to Norway.

The next big swing hinged on the signalling methods used at trick one. Looking at South's spades what card would you play on your methods if partner led the king of spades and declarer played low from dummy? And on your methods would your partner then know whether it was safe to continue the suit?

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Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Game.

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

Closed

West	North	East	South
<i>Bakan</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Serim</i>	<i>Harr</i>
4♥	All Pass	Pass	Pass

Open

West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Uz</i>	<i>Saur</i>	<i>Alper</i>
1♥ 3♥	Pass Pass	INT 4♥	Pass All Pass

Both tables reached Four Hearts and North led the king of spades. Both Souths played the two, but in one case, for Turkey, it gave normal count, whereas for Norway it was reverse attitude. Kvangraven duly continued spades ensuring the contract's defeat, whereas Uz, who did not know who held ♠J, made a disastrous switch to a diamond. Brogeland had no need to finesse the nine. He put up the king, which lost to the ace, won the spade switch by South, threw his losing spade on the good diamond, and led a club from dummy to take advantage of the favourable position of the club ace. This mean Four Spades succeeded for a further 12 IMPs to Norway.

On Board 8 Brogeland picked up as dealer at love all:


♠ 8643 ♥ J753 ♦ Q72 ♣ Q9

He opened the dreaded Norwegian Two Diamonds showing both majors and a weak hand (0 to 8 is the published range). This kept the opponents out of a slam which Kvangraven & Harr had bid and made at the other table. 10 IMPs to Norway.

This deal was only a small swing, but both teams had their chances to gain. The bidding was the same at both tables: ➡

Match of the Day Match of the Day Match of the Day Match of the Day Match of the Day Match of the Day

Board 10. Dealer East. Game All.

♠ 10 9 8 7 ♥ Q J 8 4 2 ♦ K 8 ♣ 6 2		♠ Q ♥ K 10 6 5 ♦ Q J 5 3 ♣ 10 8 7 4	♠ A J 5 3 ♥ A 7 ♦ A 9 7 6 ♣ K Q 9
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Closed & Open			
West	North	East	South
<i>Bakan</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Serim</i>	<i>Harr</i>
Brogeland	Uz	Saur	Alper
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		


In the Closed Room South for Norway, Harr made the risky but very effective lead of a low club to the ten and king. Declarer began with ace and another heart, taken by North, who continued clubs. Declarer ruffed the third round in dummy, and then led a trump covered by queen and ace. The next trump was taken by the king and South exited with a trump, won by dummy's last trump. Declarer had no way home now. When he tried to cash the jack of hearts, South ruffed, and the defence still had a trick to come for 200 to Norway.

On VuGraph South made the much less successful lead of ♥9 covered by queen, king and ace. Declarer, Saur, crossed to the heart jack and ruffed a low heart in hand with the jack of spades. If South over-ruffs the contract makes easily, but Alper rightly discarded a diamond. Declarer erred by continuing with a low trump to

North's queen, and a club came through. The defence took the ace of clubs and played a second club. Declarer could no longer cope with the 4-1 trump break and had to go one off.

Declarer can actually make an overtrick if, after the heart ruff he continues with the ace of trumps. But the main credit goes to South for not over-ruffing.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Game.

♠ 7 2 ♥ J 8 7 6 5 ♦ Q 9 7 2 ♣ 4 2		♠ K 10 8 3 ♥ A 10 3 2 ♦ K 6 ♣ 8 7 5	♠ J 5 ♥ K Q ♦ A J 10 5 4 ♣ K Q J 3
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Closed			
West	North	East	South
<i>Bakan</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Serim</i>	<i>Harr</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Open			
West	North	East	South
<i>Brogeland</i>	<i>Uz</i>	<i>Saur</i>	<i>AISper</i>
2♥!	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

North-South can make a spade partscore so the Turkish East-West in the Closed Room looked to have a small gain for making Two Hearts. However, on VuGraph, Brogeland, who obviously thought he had the opponents on the run, opened an exceptionally light Two Hearts (officially 3-points). Saur had obviously been there before as he passed with 17 points and heart support! The opponent duly came in, but could not stop. Saur felt safe in doubling when they reached game. And Four Spades doubled went two off, for 500 to Norway.

