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Israeli Juniors Looking Strong



Some of the many small shops around the resort offering opportunities to buy souvenirs

At the two-thirds stage, it looks as though the Girls Championships will be won by either Poland or Netherlands. The two are both almost a match clear of third-placed Sweden. The title may be decided when they meet each other in Round Eight, while the bronze is likely to go to either Sweden, France or Italy.

Latvia is the early leader of the Youngsters Championship ahead of Norway and Italy though, with only three rounds played, it is too early to make any strong predictions.

Meanwhile, the Juniors Championship will reach the half-way point today and the rankings are definitely beginning to take shape with Israel on a very strong run at the top on 194 VPs, ahead of Italy on 179, France 169, Norway 168 and Denmark and Poland on 162. Result of the day? Perhaps shared between Norway's 25-5 win over Croatia and Denmark's 25-5 defeat of the Netherlands.

Today's BBO Matches

10.00	Italy v Bulgaria (Juniors)
10.00	Denmark v Sweden (Juniors)
10.00	Netherlands v France (Girls)
10.00	Poland v Norway (Youngsters)
14.00	France v Hungary (Juniors)
14.00	Sweden v Netherlands (Juniors)
14.00	Netherlands v France (Girls)
14.00	Norway v Sweden (Youngsters)
17.30	Netherlands v Croatia (Juniors)
17.30	Denmark v France (Juniors)
17.30	Netherlands v Poland (Girls)
17.30	Poland v Italy (Youngsters)

JUNIORS TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 7

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BULGARIA FINLAND	66 - 39	21 - 9
2	GERMANY FRANCE	47 - 26	19 - 11
3	AUSTRIA ISRAEL	45 - 72	9 - 21
4	GREECE ITALY	23 - 68	6 - 24
5	TURKEY POLAND	48 - 44	16 - 14
6	CROATIA BELGIUM	87 - 25	25 - 3
7	IRELAND NORWAY	22 - 66	6 - 24
8	ROMANIA ENGLAND	56 - 56	15 - 15
9	SWEDEN SERBIA	39 - 44	14 - 16
10	DENMARK SCOTLAND	62 - 46	18 - 12
11	HUNGARY NETHERLANDS	47 - 28	19 - 11

ROUND 10

1	ITALY	BULGARIA
2	POLAND	GERMANY
3	BELGIUM	AUSTRIA
4	NORWAY	GREECE
5	ENGLAND	TURKEY
6	ROMANIA	CROATIA
7	NETHERLANDS	IRELAND
8	SERBIA	ISRAEL
9	SCOTLAND	FRANCE
10	HUNGARY	FINLAND
11	DENMARK	SWEDEN

ROUND 8

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	FRANCE BULGARIA	49 - 61	13 - 17
2	ISRAEL GERMANY	90 - 43	24 - 6
3	ITALY AUSTRIA	80 - 31	25 - 5
4	POLAND GREECE	52 - 46	16 - 14
5	BELGIUM TURKEY	52 - 47	16 - 14
6	NORWAY CROATIA	71 - 22	25 - 5
7	ENGLAND IRELAND	61 - 39	20 - 10
8	NETHERLANDS ROMANIA	72 - 9	25 - 3
9	SERBIA FINLAND	48 - 74	10 - 20
10	SCOTLAND SWEDEN	28 - 81	5 - 25
11	HUNGARY DENMARK	36 - 56	11 - 19

ROUND 11

1	BULGARIA	POLAND
2	GERMANY	BELGIUM
3	AUSTRIA	NORWAY
4	GREECE	ENGLAND
5	TURKEY	ROMANIA
6	CROATIA	IRELAND
7	ITALY	SERBIA
8	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND
9	FRANCE	HUNGARY
10	FINLAND	DENMARK
11	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS

ROUND 9

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BULGARIA ISRAEL	45 - 86	7 - 23
2	GERMANY ITALY	31 - 36	14 - 16
3	AUSTRIA POLAND	38 - 83	6 - 24
4	GREECE BELGIUM	28 - 45	11 - 19
5	TURKEY NORWAY	38 - 61	10 - 20
6	CROATIA ENGLAND	54 - 13	23 - 7
7	IRELAND ROMANIA	43 - 58	12 - 18
8	FRANCE SERBIA	131 - 16	25 - 0
9	FINLAND SCOTLAND	44 - 49	14 - 16
10	SWEDEN HUNGARY	46 - 44	15 - 15
11	DENMARK NETHERLANDS	75 - 23	25 - 5

ROUND 12

1	BELGIUM	BULGARIA
2	NORWAY	GERMANY
3	ENGLAND	AUSTRIA
4	ROMANIA	GREECE
5	IRELAND	TURKEY
6	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA
7	SERBIA	POLAND
8	SCOTLAND	ITALY
9	HUNGARY	ISRAEL
10	DENMARK	FRANCE
11	SWEDEN	FINLAND

GIRLS TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 5

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BULGARIA POLAND	45 - 115	3.5 - 25
2	GERMANY SWEDEN	43 - 135	1 - 25
3	CZECH REP. TURKEY	77 - 53	19 - 11
4	ITALY NETHERLANDS	58 - 80	12 - 18
5	FRANCE HUNGARY	69 - 85	13 - 17

ROUND 7

1	BULGARIA	TURKEY
2	GERMANY	CZECH REPUBLIC
3	SWEDEN	ITALY
4	POLAND	HUNGARY
5	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE

ROUND 6

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	SWEDEN BULGARIA	106 - 25	25 - 3
2	TURKEY GERMANY	39 - 83	4 - 22
3	FRANCE CZECH REP.	81 - 52	20 - 10
4	ITALY POLAND	29 - 86	6 - 24
5	HUNGARY NETHERLANDS	76 - 78	15 - 15

ROUND 8

1	CZECH REPUBLIC	BULGARIA
2	FRANCE	GERMANY
3	ITALY	TURKEY
4	HUNGARY	SWEDEN
5	NETHERLANDS	POLAND

Today in History - July 18th

64: The great fire of Rome breaks out and destroys much of the city on this day in the year 64. Despite the well-known stories, there is no evidence that the Roman emperor, Nero, either started the fire or played the fiddle while it burned. Still, he did use the disaster to further his political agenda.

