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MEDALS TO POLAND, DENMARK



Zatorski, Taczewska, Igla, Zmuda, Buus Thomsen, Bilde, and EBL President Yves Aubry

Congratulations to Bartlomiej Igla & Justyna Zmuda of Poland who won the gold medal in the first European Youth Mixed Pairs. The silver medal went to their compatriots, Piotr Zatorski & Joanna Taczewska, with bronze to Dennis Bilde & Signe Buus Thomsen of Denmark.

The leading Youngster pair was Mikael and Ida Gronkvist of Sweden.

Programme

WEDNESDAY July 4th Junior-Youngsters-Girls Pairs Barometer

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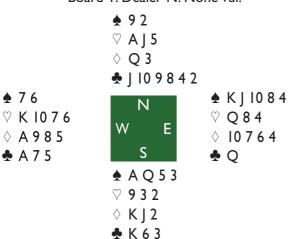
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4	KAZMUCHA Danuta	JASSEM Pawel	POL - POL	57.42
5	JAROSZ Aleksandra	TUCZYNSKI Piotr	POL - POL	56.88
6	PUCZYNSKA Anna	GALAZKA Karol	POL - POL	56.80
7	GRONKVIST Ida	GRONKVIST Mikael	SWE - SWE	56.72
8	SAKOWSKA Natalia	KLUKOWSKI Michal	POL - POL	55.90
9	LANZUISI Flavia	DI FRANCO Massimiliano	ITA - ITA	55.52
10	COSTA Margherita	DONATI Giovanni	ITA - ITA	54.24
-11	EGGELING Marie	BRAUN Raffael	GER - GER	53.89
12	SPANGENBERG Jamilla	WESTERBEEK Chris	NED - NED	53.81
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16	GARKAJE Ginta	BETHERS Peteris	LAT - LAT	52.78
17	WAHLESTEDT Catrin	EKENBERG Simon	SWE - SWE	52.75
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19	TARTARIN Anne-Laure	HUBERSCHWILLER Matthias	FRA - FRA	52.47
20	NAB Judith	BOS Berend van den	NED - NED	52.18
21	ROSLON Barbara	KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech	POL - POL	52.18
22	BANAS Natalia	HOP Gerbrand	NED - NED	51.90
23	BEKERE Liga	ILZINS Janis	LAT - LAT	51.88
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25	CHAVARRIA Margherita	ZANASI Gabriele	ITA - ITA	51.36
26	BASA Marusa	RUS Gregor	SLO - SLO	51.34
27	DELFT Doris van	SEVEREIJNS Luc	NED - NED	51.20
28	MORTENSEN Maria Dam	ROHRBERG Matias	DEN - DEN	50.83
29	WEINHOLD Izabela	SHPUNTOU Yan	POL - POL	50.80
30	KEDZIERSKA Urszula	SHPUNTOU IIya	POL - POL	50.63
31	BUTTO Federica	PERCARIO Giacomo	ITA - ITA	49.49
32	BOTTA Giorgia	GANDOGLIA Alessandro	ITA - ITA	49.19
33	ERASTOVA Anastasia	ZVEZDIN Zigfrid	RUS - RUS	48.76
34	NOEST Hilde Aas	HEGGE Kristoffer	NOR - NOR	48.69
35	RUITER Emma de	HELMICH Aarnout	NED - NED	48.45
36	MORGIEL Anna	GULCZYNSKI Michal	POL - POL	48.43
37	RODIN Erika	GULLBERG Daniel	SWE - SWE	47.36
38	PETERSEN Moa	BJORKSTRAND Robin	SWE - SWE	47.08
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40	THORSEN Matilde	THORSEN Rasmus	DEN - DEN	46.66
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42	WACKWITZ Janneke	VERBEEK Thijs	NED - NED	45.87
43	PETERSEN Irma	RIMSTEDT Ola	SWE - SWE	45.49
44	KOCH-PALMUND Sofie	EGE Niclas Raulund	DEN - DEN	45.44
45	CHOJNICKA Agata	LONSKI Adam	POL - POL	44.52
46	HERMANN Sophie	WEINBERGER Simon	AUT - AUT	43.94
47	KOFOED Johanne Bilde	JEPSEN Peter	DEN - DEN	42.65
48	CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm	STEINMULLER Jes Enok	DEN - DEN	35.87
49	JUSTESEN Rikke Capion	NIELSEN Tobias Hinz	DEN - DEN	35.82
50	BUNE Sophie	BUNE Soren	DEN - DEN	35.75
51	GRAVERSEN Kira Oland	CASPERSEN Soeren Veel	DEN - DEN	31.08

