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Polish Juniors Move into the Lead

A good day for the Polish Juniors saw them move to the top of the standings, ahead of France, Denmark, Israel, Turkey, Netherlands and Italy.

The Swedish Youngsters started the day with two 20-0s to move into first place but then had a tough third match against third-placed Netherlands. The tough opposition did not stop the Swedes, who completed an almost perfect day with a 19.93-0.07 VP win for 59.93 VPs on the day and top spot in the rankings. Meanwhile, that completed a miserable day for the overnight leaders, the Netherlands, who suffered three bad losses and dropped to sixth, behind Sweden, Poland, Italy, France and Israel.

Italy had a big win over the Netherlands in the Girls series, helping France to move a match clear at the top, with Netherlands second and Italy right behind them. About another match further back comes the host nation, Poland.

There were other 20-0s for Israel, Czech Republic and Bulgaria in the Juniors, Poland in the Girls, and Italy and Russia in the Youngsters.



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Today's BBO Matches

10.00

Turkey v Poland	(J16)
Poland v Sweden	(Y13)
Italy v France	(G13)
Sweden v Norway	(J16)

14.00

Israel v Turkey	(J17)
Denmark v Poland	(J17)
France v Netherlands	(G14)
Turkey v Poland	(Y14)

17.20

Italy v Netherlands	(Y15)
Poland v Italy	(G15)
Slovakia v Israel	(Y15)
Russia v Sweden	(Y15)

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Results – Junior Teams

Round 13

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ISRAEL	SERBIA	110	14	20.00	0.00
2	GERMANY	SWEDEN	39	43	8.92	11.08
3	DENMARK	TURKEY	66	38	15.93	4.07
4	ITALY	ENGLAND	59	41	14.20	5.80
5	BELARUS	BELGIUM	18	71	1.09	18.91
6	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	68	48	14.58	5.42
7	HUNGARY	POLAND	35	101	0.07	19.93
8	FRANCE	NORWAY	57	40	14.01	5.99
9	IRELAND	ROMANIA	9	50	2.32	17.68
10	BULGARIA	CROATIA	97	23	20.00	0.00
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	FINLAND	42	51	7.70	12.30

Rankings after 15 Rounds

Rank	Team	VPs
1	POLAND	217.08
2	FRANCE	201.39
3	DENMARK	200.14
4	ISRAEL	198.67
5	TURKEY	185.47
6	NETHERLANDS	173.74
7	ITALY	173.62
8	SWEDEN	170.79
9	NORWAY	164.13
10	CZECH REPUBLIC	163.13
11	ENGLAND	160.82
12	FINLAND	156.88
13	ROMANIA	152.95
14	GERMANY	152.38
15	BULGARIA	151.19
16	HUNGARY	151.02
17	BELGIUM	123.45
18	SERBIA	113.36
19	BELARUS	97.89
20	AUSTRIA	79.43
21	CROATIA	77.71
22	IRELAND	33.76

Round 14

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ISRAEL	SWEDEN	64	53	12.76	7.24
2	SERBIA	TURKEY	56	65	7.70	12.30
3	GERMANY	BELGIUM	48	20	15.93	4.07
4	BELARUS	AUSTRIA	54	60	8.41	11.59
5	DENMARK	ENGLAND	56	71	6.39	13.61
6	ITALY	POLAND	27	65	2.68	17.32
7	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	77	30	18.33	1.67
8	HUNGARY	ROMANIA	80	47	16.66	3.34
9	FRANCE	CROATIA	76	36	17.56	2.44
10	IRELAND	FINLAND	19	48	3.92	16.08
11	BULGARIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	73	42	16.38	3.62

Round 15

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ISRAEL	DENMARK	38	30	12.07	7.93
2	BELARUS	GERMANY	29	74	1.88	18.12
3	ITALY	SERBIA	38	37	10.28	9.72
4	HUNGARY	TURKEY	47	34	13.20	6.80
5	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	52	32	14.58	5.42
6	FRANCE	BELGIUM	61	32	16.08	3.92
7	IRELAND	ENGLAND	32	86	1.00	19.00
8	BULGARIA	AUSTRIA	53	51	10.55	9.45
9	CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND	25	41	6.19	13.81
10	FINLAND	NORWAY	62	33	16.08	3.92
11	CROATIA	ROMANIA	12	81	0.00	20.00