1925: Seven months after being released from Landsberg jail, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler publishes the first volume of his personal manifesto, Mein Kampf. Dictated by Hitler during his nine-month stay in prison, Mein Kampf, or "My Struggle," was a bitter and turgid narrative filled with anti-Semitic outpourings, disdain for morality, worship of power, and the blueprints for his plan of Nazi world domination. The autobiographical work soon became the bible of Germany's Nazi Party.



1936: On July 18, 1936, the Spanish Civil War begins as a revolt by right-wing Spanish military officers in Spanish Morocco and spreads to mainland Spain. From the Canary Islands, General Francisco Franco broadcasts a message calling for all army officers to join the uprising and overthrow Spain's leftist Republican government. Within three days, the rebels captured Morocco, much of northern Spain, and several key cities in the south. The Republicans succeeded in putting down the uprising in other areas, including Madrid, Spain's capital. The Republicans and the Nationalists, as the rebels were called, then proceeded to secure their respective territories by executing thousands of suspected political opponents. Meanwhile, Franco flew to Morocco and prepared to bring the Army of Africa over to the mainland.

1940: On this day in 1940, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who first took office in 1933 as America's 32nd president, is nominated for an unprecedented third term. Roosevelt, a Democrat, would eventually be elected to a record four terms in office, the only U.S. president to serve more than two terms.



1969: Shortly after leaving a party on Chappaquiddick Island, Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy of Massachusetts drives an Oldsmobile off a wooden bridge into a tide-swept pond. Kennedy escaped the submerged car, but his passenger, 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne, did not. The senator did not report the fatal car accident for 10 hours.

YOUNGSTERS TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND 1

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BULGARIA ENGLAND	29 - 75	6 - 24
2	CZECH REP. RUSSIA	51 - 52	15 - 15
3	LATVIA HUNGARY	85 - 17	25 - 2
4	SCOTLAND TURKEY	29 - 35	11 - 16
5	ITALY AUSTRIA	126 - 7	25 - 0
6	DENMARK FRANCE	17 - 70	5 - 25
7	NORWAY ISRAEL	47 - 11	22 - 8
8	SWEDEN GERMANY	52 - 25	21 - 9
9	POLAND NETHERLANDS	46 - 60	11.5 - 17.5

ROUND 4

1	TURKEY	BULGARIA
2	AUSTRIA	CZECH REPUBLIC
3	FRANCE	LATVIA
4	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND
5	GERMANY	ITALY
6	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
7	POLAND	NORWAY
8	ENGLAND	SWEDEN
9	RUSSIA	HUNGARY

ROUND 2

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	RUSSIA BULGARIA	53 - 57	14 - 16
2	HUNGARY CZECH REP.	53 - 55	15 - 15
3	TURKEY LATVIA	61 - 58	16 - 14
4	AUSTRIA SCOTLAND	42 - 78	8 - 22
5	FRANCE ITALY	31 - 63	8 - 22
6	ISRAEL DENMARK	38 - 49	13 - 17
7	GERMANY NORWAY	5 - 81	1 - 25
8	NETHERLANDS SWEDEN	60 - 42	19 - 11
9	ENGLAND POLAND	14 - 61	6 - 24

ROUND 5

1	BULGARIA	AUSTRIA
2	CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE
3	LATVIA	ISRAEL
4	SCOTLAND	GERMANY
5	ITALY	NETHERLANDS
6	DENMARK	POLAND
7	NORWAY	SWEDEN
8	TURKEY	RUSSIA
9	HUNGARY	ENGLAND

ROUND 3

Match		IMP's	VP's
1	BULGARIA HUNGARY	50 - 46	16 - 14
2	CZECH REP. TURKEY	54 - 64	13 - 17
3	LATVIA AUSTRIA	111 - 31	25 - 0
4	SCOTLAND FRANCE	61 - 29	22 - 8
5	ITALY ISRAEL	39 - 66	9 - 21
6	DENMARK GERMANY	27 - 53	10 - 20
7	NORWAY NETHERLANDS	53 - 61	14 - 16
8	SWEDEN POLAND	62 - 28	22 - 8
9	RUSSIA ENGLAND	22 - 108	0 - 25

ROUND 6

1	FRANCE	BULGARIA
2	ISRAEL	CZECH REPUBLIC
3	GERMANY	LATVIA
4	NETHERLANDS	SCOTLAND
5	POLAND	ITALY
6	SWEDEN	DENMARK
7	ENGLAND	NORWAY
8	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA
9	HUNGARY	TURKEY

YOUNGSTERS TEAMS**RANKING AFTER ROUND 3**

1	LATVIA	64
2	NORWAY	61
3	ITALY	56
4	ENGLAND	55
	SCOTLAND	55
6	SWEDEN	54
7	NETHERLANDS	52.5
8	TURKEY	49
9	POLAND	43.5
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	43
11	ISRAEL	42
12	FRANCE	41
13	BULGARIA	38
14	DENMARK	32
15	HUNGARY	31
16	GERMANY	30
17	RUSSIA	29
18	AUSTRIA	8

Calling All Opera Lovers

There will be a performance of the opera, Madame Butterfly on Wednesday July 20th. Anyone who wishes to attend should book their ticket on Monday morning.

There will be someone at the Excursions Desk in the lobby of the Flamingo Grand Hotel on Monday morning, July 18th from 10.00 to 11.00 to take reservations and payment.

The price, including transportation, is 29 Euros.

Departure from Albena will be at 1945 on Wednesday evening, July 20th, from the Flamingo Grand.