Mixed Pairs Day 2

Lying second overnight was Pawel Jassem & Danuta Kazmucha of Poland. The Bulletin followed them for the first four boards on Tuesday. They both have a couple more years of Junior bridge. Their system, you've guessed it, is Polish Club. Pawel's father is the Polish international and bridge author, Krzysztof.

For the first round they met Paul Gruenke & Katharina Brinck of Germany. They also have a couple of years more of Junior bridge to enjoy. They play 5-card major, strong notrump, 2 over I game forcing.

Board I. Dealer N. None Vul.





Danuta Kazmucha, Poland

West	North	East	South
Gruenke	Jassem	Brinck	Kazmucha
	Pass	Pass	♣
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Against Jassem's INT as North, East led the jack of spades. This might or might not include the king so Jassem decided to let the jack hold, and when East continued with the ten he put up the ace.

Next Jassem found the inspired play of the KING of clubs from dummy. A defender with Ax is unlikely to duck (though embarrassing for them if they did) but the play gains whenever you are going to lose two clubs, or, as here when the bare queen falls.

West won the club ace and switched to the \(\nabla 6.\) This went 5, O, 2. A heart return went to the king and ace. A diamond went to the jack and ace, and as West had no spade to lead declarer claimed the rest for +150 and a good matchpoint score of 35 from 48.

It is very difficult for West to realise but the correct and winning defence when switching to hearts, from K 10 7 6 with 9 3 2 to your right in dummy, is the TEN.

This is called a "surround" play, much easier to spot if West has K 10 8 x. Had West chosen this card declarer would be held to seven tricks.

If any West did switch to the $\heartsuit 10$ please let us know.

Board 2. Dealer E. N-S Vul.





♡ Q J

West	North	East	South
Gruenke	Jassem	Brinck	Kazmucha
		Pass	Ι♡
2◊	2♡	DЫ	3♡
All Pass			

Three Hearts was alerted as no game interest. If the defence get their diamond ruff declarer can be held to nine tricks but West quite reasonably led a club. Kazmucha beat the queen with the ace, laid down the top trumps ("Restricted Choice" might suggest a trump finesse, but there was no safe way to dummy to take it), and drove out the other high club to set up the ten for a spade discard. This

gave North-South +170 and above average (28 from 48). For the second round Jassem & Kazmucha switched to East-West against Peteris Bethers & Ginta Garkaje of Latvia. The Latvian pair play Blue Club with a 13-15 notrump.

Board 3. Dealer S. E-W Vul. **★** A | 983 ♡ A 9 7 5 3 \Diamond 5 **♣** 10 5 **♠** Q 10 6 **♠** 7 ♥ 10 4 2 ♥ Q J 8 W ♦ A 4 3 2 ♦ K J 10 9 7 6 ♣ A 9 3 ♣ Q J 6 **★** K 5 4 2 ♡ K 6 ♦ Q 8

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Bethers	Kazmucha	Garkaje
			2♣
Pass	2♠	3♦	3♠
3NT	4♠	All Pass	

♣ K 8 7 4 2

2♣ showed 11-15 with 5♣ and a 4-card major, or 6♣. 2♠ was alerted as natural but non-forcing.

Jassem's imaginative 3NT would score well if his spade

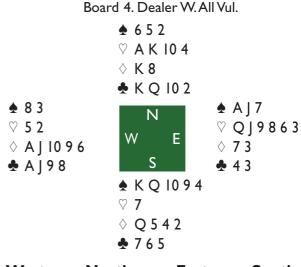


Pawel Jassem, Poland

holding was a stop. As it is N-S might have collected a penalty worth more than their game out of 3NT or 4° , but it was sensible for North simply to bid the normal 4^{\bullet} .

