



Italian Double!

Championships end on a dramatic note

Juniors

Fortunes fluctuated on one of the most exciting final days we have ever witnessed at a major championship. Even in the dying moments the medals were undecided. Italy's seemingly secure hold on the Gold medals was shaken by Great Britain. They raced into a 38-0 lead and with just three boards to go the Italians were looking down the barrel. However, like true Champions they saved their best till last and conceded no further ground. The 5 VPs they secured was enough. Bravo Italy!

Denmark had a maximum 25 in the bag at an early stage against France. That proved to be enough to give Denmark the Silver medals. Israel struggled for a while against Germany, but they powered home in the second half to capture Bronze.

Russia and Norway fought each other to a standstill and it was only on a dramatic last board in front of an overflowing VuGraph audience that the Norwegians got their noses in front when it mattered.

They secured the fourth qualifying spot, but there will be much sympathy for Russia who only fell at the very last.

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Italy celebrated their victory with a convincing win against France. In the race for the remaining medals the Netherlands trounced Russia and captured Silver. Poland found themselves in deep trouble against Germany and at one stage a medal looked unlikely. They gallantly rallied and although they lost the battle they won the war, gaining the bronze by finishing five ahead of Sweden, who did all they could with a 25-0 trouncing of Israel.

The profiles of the medallists are given elsewhere in this Bulletin. Meanwhile we salute:

Juniors

- ITALY:** Daniele Pagani, Paolo Marino, Bernardo Biondo, Riccardo Intonti, Mario d'Avossa, Matteo Mallardi, Npc Gianpaolo Rinaldi.
- DENMARK:** Claus Boysen, Kasper Konow, Mikkel Nøhr, Mik Kristensen, Freddi Brøndum, Morten Lund Madsen, Coach Rico Hemberg, Npc Kirsten Steen Møller.
- ISRAEL:** Amir Levin, Eran Shaham, Yaniv Zack, Asaf Amit, Asa Levinger, Inon Liran, Npc Michael Barel.
- NORWAY:** Boye Brogeland, Øyvind Saur, Christer Kristoffersen, Thomas Charlsen, Nils Kåre Kvan-graven, Gunnar Harr, Npc Sten Bjertnes.

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- ITALY:** Stelio di Bello, Stefano Uccello, Furio di Bello, Ruggiero Guariglia, Fabio Lo Presti, Leonardo Magrini, Npc Enrico Guerra.
- NETHERLANDS:** Tom Drijver, Bas Drijver, Niek Brink, Sjoert Brink, Kevin Vreeswijk, Massenzio Hoogsteden, Npc Frans Borm, Assistant Npc Bart Groosman.
- POLAND:** Anna Szczepanska, Jacek Baranowski, Krzysztof Buras, Szymon Kapala, Piotr Lutostanski, Adam Skalski, Npc Włodzimierz Krysztofczyk, Assistant npc Bogdan Kaczynski.

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Results

Round 21

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Yugoslavia	Spain	60-65	14-16
Israel	Germany	74-36	23- 7
Croatia	Turkey	54-21	22- 8
Denmark	France	88-12	25- 2
Finland	Hungary	16-74	4-25
Greece	Belarus	34-56	10-20
Great Britain	Italy	66-17	25- 5
Iceland	The Netherlands	43-58	12-18
Norway	Russia	44-32	17-13
Poland	Sweden	61-45	18-12
Austria	Czech Republic	62-68	15-15

Standings

Final (21 Rounds)

1. Italy	394
2. Denmark	391
3. Israel	389
4. Norway	386
5. Russia	382
6. Sweden	356.5
7. Turkey	352
8. Austria	338
9. Poland	335
10. Netherlands	331
11. Hungary	324.5
12. Belarus	316
13. Gt. Britain	307
14. Iceland	300.5
15. Finland	285
16. Croatia	279
17. Germany	272
18. France	268
19. Czech Rep.	242
20. Yugoslavia	234.5
21. Greece	191
22. Spain	176

Team Profile

The Italian Schools Team

The **di Bello** brothers, both students in Naples, are not partners. **Stelio**, 18, partners **Stefano Uccello**, 20, also a student in Naples. **Furio**, 19, partners **Guariglia Ruggiero**, 20, a ceramist of Salerno. **Fabio Lo Presti**, 18, a student in Bologna partners **Leonardo Magrini**, 19, of Milan who already works for the Italian Bridge Federation.

Npc: **Enrico Guerra**, 46, is a manager in Naples who has won the EUBL Mixed Teams.

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Results

Round 13

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Yugoslavia	Hungary	51-28	20-10
Norway	Gt. Britain	62-52	18-12
Israel	Sweden	19-115	0-25
Germany	Poland	57-53	16-14
France	Italy	44-83	7-23
The Netherlands	Russia	85-18	25- 2
Austria	Ireland	80- 5	25- 1

Standings

Final (13 Rounds)

1. Italy	286
2. Netherlands	241
3. Poland	239
4. Sweden	234
5. Norway	216
6. Israel	197
7. Germany	192.5
8. France	190
9. Hungary	178
10. Gt. Britain	159
11. Russia	157
12. Yugoslavia	146.5
13. Austria	145
14. Ireland	72

Team Profile

The Italian Junior Team

The pair who have been leading in the Butler scores are **Daniele Pagani**, 25, a sales engineer, who won the Italian Junior Teams in both 1994 and 1995, and his partner **Paolo Marino**, 24, a student. At the last European Union Championships held this year in Salsomaggiore, the Junior Pairs played in the Open field. This was good for Pagani & Marino who came second overall!

Bernardo Biondo, 23, and **Riccardo Intonti**, 25, both University students in Rome are the most experienced pair in the team, and have won three Italian Junior Teams titles.

Mario d'Avossa, 24, a student in Milan, and **Matteo Mallardi**, 24, a maths student in Trieste, are both keen on football.

Npc **Gianpaolo Rinaldi**, 46, of Milan. Represented Italy in the 1988 Olympiad and has won 8 Italian Championship titles.

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodnight, we hate to go and leave this pretty sight.

When you have seen The Sound of Music as many times as I have, this is the obvious way to bid farewell to our Austrian hosts and these wonderful championships.

The daily bulletin has tried to capture some of the spirit of the championships. Although the odd error crept in (a direct result of the heat and the apfelstrudel), I believe we have reported many hands that will find their way into magazines and newspapers not only in Europe but all over the world.

Make no mistake many of these young players will soon become household names in the bridge community.

Instrumental in bringing you the bulletin were:

Patrick Jourdain, as ever a faithful Lieutenant, leaving no stone unturned in his search for his beloved IBPA for 'hand of the tournament'. Fritz Babsch was our resident linguist and as soon as we have finished translating his articles we will tell you how much we enjoyed them.

Costas Economopoulos followed his brilliant debut as a layout editor in Hamilton with another outstanding performance. Marc van Beijsterveldt, somnambulist extraordinary, was a superb proofreader, even spotting the mis-spelling of his own name!

Journalists tend to be thin on the ground at Junior events, but our thanks to those who found the time to lend a helping hand. Take a bow, Jon Sveindal, Barry Rigal, Geo Tislevoll, Mårten Gustawsson, Peter Lund and Maureen Dennison.

Our Internet Editor, Thanassis Matziaris, ensured we had a worldwide audience and he even found the time to report a few deals himself.

Behind every bulletin is a production team. Bernhard Höfert, Clemens Hupka and Daniel Perez are now looking for some early nights - well at least one.

Hannelore Thomasberger and her staff kept us supplied with coffee - an essential ingredient of any bulletin.

Behind the scenes and despite his many other responsibilities the man responsible for putting the bulletin team together (he'll know better next time!) Panos Gerontopoulos somehow managed to keep a watchful eye on proceedings, ensuring that key material was not omitted.

Mark Horton



Team Profile

The Poland Schools Team

Anna Szczepanska, 19, a maths student, also played in Cardiff two years ago.