**Today's Schedule**

10.00	Juniors Teams (10th Round)
10.00	Girls Teams (7th Round, 1st half)
10.00	Youngsters Teams (4th Round)
14.00	Juniors Teams (11th Round)
14.00	Girls Teams (7th Round, 2nd half)
14.00	Youngsters Teams (5th Round)
17.30	Juniors Teams (12th Round)
17.30	Youngsters Teams (6th Round)
17.30	Girls Teams (8th Round, 1st half)

JUNIORS TEAMS**RANKING AFTER ROUND 9**

1	ISRAEL	194
2	ITALY	179
3	FRANCE	169
4	NORWAY	168
5	DENMARK	162
	POLAND	162
7	SWEDEN	153
8	NETHERLANDS	150
9	CROATIA	149
	FINLAND	149
11	HUNGARY	136.5
12	BULGARIA	135
13	GERMANY	129
14	SCOTLAND	125
15	TURKEY	121
16	GREECE	119
17	ENGLAND	113
18	ROMANIA	97
19	SERBIA	91.5
20	BELGIUM	80
21	IRELAND	77
22	AUSTRIA	70

GIRLS TEAMS**RANKING AFTER ROUND 6**

1	POLAND	137
2	NETHERLANDS	131
3	SWEDEN	109
4	FRANCE	108
5	ITALY	99
6	HUNGARY	88
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	71
8	GERMANY	64
9	TURKEY	44
10	BULGARIA	15.5

JUNIORS TEAMS ROUND 6



POLAND

v

CROATIA



by Ram Soffer

Traditionally, Poland is among the strongest teams in Youth events. In 2010 they won the World Youngsters Championship, and some members of the winning team are playing in Albena in the Juniors series. The Polish team was ranked third after five rounds, within striking distance of the leaders, Israel and Italy.

By contrast, Croatia doesn't have a great tradition in Junior bridge, but their ranking in mid-table was deceptive. They were drawn to play the strongest teams right at the start, and prior to this round they had beaten France 21–9 and Italy 16–14, and tied 15–15 with Israel.

I was following the play in the Open Room, where Pawel Jassem/Piotr Tuczynski (N/S) were matched up against Andrea Stankovic/Luka Dondivic (E/W). The first board was a push at 3NT making five, but from the second board onwards Croatia were having a great run.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 10 6 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ 10 7 3 ♣ A 10 6 5 4		♠ 7 4 ♥ Q J 5 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ K 9 7 3 2	
♠ Q 9 8 2 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ K J 9 2 ♣ J 8		♠ A K J 5 3 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ Q 8 6 4 ♣ Q	
West Dondivic – Pass Dble	North Jassem – 4♠ All Pass	East Stankovic INT Pass	South Tuczynski 2♠ Pass

The Croatians play a 10-12 INT at favourable vulnerability and standard 15-17 INT in all other cases. This brought them two small victories in this match (the other one being Board 12 where they made INT+1 with 11 balanced facing 10, while at the other table it was passed out.)

Tuczynski bid 2♠, showing spades and a minor, and Jassem directly raised to game, although his values were a little soft. While a game invitation may be the most correct option, many experts like to bid vulnerable games at IMPs whenever possible. This time Jassem was unlucky. West decided that two aces were sufficient to double after his partner promised at least 10 HCP, balanced. He opened with his aces and continued a club which was ruffed. Not a great

start, but in view of the mirror distribution declarer could not avoid two more losers for –200. Thanks to the penalty double Croatia gained 3 IMPs. The next board was far more interesting, with both sides making excellent decisions.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ – ♥ A 9 4 3 ♦ 8 2 ♣ A Q 8 7 5 3 2		♠ K 4 ♥ K J 6 ♦ A K Q 6 5 ♣ 9 6 4	♠ A Q 9 8 7 6 5 3 ♥ 8 7 ♦ 7 4 ♣ 10
♠ J 10 2 ♥ Q 10 5 2 ♦ J 10 9 3 ♣ K J			
West Dondivic – 1♣ Pass	North Jassem – INT 3NT	East Stankovic – 3♠ All Pass	South Tuczynski Pass Dble

Jassem decided that a club stopper wasn't necessary for a 1NT overcall. Had he bid 1♦ instead, East would have probably bid 4♠ directly. However, knowing that North had a strong balanced hand, Stankovic preferred 3♠, which is strongly invitational at this vulnerability. South doubled to show some high-card strength, and West made a disciplined Pass.

Jassem sank into thought. Trying to extract a vulnerable penalty looked tempting, but East knew he was vulnerable when bidding 3♠, and the doubleton king was no guarantee of a trump trick. Finally, he made the right decision and bid 3NT. Not only did it save Poland from conceding –730, 3NT makes after any lead but a club. That would be a very nice result when the most popular contract was 4♠ going down a trick or two.

However, it just wasn't Poland's day. Stankovic realized that his partner was highly unlikely to have two or more spades, so a spade lead was pointless. It was far better to look for his partner's entry so that he could play a spade through declarer's king.

On the actual layout that couldn't happen as West was void in spades, but the ♣10 lead did develop his partner's long suit. West won with his ♣AQ and played a third club. Declarer could do no better than cash five diamonds and concede the rest. That meant down three and 150 to Croa-

tia. One could expect a swing in their favour but actually they lost 4 IMPs as their team-mates went down two in 5♦ doubled.

Nevertheless, this finely played hand served as a source of inspiration to the Croatian pair. In the following boards they practically decided the match with a series of medium-sized swings. On Board 4 Poland played one level too high and lost 7 IMPs, and then came this well-bid hand:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 7 6 2 ♥ J 5 ♦ K 8 ♣ 9 7 6 3 2	♠ J 10 4 3 ♥ A 8 4 2 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ 8 4	♠ AKQ ♥ K ♦ A J 7 5 4 ♣ A J 10 5	♠ 9 5 ♥ Q 10 9 7 6 3 ♦ Q 6 3 ♣ K Q
West Dondivic – 1♠ 4♣ 5♣	North Jassem Pass 3♥ Pass All Pass	East Stankovic 1♦ Dble 4♥	South Tuczynski 1♥ Pass Pass

Stankovic opened 1♦ with his big hand, and Dondivic freely bid 1♠ (promising only four cards) with 4 HCP. Neverthe-



Piotr Tuczynski, Poland

less, Stankovic didn't insist on a slam after a club fit was found, even though after 4♥ his partner could not possibly cuebid 4♠, so he would bid 5♣ with almost any hand. North led the heart ace and switched to a spade. Declarer didn't have sufficient entries for a club double finesse. He was forced to take the right view by playing ace and another, and after two rounds of trumps he claimed. The Polish East took a rather more pessimistic view during the bidding and was content to let his partner play 2♠, making three. That was 6 more IMPs to Croatia who led 16-4 at this stage.