The match was effectively over already. Norway eventually won 72-9 or 25-3 in victory points. When, on Sunday, we look back, this may well be seen to be a key result..

Homeward Bound

All players and officials are invited to contact the Hospitality desk as soon as possible with their departure details following the end of the Championships.

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Task Force

by Jon Sveindal and Peter Lund

Whenever the Editor hears a rumour about an interesting deal he has two choices: go and discover the information for himself or delegate. In these temperatures it's clearly best to avoid any strenuous activity, so he immediately dispatched his lieutenants to search out the information. The stories we were after involved this deal from Round 9, mentioned in yesterday's Bulletin.

Dealer South. E/W Game

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Q 7 4							
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'Freddi' Brondum - Denmark

We soon discovered that two pairs had bid and made 6♦. This was the first story, from the important match between Denmark and Italy.

West <i>Biondi</i>	North <i>Madsen</i>	East <i>Intonti</i>	South <i>Brondum</i>
Pass	2♣ ²	Pass	INT ¹
Pass	3♣ ³	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT ⁴	Pass	3♦
Pass	6♦ ⁶	All Pass	5♣ ⁵

¹ 12-14

² Stayman

³ Transfer to Diamonds

⁴ Quantitative

⁵ Freddi forgot - and with only 11 HCP he showed a maximum plus one Ace

⁶ Let me help you partner!

The opening lead was the ten of spades taken by the ace. Declarer took four rounds of diamonds, discarding

the four of clubs from his hand while East parted with the queen and four of hearts and West the five of spades.

A heart was now ducked to West's king and he did well to switch to a club, breaking up the potential double squeeze described yesterday.

This was now the position, declarer having won with the ace of clubs:

<p>♠ 9 8 4 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ 10 6 5</p>	<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 E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<p>♠ J ♥ J 10 9 ♦ - ♣ Q 8</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 8 ♣ K J</p>	
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A 8							
-							
9							

The ♦8 almost squeezed South, but Freddi Brondum had read the distribution in the majors, so he discarded the ♠3, East having parted with the ♠7.

The "only" problem was now to find the ♣Q - and he naturally played for the squeeze: ♠6 to the ♠Q and then the ♠K, East dropping the ♣8 in perfect tempo.

This was what happened in an all-Scandinavian battle, Norway v Finland.

West <i>Jåfs</i>	North <i>Saur</i>	East <i>Simonsen</i>	South <i>Brogeland</i>
			1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠ ¹	Pass	4♦ ²
Pass	4♠ ³	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦ ⁴	Pass	6♦

All Pass

¹♠ Cue bid

²♦ No club control, but implying heart control

³♠ Cue bid

⁴♦ 4 out of 5 Aces

The opening lead of the queen of hearts was ducked and West switched to a club. Again there would be no double squeeze. Saur won with the ace and took four rounds of trumps discarding a club. He then cashed the ace of hearts, the ace of spades and played his remaining trump. East smoothly discarded the eight of clubs but after cashing the king and queen of spades Saur played a club to the king, felling the queen. That led to the following discussion:

Jåfs: 'How could you drop the queen?'

Saur: (not claiming to be a genius) 'Your partner showed me his cards!' (Which of course was impossible as he was hidden behind the screen.)

The Magnificent Three

No matter how difficult a deal may seem to be, you can usually rely on the majority of pairs to get it right. That was not however the case on this board from round twelve. Only three pairs managed to make a game and one of them was sitting in the 'other' direction!

Dealer East. N/S Game

♠ A 5 ♥ 9 7 ♦ A J 6 4 2 ♣ K Q 10 9 ♠ Q 10 9 6 4 3 ♥ Q 6 5 3 2 ♦ - ♣ J 6	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 2 ♥ K 8 4 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ A 8 5 4 2 ♠ K J 8 7 ♥ A J 10 ♦ 10 9 8 3 ♣ 7 3
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Let's start with the two pairs who managed to reach 3NT on the North South cards.