Jacek Baranowski, 20, a student of Environment Protection, lives in the mountains.

Krzysztof Buras, 18, is still at a Grammar School in Silesia.

Szymon Kapala, 18, is awaiting the results of his maths exams. He also played in Cardiff.

Piotr Lutostanski, 20, an economics student, is from Warsaw.

Adam Skalski, 20, is a student of maths and physics from Central Poland.

Npc **Włodzimierz Krysztofczyk**, 45, an engineer and bridge teacher from Lodz.

Assistant npc **Bogdan Kaczynski**, 50, is Treasurer of the Polish Bridge Union.

Team Profile

The Israel Junior Team

Amir Levin, 25, is studying accounting. He partners **Eran Shaham**, 24, who is starting a business career. They are playing in their third Junior Championship (Arnhem and Cardiff).

Yaniv Zack, 23, is planning a long trip to the USA after this tournament. He partners **Asaf Amit**, 22, a student of computer science.

Asa Levinger, 21, says his main interest is the girls at the Hospitality Desk. He partners **Inon Liran**, 23, a professional musician who plays cello in an orchestra.

Npc: **Michael Barel**, 28, an ex-Junior who hasn't yet had enough!

Team Profile

The Netherlands Schools Team

Tom Drijver, 20, is the unusual one of the team, completely normal! He is quiet, supportive, and grown-up. His partner and brother, **Bas**, 18, is our VP generator with his high technical standards. He says very little, except, in Vienna, ten times a day "Are there Butler scores for the Schools?"

Niek Brink, 19, is an excellent swimmer and has promised to swim across the Danube if we win the Schools Championship. His partner and brother is **Sjoert Brink**, 17, who likes to play on 'Rama.

Kevin Vreeswyk, 18, (his 19th birthday is on Monday) is the handsome one we brought to Vienna as a Dutch present to its girls. His partner, **Massenzio** (his father is Italian) **Hoogsteden**, 20, is a friendly guy, but must be training to be lawyer, for when asked for his passport he refused, saying it was the property of the Dutch Government. Five beers persuaded him to allow Mrs. Gudge to see, but not hold, it.

Npc is **Frans Borm**, who always brings his dinner suit and Dutch orange tie, as he expects to win the trophy.

Assistant Npc **Bart Groosman**, 21, was in the Dutch Schools team in Cardiff. He says: "I am too old for the Schools, and not good enough for the Juniors, so I am an Npc".

Chairman's closing address

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have now reached the end of the 1998 European Youth Bridge Championships, and, as general conclusion, I believe that you should all be proud for your performance over the last 10 days, whether as a player or an organiser.

Junior Bridge is 30 years old this year. We are glad that it continues to develop and grow as we envisaged from the start, and we are proud that you, today's young players, are able to enjoy a full programme of youth activity, exclusively organised for you.

As you know, every even-numbered year in Europe, we run these Youth Team Championships which are the flagship of our programme. This year we missed some regular participants in the Junior Series but we hope that this is temporary and I am sure we will be able to welcome countries like Belgium, Ireland, Portugal and Switzerland back again next time. We are still at the beginning of our negotiations with the Polish Bridge Union, but hope that we will be able to host the first Youth Championships of the new millennium in the historic city of Krakow in the South of Poland.

I do hope that some of the Eastern countries will find it easier to participate next time, especially if the Championship is held in Poland, a country with very well developed Junior Bridge and geographically very conveniently placed for them. We know that our friends from Eastern Europe are experiencing difficulties but we also know that they are doing well, progressing fast and hope that they will overcome these difficulties soon.

Many countries have a developed schools programme and we are glad that the Schools series, which was inaugurated in 1994 and held here for the third time, has attracted steady participation. We hope that it will start growing from the year 2000 where again the suitable location in Poland will be of help.

The European Youth Championships is not the only Youth event held in our part of the world, of course. Most of you have national Junior competitions in your countries and there are a number of bi-lateral meetings and regional competitions among young people in various areas of Europe. At the European level, we have also our Junior Pairs Competition which, in 1995, was expanded to become a World event and since then has been attracting young players from all over the world.

A World Championship traditionally means that an event is reserved for the top players but nevertheless our World Junior Pairs is an event which embraces young players of all levels. It is a massive event which we hope to see even further enlarged. Unfortunately we do not know yet where in Europe it is to be held next year as we are trying to find the best location and offer you the best possible conditions.

I would like to ask all of you to consider very seriously your participation in next year's World Junior Pairs. As you probably know this Championship is followed by the World Junior Camp. What sort of Camp is it? Some may think that it is a Camp with rigid structure, a strict programme and heavy demands on the participants. Those of you who have attended Junior Camps know that it is nothing like this. These are Camps of bridge, fun, and above all Camps of friendship. Many of us have made many new friends in the Junior Camps. Bridge Camps have succeeded in combining a nice, funny and constructive time with new acquaintances. If you are a good player, the Camp is for you. If you are a medium player, the Camp is for you. If you are a novice player, the Camp is for you. I have attended all the camps since the very beginning and I can assure you that hardly have I come across disappointed participants. Last Monday, at the Congress of your National Juniors Officials, I appealed to your Federations to realise the importance of the Camp for Youth Bridge and asked them to try and support as many of you as possible to next year's Camp. Today I turn to you and I say the same. Try your best and do not miss next year's Camp.

My dear young friends, the world of bridge is trying its best to offer you whatever would make your bridge career more affordable and entertaining. To this end, next month, the World Championships which will attract the globe's best players in Lille, France, contains a competition for you. I am sure you have read the details of the Junior Triathlon in the Daily Bulletin. If you have not already made your plans, do so now. It is not too late. Please contact your Federation or even ask us directly if you are interested in a World Competition with no entry fee and with very inexpensive accommodation.

In our Meeting with your National Delegates we had last week, we discussed the problems faced by Junior Bridge today and I believe that we are all better prepared to face future conditions with the experience we gained from listening to one another. The National Juniors' Officials, together with your Captains, your Coaches and so many people in your countries are the ones who help Junior Bridge stay alive and prosper. Today, however we need to thank a different group of people. I mean the people who worked very hard for more than ☺

☉ two years in order to make this Championship the great reality it has been.

Everybody has agreed that the Rathaus was the best venue bridge has ever had. For this reason we must thank the Mayor of Vienna, Dr Michael Häupl, and, of course, the Austrian Bridge Federation headed by its President, Dr Franz Kriftner who not only ensured this venue for us but also assumed overall responsibility for the organisation of the Championship.

The Austrian Bridge Federation did well to call upon a man who has spent his life supporting Junior Bridge to organise the Championship. I am referring to Dr Gavriel Unger who, together with Mr Richard Wehler-Hardt, took the pains of gradually building up, stone by stone, what we have experienced in the last ten days.

A good Championship depends on good co-operation between highly qualified international personnel and local organisers. In this Championship I am happy to say that we really had a great staff, not only at the top but right through to the last back-room boy. I am sure you would like to join me in expressing our appreciation to all these people.

- The Team of Tournament Directors, headed by Chief Antonio Riccardi. Assistant Chief Marc van Beijsterveldt, and the rest of the team, Christian Bernscherer, Jeff Easterson, Dietlind Kelner and Robert Schuster.
- The Chairman of the Appeals Committee, Steen Møller and my good friend and Colleague on the EBL Executive Committee Nissan Rand who helped in the hearings.
- The Hospitality Team headed by Gerhard Schmidt.
- The Main Office Staff under Richard Wehler-Hardt.
- The Playing Room Staff under Erwin Stransky and Gunther Reiter
- The Scoring Team under Wim Hendriks
- The Duplication Team under Jan Boets
- The Line Up Team, Anita Strobl and Marianni Soukup
- The Programme Book Editor, Gunther Purkarthofer
- The Daily Bulletin and Internet Staff under Mark Horton with Patrick Jourdain and Fritz Babsch, Costas Economopoulos and Thanassis Matziaris, as well as the Production Team
- The Technical VuGraph team under Gianni Baldi
- The VuGraph commentators Barry Rigal and Hans Werge
- The Press Room under Hannelore Tomasberger
- And the man who is rarely thanked for successes and unexceptionally blamed for all failures, the Tournament Manager and Director of Operations, Dimitri Ballas

I would also like to thank my own Committee represented here only by Anna Gudge as the other members were forced to miss these Championships.