On Board 6 Poland bid 3NT with 23 HCP, going one down while Croatia stopped at 3NT, and on the next board they overbid yet again.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K 4 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ A 10 8 3 ♣ A 7 6 4	♠ J 6 5 3 2 ♥ Q J 7 3 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ 8	♠ 8 7 ♥ 10 9 4 2 ♦ Q 6 ♣ K Q 10 9 3	♠ A Q 10 9 ♥ A 8 ♦ K J 7 5 ♣ J 5 2
West Dondivic – Pass 3♣ All Pass	North Jassem – 2♣ 3♠	East Stankovic – Dbl Pass	South Tuczynski INT 2♥ 4♠


Jassem used Stayman in order to bring both major suits into the picture, but Stankovic doubled bravely with little more than five good clubs, which encouraged his partner to join the party with 3♣. In between, South's 2♥ bid meant spades – in the absence of a club stopper opener bids the major he doesn't have in order to become dummy, while with a club stopper he can pass and then bid normally after his partner's redouble.

North's 3♠ was of course purely competitive, but South thought otherwise and considered his three small clubs a blessing, since North was almost marked with a singleton.

However, 4♠ was a big ask with 19 HCP, particularly with both major finesses offside. Declarer ruffed the second club, lost the spade finesse, won the trump return, ruffed a club and finessed hearts unsuccessfully. West stuck him in dummy with the ♥A, but then when a diamond was played he played the ace without much thought. Having escaped down two, Poland still lost 7 IMPs when in the Closed Room 3♠ made with an overtrick, and Croatia's overall lead increased to 28-4.

On the next board the Polish N/S pair could finally register a plus score, and their choice of the right game brought in some much-needed IMPs.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K 9 8 4 3 2 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ 8 ♣ J 6 3		♠ A 5 ♥ Q J 6 5 ♦ 7 5 4 3 ♣ 9 4 2	
♠ Q J 7 6 ♥ 10 8 7 ♦ J 10 6 2 ♣ K 7		♠ 10 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ A K Q 9 ♣ A Q 10 8 5	
West	North	East	South
Dondivic	Jassem	Stankovic	Tuczynski
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			


Jassem deemed the quality of his spade suit insufficient for a multi 2♦ opening and passed. Tuczynski opened a three-way 1♣ (weak NT, natural 5+ clubs or 18+ any shape) and then simply rebid 3NT. Jassem had to accept this final contract without showing his six-card suit. Despite the loss of the club finesse, nine tricks were easy. Croatia did well not to concede an overtrick, but they still lost a significant part of their lead when their team-mates misguessed the trumps in 4♠ to go down two.

However, a Polish revival was not to come. Later they managed to gain some partscore swings, but the bigger swings still went the other way.

On Board 9 Jassem misplayed a 2♣ contract in a 4-3 fit, while his team-mates overbid to 4♥ down one doubled. Next Jassem/Tuczynski stopped at 2♣ and just made it while the Croatian N/S were down one in 3♣.

Jassem took advantage of a defensive slip to make an impossible-looking INT on the next hand:


Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 8 ♥ A J 8 ♦ J 7 2 ♣ J 10 9 4 2		♠ Q J 9 5 ♥ Q 7 3 2 ♦ Q 5 3 ♣ A 8	
♠ 6 4 3 ♥ K 6 5 ♦ 9 8 4 ♣ K Q 7 6		♠ A 10 7 2 ♥ 10 9 4 ♦ A K 10 6 ♣ 5 3	
West	North	East	South
Dondivic	Jassem	Stankovic	Tuczynski
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	INT	All Pass	

East led the ♠Q and declarer ducked it, as well as the next small spade which went to West's king. Dondivic shifted to the ♣J (a small club may have been better), covered by the king and ace. The ♣8 return was ducked and East had to find a new suit. Of course a heart would have meant down one, but Stankovic tried a diamond. Jassem finally saw a chance to make it. He played ♦AK and another diamond. East failed to unblock his queen and found himself again on lead. He chose a spade, but declarer finessed, cashed the remaining tricks on the table and played a heart to the king for his seventh trick.

At this stage Poland trailed by only 25-39 and a turn-around was still possible. However, at this moment Croatia struck two heavy blows. First Poland played in 4♠ while Croatia bid 6♠ which made since the trumps divided 3-2 with the queen onside. Then an unfortunate opening lead by Jassem sealed the match.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q J 9 3 ♥ 10 ♦ - ♣ A Q 10 9 6 5 3 2		♠ 8 6 5 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ A Q 7 2 ♣ K 4	
♠ A 10 2 ♥ A 8 6 ♦ K 10 8 6 5 3 ♣ J		♠ K 7 4 ♥ Q J 7 5 2 ♦ J 9 4 ♣ 8 7	
West	North	East	South
Dondivic	Jassem	Stankovic	Tuczynski
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥	2♦
3♣	3♦	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	All Pass

Of course 3NT was the winning contract, but it's hard to agree with this when you hold an 8-4-1-0 distribution... Eventually they reached 5♣ (by far the most popular contract in the room) and North had to pick an opening lead.

Early in our bridge careers we are all taught not to lead our unsupported aces, thus Jassem's choice of the ♦6 is understandable. However, the writing was on the wall: East confidently bid 3NT despite three diamond bids by N/S, while West ran away from NT, suggesting an extreme shape and most likely a diamond void. It couldn't be useful to present declarer with a discard or two. In this case one of the aces should have definitely been led. After seeing the dummy the right defense is obvious.