East led the \lozenge J to the ace. A second diamond was ruffed by declarer who played a trump to the king, then three rounds of hearts ruffing low, a spade to the jack and drew the last trump to claim I I tricks when the club ace was onside.

This was worth 39 matchpoints to N-S.



West	North	East	South
Jassem	Bethers	Kazmucha	Garkaje
Pass	INT	2♦	2♠
3♡!	All Pass		

East's $2\lozenge$ was alerted as showing one major. When South bid spades Jassem bravely tried $3\heartsuit$, perhaps in the hope of tempting the opponents one too high.

As the cards lie N-S can make 9 tricks in spades but they did better than that by letting Jassem play 3%.

Against 3[♥] by West, North led ♣K which held. North switched to a spade won by South's nine. A second club was taken by the ace and Jassem finessed the eight of trumps. The good news was that this held, the bad news was that South showed out on the next round. That meant declarer still had to lose three trump tricks for two down. -200 as usual was a poor score, only 8 matchpoints for E-W.

Mobiles

Players are reminded that mobile phones and electronic devices may not be brought into the playing area and toilets. Any player bringing a mobile phone and/or an electronic device into the playing area or toilets will be fined 100% of the match points available on a board during the session. This penalty is mandatory. TD will conduct random searches for such devices.

A Real World Champion and a junior who is longing to become one

By Bob Donkersloot (Netherlands)

Last night at 23.00 in the bar you get to play a couple of hands with Wubbo de Boer, together with spouse Agnes Snellers captain of the Dutch juniors, and a two times world champion in his own right — Juniors in 1987 and Bermuda Bowl in 1993 - and you pick up your average everyday hand:

♠A K Q J 9 5 ♡A K Q J 10 ◊4 **♣**3.

After two passes you open $2\clubsuit$, $3\diamondsuit$ to your left, partner passes, 40 to your right. There you are and you have to make up something to get partner to speak. I could not think of anything other than 4NT because I only wanted to know the number of aces in partner's hand. His answer was a surprising 6♣. A ♣ void with one Ace? Looking again at my hand, I decided this was extremely unlikely in view of the bidding, with the opponents holding lots of diamonds. So I decided to go on the safe side but as I did not know what to bid, I tried 60: pick a slam. Wubbo bid 60 and I passed, satisfied. The lead was $\Diamond A$ and partner claimed. So with a happy face I told my partner that everything had gone very nice and I expected some form of compliment like 'Nice bidding Bob'. Only to hear his analytical remark: "I would have opened 4NT to make everything clear!" This morning I woke up and the board went through my head once again. Wubbo - of course - was right and now I know what the difference is between a real world champion and a player who wants to be one in the future.

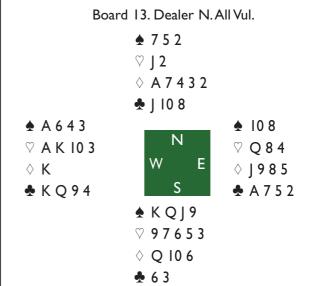
ULLA's INVITATION

The ULLA's Invitation tournament of 18 pairs was won by brothers Frits and Floris Vlaanderen of the Netherlands.

The runners up were Graversen and Margot, while the third position was captured by Philipsen and Broersen.

A spectacular little squeeze

On board 13 of the 7th session of the Mixed Pairs, an interesting end position developed when declarer was not content with simply cashing his top tricks and hoping for the best.



The auction was easy enough:

West	North	East	South
Gulczynski	Jepsen	Morgiel	Kofoed
	Pass	Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led a natural \bigstar K which declarer allowed to hold. The \bigstar J came next, and instead of winning dummy's ace and hoping to be able to cash eight more top tricks, declarer played low from dummy once again. Had South now found the shift to a low diamond, she would have been the star of this little story for beating the contract when given her only chance, but when she persisted with spades, Anna Morgiel, the Polish declarer, took her chance to shine on the deal.