We were very pleased at the start of the Championships to welcome Bill Pencharz, President of the European Bridge League. His presence here was revealing of the importance the League attaches to Junior bridge. Unfortunately pressure of work has prevented him from joining us tonight, but he has asked me to congratulate, not only the winners, but all of you for making this such a marvellous event.

We hoped that Mr José Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation would be able to come to this Closing Ceremony, but sadly he has also sent his apologies. He is unable to join us in Vienna for a very good reason - very good for bridge, that is. Mr Damiani is working to organise a very special Championship, for just six teams, to be held at the Headquarters of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne immediately after the World Championships. This Tournament is to be held under the auspices of the IOC and Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the International Olympic Committee, is to preside over the event. You will all realise, I am sure, the importance of this to Bridge at all levels, leading, as we are sure it will, to the full recognition of Bridge as an Olympic Sport.

I have one final, but most important, group of people to thank. And that is you, the Players, your Captains and Coaches at the 1998 Youth Championships. You have competed in the best traditions of Youth Bridge, showing great sportsmanship, unfailing courtesy and wonderful behaviour. This is our great strength and an example to the world outside Junior Bridge. Juniors who were here before you have every reason to be proud of you. Juniors who follow you will know that you upheld all the standards that we have come to recognise as such an important part of our game. Thank you for coming, thank you for your sportsmanship, thank you for your support. I wish you a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you again soon. Thank you very much.

Panos Gerontopoulos

Chairman of the European Youth Committee



Five To Four On

by Maureen Dennison

In round 17, fourth placed Denmark played Israel, lying fifth. Obviously this was a match critical to both teams in the medal race. Denmark led 13-2 after five boards having bid a game and made a part score at both tables. By board ten the score was 28-23 in favour of Israel. Then the blood started to flow!

Israel grabbed 16 imps on the next three small boards. On 11, in a competitive auction, Yaniv Zack judged very well to pass the opponent's take-out double. Then when his partner Asaf Amit re-entered the bidding with 1NT 18-19, he transferred to spades on his five card suit and four count and then passed. 1NT which made with an over-trick in the Closed Room. This was Board 15.

Dealer South. N/S Game

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

The contract was 4♠ in both rooms. Against West in the Open Room, North led a heart to the ace and South continued with the ♣J. There was no further problem in the play and that was +420.

Many pairs play that the lead of a king from AK followed by a switch indicates a singleton. However in the Closed Room where East was declarer South led ♥A and then the ♦10. In spite of that Asaf thought long and hard about ducking but eventually he rose with the ace and gave his partner his ruff for down one and 10 imps.

Amit kept his side out of trouble when he opened a weak 2♠ on a 5-2-6-0 hand going down two. His counterpart liked the shape, even if a little light on points and opened 1♦. Subsequently he couldn't keep his partner out

of game. 3NT failed by five for another 4 imps.

There was one more swing to Israel, another 11 IMPs on Board 19. With all four players bidding, Levin-Shaham had an odd auction that included Shaham bidding 2NT without a stop in the opponent's suit. The partnership finished in 5♣, the second best contract (4♠ also makes) for plus 600. Again Amit was on the spot and he yet again came up trumps when he sacrificed in 5♥ doubled down one!

So Israel had won 25-4, and moved to third in the ranking list, at the same time pushing Denmark down to fifth. 🕒

Team Profile

The British Schools Team

The Spice Girls

Baby Spice Alex Hydes is the baby of the team and apart from his bridge abilities he provides the butt for all Northerner jokes and a willing dustbin for all unwanted food.

Sporty Spice Simon Budd freely admits that he's better at football than counting trumps and isn't afraid to show it!

Ginger Spice Rachel Wade, the proof that is needed to show that the team has evolved since the Ice ages - just!

Scary Spice Richard Probst, alias the Rotweiler, always able to annoy the largest number of people in the shortest space of time.

Posh Spice Mark Teltscher claims never to make a mistake at the bridge table.

Welsh Spice Dafydd Jones, a mysterious figure all the way from Wales, may be found most often drowning his sorrows at the pool table.

All Spice David Harris, also know as Rumpole, spends most of his time at the bar! No, not drowning his sorrows, practicing law as a Barrister.

Mind you, the way the team are playing no one would blame the Captain for seeking some form of consolation!

Team Profile

The Denmark Junior Team

Denmark is the current World Junior Champion. Four of the team here won in Hamilton. The new boys are...

Claus Boysen, 24, an accountant from Naestved, who runs a fast marathon. He partners...

Kasper Konow, 24, who studies history at the University of Copenhagen. Kasper is the intellectual of the team, often seen with his Dostoevsky novel.

The players from Hamilton are...

Mikkel Nøhr, 23, who studies law at the University of Copenhagen and is married to Aisha. If anybody wants to play backgammon for money, Mikkel is ready. His partner is...

Mik Kristensen, 25, who finished his economics studies at the university last summer and is now working for

a building and real estate firm. He plays a mean game of tennis.

Freddi Brøndum, 23, is the only team member from Jutland. He covers floors and kills chickens for a living. In his spare time he fishes a lot. His (new) partner is...

Morten Lund Madsen, 24, who just finished maths at the university and is starting his first job as a consultant when he returns from Vienna.

Coach is **Rico Hemberg**, a member of the unlucky Danish team which lost the 1993 World Junior semi-final to eventual winners, Germany, by 0.5 IMP.

npc **Kirsten Steen Møller**, a European Junior Champion (Dublin, 1970) and Ladies Olympiad Champion (Venice, 1988).

Italian Selection

by *Giuliano De Angelis*

The new European Schools Champions from Italy won in style. Here is one example of their fearless slam bidding:

Schools Round 9: Italy v. Netherlands

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Game.

<p>♠ A 9 8 5 3 ♥ A K Q J 8 ♦ - ♣ K Q 5</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>♠ J 4 ♥ 9 4 3 ♦ A J 8 5 4 2 ♣ 9 8</p>	<p>♠ 10 ♥ 6 2 ♦ K 10 7 6 3 ♣ A 7 6 4 2</p>
Closed			
West	North	East	South
<i>F. di Bello</i>	<i>B. Drijver</i>	<i>Guariglia</i>	<i>Vreeswijk</i>
4♦	3♦!	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass	5NT	Pass

Forio Di Bello & Ruggero Guariglia solved the problems presented by North's unorthodox preempt. When West bid 5♦ East was forced to select his better major, but when West moved on with 5♠, East knew his partner had the potential for higher things so he used 5NT as "pick a slam". With the trumps 3-2 East was able to ruff one diamond as his twelfth trick.

From the Juniors I choose two hands. First, a defence by Paolo Marino & Daniele Pagani:

Round 19. Italy v. Turkey

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Game.

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

South, Marino, led ♥A against East's Three No-trumps. Declarer has eight top tricks with five diamonds, two clubs and one spade. If the defence let him have a heart trick game is easy. If they switch to anything but a club declarer has time to set up a spade trick, losing only two spades and two hearts. But Marino did find the club switch. Declarer finessed, came to hand with a diamond, and ran the ten of spades. North won and played another club to sink the game. Declarer tried ♠A to see if an honour fell, then ran the rest of the diamonds and had to concede one off.

For our second offering, a well-bid slam by Mallardi and d'Avossa. ➡

Team Profile

The Israel Schools Team

Ron "Old Man" Hoffman, 18, is the old man of the team, having just graduated high school. He loves bridge and computers. His partner is **Dror "Violin" Lellouche**, 18, who has also just graduated from high school. He is a gifted musician with the violin being his speciality.