Schedule of Matches – Juniors Teams

ROUND 16 – 10.00

Israel vs England
Belgium vs Austria
Turkey vs Poland
Sweden vs Norway
Serbia vs Romania
Germany vs Croatia
Denmark vs Finland
Belarus vs Czech. Rep.
Italy vs Bulgaria
Netherlands vs Ireland
Hungary vs France

ROUND 17 – 14.00

Israel vs Turkey
Sweden vs Belgium
Serbia vs England
Germany vs Austria
Denmark vs Poland
Belarus vs Norway
Italy vs Romania
Netherlands vs Croatia
Hungary vs Finland
France vs Czech. Rep.
Ireland vs Bulgaria

Results – Youngsters Teams

Round 10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ITALY	IRELAND	109	32	20.00	0.00
2	LATVIA	GERMANY	48	34	13.41	6.59
3	RUSSIA	SCOTLAND	89	20	20.00	0.00
4	FRANCE	SLOVAKIA	44	48	8.92	11.08
5	SWEDEN	NORWAY	111	36	20.00	0.00
6	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	74	49	15.45	4.55
7	POLAND	CZECH REPUBLIC	56	22	16.80	3.20
8	ENGLAND	ISRAEL	65	60	11.34	8.66
9	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	62	69	8.17	11.83
10	DENMARK	Bye	0	0	12.0	0.00

Rankings after 12 Rounds

Rank	Team	VPs
1	SWEDEN	164.94
2	POLAND	159.33
3	ITALY	152.69
4	FRANCE	143.85
5	ISRAEL	139.90
6	NETHERLANDS	137.39
7	ENGLAND	135.80
8	DENMARK	135.60
9	SLOVAKIA	135.22
10	TURKEY	126.23
11	SCOTLAND	120.13
12	CZECH REPUBLIC	119.64
13	RUSSIA	115.07
14	LATVIA	112.00
15	NORWAY	107.94
16	GERMANY	101.81
17	HUNGARY	94.53
18	IRELAND	53.96
19	AUSTRIA	45.97

Round 11

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ITALY	CZECH REPUBLIC	17	67	1.37	18.63
2	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	31	53	5.06	14.94
3	NORWAY	AUSTRIA	81	48	16.66	3.34
4	SLOVAKIA	HUNGARY	57	63	8.41	11.59
5	DENMARK	ENGLAND	67	16	18.73	1.27
6	SCOTLAND	POLAND	65	60	11.34	8.66
7	GERMANY	TURKEY	35	68	3.34	16.66
8	IRELAND	SWEDEN	8	107	0.00	20.00
9	LATVIA	FRANCE	71	41	16.23	3.77
10	RUSSIA	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

Round 12

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	ITALY	HUNGARY	66	24	17.79	2.21
2	AUSTRIA	ENGLAND	17	83	0.07	19.93
3	ISRAEL	POLAND	20	69	1.47	18.53
4	CZECH REPUBLIC	TURKEY	84	3	20.00	0.00
5	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	29	95	0.07	19.93
6	NORWAY	FRANCE	26	56	3.77	16.23
7	DENMARK	RUSSIA	31	17	13.41	6.59
8	SCOTLAND	LATVIA	28	46	5.80	14.20
9	GERMANY	IRELAND	34	37	9.18	10.82
10	SLOVAKIA	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

Schedule of Matches – Youngsters Teams

ROUND 13 – 10.00

Italy vs Turkey
Poland vs Sweden
England vs France
Austria vs Russia
Israel vs Latvia
Czech. Rep. vs Ireland
Netherlands vs Germany
Norway vs Scotland
Slovakia vs Denmark
Hungary vs Bye