However, after the diamond lead declarer's heart loser disappeared instantly as well as a small spade. A spade was played to the queen and ace, another diamond was ruffed and trumps were drawn finishing in dummy. Upon the lead of another spade there wasn't a real guess. Had North held ♠AK, he wouldn't even have considered the diamond lead.

Croatia's lead grew to 60-25, and the remaining boards changed little. The last interesting board (except another

slam on a finesse which neither side bid) was this:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 9 5 3 ♥ K Q 9 7 3 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ A</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	<p>♠ A Q J 10 6 2 ♥ J ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ 7 6 5</p>	
<p>♠ 7 ♥ A 10 6 5 4 2 ♦ 7 4 ♣ K 8 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A J 6 5 2 ♣ Q J 10 9 4</p>	<p>♠ 8 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A J 6 5 2 ♣ Q J 10 9 4</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 10 6 2 ♥ J ♦ 10 9 8 ♣ 7 6 5</p>
<p>West Dondivic — Pass</p>	<p>North Jassem — 3♦</p>	<p>East Stankovic — All Pass</p>	<p>South Tuczynski 2NT</p>

A 2NT opening showing the minors may be exciting, but it doesn't make constructive bidding very easy. North was at the crossroads with his 17 HCP. Should he try 3NT or 5♦? Maybe a diamond partscore is enough? How about bidding his hearts? Jassem took the low road with 3♦, hoping to trap E/W into bidding, but both of them smartly passed. Seeing all four hands one notices that 3NT is cold. Nevertheless, this was a pick-up for Poland, as Croatia played 5♦-1, but it hardly mattered. The Croatians had slain another giant by 22-8 VPs (61-29 IMPs), and if they live up to their potential against the weaker teams, they may still be serious contenders for a medal.



Luka Dondivic, Croatia

Disaster Corner

by Jean-Francois Jourdain

If you wanted to understand why Belgium is sitting at the last place at the moment, simply look at this hand who cost 12 IMPs against England;

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ K 8 3 2 ♥ Q J 7 6 3 ♦ 7 4 ♣ Q 3</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; 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</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">S</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">E</div> </div>	<p>♠ A Q J 10 5 ♥ K ♦ A K 10 9 6 ♣ K J</p>	
<p>♠ 9 7 4 ♥ 9 8 4 2 ♦ J 3 ♣ 6 5 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ A 10 9 8 7</p>	<p>♠ A Q J 10 5 ♥ K ♦ A K 10 9 6 ♣ K J</p>	<p>♠ 6 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ Q 8 5 2 ♣ A 10 9 8 7</p>
<p>West McIntosh — Pass 4♠</p>	<p>North Geens — Pass All Pass</p>	<p>East Kaye 2♣ 2♠</p>	<p>South V.den Hove Dble Pass</p>

Alice Kaye produced a slight overbid by forcing her partner to game. Wouter Van den Hove had no attractive lead and tried a small diamond. Declarer put up the jack and had the first entry she needed to take the spade finesse with the nine. She repeated it at the next trick but when South showed out, it seemed like the contract was doomed. She now played the king of hearts and for some reason he still has to explain to his teammates, Van den Hove ducked very quickly. Alice Kaye could not believe her own eyes as the contract could no longer be defeated. She played ace and another diamond, ruffed with the seven and over-ruffed with the eight. Now North could easily endplay declarer by exiting with a heart, holding her to 10 tricks, but he believed his partner's early double and tried to get a second over-ruff by playing the queen of clubs. Kaye of course covered and when Van den Hove played back the ten of clubs, the contract was made with an overtrick. If that's not a disaster, I don't know what it is!

That +650 added to one down in the other room, where Joram Van Mechelen duly stopped in Three spades but proved unable to make it after the poisonous lead of the ace of hearts, followed by another heart. Double dummy you can win now by taking the ruffing finesse at the third diamond trick, but Joram mis-guessed and ruffed the third round of diamonds, which was over-ruffed. Another heart meant he was now stuck in hand and obliged to lead away from the king-jack of clubs, conceding two trumps, two clubs and a heart. Minus 100 meant 12 IMPs to England on their way to a resounding 25-5 victory.

An Uninteresting Push

by Micke Melander

It's interesting to see how different things may turn out in bridge, depending on how we all evaluate hands and have methods. The following hand comes from Round Five in the Juniors.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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

South has a huge hand, even though not that many HCPs. Those strong believers in the law of symmetry and so on usually predict that if one hand is very unbalanced normally another or two are... Let's follow how this deal was treated in the match between France and Greece.

West	North	East	South
<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Vroustis</i>	<i>Lhuissier</i>	<i>Doxiadis</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Roussos</i>	<i>Grosset</i>	<i>Sofios</i>	<i>Lorenzini</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

One table went to slam, while the other stopped in game. And as soon as Vroustis was given a tiny part of the little finger as an invitation to play more than game, he happily accepted and took the whole hand, being severely punished a little later on.

East as defender has an interesting problem, West kicks off with an heart.

Quote Of The Day

"Hey coach, we brought back a good sheet today. It's true we played in Six Spades with two aces missing, but it was played from the right hand!" (Sam Bahbout, Belgium)

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

♠ –	♠ –	♠ –
♥ 2	♥ –	♥ –
♦ –	♦ –	♦ –
♣ –	♣ –	♣ –

You win the first trick, covering what declarer plays from dummy. How do you proceed?

A reasonable start is that you probably take the ace of diamonds, followed by the ace of hearts (when you realize that the lead from partner actually could be the highest from his sequence of eight-seven-six and not the highest from two as originally expected (though you know that trumps most probably are 4-0 so partner can't ruff a third heart, even if he had only a doubleton heart). And when declarer followed twice in hearts and you know from the bidding that South probably has at least ten cards in spades and diamonds you also draw the conclusion that declarer doesn't have many entries to dummy to be able to pick up your trump suit. He might have a diamond ruff and he might have a club entry, depending if he started with four or five diamonds.