She won dummy's ace and went on to cash her club tricks, on which South discarded two small hearts. Declarer's next move was an unnecessary but, from the discards, nearly automatic finesse of a low heart from dummy to the eight in her hand. On the run of the hearts, South had to keep her master spade and thus could only hang on to one more diamond. At trick 12, the lead of dummy's $\Diamond K$ thus brought down both the remaining honours so North had to concede the last trick to declarer's $\Diamond J$. This play (a vice squeeze) appears to have occurred at 10 out of 25 tables as +630 was worth only 39 mp. However, I don't think many declarers have taken a heart finesse through North...

The Bear Pit by Kees Tammens

2012 will be the last junior year for 'The Bear', Berend van den Bos, a fearless Dutch junior player who always guarantees memorable boards. In the Mixed Pairs in Vejle he formed a partnership with Judith Nab, successful with the Dutch girls team in the last international championships. So the bookmaker had his eye fixed on this pair. However things started not so well.

Board	13	Dealer	· N	ΔII	Vul
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	board 13. Dealer 14.	All vul.
	♠ 983♡ K84◇ 9863♠ 1093	
♠ Q J 6 5 ♡ A 6 2 ◇ A 5 4 ♣ K J 2	N W E S ◆ 72 ♥ QJ9753 ♦ 2 • Q764	♠ A K 10 4 ♡ 10 ◇ K Q J 10 7 ♣ A 8 5



Berend van den Bos, Netherlands

West	North	East	South
The Bear	Bethers	Judith	Garkaje
		1◊	2♡
Dble	3♡	4 ♡	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Instead of 4NT, certainly RKC agreeing spades as trumps, the Bear jumped to 5NT which was taken as 'pick a slam!'. Now Judith was at her wits end and concluded the bidding with 6\(\hat{\Lambda}\).

Full credit however to North-South, for their heroic intervention.

A second slam brought more success:

Mixed Session 3 Board 13. Dealer N. All Vul.				
♠ Q 8 4♡ A 7 6◇ 9 6 5 3♠ T 6 5				
♠ K J ∇ K 10 9 5 4 3 2 ♦ A 10 ♣ Q 7	N W E S ♠ 10 9 7 6 5 ♡ J ◇ K Q 7 2 ♣ 9 8 3	♠ A 3 2 ♥ Q 8 ♦ J 8 4 ♣ A K J 4 2		

West	North	East	South
The Bear		Judith	
		INT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4 ♦	Dble
Redble	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

4♣ showed a good hand with hearts and Judith laid down $4\diamondsuit$ to show interest in $6\heartsuit$, justified with the $\clubsuit A$, $\clubsuit AK$ - and a possible source of tricks in ♣ - and reasonable heart support. The rest was routine for the Bear who checked for aces and put his partner in the tight slam.

After $\lozenge K$ for $\lozenge A$, declarer played three top clubs, winning with this suit 3-3 or doubleton clubs with $\image A$ doubleton in South (if South ruffs the third club low you over-ruff and return to dummy with a spade to play a fourth club). So his mixed partner gave the Bear a good matchpoint score.

At the end of the first day the pair was best-placed of the Dutch contingent, in fourth place overall.

Mixed Pairs - Session 4

It isn't always right to bid

On the first day of the Mixed Pairs the following board appeared at the end of the last session. Only four of our twenty-five tables managed to make 4.

You can look at it as a play problem on the bidding shown below. You are West in 4♠. South has prempted in clubs and North leads a club.

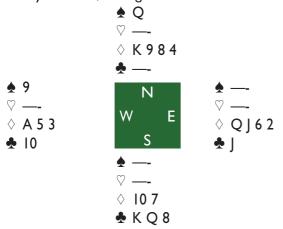
Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♣ 6 Le	ead	
♠ 109852	Ν		♠ K J 4
♥ A 4	W	Е	♡ K Q 3 2
♦ A 5 3	''	_	♦ Q J 6 2
♣ 10 9 4	S		♣ A J
West Nor	th	East	South
Pass		INT	3♣
3♠ Pass		4♠	All Pass

Plan your play when North leads the six of clubs. Pay attention to the preemptive overcall made by South and remember it's juniors playing!

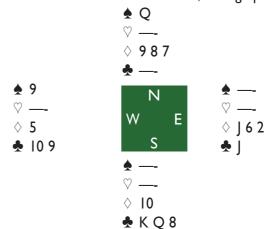
At first glance it looks like you have a club, a diamond and a spade loser. If we have two spades to lose might we escape without a loser in clubs? For those who received the preemptive call in clubs that was certainly one possibility.