ROUND 14 – 14.00

Italy vs Denmark
Scotland vs Slovakia
Germany vs Norway
Ireland vs Netherlands
Latvia vs Czech. Rep.
Russia vs Israel
France vs Hungary
Sweden vs England
Turkey vs Poland
Bye vs Austria

ROUND 15 – 17.20

Italy vs Netherlands
Norway vs Czech. Rep.
Slovakia vs Israel
Denmark vs Austria
Scotland vs Hungary
Germany vs England
Ireland vs Poland
Latvia vs Turkey
Russia vs Sweden
Bye vs France

Results – Girls Teams

Round 10

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	AUSTRIA	POLAND	26	104	0.00	20.00
2	ITALY	HUNGARY	76	18	19.33	0.67
3	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	21	70	1.47	18.53
4	SWEDEN	FRANCE	39	82	2.10	17.90
5	NORWAY	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

Rankings after 12 Rounds

Rank	Team	VPs
1	FRANCE	195.63
2	NETHERLANDS	175.65
3	ITALY	173.98
4	POLAND	153.45
5	NORWAY	105.10
6	HUNGARY	91.82
7	SWEDEN	74.73
8	AUSTRIA	68.22
9	TURKEY	65.42

Round 11

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	NORWAY	TURKEY	38	66	4.07	15.93
2	SWEDEN	ITALY	33	83	1.37	18.63
3	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	67	37	16.23	3.77
4	HUNGARY	POLAND	61	50	12.76	7.24
5	NETHERLANDS	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

Round 12

Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs		VPs	
			Home Team	Visit. Team	Home Team	Visit. Team
1	NORWAY	SWEDEN	54	50	11.08	8.92
2	FRANCE	TURKEY	50	28	14.94	5.06
3	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	6	51	1.88	18.12
4	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	6	64	0.67	19.33
5	POLAND	Bye	0	0	12.00	0.00

Schedule of Matches – Girls Teams

ROUND 13 – 10.00

Norway vs Poland
Austria vs Netherlands
Italy vs France
Turkey vs Sweden
Bye vs Hungary

ROUND 14 – 14.00

Norway vs Austria
Turkey vs Poland
Sweden vs Hungary
France vs Netherlands
Italy vs Bye

ROUND 15 – 17.20

Norway vs France
Netherlands vs Sweden
Hungary vs Turkey
Poland vs Italy
Bye vs Austria

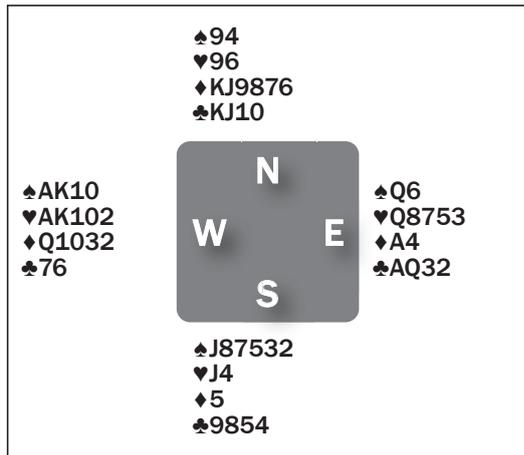


France v Poland (Girls Round 8)

by Brian Senior

When France met Poland in Round 8 of the Girls Championship, the French topped the rankings while Poland lay third, making this an important match for both teams.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



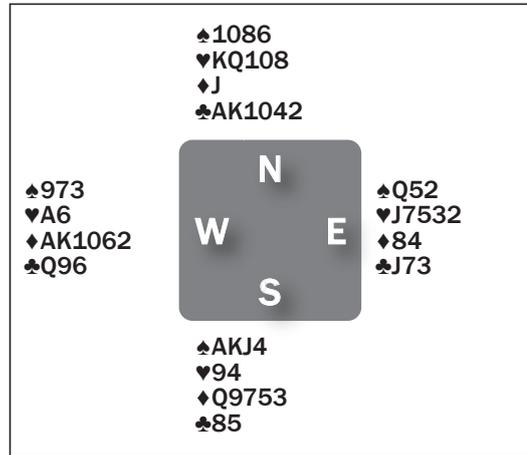
West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Carbonneaux	Kazmucha	Thizy
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rouanet-Labe	Holeksa	Tartarin	Wesolowska
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