At our first table above Lhuissier for the French team won the first trick (now partner led the lowest heart from three, making life easier) and continued with the ace of diamonds and the queen of hearts. With the contract down two so far he exited with a small heart that ran to dummy's jack, discarding a diamond from declarer's hand. Ace and king of clubs took care of two more diamond losers and a spade to the ace revealed the trump situation. However, declarer could now ruff his king of diamonds and finesse in trumps for two down.

At the other table the Greeks defended against game and a middle heart was led (MUD-style), also showing what was going on to partner. Sofios won two rounds of hearts, cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with the four of diamonds (Bravo!). Declarer rose with the king. Now declarer's only entry to dummy was removed and when he didn't ruff the second diamond in dummy, it meant that he couldn't finesse in spades nor collect his two club tricks – since there simply were no entries left. Even had declarer ruffed the second diamond in dummy to take his discards, he would have had to be on fantastic form to take a first-round trump finesse to make his contract.

When the smoke had cleared this contract also went two down. That is what you might call 'an uninteresting push' when comparing results.

Greek Greed Turns into a Gift

by Jan van Cleeff

The last hand of Round 5 in the Juniors event between France and Greece was quite special:

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 10 6 2 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ J 6</p>	<p>♠ K 8 7 5 3 ♥ A 4 ♦ J 6 ♣ A K 8 7</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J 9 4 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ A 10 8 7 ♣ Q 9 5</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ Q J 9 8 5 ♦ 9 5 3 2 ♣ 10 4 3 2</p>
West	North	East	South
<i>Franceschetti</i>	<i>Vroustis</i>	<i>Huissier</i>	<i>Doxiadis</i>
1♠	Pass	INT(i)	Pass
2♦(ii)	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble(iii)	All Pass	

- (i) One-round force
(ii) Three plus diamonds
(iii) Enough is enough

North waited for two rounds of bidding but finally came into action on the three level. The doubled partscore re-



Pierre Franceschetti, France

quires delicate defence and dummy play as on repeated club leads declarer may get trump shortened.

Vassilis Vroustis found the best defence. He kicked off with three rounds of clubs. Declarer got rid of a heart and advanced the ♠J, correctly ducked by North. Declarer crossed to hand in diamonds and played a heart. North flew with the ace and returned the jack of diamonds to declarer's queen. Declarer continued with a low spade. Again North rightly ducked his king. Dummy's jack took the trick in this position:

<p>♠ A Q 10 ♥ 7 ♦ 4 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ K 8 5 ♥ 4 ♦ - ♣ 7</p> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 4 ♥ K 10 ♦ A 10 ♣ -</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ Q J 9 ♦ 9 2 ♣ -</p>
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At this point Franceschetti played the king of hearts and ruffed a heart with the queen of trumps. If North over-ruffs he only has losing options left. So he discarded the seven of clubs. Declarer countered by exiting with his diamond. North had to ruff but was endplayed; Three Spades doubled made. Neat.

Correction

Cutting and pasting is a dangerous thing. The correct deal for the article 'To Bid Or Not To Bid?', published in Bulletin Four, Sunday morning, is as below.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

by Brian Senior

This deal from Round Seven of the Juniors (Round One of the Youngsters) proved to be too difficult for most of the field. As you can see, N/S have a cold grand slam in either black suit unless there is a bad break in one of those suits – the thirteenth trick comes from a diamond ruff in 7♣ or a heart ruff in 7♠.

Nobody got to seven and, that being the case, why risk a bad break when you can gain a big swing by getting to the small slam? Well, in the Youngsters Championship, only one pair bid a slam and richly deserved their 12 IMP swing. But in the Juniors slam was reached by two pairs – but in the same match so no big swing!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ A K 10 9 5 3		♠ J 6									
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Youngsters – Latvia v Hungary

West	North	East	South
Wagner	Garkaje	Konkoly	Freimanis
Pass	1♣	3♥	4NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	



Ginta Garkaje, Latvia

For Latvia, Ginta Garkaje opened 1♣, Precision, and Hungary's Csaba Konkoly, facing a passed hand, decided to make life difficult for his opponents by jumping to 3♥, preemptive. Gints Freimanis now jumped to 4NT, showing a minor two-suiter, and Garkaje liked her controls and all-around playing strength enough to jump to 6♣.

Konkoly led the ace of diamonds so Garkaje ruffed and had all 13 tricks for +1390. With Hungary stopping in 4♠ at the other table, that was worth 12 IMPs to Latvia, contributing to their 85-17 IMP, 25-2 VP victory – a nice start to the Championships.

Juniors – England v Romania

West	North	East	South
McIntosh	Georgescu	Kaye	Gheorghe
Pass	1♣	1♥	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
Bacalu	Jones	Epure	Robertson
Pass	1♠	2♥	Dble
Pass	3♥	Dble	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Horia Georgescu opened with a Polish Club – natural, a weak no trump, or any 18+. His 1♠ rebid was natural and confirmed the strong type. Alice Kaye repeated her hearts but Razvan Gheorghe introduced clubs and Georgescu first forced with 3♥ then showed club support. When Gheorghe could show a heart control, Georgescu had heard enough and jumped to the club slam, where he made 13 painless tricks for +1390.

Ed Jones opened 1♠ and Graeme Robertson doubled the heart overcall. Now the popular choice by North was 3♠, but that looks to be not enough with this control-rich hand and commits to spades too soon. Jones instead cuebid 3♥, which Ionut-Constantin Epure doubled. Robertson decided to show his spade support. Just as an aside, East's double helped N/S here because it gave South the extra options of passing or redoubling, so that any positive bid he made would be given added force – there would be no worry on North's part that his partner was making the least bad bid, as opposed to showing a feature he actually wanted to stress. Anyway, when Robertson next showed his club cards, Jones could confidently jump to 6♠, where he quickly chalked up +1460.