First for Poland:

West	North	East	South
Biondi	Kucharzyk	Intonti	Suchodol
1♠	INT	1♦	Pass
All Pass		Pass	3NT

East led the two of clubs and after winning declarer simply played ace and another diamond, making nine

tricks in comfort. North did well to bid INT, but we suspect South was expecting a better hand when he went on to game.

Now for Yugoslavia:

West	North	East	South
Willard	Dacic	Sebbane	Krakovic
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

A controlled auction with both players appreciating the value of their intermediate cards. Here West led a spade and on winning with the jack declarer ran the eight of diamonds. East won and switched to the eight of hearts. East won and played back a heart, but to no avail, declarer having an easy route to nine tricks.

This was the most dramatic result:

West	North	East	South
de Wijs	Amit	van Prooijen	Zack
1♠	2♦	1♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
All Pass		Pass	Dble

North found the terrible lead of the ace of diamonds. Declarer ruffed and played the nine of spades. North won and belatedly switched to the king of clubs. Declarer went up with the ace and got rid of his losing club on the king of diamonds. He could now cross ruff his way to ten tricks. 🕒



Quiz Corner



The nations here each have a standard three-letter abbreviation, example FRA for FRANCE. So a particular match with the names side by side forms six letters. Which of the matches makes a word in English? For example: when Hungary meets Germany the match is HUN-GER.

Team Profile

The Russian Junior Team

Alex Doubinine, 23, with no work or study has time to play bridge a lot. The Russian player who made most progress in 1997 coming from an unknown in January to ranked 20 by the end of the year.

Michael Krasnosselski, 21, is learning to be a Web Designer when not concentrating on beer, girls and bridge.

George Matouchko, 23, is married with a daughter. He is a mathematician. In 1997 was Russian Teams Champion.

Dmitri Lobov, 25, is married, and works in real estate. He was only one to be in the previous Russian Junior team (second in Cardiff and third in Hamilton).

Denis Tcheremissine, 25, married, a book-keeper. His bridge partner did not arrive in Vienna.

Non-playing captain, **Serguei Koustarov**, 51, a manager. He has trained three members of the current national team.

Juniors Round 10: Great Britain v. Finland

based on comments by Barry Rigal

These two teams were beginning to fall out of contention, so a draw would be no good to either of them.

Dealer North. E/W Game

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Simmonsens</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Jåfs</i>
	1♦	2♣	Dble
3♣	3♥	3♠	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

North didn't have the values for his Three Heart bid and the end result was an easy 500 for Great Britain, Bakhshi leading the king of spades, switching to his singleton diamond and soon getting a diamond ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tamminen</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Mäkankingas</i>	<i>Green</i>
	1♦	2♣	Dble
3♣	4♥	5♣	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

North's Four Hearts was doubtless motivated by his team's need of a big win, but it has to be your lucky day if you are going to get away with huge overbids. This wasn't and the penalty was 800. 7 IMPs to Finland.

That was small beer compared to what happened next.

Dealer East. E/W Game

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Tamminen</i>	<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Mäkankingas</i>	<i>Green</i>
		3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

Not an easy bidding problem for North! He was really too strong for a simple Three Heart so he should perhaps have chosen a double or 3NT, the latter being the winning choice on this occasion.

Declarer made twelve tricks and doubtless thought he was about to lose a game swing. Well, he was wrong.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Simmonsens</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Jåfs</i>
		4♦	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

West's dubious entry into the auction cost -1100, so this time Finland picked up 13 IMPs.

Believe it or not, there was more to come.

Dealer North. E/W Game

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Simmonsens</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Jåfs</i>
	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Redble	All Pass		

North's opening bid promised at least 4-4 in the majors. 3NT is very pushy, but not unreasonable when you have a good idea about the opponents distribution and the whereabouts of the high cards before a card is played. On a spade lead 3NT would surely have made, but perhaps the redouble gilded the lily, as North started with the ten of clubs. Jones won in dummy and played a diamond to his ten. North won and played a club to

♣ declarer's ace. The jack of hearts was covered and after winning in dummy declarer played another diamond to the king and ace. So he lost a spade, three diamonds and two clubs, -1000.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tamminen	Hazel	Mäkankingas	Green
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
All Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠

Declarer lost two spades, two hearts and two clubs to go one down. He was doubtless charmed to discover he had lost 14 IMPs on this board!