When West opens 1NT and East transfers to hearts, I think that West, holding four good trumps and a ruffing value, has a clear transfer break. That was Justyna Zmuda's judgment and, after an exchange of cuebids, Danuta Kazmucha asked for key cards, found they were all present and made an optimistic grand slam try before settling for the small slam. After a trump lead, Zmuda could win and take the club finesse and, when that held, draw a second round of trumps and ruff two clubs in hand to give 13 tricks for +1460.

At the other table, Anne Rouanet-Labe simply completed the transfer and, when Anne-Laure Tartarin now jumped to 3NT to offer a choice of games, corrected to 4♥, and the slam was missed; +710 but 13 IMPs to Poland.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Carbonneaux	Kazmucha	Thizy
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	Dble	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Rouanet-Labe	Holeksa	Tartarin	Wesolowska
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			



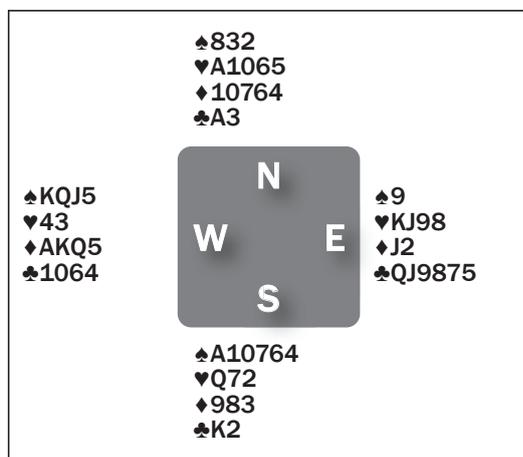
Aurelie Thizy

Jessie Carbonneaux made the normal-looking take-out double of Zmuda's 1♦ opening and, holding a minimum double with only three-card spade support, of course passed Aurelia Thizy's jump response of 2♠. Zmuda cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to the nine of clubs, systemic in Polish style from a three-card holding. Thizy won the ace and led the king of hearts to Zmuda's ace and back came the six of hearts to dummy's queen. Thizy played king of clubs and then the eight of hearts, ruffing low and being over-ruffed. She ruffed the club return with the jack and took a diamond ruff in the dummy. Now she ruffed a heart with

the king and ruffed a diamond, but Kazmucha could over-ruff and return a trump and the trump ace was declarer's last trick; down one for -100.

In the other room, Magdalena Holeksa overcalled 2♣ and Kamila Wesolowska responded 2♠ on her chunky four-card suit. When Holeksa now invited game, it is unclear which extra values Wesolowska was looking at to justify her acceptance but, as they say, the play's the thing. Rouanet-Labe cashed the ace of diamonds and switched to ace and another heart, putting Wesolowska in a much better situation than was Thizy. She won the king of hearts, took the spade finesse and ruffed a diamond. Next came the ace and king of spades followed by a club to the ten. Tartarin could win the jack but, with no diamond to return, could only put declarer in dummy to cash his winners, and all the diamonds went away; ten tricks for +620 and 12 IMPs to Poland, who led by 31-7 at the midpoint in the match.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Carbonneaux	Kazmucha	Thizy
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass



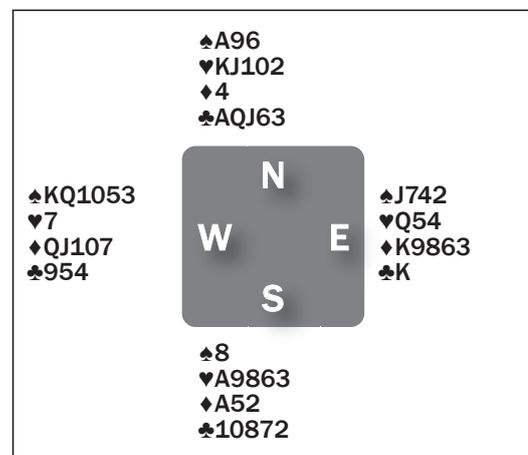
Kamila Wesolowska and Magdalena Holeksa

West	North	East	South
Rouanet-Labe	Holeksa	Tartarin	Wesolowska
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Both Easts used Stayman then drove to game, Tartarin looking for a club fit along the way, Kazmucha just jumping to 3NT at her second turn. Carbonneaux led the seven of diamonds, which Zmuda won in hand to play a club to the queen and king. Thizy returned a low spade, Zmuda winning the king and playing a second club. Carbonneaux won the ace and exited with a diamond and Zmuda had impossible communication problems. She overtook the diamond to lead the queen of spades to Thizy's ace and back came a low heart, ducked to the nine. Declarer played a club to her ten to cash the spade and diamond winners, then a heart up, but Carbonneaux had the heart ace and a diamond winner to cash for down one; -50.

Holeksa too led the seven of diamonds but Rouanet-Labe won with dummy's jack, not blocking the suit as had Zmuda. She played the queen of clubs to Wesolowska's king and back came the ten of spades to her king. She cleared the clubs and now Holeksa needed to underlead in hearts to put her to a guess for her contract. Instead, Holeksa played ace and another heart and Rouanet-Labe had nine tricks for +400 and 10 IMPs to France; 17-31.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



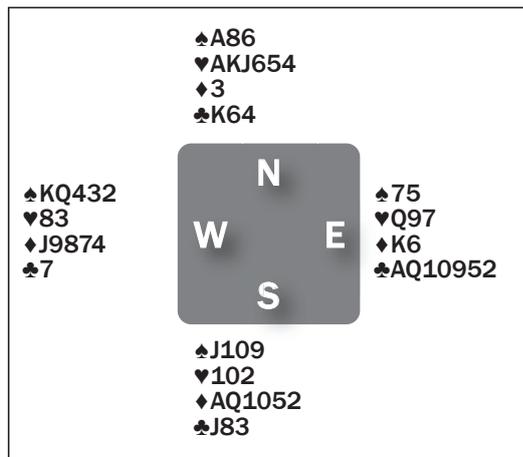
West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Carbonneaux	Kazmucha	Thizy
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	3♥	3♠	4♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Rouanet-Labe	Holeksa	Tartarin	Wesolowska
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

I find it slightly odd not to come in with the West hand, but it did E/W no harm on this occasion, as both Norths jumped to 3♥, showing essentially the same values. The difference between the two auctions came from South's evaluation of her hand as Thizy simply raised to game while Wesolowska made a slam try and, on hearing a cuebid above the level of game, took control and bid the small slam.

Six Hearts is an excellent contract, needing only that one of hearts and clubs play for no losers. But why should declarer guess to drop the bare king of clubs or take a heart finesse? Both declarers lost to the club king and heart queen and that meant +650 to France and -100 for Poland, a very fortunate 13 IMPs to France, who were almost level at 30-31.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Carbonneaux	Kazmucha	Thizy
–	–	–	Pass
2♠	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rouanet-Labe	Holeksa	Tartarin	Wesolowska
–	–	–	Pass
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

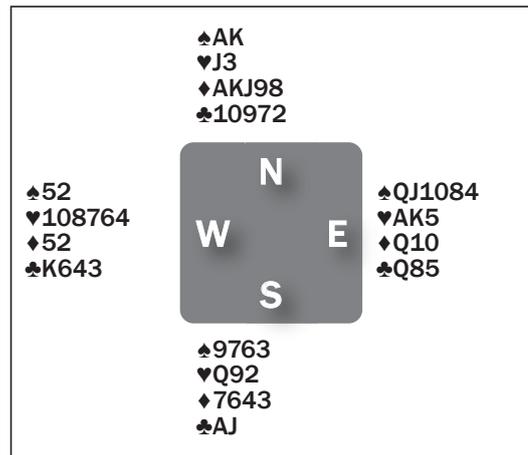
Both Wests opened with a weak two-suited bid and both Norths declared 4♥, Carbonneaux doubled by Kazmucha.