There is a "simple" line, win with the ace of clubs, play a heart to the ace. Put the ten of spades on the table, with the intention of running it, if that trick holds and everyone follows suit you are almost safe. Best defense is probably that North jump up with the ace of trumps and continue the suit, so let's say that this is the way they defended. You make the finesse in trumps and discover that trumps were 4-1. Now you cash the king of trumps from dummy, bring home your two hearts, discarding a club, and ruff the last heart in your hand, leaving:

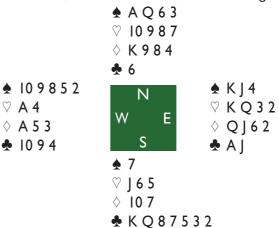


Since you only have lost one trick, you may afford to lose two more. Exit with the nine of trumps and discard the last club from dummy. At this stage you have a complete count on both hands and you know that diamonds are 4-2; you can't go down as long as you are playing with the odds that the king of diamonds is with the length of the suit in North. If South held the king of diamonds you would have to fi-

nesse in diamonds directly after cashing your king of spades from dummy in trick five. Suppose South covers. You cash the good hearts from dummy, discarding a diamond on the third and ruff the last, ending up with:



With eight tricks in your bag you could now play a diamond to the jack and ruff a diamond to make your contract (Editor: another example of "elopement"). When the complete lay-out was as below, you were right to play on the statistical chance of having the king of diamonds offside, rather than onside, with the length.



The hand is by far trickier to play if South doesn't preempt and North or South lead away with a club. Who is going to believe that a junior held KQxxxxx and never made a call with it?

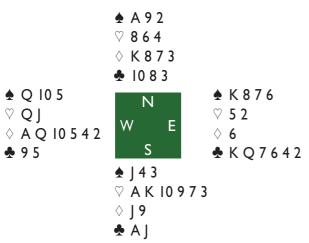
REFRESHMENTS

If you are in need of soft drinks, ice cream, sweets etc. this week there is a service shop where you can buy at favourable prices. The "shop" is situated down the long hall adjoining the playing area. It is open during play times, both just before and after, and during breaks.

Mixed Pairs Session 5/6

Give a piece of the little finger...





West	North	East	South
Jepsen	Ilzins	Jantzen	Bekere
		Pass	I
2♦	2♡	DЫ	4♡
All Pass			

Liga Bekere was declarer in a game that virtually seems impossible to make, except on a club lead. The defence kicked off with a spade. But as usual you have to be very careful, if you give the opponents a small part of the little finger, they might rip off the whole hand.

Bekere was merciless when Jantzen won the opening lead with the king of spades and shifted to his singleton dia-

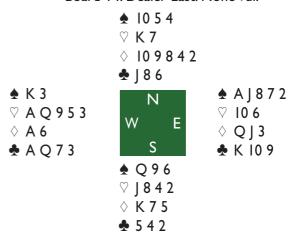


Liga Bekere, Latvia

mond, West won the trick with the ace and continued with the queen of diamonds, Bekere read the situation correctly and simply ducked the trick allowing also the queen to win, East discarded and encouraged in clubs. Jepsen therefore shifted to a club that went to three, queen and declarer's ace.

When the trumps were 2-2, it was easy for declarer to cash all her trumps squeezing West in diamonds and spades when she still had the ace of spades left in dummy as communication. Both defenders could have returned a second spade to break it up, East could even have ruffed in on the second round of diamonds and returned a spade to kill it.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Lonski	M. Grönkvist	Chojnicka	I. Grönkvist
		Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	I♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

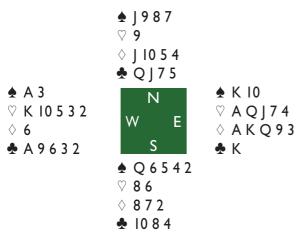
Playing Polish Club Lonski opened the strong version.

Mikael Grönkvist in North played the main role on this board together with Lonski who was declarer. Grönkvist led the ten of diamonds, which went to jack, king and ace. Declarer then cashed the king of spades and played a spade to the jack. By playing on hearts rather than spades declarer almost always would make 12 tricks. But here we are again with that part of the little finger. Grönkvist reasoned that he very rarely had played against a Polish player that wouldn't try to get all possible points that were available to get...