Finland continued to have the better of things and went on to record a victory by 66-40 IMPs, 20-10 VP. ♪

No Hiding Place

We were notified that in round eleven the Norwegian pair in the Open Room had a major accident in their match against Yugoslavia. Turning to the records we discovered that details of the hand in question were missing!

Now we knew we were onto something!

It was only a matter of time before we found an informant.

Dealer South. E/W Game

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

In the other room a sensible sequence led to a final contract of 4NT and declarer had no difficulty in arriving at eleven tricks.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kristoffersen	Baba	Charlsen	Poljacki
2♦	Dble	Redble	Pass
			All Pass

East thought he was asking West to bid his better major but he is still waiting for a reply!

The defenders showed no mercy, putting the contract five down, a small matter of -2800. ♪

Denmark at the Gallop Task Force I

Peter Lund

Yesterday Denmark scored 72 VP: 23-7 against Sweden, 25-3 against Czech R. and 24-6 against Hungary

Dealer East. Game All

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

West	North	East	South
Brondum	Albertsson	Lund Madsen	Hallberg
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

Most declarers ran into trouble with the 4-1 split in trumps. 4♠-1 or -2 was the normal result. However, the Danish player Freddi Brondum proved in the critical match between Denmark and Sweden, that 4♠ was cold.

The opening lead was the five of diamonds, to the ten and king. Then came a club to the king and ace, the diamond return being taken by the ace and the ♦7 was ruffed in hand.

The queen of hearts was covered by the king and ace and followed by a heart to the jack. A club to the queen, a club ruff, a trump to the ace and the last diamond saw South discard his last club and declarer score another ruff. Freddi now had 9 tricks in his pocket with three cards left:

♠ -	♠ -	♠ J 5 3
♥ 8 4 2	♥ 10 6	♥ -
♦ -	♦ -	♦ -
♣ -	♣ 10	♣ -

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 6 4	♠ K 6 4
♥ -	♥ -
♦ -	♦ -
♣ -	♣ -

The scene was now set for the trump-endplay: ♥2 to the ♠3 and ♠4, and South was forced to give Freddi the last trick with the ♠J.

In the closed room: 4♠ minus 2 meant 13 IMP for the Word Champions from Denmark, who after a slow start are 'on the run' for the medals and World Championship qualification. They might even appear on the VuGraph soon! ♪

Homepage

von Fritz Babsch

Statistik der Runden 9 bis 11.

Diese drei Runden hatten etwas gemeinsam: Die Zahl der Blätter mit Fünferfarben war deutlich erhöht, ebenso die Zahl der Singletons. Trotzdem waren die Austeilungen nicht als besonders „freak“ zu bezeichnen, denn die Zahl der Blätter mit langen Farben und die Zahl der Chicanes blieb hinter der Wahrscheinlichkeit zurück. Im einzelnen (in Klammer die Theorie): Viererfarben 31,7 % (35 %), Fünferfarben 48,8 % (44 %), Langfarben 19,6 % (21 %), Singletons 35,8 % (30,5 %), Chicanes 3,8 % (5,1 %). Der Umsatz an IMPs bei den Junioren betrug in diesen drei Runden 101 IMPs pro Match, bei den Schülern 109 IMPs. Junioren und Schüler spielen die gleichen Austeilungen.

Für die österreichischen Junioren waren die Austeilungen offenbar goldrichtig. Sie erzielten 72 von 75 möglichen Punkten (gegen Kroatien, Spanien und Großbritannien) und schoben sich auf den 9. Rang vor; der Kontakt mit der Spitze wurde wieder hergestellt. Homepage gratuliert zu dieser feinen Leistung herzlich!