Tartarin led the seven of spades to the queen, and Holeksa ducked, knowing that the suit was split five-two from the auction and hoping to cut defensive communications. Rouanet-Labe switched to her club for the king and ace and Tartarin played two more rounds to give the ruff. There was still the queen of hearts to come for down two; -200.

Kazmucha assume dher partner's second suit to be diamonds so made the more attacking lead of the diamond king. This was not a success, as Carbonneaux could win

the ace and take a club pitch on the queen. She played the jack of spades to the king and ace followed by a low heart towards dummy's ten. Kazmucha could have beaten the contract by two tricks by going in with the queen and returning a spade, getting a ruff then exiting with her last trump to leave declarer to open up the clubs. But Kazmucha ducked and the ten scored. Carbonneaux drew trumps and conceded a spade and two clubs. That was very nicely done for +790 and 14 IMPs to France, who led by 44-31.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Zmuda	Carbonneaux	Kazmucha	Thizy
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♦	Dble	2♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Rouanet-Labe	Holeksa	Tartarin	Wesolowska
–	–	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Kamucha's decision to upgrade her 14-count to open 1NT proved to be very successful. Carbonneaux could double the transfer to show diamonds, but then failed to double again to show real strength, and Kazmucha was left to play in 2♥, which drifted the inevitable one down for -50.

In the other room, Tartarin opened 1♠ and Holeksa made a balancing double then saw it through with a 2NT rebid and Wesolowska raised her to game. A spade lead puts the defence in control, but Tartarin started with a top heart and could not recover. She switched to the queen of spades but it was too late. Holeksa won and played diamonds from the top then the jack of hearts to establish her ninth trick; +600 and 11 IMPs to Poland.

France held on for a narrow win by 46-42 IMPs, 11.08-8.92 VPs.

Netherlands v Turkey (Youngsters Round 10)

by Patrick Jourdain (With additional notes from Maurizio di Sacco)

Netherlands led the rankings and Turkey were in midfield before this match. In the Open Room for the Netherlands were Bob Donkersloot & Pim Coppens who were also leading the Butler. They play five-card major strong no trump with two-suited openings. To save the world's trees we will call Donkersloot, Bob.

For Turkey, Caner Civan & Eren Imdat were playing fairly standard five-card major, strong no trump style.

Your reporter was recording in the Open Room and thought the first three hands had little in them, until the report came through from the Closed Room:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠942 ♥65 ♦64 ♣AK10983										
♠A853 ♥Q10873 ♦8 ♣J74	<table border="1"> <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		♠K107 ♥AK9 ♦AKQ73 ♣Q2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠QJ6 ♥J42 ♦J10952 ♣65										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Coppens	Imdat	Bob	Civan
–	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	All Pass

A standard auction to a safe 4♥ by Bob. On a diamond lead he took the no-risk line of drawing trumps, crossing to the spade king, cashing top diamonds ditching clubs, and playing successfully for an overtrick by taking advantage of the spades 3-3. Not much in it, you might think, but...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seker	Westerbeek	Gulenc	Overbeeke
–	3♣	Dble	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	All Pass

5♣ asked for a club control, which West denied.

Now West was in the no-mans land of Five Hearts. North began with two top clubs and a third one. Mert Seker did well to flatten the board by ruffing that high and later finessing the ten of trumps. His losing spades went on the diamonds.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠Q108 ♥KQ4 ♦973 ♣K1042										
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	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠97 ♥A9753 ♦AKJ ♣QJ5										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Coppens	Imdat	Bob	Civan
–	–	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

South's heart suit looks really emaciated for the overcall but it led to a sound game. After two rounds of spades, seeing partner held three, Bob switched to a diamond. Declarer won, drew trumps and started on the clubs. With both clubs and diamonds favourably placed there was no defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seker	Westerbeek	Gulenc	Overbeeke
–	–	1NT	All Pass