Or "Handsome" Hayt, 16, is a student in high school interested in computer games. His partner is **Eldad "Blondy" Ginossor**, 16, a high school student who was an active in sports before bridge.

Noga "Princess" Tal, 15.5, an honours high school student who partners her sister **Dana "Famous" Tal**, 12.5, the youngest player in the entire Championships. She loves bridge and soccer. This young pair came second in the Israeli Womens Pairs championship this year.

Npc: **Micha Amit**, 49, is a computer systems analyst who was in the Israeli Junior team in '74 (Editor: His team suggested we made it clear that this was this century.)

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Round 15: Italy v. Austria
Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Game.

♠ K ♥ A 8 5 3 ♦ 6 4 3 ♣ A Q 8 7 4		♠ A Q 6 ♥ K 10 9 6 ♦ A ♣ 10 9 5 3 2	♠ J 8 7 3 ♥ 7 2 ♦ 10 9 7 5 2 ♣ K J ♠ 10 9 5 4 2 ♥ Q J 4 ♦ K Q J 8 ♣ 6
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Only four pairs bid these cards to Six Clubs. This proves easy, as the losing hearts go away on the spades and you lose only a club. Six Hearts fails as it depends on picking up both the hearts and the clubs for only one loser.

Matteo Mallardi (West) and Mario d'Avossa bid using the Garozzo-style approach to slam:

West	North	East	South
Mallardi		d'Avossa	
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

- The bids mean:
- 1♣ Natural
 - 2♣ Natural and game-forcing
 - 2♥ 5♣ + 4♥, 11-21 HCP
 - 2♠ Relay; 3♣ = 11-14 HCP
 - 3♦ Relay; Pass = 3-1 in the other suits
 - Redble Relay; 3NT = 3♦ + 1♠
 - 4♣ Setting trumps; 4♥ = cue-bid
 - 4NTRKCB; 5♠ = 2 of 5 keys + ♣Q

Editors: The Schools pair from Yugoslavia, using the Wandering Club System developed by 16 year old Nikola Maksimovic, also reached the top spot with a relay auction which might have won our Best Bid prize had East not mis-responded to one of the relays.

Maksimovic (West) and Milan Deljanin bid unopposed:

1♣-3♣-3♦-3♠-3NT-4♦-4♥-6♣-Pass

1♣ Other suit openings are all natural with good 5 card suits, and 1NT is 15-17, with 1♣ covering other 1-level openings and the strong hands (similar to Polish Club).

- 3♣ Natural, 5 card suit, game values or better
- 3♦ Relay, asking for aces; 3♠ = 1 ace!

Unlucky, as had he correctly shown two, they would still have reached Six Clubs.

- 3NT Relay, for shortage; 4♦ = singleton
- 4♥ Relay for kings; 4NT = 1 king
- 6♣ Maksimovic was surprised partner had only one ace and one king given his original response, but could visualise losing hearts going away on good spades. ♠

Junior Triathlon 1998

World Bridge Championships Lille 1998

As you contemplate your journey home don't forget to include in your thoughts the new Triathlon for Junior players which will be an integral part of next month's World Championships.

It is unique in that for the first time, no entry fee is required.

There are three separate competitions:

A four session pairs, a four session teams and a 2 session individual. There will be independent ranking for each of these events and an overall ranking. You can take part in as many of the events as you wish.

The World Championships run from 21 August to 3 September and the Junior Triathlon will be held between August 24-28.

If you have not already decided 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 Titles will be at stake!

To be eligible you must be born in 1973 or later.

Team Profile

The Yugoslavia
Schools Team

The players all come from the same school, Gymnasium in Krushevac. The local Bridge Club "MAX-AS" believed the future was with the young and soon the local schoolchildren had their first knowledge about bridge. With help from the school the Krushevac boys became the best bridge players under 20 in Yugoslavia. In the first Youth Balkan Olympiad held on 23/23 August 1997 in Krushevac they won their first "Gold Medals" in an international event.

Zdravko Popovic, 19, is leaving Krushevac and his beloved "Gymnasium" to study electronics at the University of Belgrade, one of the top scores on the selection list. His partner **Ivan Bojovic**, 18, who has another year at school, stays at home and must therefore find a new partner. When younger he swam for Yugoslavia in his age group.

Zoran Zakula, 19, just got his index at the Belgrade University. In his short bridge career, he changed his fame of a killing lead master to a double dummy magician (may be we will see either or both in Vienna). His partner **Slobodan Milicevic**, 19, will also make the big change and replace Krushevac with Belgrade to study Economics.

Milan Deljanin, 19, will join Zdravko in Belgrade to study Traffic. He believes he does not like girls so much as they like him. His partner is **Nikola Maksimovic**, 16, the one with red hair. Nikola is the initiator and ideologist of the Scholar Bridge in Krushevac. He is a referee on the local football ground and plays accordion. He will start creating a new school team and perfect his bidding system "The Wandering Club" which all the players use. If he continues after Vienna as he did after Cardiff he will give good chance to Yugoslavia in the New Century Championships in 2000.

Npc: **Ranko Grba**

Saur returns to power

Øyvind earned his nickname 'Saur Power' in Cardiff two years ago when he found some spectacular leads to beat what seemed like more or less waterproof contracts. His skills have not been too explicitly present here in Vienna, but in the VuGraph match against the Netherlands he made a forceful comeback. One of his efforts looked like this:

Round 20 - Board 9

Dealer North - East-West vulnerable

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The Dutch North played the normal contract of Two Spades, which is a favorite to make against most normal defences. At eight junior tables 2♠ made 8 or 9 tricks. But when Øyvind led the ♦7, North was deflected from a winning line, placing the ♦AK on his right. Boye won the king and returned the nine of clubs, which declarer won. At this point he could have exited with a diamond but imagining no danger he simply played the ace and another spade. However Øyvind was merciless. In with the queen, he played the eight of hearts to his partner's ace, and the king of spades extracted dummy's last trump. To North's surprise the defence cashed two diamond tricks to put the contract one light. Beautiful!

HALF SUCCESSFUL

Peter Lund reported his test of a Hole in the Wall Money Machine in Vienna (ATMS). He had heard it would accept Danish kroner and give back Austrian schillings.

He tried several different Danish notes and it began by rejecting them all. Eventually, however, the machine showed it would accept 100 kroner notes. Delighted with his success Lund fed in four more. The good news was that the machine accepted them all. The bad news was that nothing came out in return!

It was no good kicking the Wall. The machine obstinately refused to return anything.

Poor Peter resolved to return next day when the Bank was open, to complain.

Meanwhile he was told the story of the fake machine which had only a small boy behind the hole accepting everything which was put in. When irate customers returned with the police the machine had gone!

Lund was more successful. When he came back the next day the Bank acknowledged that the Machine Records agreed with his story. They would refund the Schillings ... the next day if he came back again. "But I have already spent 100 schillings on a taxi getting here to complain. Will you pay another 100 for me to return tomorrow?"

"You should have come on public transport," said the bank clerk, unkindly. "Give us your credit card and we will credit your account in Denmark." "But it is Austrian schillings I need," said Lund sadly, as he went on his way.

Slamtastic

The Schools match between Germany and all conquering Italy was simply sensational - at least as far as one team was concerned. The drama started with the very first deal.

Two boards later there was another slam swing, again in favour of Germany.

Dealer North. Love All

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Felmy</i>	<i>di Bello</i>	<i>Schüller</i>	<i>Uccello</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	7♥
All Pass			

South's leap to 7♥ was precipitate because had he simply bid 5♦ his partner would have had a chance to show the queen of spades. Of course we can see that the grand slam is cold, simply ruff a couple of diamonds in dummy, draw trumps, cash three spades via a finesse and you will find that a show up squeeze has developed against West.