While you may feel sorry for the English pair, who only gained 2 IMPs for getting to slam, perhaps even more sympathy should go to the Romanians – only one of three pairs out of forty to bid a slam, and they lose 2 IMPs.

The match ended in a 56-56 IMP tie, 15-15 VPs.

JUNIORS TEAMS ROUND 7



DENMARK

v

SCOTLAND



by Brian Senior

Round 7 of the Juniors featured a match between two teams just above half-way in the rankings, Denmark and Scotland. Their position meant that neither was yet out of contention but both needed to pick up a little momentum if they were to become serious challengers.

could give her partner a diamond ruff for one down; -100 but 11 IMPs to Scotland.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 6 4 ♥ A K Q 10 9 8 5 ♦ 7 ♣ A 9	<table style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A 2 ♥ J 7 2 ♦ 6 4 ♣ J 8 7 5 4 2	♠ K Q 10 7 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A J 3 2 ♣ 10 6 3
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W		E										
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West <i>Stephens</i>	North <i>Bilde</i>	East <i>Wilkinson</i>	South <i>Jepsen</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
4♥	Dble	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

West <i>Rohrberg</i>	North <i>Morgan</i>	East <i>Mortensen</i>	South <i>Morrison</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Emil Jepsen opened the South hand and Philip Stephens overcalled 4♥. When Denis Bilde made a value-showing double, Alexander Wilkinson could see that his opponents were likely to be very close to a vulnerable game in one of spades and diamonds, so took the advance save in 5♥ to put on extra pressure. Partner's double having effectively forced the partnership to game, a pass would now have been forcing on the South hand so, with a poor hand, Jepsen doubled to end the auction.

Bilde led a trump to cut down ruffs but that gave away a crucial tempo. Stephens won in hand and played ace and another club. The defence could only cash its diamond trick now; eleven tricks for +650 to Scotland.

In the other room, Philip Morrison did not open as South. Matias Rohrberg opened 4♥ and, when that came back to him, Morrison doubled for take-out, Frazer Morgan responding 4♠, where he was allowed to play.

Maria Dam Mortensen led a club. Rohrberg won the ace and cashed a top heart before switching to his singleton diamond. When Mortensen won the ace of spades she

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A K 10 ♥ K Q 5 2 ♦ 8 7 6 5 ♣ Q J	<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 J 9 7 4 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A Q 10 3 ♣ A 10	♠ 8 6 5 2 ♥ J 9 7 6 ♦ J 4 ♣ 9 7 4
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West <i>Stephens</i>	North <i>Bilde</i>	East <i>Wilkinson</i>	South <i>Jepsen</i>
–	–	–	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West <i>Rohrberg</i>	North <i>Morgan</i>	East <i>Mortensen</i>	South <i>Morrison</i>
–	–	–	Pass
INT	Pass	2♥	3♣
Pass	5♣	Dble	All Pass

If playing in game at both tables had worked well for the Scots on the previous deal, the same approach was rather less successful on this one.

Stephens opened a strong no trump and Wilkinson transferred then bid his second suit, Stephens closing proceedings with a jump to 4♠.

Bilde led the jack of diamonds. Stephens took the ace and drew trumps and had time to lead twice towards the heart honours to develop a discard for dummy's ten of clubs. He lost just the ace of hearts and king of diamonds; +650.

The Danes also began with INT and a transfer but now Morrison overcalled 3♣. Given that he was a passed hand, I'm not sure exactly what Morgan was hoping he would have for this action – perhaps a genuine club pre-empt but prevented from opening 3♣ by the presence of a four-card heart suit on the side? That might provide sufficient playing strength to justify the advance save in 5♣, or perhaps Morgan imagined that his opponents had a vulnerable slam and wanted to stop them bidding it. Whatever his reasons for bidding 5♣ with so little playing strength in his own hand, this was not the right time for such enterprise. Mortensen

doubled, ending the auction.

Rohrberg led two top spades and Morrison ruffed but was then awkwardly placed with no entry to dummy. He led a low club from hand, losing to Rohrberg's jack. He ruffed the spade continuation and ducked a heart. Rohrberg won the queen and returned a low heart, Morrison getting it wrong by playing low. The ten forced his ace and he exited again with a low heart, no doubt cursing when the king appeared on his left. Now a diamond to the ace was followed by a fourth spade. To save a trick, Morrison needed to ruff with the king then play a trump. when he instead ruffed low he was over-ruffed with the queen and still had to lose to the ace of trumps; down five for -1100 and 10 IMPs to Denmark.

Of course, the strong no trump opening could have included either the ace or queen of clubs, depending on the position of the $\diamond Q$, so it was a genuine guess.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 9 ♥ K 10 6 ♦ A J 10 8 ♣ K 10 7 6 5</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ K Q 6 4 ♥ 2 ♦ K 9 6 5 4 ♣ A Q 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 7 5 3 2 ♥ Q J 8 5 4 3 ♦ 2 ♣ 8</p>
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West	North	East	South
Stephens	Bilde	Wilkinson	Jepsen
–	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	3♦	3♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Rohrberg	Morgan	Mortensen	Morrison
–	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Scotland had an uncontested auction in which Morgan bid out his shape and Morrison elected to play in 3NT. This convinced Rohrberg that Morrison must have hearts well held so he looked elsewhere for his opening lead, choosing the passive nine of spades.

Morrison won the spade with the ace and led a diamond to the king then ace followed by queen of clubs, ducked, Mortensen throwing a spade. He next cashed the jack of

spades, Rohrberg pitching a club, before ducking a heart – a nice play. Mortensen won the eight of hearts and returned a spade, forcing declarer to take both his winners there. Morrison threw the nine of hearts while Rohrberg threw both his hearts. But now Morrison could play a club and Rohrberg was forced to give him a diamond as his ninth trick; +600.