Bob Donkersloot

It looks normal enough for East to open a strong no trump. The defence ran hearts and switched to clubs so declarer could only make his three top winners. This was 200 to Netherlands but 9 IMPs to Turkey.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠A10 ♥K954 ♦K973 ♣873	
♠K8762 ♥AJ86 ♦1084 ♣2	N W E S	♠J543 ♥Q3 ♦A5 ♣AK1054
	♠Q9 ♥1072 ♦QJ62 ♣QJ96	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Coppens	Imdat	Bob	Civan
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

A simple auction so a safe partscore and ten tricks made. Nothing to report until...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seker	Westerbeek	Gulenc	Overbeeke
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Amazingly, the Dutch pair sitting North/South began with the same two bids as the /Dutch sitting EastWest had. However, at this table the 1♠ response to 1♣ denied a major.

1NT doubled can be beaten on spade leads even if declarer guesses the suit right, as the defence has three spades and four outside winners. But East led a club and when in with the diamond ace switched to the jack of spades, saving any guess. That gave declarer time to set up a heart trick for +180 and 8 IMPs back to the Netherlands.

Board 4 was a dull 4♠ making 11 tricks at both tables. Board 5 was also flat but worth reporting for this decision:

You hold, second to speak, at favourable vulnerability:

♠Q1085
♥KQ1084
♦—
♣J953

Three Passes go to your partner, who opens 1♦. RHO overcalls 1♠. What do you say?

One of the players passed, the other made a take-out double and passed partner's removal to 1NT. Both had missed a sound Four Hearts when partner proved to hold ♥A-7-3. The game makes despite trumps breaking 4-1. It seemed to your reporter that a passed hand should certainly be able to bid a non-forcing 2♥ on these cards, which partner would happily raise.

Turkey had an element of good fortune on the next deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠1065 ♥K96 ♦AJ82 ♣976	
♠AKQJ43 ♥— ♦KQ1095 ♣KQ	N W E S	♠2 ♥QJ1054 ♦3 ♣A105432
	♠987 ♥A8732 ♦764 ♣J8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Coppens	Imdat	Bob	Civan
—	—	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♥ showed hearts and a minor, at least 5-4. 2NT was an enquiry and 3♥ showed at least four clubs and upper range. 3♠ was natural and forcing and 4♣ showed at least five in the suit.

North led a trump. Coppens drew trumps and overtook the second club. When the jack fell the suit produced six tricks and declarer lost only to the diamond ace; +680 to the Netherlands.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seker	Westerbeek	Gulenc	Overbeeke
—	—	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

After the artificial Two Clubs there were some natural bids and some cuebids but East/West were not entirely sure which was which. The final contract of Six Clubs superficially looks good until you realise the defence can use a spade lead or switch to kill the strong hand, and also force a trump from the strong hand with heart leads.



Baturalp Gulenc



Caner Civan

Their actual defence of cashing the ace of diamonds and switching to a heart did not work. Declarer was forced to ruff with an honour, unblock the other one, enter dummy with a diamond ruff and play the ace of clubs. This time when the jack fell it was worth a great deal more to declarer, namely +1370 and 12 IMPs to Turkey.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠AQJ4		
	♥KJ65		
	♦A104		
	♣97		
♠862		N	♠953
♥7		W	♥Q1098
♦Q976		E	♦KJ8
♣A6543		S	♣K82
	♠K107		
	♥A432		
	♦532		
	♣QJ10		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Coppens	Imdat	Bob	Civan
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Seker	Westerbeek	Gulenc	Overbeeke
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

My vote certainly goes to Overbeeke's raise to 3NT rather than Civan's major suit enquiry. Four Hearts was doomed, and duly went two off.