Auch die österreichische Schülermannschaft hatte ihr Erfolgserlebnis. Nach einer Niederlage gegen Frankreich im Ausmaß von 10 : 20 gab es einen glatten Sieg über Großbritannien (24 : 6).

Zur Halbzeit führt Italien bei den Junioren vor Schweden und Norwegen. Bei den Schülern hatten Italien und Ungarn nach drei Runden jeweils 75 Punkte, das Maximum.

Interview mit Walter Höger.

Dr. Walter Höger wurde 1936 in der Gegend von Laa a.d. Thaya geboren und kam nach dem Krieg in den Raum Nürnberg. Er studierte in Erlangen Mathematik, war Hochschulassistent und dann 30 Jahre lang bei IBM. Er befaßte sich mit der Anwendung von Großcomputern in der Wirtschaft. Er ist verheiratet und hat drei Kinder. Bridge betreibt Dr. Höger seit 40 Jahren, verstärkt seit seiner Frühpensionierung im Jahre 1993. Er gehörte 18 Jahre lang dem Beirat des DBV an, seit Beginn des Jahres ist er Präsident des viertgrößten Verbandes von Europa. Er gewann dreimal die Deutsche Seniorenmeisterschaft und ist auch EBU-Seniorenmeister.

Homepage: Der DBV ist ein ziemlich großer Verband, hat aber nicht sehr viele Junioren. Wo liegt die Ursache dafür?

Höger: Der DBV hat zwar viele Mitglieder, doch ist das Durchschnittsalter derselben erschreckend hoch. Es gibt keine Statistik, doch hat eine Untersuchung in Berlin gezeigt, daß der deutsche Bridgespieler im Durchschnitt etwa 65 Jahre alt ist. Es fehlt nicht nur die

Jugend, auch die nächste Generation ist nur spärlich vertreten. Was den Nachwuchs aus den eigenen Reihen betrifft, sind wir sozusagen auf die Enkelkinder unserer Mitglieder angewiesen. Diese Situation bringt noch ein anderes Problem, nämlich ein gewisses Unverständnis der „Alten“ für die Jugend und umgekehrt.

Homepage: Wie steht es mit Bridge in den Schulen?

Höger: Wir haben nicht die geringste Chance, solange es dem Bridge nicht gelingt, olympisch zu werden. Ohne diese Zugehörigkeit kommen wir nämlich nicht in den Deutschen Sportbund. Die Schachspieler waren klüger als wir, sie sind ein Gründungsmitglied dieses Vereins.

Homepage: Gab es da vielleicht Versäumnisse?

Höger: Ja. Die damalige Führung des DBV wollte eine gewisse Exklusivität erhalten.

Homepage: Das ist wohl leider ein Langzeitprojekt. Was wollen Sie kurzfristig unternehmen, um das Jugendbridge zu fördern?

Höger: Wir wollen den Jugendlichen den Zugang zum Internet ermöglichen. Bedenken Sie die Entfernungen in Deutschland! Junioren sollen auch dann trainieren können, wenn ihre Wohnorte 300 km voneinander entfernt sind. Außerdem wollen wir durch Aufklärung versuchen, das Verhältnis Alt - Jung zu verbessern. Es gab einige Fälle, in denen Klubs junge Leute hinausgeekelt oder gar nicht aufgenommen haben.

Homepage: Was können Sie zum Themenkreis Turnierordnung und Turnierleiter sagen?

Höger: Unsere Turnierordnung stammt von Helmut Häusler und wird allmählich wegen zu vieler Zusätze unübersichtlich; wir werden sie überarbeiten und der heutigen Zeit anpassen müssen. Unsere Einschränkungen bezüglich Konventionen werden ziemlich weitgehend sein, wir werden die Zulassung von Systemen und Konventionen an die Turnierart anpassen.

Was unsere Turnierleiter betrifft, so müssen wir trachten, daß sie bei schlechtem Benehmen rigoros eingreifen. Ich habe oft das Gefühl, daß sich die Turnierleiter vor gewissen Spielern fürchten.