Di Bello was worried about an overruff because of the overcall and he lost his way to go one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magrini</i>	<i>Pahl</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Linde</i>
	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Three Clubs was a puppet enabling North-South to find their heart fit, but Pahl decided to make no move towards slam. He must have been pleased to discover that his conservative approach resulted in an 11 IMP gain.



Matthias Felmy

Dealer South. E/W Game

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Felmy</i>	<i>di Bello</i>	<i>Schüller</i>	<i>Uccello</i>
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	3♥	2NT
4♥	5♦	Pass	4♦
6♥	All Pass		Pass

Thank you

The Yugoslav Junior Team would like to express gratitude to Bridge Magazine and unknown friends who enabled the team to continue competing in the Championship.

A friendly hand in need is immensely more valuable than money could ever be.

☉ South's cunning 2NT allowed East to show his second suit when the more simplistic approach of jamming the works with a bid of 5♦ might have paid dividends.

Of course his lead of the ♦2 should have led to the defeat of the slam but when North tried to cash a second trick in that suit declarer was soon able to claim.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magrini</i>	<i>Pahl</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Linde</i>
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass

North led the king of diamonds and lost no time in switching to a club to earn 17 IMPs for his side. It was a little easier for him than his Italian counterpart because he could see the East hand.

Both tables did well to reach a cold 6♠ on board 5 and then along came slam number 4.

Dealer South. Game All

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♠ 10 8 6 5 3					
♥ K 8					
♦ 10 9 6					
♣ 10 7 6					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Felmy</i>	<i>di Bello</i>	<i>Schüller</i>	<i>Uccello</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

We are still waiting for Claus Daehr, the NPC of the German team to tell us the meaning of 5NT. Presumably either pick a slam or a request for West to bid six or seven. Whatever it meant North did not lead a heart and the 3-2 club break ensured that the heart finesse was not needed. +1440.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magrini</i>	<i>Pahl</i>	<i>Lo Presti</i>	<i>Linde</i>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6NT	All Pass

We are prepared to take a guess as to the meaning of the auction. Two Diamonds was a relay and the reply promised two stoppers outside clubs. 3♠ said they were in spades and diamonds. Once again the final contract was 6NT but North was on lead. He unerringly selected a heart and that was worth a second 17 IMP swing for Germany.

It may be hard to believe but there was more to come.

Dealer West. Love All

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		♠ K 3 2			
		♥ 6 2			
		♦ J 8 6 4 3			
		♣ J 8 2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Felmy</i>	<i>di Bello</i>	<i>Schüller</i>	<i>Uccello</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Four Diamonds was ace asking and led to Germany reaching another good slam. Declarer wrapped up ☉

Team Profile

The France Schools Team

Olivier Bessis, 16, and his brother **Thomas**, 14, who have been partners for two years, are the children of Veronique, one of the world's leading lady players, and Michel, a European champion and well-known teacher. They live in Paris, and know all there is to know about racing.

Julien Gaviard, 17, is the son of Daniele Allouche, a leading French player. He also lives in Paris and is knowledgeable about horses.

Jerome Grenthe, 18, and his brother **Guillaume**, 19, from Lille, and have been partners for 4 years. Their father, Patrick, is one of the organisers of the World Championships. Both are in High School for Economics.

With only five players, the team plays in a variety of line-ups.

Npc: **Jean-Christophe Quantin**, 32, is a former European Junior Champion who has gone on to higher things!

☉ thirteen tricks without breathing hard. +1010.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Magrini	Pahl	Lo Presti	Linde
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

This long, mostly artificial auction failed to get the job done. The fifth slam deal in eight boards was worth another 11 IMPs for Germany.

By the time this deal came along Messrs. Felmy and Schüller must have felt they could walk on water. After it perhaps they could.



Matthias Schüller

Dealer East. N/S Game

♠ A 7 6
♥ 9 5 3
♦ K J 7 6 2
♣ 7 3

♠ K
♥ Q
♦ A Q 10 9 8 5
♣ A K J 9 2



♠ J 8 4 3 2
♥ A J 10 8 7 4
♦ -
♣ Q 4

♠ Q 10 9 5
♥ K 6 2
♦ 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 5

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Felmy	di Bello	Schüller	Uccello
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

East's bidding was clearly from another planet and caused West to propel his side to a hopeless slam (even 3NT can be defeated ♠A, spade to South who switches to a diamond). Or was it?

North led the ♥3 and declarer had to play low from dummy. It would be asking too much for South to play low which would have ensured the contact went several down, but when he took the king and failed to find the spade switch his side were in trouble. On his choice of a diamond declarer went up with the ace, crossed to the queen of clubs and ran the hearts, discarding the five, eight, nine and queen of diamonds and the king of spades before rattling off his winning clubs.

In the two card ending North had to discard either the ♠A or the ♦K. On a normal day this would not have been a problem but his partner's discards had probably not helped and you have doubtless already worked out that he kept the spade ace. +990.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Magrini	Pahl	Lo Presti	Linde
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

This was a much better auction, although East should have passed 3NT even though that might well go down. In any event Four Hearts ought to have been defeated.

South led the six of clubs which declarer won in hand with the ♣Q and played the four of hearts. South went in with the king and although he got no help from North who might have contributed the nine of hearts he had only to switch to a spade. When he preferred a diamond declarer had eleven tricks.

Just another routine 11 IMPs for Germany.

They had taken the runaway leaders apart by 93-29 IMPs, 25-3 VPs. ☉

The Understudy

'The show must go on,' said the director when the star dropped dead moments before the curtain was due to go up.

The star, not the understudy, would play the role of the corpse tonight.

The understudy changed quickly. His performance was inspired.

The star's final performance was perfect.

The understudy took his curtain calls to thunderous applause.

He would dispose of the poison later.

Homepage

von Fritz Babsch

Interview mit Franz Kriftner.

Dr. Franz Kriftner ist seit 1986 Präsident des ÖBV und betreibt in Linz eine große Anwaltskanzlei. Er ist verheiratet und hat zwei erwachsene Söhne, die allerdings im Gegensatz zu allen anderen Mitgliedern der Familie nicht Bridge spielen.

Homepage: Welchen Eindruck haben Sie von dieser Europameisterschaft?

Kriftner: Die Räumlichkeiten sind exzellent. Wir müssen der Stadt Wien sehr dankbar sein, daß sie uns das Wiener Rathaus zur Verfügung gestellt hat. Ohne diese Hilfe hätten wir gar nicht daran denken können, eine EM zu veranstalten. Die Organisation war ausgezeichnet und auch die Stimmung, jedenfalls nach außen hin. Ich habe keine bösen Worte gehört. In der Gesamtheit bin ich sehr zufrieden.

Homepage: Fällt Ihnen irgendetwas ein, das man kritisieren müßte?

Kriftner: Ich war nicht die ganze Zeit da. Mir ist nichts aufgefallen, und ich habe auch nichts gehört.

Homepage: Es gibt gewisse Anzeichen, daß die Zukunft von Europameisterschaften nicht ganz rosig ist. Wie sehen Sie dieses Problem?

Kriftner: Daß die Zukunft von Großveranstaltungen nicht rosig ist, liegt an den exorbitanten Kosten. Ohne Sponsoren und ohne ein Heer von freiwilligen oder fast freiwilligen Helfern gibt es keine Europameisterschaft. Man wird aber trotz Sponsoren versuchen müssen, die Kosten zu senken.

Homepage: Das Abschneiden der österreichischen Teams war nicht berauschend. Wie wird der ÖBV reagieren?

Kriftner: Bei den Junioren ist mir aufgefallen, daß sie nach dem fulminanten Start gegen Deutschland gegen sehr schwache Gegner hoch verloren haben, gegen Teams, die auf dem vorletzten und dem viertletzten Platz liegen. Da ich das Juniorenteam für routiniert halte, liegt möglicherweise Unterschätzung des Gegners vor, eine alte österreichische Krankheit.