Ida in South won the spade that went to dummy's jack with the queen and returned a small diamond, declarer won in dummy with the jack. When declarer now cashed out his spade winners and three rounds of clubs being in dummy he almost had a complete count of the board. Mikael Grönkvist could foresee that this was going to happen and therefore blanked his king of hearts on the way to the end position in an attempt to score an extra trick, trusting that declarer surely would finesse since he had

total control. But when declarer instead played a heart to the ace the curtain fell for the Swedes...

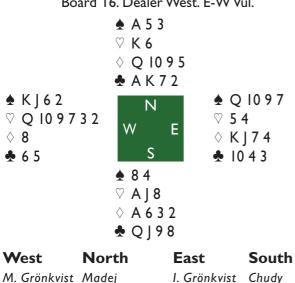
Board 15. Dealer South. N-S Vul.



West	North	East	South
M. Grönkvist	Madej	I. Grönkvist	Chudy
			Pass
I♡	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3◊*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	7♡	All Pass

Bridge can be easy sometimes. An elegant and straightforward auction took the Swedish pair to the grand slam. $I \heartsuit$ promised at least a five card suit, 2NT forced to game with trump support. 34 then told that there were no extras in West, 30 relayed for shortness and 3NT showed a singleton diamond. With that information in hand Ida Grönkvist simply went for Blackwood and when her brother showed three aces she jumped to the grand slam. Chudy led a trump and Mikael Grönkvist pulled trumps and claimed his contract. 33 MPs of 48 possible ones for that effort. Four tables stopped in game and six went down when trying to play in 7NT instead of hearts.

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.



Pass

3NT

Pass

All Pass

INT

3NT looked sound enough. The question is rather how many extra tricks you are going to score. Ida kicked off with the nine of spades, which was the worst possible lead for declarer, West played the king, ducked by declarer. Back came the two of spades, to five, nine and dummy's eight. Ida now paused, carefully studying the situation, and shifted to the five of hearts! Declarer looked happy, escaping the spade attack, and tried to finesse with dummy's jack, covered though with the queen and declarer's king. When Madej couldn't understand who held the length in the suits he swallowed the bait and played a diamond to dummy's ace and a low diamond towards the queen, finessing the ten. Ida won with the jack and shifted back to spades. Declarer was now forced to go down in a contract that was almost waterproof from the beginning. That defense got the Swedes 44 out of the 48 possible MPs when sixteen tables made 3NT, three with an overtrick and one with two overtricks.

At last declarer didn't manage to rip off the hand and instead fell into the trap.

Sports News

Wimbledon

Men Round 4

Andy Murray beat Cilic in straight sets 7-5 6-2 6-3 and in the quarterfinals meets David Ferrer who beat del Potro 6-3 6-2 6-3.

Florian Mayer beat Gasquet 6-3 6-1 3-6 6-2 and meets Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals. Philipp Kohlschreiber (Ger) beat Baker (USA) in straight sets and meets the winner of Jo-Wilfried Tsonga v. Mardy Fish. Tsonga won 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Federer is already through to meet Youzhny. Women Quarterfinalists

In the first quarterfinal Serena Williams beat Petra Kvitova in straight sets. The other six to play off are: Lisicki, Kerber, Radwanska, Kirilenko, Paszek, Azarenka.

Tour de France Stage 3

Cancellara retains yellow jersey 7 seconds ahead of Bradley Wiggins. The stage was won by Peter Sagan of Slovakia.

Football

Andre Villas-Boas to manage Spurs after Harry Redknapp sacked.

Olympic Games

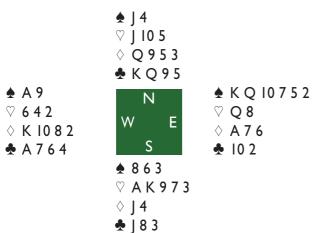
Russia & the Netherlands qualify for Women's Beach Volleyball.