Homepage: Sie haben von Frankreich Lehrmaterial angekauft, war das eine gute Investition?

Höger: Der Ankauf von „FORUM D“ hat sich bewährt, mehr als 350 Übungsleiter unterrichten bereits nach diesem System. Es mag für den Topspieler ungeeignet sein, für den Anfänger ist es recht brauchbar, vor allem deshalb, weil das Unterrichtsmaterial sehr gut ist. Es gibt sowohl für den Lehrer als auch für den Schüler gute Unterlagen.

Homepage: Wie steht es mit Bridge in den neuen ➡

☉ Bundesländern?

Höger: Die Situation ist schwierig und verlangt viel diplomatisches Geschick und vor allem charismatische Leute. Bedenken Sie, daß dort seit 1933 Bridge nicht ausgeübt wurde! Es ist daher nicht leicht, dort irgendjemand für Bridge zu interessieren.

Homepage: Hat der DBV noch immer Zuwachs?

Höger: Derzeit liegen wir trotz der Überalterung noch bei 3 % im Jahr, doch konvergiert das Wachstum gegen Null.

Homepage: Welchen Eindruck haben Sie von der EM?

Höger: Das Wiener Rathaus ist ein Glücksfall. Die Organisation und das Drumherum geben keinen Anlaß zu irgendeiner Klage, die Hilfskräfte haben ihre Aufgaben voll im Griff. Etwas Kritik kam bei den deutschen Spielern wegen des zu gedehnten Programms zu Beginn der Veranstaltung auf, das war aber wohl darauf zurückzuführen, daß man mit 23 Runden gerechnet hatte. Ich hoffe, daß die gute Stimmung auch im Finish anhält.

Homepage: Wir danken Ihnen für das Gespräch und wünschen Ihnen zur Ausrichtung der Studenten-EM, die Sie von der EBU geerbt haben, alles Gute!

Eine faire Geste.

Als der Alleinspieler im Offenen Raum eine Revoke beging, wurde er von einem Zuschauer darauf aufmerksam gemacht, der zweifelsfrei zu seiner Seite gehörte. Die Turnierleitung wurde gerufen und mußte entscheiden, es handle sich nun um eine vollendete Revoke. Der gegnerische Kapitän (es war der Kapitän der italienischen Junioren) bat jedoch, von der Bestrafung abzusehen. Der Turnierleiter hat das auch nach Rücksprache mit dem Oberturnierleiter getan.

Vor vielen Jahren gab es einen ähnlichen Vorfall bei einer Bermuda Bowl. Giorgio Belladonna war „weggeschlafen“ und hatte ein Cue Bid seines Partners irrtümlich weggepaßt, aber sein Gegner Hamaoui belebte die Lizitation absichtlich wieder, so daß die Italiener ihren Kontrakt erreichen konnten. Er erhielt dafür einen Preis für besonders faires Verhalten. Nicht alle waren damit einverstanden! Edgar Kaplan schrieb einen langen Artikel und meinte, Hamaoui hätte sich anders verhalten müssen; jeder Spieler sei verpflichtet, aus einem Irrtum des Gegners den maximalen Vorteil zu ziehen. Ich überlasse es Ihnen, wie Sie zu diesem Thema stehen.

Die Regel ist etwas unverbindlich. Der Turnierleiter - und nur dieser - kann auf Antrag der nichtschuldigen Seite Strafen erlassen. Kaplan meinte aber, das sei nur dann gestattet, wenn ein triftiger Grund zu einem Regelverstoß geführt hätte, etwa eine körperliche Behinderung eines Spielers, eine Störung durch einen Außenstehenden, etwa einen Caddy, oder ähnliches. Das, was Hamaoui gemacht hat, steht natürlich jedem Spieler frei. ☉

Team Profile

Norway Unlimited

The fact that four players of today's team won the last European Championships in Cardiff, and later went on to take silver in the World Championships in Hamilton, made Norway one very heavy favorite for the title here in Vienna.