Die Schüler litten unter ihrer Unerfahrenheit, und ich muß zugeben, daß unsere Vorbereitungen nicht optimal waren. Wir hätten früher aufstellen sollen; wir hätten schon in der Vorbereitung einen Betreuer suchen müssen; wir hätten den Schülern Screens zur Verfügung stellen sollen.

Homepage: Ergeben sich aus dem Abschneiden der Junioren irgendwelche Konsequenzen für die künftige Arbeit mit Auswahlteams, also auch mit Damen und Herren?

Kriftner: Ich glaube, wir sollten die Erkenntnisse, die wir hier gewonnen haben, nur bei Jugendlichen anwenden. Die Welt der „erwachsenen“ Bridgespieler hat ihre eigenen Gesetze.

Homepage: Wir danken für dieses aufschlußreiche Interview.

Statistik der Runden 15 bis 20.

In ihrer Gesamtheit zeigten diese 120 Austeilungen keine

relevante Abweichung von der Theorie, es gab aber natürlich größere Unterschiede in den einzelnen Runden. So war Runde 17 ziemlich wild (erhöhte Langfarben, viele Kürzen), während Runde 19 ziemlich zahm war (Hauptmerkmal war das Fehlen von Chicanes).

Der Umsatz an IMPs schwankte nur bei den Schülern stärker, bei den Junioren lag er zwischen 89 und 104 IMPs pro Match. Die Schüler, die durchschnittlich pro Match 10 IMPs mehr erzielten, schwankten zwischen 90 IMPs pro Match in der „zahmen“ Runde und 118 IMPs pro Match in der „wilden“ Runde. Sie spielten also risikofreudiger, was auch einige Spitzenspieler festgestellt haben.

Eine ausführliche Statistik werde ich im ÖBV-Magazin veröffentlichen.

Eine kleine Anekdote

Die kleine Dana Tal aus Israel ist schon ein kleiner Star. Es ist jene junge Dame, mit der Franz Terraneo im Mixedturnier beim Israel-Festival den dritten Platz belegte.

Als sie gegen Frankreich spielte, verirrte sich ihr Gegner mit einem Zweifärber in den vierten Stock, wurde kontriert und mußte das in die Scorekarte eintragen, was man in den USA „sticks and wheels“ nennt, nämlich - 1100 (die Amerikaner schreiben den „Einser“ bekanntlich nur als geraden Strich).

Nach dem Match schlug ihm ein Kumpel vor: „Du solltest ihr einen Heiratsantrag machen! Eine Frau, die so scharf spielt, muß man sich rechtzeitig sichern!“

Da mengte sich ein Österreicher ein. „Das kommt leider zu spät“, meinte er. „Einer der Österreicher hat gegen sie gespielt und gemeint, er könne nicht mehr lizitieren, ihre schönen Augen hätten ihn vollkommen verwirrt!“

Das österreichische Juniorenteam.

Das Juniorenteam besteht aus den Paaren Guz/Unger, Gloyer/Saurer und Lindermann/Pürstl.

Shelley Unger-Primavera (geb. 1974) spielt Bridge seit 1991 und studiert Mathematik. Sie lebt seit drei Jahren in Rom; sie hat ihren Mann bei einer Junioren - EM kennengelernt. Ihre Hobbies sind Tischtennis, lesen, Kaffee trinken und tratschen.

Pawel Guz (geb. 1973) stammt aus Warschau. Lernete Bridge vor zehn Jahren in der Schule. Er lebt seit sechs Jahren in Wien und studiert Wirtschaftsinformatik. Ende dieses Jahres wird seine Sponson stattfinden. Seine Hobbies sind schwimmen, Tischtennis und Mathematik.

Andreas Gloyer (geb. 1976) stammt aus Kitzbühel und begann schon mit zehn Jahren zu spielen. Sein Lehrer war sein Vater. Er studiert Jus, er ist ein ausgezeichneter Tennisspieler.

Bernd Saurer (geb. 1974) spielt seit fünf Jahren Bridge, hat gerade sein Jusstudium vollendet und möchte Richter werden.

Christoph Pürstl (geb. 1974) spielt seit sechs Jahren Bridge, mit elf Jahren machte er einen kurzen Versuch beim Juniorenbridge. Er studiert Jus und liebt Sport, Oper und ☺

☺ die Berge.

Arno Lindermann (geb. 1974) spielt wie Saurer seit fünf Jahren Bridge, er studiert ebenfalls Jus. Seine Hobbies sind Sport und lesen.

Spannendes Finish.

Während die Italiener dem Double zusteuern, gestaltet sich der Kampf um die Medaillen und um den begehrten vierten Platz sehr spannend. Rußland, Norwegen, Israel und Dänemark kämpfen um drei Plätze, wobei als zusätzliche Feinheit die Russen gegen die Norweger spielen. Israel und Dänemark haben mit Deutschland beziehungsweise mit Frankreich relativ leichte Gegner; es ist also denkbar, daß entweder Rußland oder Norwegen auf der Strecke bleibt. Für die Norweger wäre das schon deshalb peinlich, weil sie irgendwann im Laufe der Woche drei Strafpunkte ausgefaßt hatten. Sie waren offenbar nicht rechtzeitig munter geworden.

Der Kampf blieb bis zur letzten Partie spannend, vor dem letzten Board führte Rußland mit 1 IMP. In der letzten Partie gab es aber eine Katastrophe, und Norwegen gewann 17 : 13. Die Norweger erwiesen sich wieder als Spezialisten für niedrigen Umsatz, denn in diesem entscheidenden Match wurden nur 76 IMPs umgesetzt. Die Austeilungen waren übrigens extrem zahm, zum dritten Mal gab es überhaupt kein Chicane. Auch die Zahl der Singletons war unter der Erwartung. Da die Dänen und die Israelis hoch gewannen, fiel Rußland auf den undankbaren fünften Platz zurück. Der vierte Platz (Norwegen) berechtigt zur Teilnahme an der Weltmeisterschaft.

Die Österreicher hielten ihren 8. Rang. Im Lichte des schlechten zweiten und dritten Tages muß man doch noch von einem Erfolg sprechen.

Bei den Schülern gingen die Medaillen an die Niederlande und an Polen, die bei den Junioren mit den Plätzen 10 und 9 schwer enttäuscht hatten. Die Österreicher verabschiedeten sich mit einem Kanter Sieg über Irland, konnten aber die Jugoslawen nicht mehr überholen. Das Team ist noch sehr jung und wird im Jahr 2000 sicher vorne mitspielen.

Zehn heiße Tage.

Es waren zehn heiße Tage im Wiener Rathaus, und nicht nur, was die Kämpfe betrifft. Im Bulletin - Zimmer hatte es zeitweise 34 Grad. Trotzdem blieben alle ruhig und freundlich.

Ich möchte mich an dieser Stelle bei allen bedanken, die mir geduldig für ein Interview zur Verfügung standen, noch mehr aber bei denen, die einem absoluten Laien geholfen haben, am Computer etwas Brauchbares zu produzieren. Viel Geduld bewiesen der Lay-Out Editor Costas Economopoulos und Susi Schnitzer, die meine Patzer am Bildschirm ausgebügelt und die Fahnen gelesen hat. Für mich war die EM ein großartiges Erlebnis und ich bedaure, daß sie schon wieder vorüber ist. Es waren schöne Tage hier im Rathaus!

Fritz Babsch



TTASL - Again!

by Michael Barel & Nissan Rand

TTASL - Teach Them A Sharp Lesson

It is very pleasing to bid and make game, especially doubled, and after you already passed a part score and opponents reopened. It is even more pleasing to do this with the aid of an endplay. Inon Liran for Israel managed this in Round 16 against Yugoslavia on board 14.

Dealer East. Love All

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West	North <i>Levinger</i>	East	South <i>Liran</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♣
Pass	4♣	Dble	All Pass

After bidding the game he only had to make it!