In the other room, Wilkinson too passed his weak distributional hand at his first turn but, hearing that his opponents did not appear to have majors, came in with a two-suited 3♦ bid at his second turn. When Jepsen cuebid 3♥ and Stephens doubled, the Danes knew that they were unlikely to get away with 3NT. They bid to 5♣ and Stephens doubled. Now Bilde tried running to 5♦ and Stephens doubled again.

Wilkinson led his singleton trump to the jack and king and Bilde returned the suit to the queen and ace. Stephens switched to the king of hearts for the ace and declarer led a diamond. Stephens won the ten and forced Bilde to ruff a heart. A spade to dummy allowed Bilde to take the club finesse then draw the last trump, but there was no way to avoid a club loser; down one for -200 and 13 IMPs to Scotland.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 4 2 ♥ A J 10 8 3 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ 10 8 7</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> NE</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> WS</div> </div>	<p>♠ K J 9 6 3 ♥ 9 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ Q 6 5 4</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 5 ♥ K 7 5 ♦ 8 4 ♣ K J 9 3 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Stephens	Bilde	Wilkinson	Jepsen
–	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Rohrberg	Morgan	Mortensen	Morrison
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♦	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Bilde could open 2♠ to show a weak two-suiter and Jepsen enquired then jumped to 4♠ on discovering that he was facing a minimum with spades and clubs.

Morrison led a low heart. Stephens won the jack and switched to the eight of clubs to dummy's bare ace. Bilde crossed to the king of spades to take the diamond finesse and Stephens ducked smoothly. Alas for him, Bilde did not take a second diamond finesse, preferring to play ace then ruff a diamond at this point. Wilkinson over-ruffed on the third dia-

the queen appeared he had an overtrick for +1010.

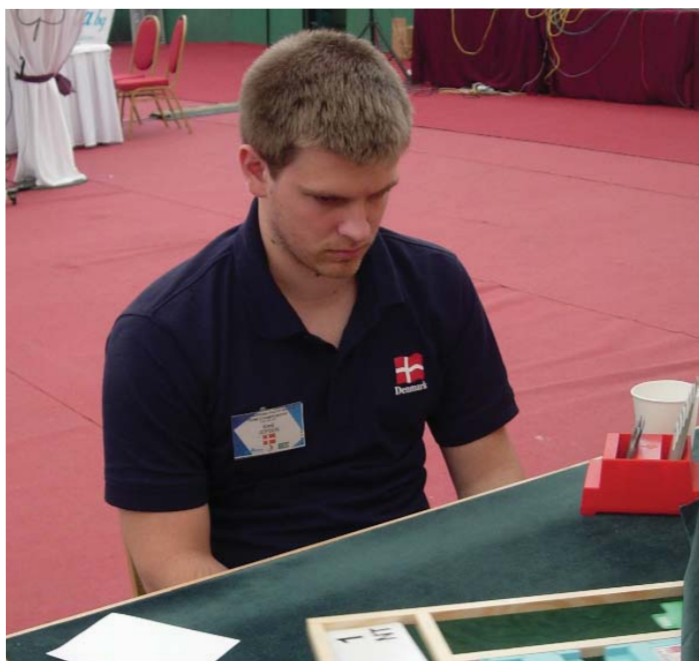
It may appear that a spade lead and continuation, forcing dummy to ruff, always beats the slam. In real life, it surely does, as declarer cannot cash the ace and king of hearts then shorten his trumps for a trump coup. Double dummy, he can still make it – cash one top heart then play three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, then a heart to dummy and run the diamonds. West can ruff whenever he gets tired of discarding, but he is over-ruffed, the last trump drawn and a club led to dummy to cash any remaining diamonds to pitch clubs from hand.

In the other room, Morrison simply did too little – you cannot just make a simple overcall then call it quits with that South hand. I would double and see it through, bidding diamonds later at whatever level was required, but if you don't like that then start with an overcall then double at your next turn – you will surely get a second chance as your singleton strongly indicates that a spade raise is coming on your left.

Four Spades had four top losers for down one and –100, but of course that was hopelessly inadequate from a Scottish point of view; 14 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Emil Jepsen, Denmark

West	North	East	South
<i>Stephens</i>	<i>Bilde</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>	<i>Jepsen</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
2♣	2♥	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
4♣	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Rohrberg</i>	<i>Morgan</i>	<i>Mortensen</i>	<i>Morrison</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
2♣	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Rohrberg could make a natural 2♣ overcall of the loose 1♣ opening but after that his opponents had a free run and chose to play 3NT. After a club lead to the jack and queen, Morrison decided that there was no sense in risking the heart finesse when it would not provide sufficient tricks to make his contract. He needed the diamonds to come in so led a heart to the ace then a diamond to queen. On seeing the bad news, he led a spade. The defence took its winners; down two for –200.

Stephens could not overcall 2♣ naturally so passed. He came in later and Wilkinson raised in competition – perhaps not absolutely obligatory with almost zero playing strength. The 3♣ bid tempted Stephens to compete to 4♣ over 3♦ and now Bilde informed him that he might have made a mistake.

Bilde led the king of spades. Stephens won and returned a low spade to the queen. Bilde switched to the nine of diamonds to the king, ace and ruffed. Another spade lost to the ten and now a heart came back, won by Bilde with the jack. Stephens ruffed the diamond return and ruffed his last spade in dummy, ruffed a diamond and exited with a heart. Jepsen won the king and played a heart to Bilde's ace and still had to come to a trump trick; down three for –500 and 12 IMPs to Denmark.

That last swing clinched the win for Denmark. The final score was 62-46 in their favour, 18-12 VPs.

Team Profiles

We would like to publish in the Bulletin as many Team Profiles as possible. Could we ask please that captains or coaches try to organise this for us. The profiles are not only for the interest of those present in Albena but for readers around the world, particularly journalists, and are important at Youth events because so many of the players are new and little or nothing is known about them.

Profiles may be serious or humorous, but, please, not obscene. If you aim for humour, please at least include some genuine information.

You can bring written profiles to the Bulletin office or send computer versions to my email:

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