Boye Brogeland (25 years - from Moi on the south coast)

Graduated from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration in Bergen this summer. Apart from being a successful student, his bridge merits have made him the number one ranked junior player in the world. He has a World Junior Pairs title, and he was on the team in Cardiff and Hamilton. Furthermore he was 3rd in the last European Open teams as well as the Bermuda Bowl, and he added a Nordic Championship in the open teams this summer, to his impressive list of merits. Nobody will be surprised if he uses his degree in economics to make a living out of bridge.

As the other members of the team he is physically fit, and his favorite soccer club is Burnley FC(!).

Øyving "Saur Power" "Øge" Saur (25 years - from Stjørdal near Trondheim)

has also combined bridge with studies honorably, and has just graduated as a dentist - also in Bergen. He partnered Boye in Cardiff and Hamilton, and is also a Norwegian and Nordic Junior Champion. And he is the Champion on the dancing floor! A Rosenborg FK-fan.

Christer Kristoffersen (25 - from Stjørdal he too!)

- a professional salmon fisher and 2nd Division midfield football player on the local team. Just joined Club 2800 after an unsuccessful Yoga exercise against Yugoslavia.

Has a Nordic School Championship, and was on the successful team in Cardiff and Hamilton. A Manchester United addict.

Tomas "Loco" Charlsen (23 - from Bergen)

- student of economics, and the last remaining one of the six who won honors in Cardiff and Hamilton. He was runner-up in a World Junior pairs, as well as in a European School Teams Ch.ship. He too is a football addict, and a faithful Manchester United-fan. The only one of old Norway Unlimited who will be eligible for the next Junior European Championships.

Nils Kåre Kvangraven (20 - from Os in Østerdalen)

is the least merited one on the team. He is studying to become an auditor, and the favorite soccer team is Kongsvinger. Around Easter time the NPC paired him with

Gunnar Harr (21 - from Tromsø)

- and the partnership has been nothing but a sensation so far! Gunnar is also studying economics, and won the Norwegian Junior Pairs last year. Favorite football club: Leeds United!

Sten Bjertnes - NPC (45 - from Kongsberg)

has coached and captained junior teams for six years - with great success. Being a teacher by profession (and a football trainer!), he knows how to communicate with the team members. He used to play chess before he "became a bridge player". (Quotation marks because it is a quotation!) ☉

Appeal No. 2

Juniors Round 6: Iceland v. Norway

Reported by Steen Møller (Denmark)

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark)
Nissan Rand (Israel)
Peter Lund (Denmark).

Board 4. Dealer West. Game All.

<p>♠ 10 5 2 ♥ A K J 9 ♦ 10 ♣ A K J 7 2</p>	<p>♠ K 8 ♥ 10 7 5 ♦ Q 8 7 6 2 ♣ Q 9 8</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;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> N </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> W E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> S </div> </div> </div>	<p>♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ Q 6 4 3 2 ♦ K 5 3 ♣ 10</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 3 ♥ 8 ♦ A J 9 4 ♣ 6 5 4 3</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Harr</i>	<i>Thorfinnsson</i>	<i>Kvangraven</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>
1♣	Pass	1♥	Dble
3♦	Dble	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Facts:

South led the ♦4 and East made eleven tricks, 650 E/W. The TD was called to the table by South after the end of play. He claimed that he had been misinformed about the meaning of 3♥, which West had explained to show "some extras" after the double, adding that this might be a fifth heart. 3♦ was an unlimited splinter bid. There were no written explanations.

TD's decision:

The TD found that there had been no misinformation and let the result stand.

Appellant:

North/South appealed.

The players:

East told the Committee that he and his partner used "common sense" in situations like this and in his opinion it would have shown a weaker hand if he had passed after the double of 3♦. He liked his hand because of the fifth heart and did not consider the ♦K to be completely wasted, as it was likely that it would make a

trick after the diamond lead that was to be expected. On the other hand he was not strong enough to bid 4♥ himself.

North said that the double of 3♦ expressed his willingness to compete at the four-level, not saying anything about a high card in the suit. South explained that he did not expect East to hold so few high cards and hoped to be able to reach his partner's hand and get a spade through East. In his opinion East did not hold "some extras" and he felt that he had been damaged by the misinformation.