West led ♣A and played another club. Liran ruffed and played a heart to the jack and queen. A heart came back, won by the ace and Liran now cashed the ♠K and played a club from dummy discarding a heart from hand. West could have beaten the contract now by exiting with a diamond honour but since he wasn't sure about the ♦9 and the ♠J, tried a club instead. That was enough for declarer when he ruffed in dummy and discarded a diamond from hand. ☺

Danke

On behalf of the Organizing Committee Gavriel Unger and Richard Wehler-Hardt would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made these Championships such a great success.

Especially their thanks go to all the staff who, frequently putting in large amounts of overtime, did so much to ensure the smooth running of the championships.

Appeal No. 5

Juniors Round 15: Poland v. Russia

Reported by Steen Møller (Denmark)

Appeals Committee:

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

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Game.

<p>♠ J 10 5 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ Q 8 7 6</p>	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="background-color: black; color: white; width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ 8 4 2 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 7 6 5 ♣ A K 5 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 6 3 ♥ J 10 7 6 5 3 ♦ A 10 ♣ 9</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
	<p>♠ A K Q ♥ K Q 9 ♦ K 8 3 2 ♣ J 10 4</p>											

West	North	East	South
<i>Doubinine</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	<i>Krasnossolski</i>	<i>Piasecki</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	Dble	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Facts:

The TD was called to the table at the end of play by East who claimed that there had been a misinformation and that he would have chosen another defence if he had known the nature of South's hand.

1♣ was Polish Club and 1♦ showed 0-7 HCP or different stronger types. 2NT was explained by South to West as 18+, balanced, but on the other side of the screen as showing interest in one or both minors. South explained that the systemic bid over 2♥ was 2NT to show this type, but he refrained from making this bid, fearing that his partner had the 0-7 hand. There was nothing on the convention card about this bidding sequence. West led ♥4, low from three to an honour and South took the 10 with the queen. The ♣J was covered with the queen and king. A low diamond went to the king and another diamond was ducked to the ace. East said that he would now have returned a heart had he not been misinformed about South's hand, but he returned a spade and South made 10 tricks, 430 N/S.

TD's decision:

The TD decided that there had been a misinformation and according to law 12C he awarded the non-offending side the best of all likely results, letting the declarer guess wrong

in hearts and scoring the hand as 3NT down two, 100 E/W.

Appellant:

North/South appealed.

The players:

North said to the Committee that 2NT was a non-systemic bid and that the explanation given by him to East was correct according to the notes N/S had about such bidding sequences, but it was not disclosed on the convention card. North found it highly unlikely that South would have guessed wrong if a heart had been returned at trick five. As neither West nor South had appeared before the committee nobody could tell if 2NT had been alerted. East said that South would not have known the position of the ♥A (and ♥J) as the bidding had not revealed this. Therefore South might easily have played East for the holding ♥A 10 x x x and guessed wrong if East had returned a heart. East, however, felt it to be very likely that South had a weak spade holding like K x or K J when he had shown interest for one or both minors and had stoppers in hearts. East admitted to the fact that he and his partner played a kind of "Smith Peter". West had played ♦4 followed by ♦9 which according to their methods might show disinterest in the heart suit.

The committee:

The committee agreed that there had been an infraction, but found that South would almost always have made the contract if East had returned a heart. He would not play East for having inserted the 10 from a heart holding of A 10 x x x. South would have made eleven tricks if East had returned a heart and South had made the right guess. The committee decided not to take a score of 460 into consideration as the actual score at the table was only 430.

The committee's decision:

The committee changed the score to 430 N/S nine times out of ten and 100 E/W one time out of ten. North/South were warned for not giving full disclosure of their system.

Committee's note:

The committee is aware of the fact that in the ACBL there is a bylaw to Law 12C permitting the TD's to make decisions like the one made by the committee. If this was also the case in the EBL, appeals like this one would probably be avoided as the TD's would surely come up with a decision that gave N/S a lot of compensation and so avoid the necessity of an appeal. As a general principle if the committee makes an award on a 90/10% basis, an unsuccessful appeal against the TD's award of a 70/30% score might be regarded as a frivolous one. ☹

Juniors Butler Scores

After 21 matches

Player	Country	Avg. IMPs	Boards	Player	Country	Avg. IMPs	Boards
1 Marino P	ITA	1.19	(280)	67 Alper T	TUR	-0.04	(280)
2 Pagani D	ITA	1.19	(280)	68 Uz T	TUR	-0.04	(280)
3 Hegedus O	HUN	1.13	(60)	69 Bakhshi D	GBR	-0.05	(320)
4 Brondum F	DEN	1.05	(380)	70 Jones M	GBR	-0.05	(320)
5 Madsen M	DEN	1.05	(380)	71 Hegedus G	HUN	-0.07	(420)
6 Levin A	ISR	0.91	(360)	72 Simonsen K	FIN	-0.09	(240)
7 Shaham E	ISR	0.91	(360)	73 Lagas M	NET	-0.11	(240)
8 Bakan O	TUR	0.84	(320)	74 Schollaardt M	NET	-0.11	(240)
9 Serim G	TUR	0.84	(320)	75 Krasa O	CZR	-0.13	(320)
10 Harr G	NOR	0.79	(220)	76 Pulkrab P	CZR	-0.13	(320)
11 Kvangraven N	NOR	0.79	(220)	77 Thorfinsson A	ICE	-0.17	(260)
12 Lobov D	RUS	0.70	(420)	78 Karlsson S	ICE	-0.17	(260)
13 Matouchko G	RUS	0.70	(420)	79 Tichy E	HUN	-0.17	(300)
14 Kristensen M	DEN	0.63	(360)	80 Balschun R	GER	-0.19	(240)
15 Nohr M	DEN	0.63	(360)	81 Linde J	GER	-0.19	(240)
16 Amit A	ISR	0.60	(280)	82 Boysen C	DEN	-0.20	(100)
17 Zack Y	ISR	0.60	(280)	83 Konow K	DEN	-0.20	(100)
18 d'Avossa M	ITA	0.54	(280)	84 Levinger A	ISR	-0.22	(200)
19 Mallardi M	ITA	0.54	(280)	85 Liran I	ISR	-0.22	(200)
20 Brogeland B	NOR	0.49	(320)	86 Krupp S	GER	-0.24	(320)
21 Saur O	NOR	0.49	(320)	87 Moller M	GER	-0.24	(320)
22 Green J	GBR	0.46	(280)	88 Jurisic I	CRO	-0.25	(340)
23 Hazel G	GBR	0.46	(280)	89 Grahec V	CRO	-0.25	(340)
24 Johansson T	SWE	0.45	(300)	90 Baba A	YUG	-0.31	(280)
25 Wiklund R	SWE	0.45	(300)	91 Poljacki J	YUG	-0.31	(280)
26 Albertsson L	SWE	0.41	(260)	92 Ingason T	ICE	-0.32	(240)
27 Hallberg P	SWE	0.41	(260)	93 Magnusson H	ICE	-0.32	(240)
28 van Prooijen	NET	0.41	(340)	94 Basalyga V	BLR	-0.34	(280)
29 de Wijs S	NET	0.41	(340)	95 Sivtsev E	BLR	-0.34	(280)
30 Charlsen T	NOR	0.36	(300)	96 Kucharzyk D	POL	-0.35	(260)
31 Kristoffersen C	NOR	0.36	(300)	97 Suchodol P	POL	-0.35	(260)
32 Unger S	AUS	0.35	(220)	98 Huesken F	GER	-0.42	(280)
33 Guz P	AUS	0.35	(220)	99 Kornek A	GER	-0.42	(280)
34 Khadjiantz M	BLR	0.31	(280)	100 Makikangas K	FIN	-0.46	(400)
35 Zenko S	BLR	0.31	(280)	101 Duric P	YUG	-0.51	(320)
36 Doubinine A	RUS	0.30	(420)	102 Tisma V	YUG	-0.51	(320)
37 Krasnosselski M	RUS	0.30	(420)	103 Wiener G	HUN	-0.51	(80)
38 Grzejdziak I	POL	0.30	(280)	104 Karamanlis M	GRE	-0.51	(360)
39 Kielichowski U	POL	0.30	(280)	105 Manousakakis V	GRE	-0.51	(360)
40 Haraldsson S	ICE	0.29	(340)	106 Tamminen J	FIN	-0.52	(380)
41 Johannsson S	ICE	0.29	(340)	107 Vozabal D	CZR	-0.53	(320)
42 Wijma S	NET	0.28	(260)	108 Zadrazil M	CZR	-0.53	(320)
43 Zwerver F	NET	0.28	(260)	109 Fonteneau D	FRA	-0.60	(220)
44 Jagniewski R	POL	0.23	(300)	110 Willard F	FRA	-0.60	(300)
45 Piasecki J	POL	0.23	(300)	111 Geitner J	FRA	-0.69	(40)
46 Winkler G	HUN	0.21	(420)	112 Cohen S	GBR	-0.69	(240)
47 Daux F	FRA	0.19	(360)	113 Leslie P	GBR	-0.69	(240)
48 Trenka P	HUN	0.19	(400)	114 Malla L	SPA	-0.69	(360)
49 Heikkinen T	FIN	0.18	(200)	115 Malla R	SPA	-0.69	(360)
50 Hilska J	FIN	0.18	(200)	116 Dacic V	YUG	-0.76	(240)
51 Lindermann A	AUS	0.18	(300)	117 Erakovic G	YUG	-0.76	(240)
52 Saurer B	AUS	0.18	(360)	118 Synodinos E	GRE	-0.92	(240)
53 Pilipovic M	CRO	0.17	(340)	119 Tsinieris N	GRE	-0.92	(240)
54 Sasek T	CRO	0.17	(340)	120 Jelinek P	CZR	-0.94	(200)
55 Gloyer A	AUS	0.17	(320)	121 Vozabal P	CZR	-0.94	(200)
56 Purstl C	AUS	0.16	(260)	122 Goded G	SPA	-1.11	(340)
57 Rombaut J	FRA	0.15	(360)	123 Masia S	SPA	-1.11	(340)
58 Eliazhon N	SWE	0.10	(280)	124 Brkljacic T	CRO	-1.22	(160)
59 Wademark O	SWE	0.10	(280)	125 Orescanin T	CRO	-1.22	(160)
60 Biondo B	ITA	0.09	(280)	126 Argyra D	GRE	-1.45	(240)
61 Intonti R	ITA	0.09	(280)	127 Konstantopoulos D	GRE	-1.45	(240)
62 Sunamak G	TUR	0.04	(240)	128 Busqueta A	SPA	-1.62	(140)
63 Yavuz M	TUR	0.04	(240)	129 Castellsague S	SPA	-1.62	(140)
64 Shabes D	BLR	0.00	(280)				
65 Ziulev S	BLR	0.00	(280)				
66 Jafs F	FIN	-0.02	(260)				