Mixed Pairs Session 4

At the end of Monday's play, two pairs from Poland were heading the standings. Jassem-Kazmucha were lying second but in front were Justyna Zmuda and Bartlomiej Igła. During the final session of the day, they went along quite well, as you will easily find out from the boards presented to you in this report.

They were distinctly lucky on board 19 when their opponents failed to reach the grand slam but board 20 was much more interesting.

Board 20. Dealer W. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Gruenke	Igła	Brinck	Zmuda
I♦	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ was alerted as a forcing checkback.

When North led the \heartsuit J rather than from one of his minor suit lengths, the presence of the \heartsuit 9 in the South hand meant there were no defensive unblocking problems. Still, when dummy covered with the queen, South took her king and returned a low heart. Well done for one down, +100 and 42 mp from a possible 48.

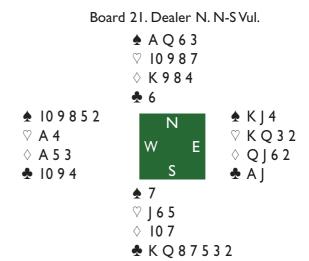
Much more interesting variations may arise if EW are in 4♠ and the defence starts off negligently with three rounds of hearts. Now, declarer can ruff and draw trumps, throw-

European Football Cup Part 2

The follow-up of the European football contest took place in Vingsted on Monday evening. Four teams entered: The Netherlands, Poland, Denmark and Rest of Europe. In the final Poland beat Denmark 3-1.

ing two diamonds from dummy and thus squeezing North out of one of his minor suit lengths. As soon as he discards a club or a second diamond, either declarer's 3rd diamond becomes a winner or dummy's fourth club can be set up with a ruff. To beat Four Spades the defence have to switch to a club early and, if declarer ducks, then switch to a diamond to spoil the entries for the squeeze. If you made Four Spades on the squeeze, please tell the Bulletin.

One board later, a Latvian declarer missed a golden



West	North	East	South
Bethers	Igła	Garkaje	Zmuda
	Pass	l 🐣	Pass
I♠	Dble	INT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

INT was a relay after the Strong Club and 3♠ showed exactly 5-2-3-3. Warned by the second-round double, Zmuda led her singleton spade to partner's ace. After some thought, Igła shifted to the \heartsuit 9, in order to attack declarer's communications. Had declarer won this in hand and attacked spades from the top, she might well have come home easily on the actual layout, as South's clubs would not enter the scene at any point. However, she won dummy's ace and played a spade to her jack, South shedding a club. Next came a diamond to the ace and a diamond back to the queen. She then went on to cash the ♣A (!) which removed North's only exit, and played three rounds of hearts. This way, North got the lead but he could safely exit in spades for one down. Had she cashed the ♠K as well before exiting in hearts, North could have cashed his extstyle Q but would then have been forced to bring the last diamond trick to declarer for her contract. Making 3NT would have been worth 33 mp but one down was just 13 mp.

(This deal is also interesting in 44, see the report on page 7).

At the next table, a defensive chance was missed by EW when Zmuda found a classic deceptive play:

Board 23. Dealer S. All Vul. **♠** 10 9 5 ♡ 63 ♦ J 9 5 3 ♣ A Q 9 6 **♠** Q | 73 **♦** 64 Ν ♥ A 10 5 4 ♥ Q | 9 8 7 2 ♦ 0874 \Diamond K **♣** | 8 3 2 **♠** A K 8 2 \Diamond K ♦ A 10 6 2 ♣ K 7 5 4

West	North	East	South
Weinberger	Igła	Hermann	Zmuda
			$1 \diamondsuit$
Dble	3♦	All Pass	

West led the ♠Q to declarer's ace. Zmuda next led a club to dummy's queen and played a diamond to the ten, West winning his bare king. The ♣8 came back, ruffed by East who returned a low heart. West won his ace and, rather than giving his partner another ruff, continued a heart for declarer to ruff. Zmuda's next move was to cash the ◇A but when trumps did not break, she was still looking at a sure trump loser and a possible spade loser. So she next tried the effect of a low spade to dummy's ten which…held the trick. The rest was plain sailing: ♠K, spade ruff and the clubs. The defenders only got their trump trick. lust made for 34 mp. Believe it or not, going down one

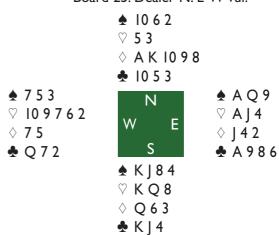


Justyna Zmuda, Poland

would still have been worth 25 mp so it did not matter that much after all.