The committee:

The committee was of the strong opinion that there had been no misinformation and that South only had himself to blame, when his sophisticated, although far from unreasonable, lead backfired.

The committee did not like that N/S tried to get redress from the committee for the unlucky lead, when they could not get it by the ruling from a highly competent TD.

The committee's decision:

The committee ruled: The result stands. Deposit forfeited.

Junior Triathlon in Lille

As you are probably aware, the 1998 World Bridge Championships will be held next month in Lille, France. As far as Junior bridge is concerned, these Championships contain an innovation in that the programme provides a competition for young players; this is the first time such a thing has happened.

The competition is quite flexible. There is a teams tournament, a pairs tournament and an individual. All Juniors may take part in any or all tournaments playing with a Junior partner who is not necessarily their compatriot. There will be an independent classification for each tournament leading to a world title, but also a combined classification for those who take part in all three competitions, i.e. the Triathlon (= three tournaments).

Playing in the same Championships as the world's best players must be exciting enough for any young player. When this is combined with incredibly favourable conditions, it becomes a real must. Never before have we had such an event where accommodation for young players is free or almost free, and there is no entry fee - and, quite probably, we shall never have it again.

Appeal No. 3

Juniors Round 10: Germany v. Sweden

Reported by Steen Møller (Denmark)

Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Nissan Rand (Israel), Jan Boets (Belgium), Peter Lund (Denmark).

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Game.

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

West <i>Johansson</i>	North <i>Hüsken</i>	East <i>Wiklund</i>	South <i>Kornek</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	2♠
All Pass			5♣

Facts:

All bids were alerted, except 2♥ and 5♣. 2♣ was natural (like Precision), 2♦ asked, 2♥ was natural showing 4-5, 2♠ asked. North said to East that 3♠ showed 4-4-0-5, while South said to West that it showed 2-4-2-5 and maximum values. East led a club, taken in dummy. The ♥10 was passed to East's king! Declarer won the next club lead in dummy and led the ♥3. West went up with the ace, and North now made eleven tricks. 600 N/S.

The TD was called to the table after the end of play by West, who said that he had been misinformed about the meaning of 3♠ and would have played a low heart at trick four had he had the same information about North's distribution as East had. He claimed that North then surely would have finessed and gone down. N/S said that they had no agreement about any bids over 2♠ other than 2NT, 3♣ and 3♦ showing 1-3, 3-1 and 2-2 in the two other suits. Therefore they had given different explanations regarding the meaning of 3♠. There was nothing on the convention card about this bidding sequence. The TD found that E/W had not been damaged by the misinformation, and that the unlucky defence chosen by East was almost the only reason for the bad result.

TD's decision:

The TD let the result stand.

Appellant:

East/West appealed.

The players:

East said to the Committee that he won with the king of hearts instead of the jack to make sure that North would repeat the finesse later, rather than play the heart ace and ruff a heart if he, as East expected, held A Q 9 4. West said that his only hope of beating the contract was to find the ♦K in East's hand. If he then made sure that the defence got two heart tricks there would be no way for declarer to avoid the loss of a third trick.

The committee:

The committee wanted to ask N/S why they had alerted and explained 3♠ when they had no agreement about the meaning, but none of the players nor a representative for them had appeared before the committee.

The committee found that there had been misinformation and that West had been damaged by this. The opinion, however, was that the damage was only to a small degree due to the wrong explanation, as for instance it would have been right for West to go up with the ♥A had he got the same explanation as his partner and had North held something like ♠ K Q J x, ♥ Q J 9 x, ♦ -, ♣ K J x x x.

The committee's decision:

The committee changed the result so that E/W gain ½ VP and N/S lose ½ VP. In addition N/S was fined ½ VP for the infraction. ☹

Encryption

The answer to yesterday's Encryption is simply to read what you see. You have to say:

“Eleven was a racehorse. Twenty-two was one too. Eleven won one race Twenty-two won one too.”