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Schools Butler Scores

After 13 matches

<i>Player</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Avg. IMPs</i>	<i>Boards</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Avg. IMPs</i>	<i>Boards</i>
1 Skalski A	POL	1.75	(120)	41 Bessis O	FRA	0.11	(140)
2 Szczepanska A	POL	1.75	(120)	42 Jorstad R	NOR	0.08	(260)
3 di Bello F	ITA	1.53	(200)	43 Tal D	ISR	0.07	(200)
4 Guariglia R	ITA	1.53	(200)	44 Tal N	ISR	0.07	(200)
5 Cullin P	SWE	1.21	(220)	45 Grenthe G	FRA	0.06	(180)
6 Karlsson J	SWE	1.21	(220)	46 Kramer D	GER	0.01	(140)
7 Lo Presti F	ITA	1.15	(180)	47 Malinovski N	RUS	-0.03	(260)
8 Magrini L	ITA	1.15	(180)	48 Motchalova I	RUS	-0.03	(260)
9 Drijver T	NET	0.89	(120)	49 Linde C	GER	-0.15	(160)
10 Drijver B	NET	0.86	(260)	50 Pahl A	GER	-0.15	(160)
11 Vreeswijk K	NET	0.67	(200)	51 Probst R	GBR	-0.15	(180)
12 Berg M	SWE	0.66	(160)	52 Hayt O	ISR	-0.15	(100)
13 Sivelind D	SWE	0.66	(160)	53 Ginossar E	ISR	-0.15	(100)
14 Marjai G	HUN	0.55	(60)	54 Larsson J	SWE	-0.15	(140)
15 Buras K	POL	0.40	(240)	55 Linerudt G	SWE	-0.15	(140)
16 Kapala S	POL	0.40	(240)	56 Ringseth J	NOR	-0.16	(140)
17 Aal S	NOR	0.37	(120)	57 Gaviard J	FRA	-0.18	(240)
18 Keil B	HUN	0.36	(80)	58 Bessis T	FRA	-0.21	(220)
19 Felmy M	GER	0.35	(220)	59 Minarik G	HUN	-0.33	(220)
20 di Bello S	ITA	0.34	(140)	60 Minarik A	HUN	-0.33	(220)
21 Uccello S	ITA	0.34	(140)	61 Bavalia S	IRE	-0.47	(180)
22 Bojovic I	YUG	0.33	(180)	62 Eglseer W	AUT	-0.64	(180)
23 Hoffman R	ISR	0.30	(220)	63 Grumm I	AUT	-0.64	(180)
24 Lellouche D	ISR	0.30	(220)	64 Sloan D	IRE	-0.66	(180)
25 Hoogsteden M	NET	0.28	(60)	65 Maksimovic N	YUG	-0.68	(180)
26 Schuller M	GER	0.27	(220)	66 Wade R	GBR	-0.70	(140)
27 Hakkebo S	NOR	0.26	(260)	67 Budd S	GBR	-0.71	(140)
28 Sundklakk S	NOR	0.26	(260)	68 Hydes A	GBR	-0.72	(220)
29 Baranowski J	POL	0.22	(160)	69 Teltscher M	GBR	-0.73	(180)
30 Lutostanski P	POL	0.22	(160)	70 Babourov R	RUS	-0.84	(260)
31 Popovic Z	YUG	0.22	(180)	71 Katounkine P	RUS	-0.84	(260)
32 Szabo C	HUN	0.20	(220)	72 Deljanin M	YUG	-0.92	(160)
33 Gogoman Ad	AUT	0.20	(220)	73 Milcevic S	YUG	-0.98	(180)
34 Gogoman An	AUT	0.20	(220)	74 Zacula Z	YUG	-1.13	(160)
35 Brink N	NET	0.19	(200)	75 Duy J	AUT	-1.21	(120)
36 Brink S	NET	0.19	(200)	76 Gruber C	AUT	-1.21	(120)
37 Marjai P	HUN	0.17	(240)	77 Pierse N	IRE	-1.69	(200)
38 Jones D	GBR	0.16	(180)	78 Cummings J	IRE	-1.86	(180)
39 Hevemeier O	GER	0.14	(140)	79 McInerney F	IRE	-2.03	(160)
40 Grenthe J	FRA	0.14	(260)	80 Bellingham G	IRE	-2.07	(140)

BULLETIN PRIZES

Best Bid

For his imaginative and successful double of Four Hearts reported in Bulletin 10, page 12:

From the Dutch Schools team:
Bas Drijver.

Best Defence

For defeating a Five Club contract by breaking up a squeeze, reported in Bulletin 10 page 7, by Simon de Wijs, his teammates from the Dutch Junior team: Schelte Wijma & Friso Zwerver.

Best Play

For his deceptive duck, allowing the eight of spades to hold the first trick, reported in Bulletin 4, page 11 by Jon Sveindal of Norway:

From the Poland Junior Team:
Igor Grzedziak.