On the next board the Poles missed an often bid but yet not too good game and then we saw this:

Board 25. Dealer N. E-W Vul.



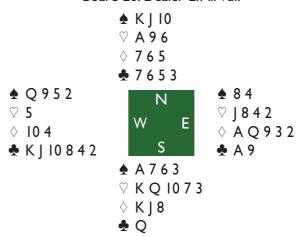
West	North	East	South
Hegge	Igła	Noest	Zmuda
	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Dble	2♡	Dble
All Page			

Once North could show a decent diamond suit, South thought she had more than enough high cards behind the NT-opener to express her doubts about the success of 2%.

The defence was merciless: diamond to the king and a spade to the nine and jack, diamond to the ace and another spade. As South happened to have a safe club exit after being left on play with her second top heart, the contract had to go down two. Needless to say that +500 was worth 44 mp to NS.

On the next board, the Poles did very well to reach a very good game on minimum values:

Board 26. Dealer E. All Vul.

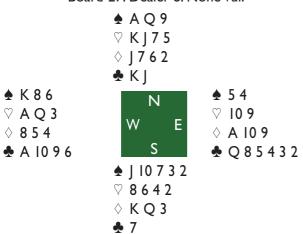


West	North	East	South
Hegge	Igła	Noest	Zmuda
		1♦	I
Dble	2♡	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♡	All Pass	

When South made a further try with 2♠, North quickly realised the value of his spade honours. Well bid indeed. The play was easy after this auction: diamond to the ace, diamond back to declarer's jack, four rounds of trumps picking up the jack in the process and a spade to dummy's ten. Back to hand with a diamond, another spade to dummy's jack and the overtrick was there, worth 42 more mp.

On the next board, the Poles had to face an adventurous Dutch pair:

Board 27. Dealer S. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Verbeek	Igła	Wackwitz	Zmuda
			Pass
♣	Dble	2♣	2♠
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♡
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

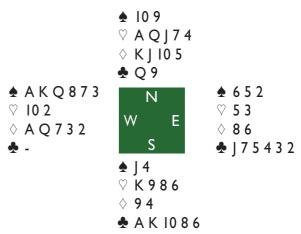
Had North led a diamond, this contract would have been down three without much ado but at the table, North led an understandable but unlucky heart. Dummy's ten won, Zmuda contributing the $\heartsuit 2$. Declarer's next move was a club to the ace and a club to North's king. When North eventually returned a low diamond rather than anything else, the defence was back on track. Down two, 42 mp to NS.

The Dutch got most part of their revenge on the next board:

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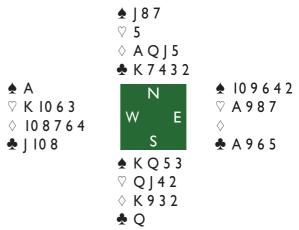
Board 28. Dealer W. N-S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Verbeek	Igła	Wackwitz	Zmuda
I♠	2♡	Pass	4♡
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♡	All Pass	

With the EW hearts 2-2 and the diamonds stacked behind declarer, West would not have made 4\(\beta\). However, this does not matter at all as long as the opponents are talked into a (phantom) sacrifice. Nobody doubled but one down, +100 was worth 36 mp to the Dutch. Another defensive accident happened on the penultimate board of the day:

Board 29. Dealer N. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Thorsen	Igła	Thorsen	Zmuda
	Pass	Pass	I♦
Pass	2♦	Dble	Pass
2♡	3♣	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

West led the ♠A and continued with ♠8. After some thought, East took her ace and returned ♠9 for West to ruff. Had West returned a heart, as might have been suggested by the high spade, East would have won her ace and West would have obtained another ruff for one down. However, West returned the ♠J which was ruffed by declarer in hand. Declarer then started drawing trumps on which East let go a club...presenting declarer with an unexpected overtrick and another 44 mp.