3NT can also be beaten but it is much tougher for the defence. First, East innocently led a heart, giving declarer his eighth trick. And when Westerbeek led a club East played low. Now there was no further chance. West won and switched to a diamond, declarer held up twice, and when East won the next club he had no diamond to cash. To beat 3NT after the heart lead East has to rise with the club king and find a switch to a high diamond. Then the defence can score three diamond tricks to go with their two clubs before declarer has generated his ninth winner.

That was worth 13 IMPs to the Netherlands to tie the match 21-21. Turkey though had much the better of the second half and eventually won 74-49 worth 15.45 to 4.55 in VPs.



Pim Coppens

Italy v Denmark (Juniors Round 12)

by Brian Senior

Overnight leaders Italy had a tough schedule on Tuesday and lost their first two matches, scoring 5.42 against Israel and 4.3 against Turkey, in the process slipping from first to fourth place in the rankings. The last thing they needed was to meet the strong Danish team in their third match of the day.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠Q3 ♥42 ♦732 ♣Q97432										
♠J1094 ♥J765 ♦J5 ♣AK6	<table border="1"> <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		♠8 ♥K1093 ♦AK1096 ♣J85
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠AK7652 ♥AQ8 ♦Q84 ♣10										

West	North	East	South
E. Jepsen	Di Franco	D. Bilde	Zanasi
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dble	Rdbl
2♥	Pass	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Bergami	M. Bilde	Schiassi	P. Jepsen
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	2♠
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Massimiliano Di Franco found a 1NT response from somewhere and Denis Bilde doubled, take-out of spades. Gabriele Zanasi first showed strength by redoubling then competed with 2♠ at his next turn. Emil Jepsen showed his hearts then doubled to show values and Bilde's 3♥ ended the auction. Di Franco led the queen of spades and switched to the two of clubs. Jepsen put up dummy's jack and found the good shot of a low heart off the table. Zanasi went in with the queen and played the king of spades, ruffed. Jepsen played the king of hearts and Zanasi won the ace and returned his last heart but Jepsen had just to concede a spade; +140.

Majka Bilde did not respond with the North cards and Jacopo Schiassi made a balancing double. Now E/W got into a muddle when Gianluca Bergami tried 2NT, surely far too much facing a fourth-seat double, and when Schiassi suggested playing a diamond partscore went on to 3NT. Better, perhaps for Bergami to have doubled 2♠ to show his values? Not only had the Italians got rather high, they had

managed to miss the four-four heart fit completely. Bilde led queen and another spade and Peter Jepsen cleared the suit. Bergami won the fourth spade and led the jack of diamonds to the ace then cashed the king (Bilde had thrown two diamonds), then played a third round. Jepsen won the queen, cashed his spades and with declarer having pinned his hopes on the diamonds and bared the king of hearts earlier in the play, there were two hearts to cash for down five; –500 and 12 IMPs to Denmark.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠942 ♥K8 ♦Q932 ♣A832										
♠QJ107 ♥A ♦J1075 ♣QJ64	<table border="1"> <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		♠63 ♥J754 ♦K84 ♣K1095
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠AK85 ♥Q109632 ♦A6 ♣7										

West	North	East	South
E. Jepsen	Di Franco	D. Bilde	Zanasi
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

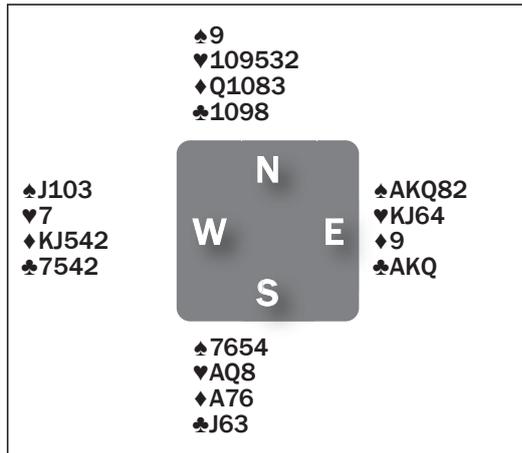
West	North	East	South
Bergami	M. Bilde	Schiassi	P. Jepsen
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	1NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Bilde showed her values by bidding 1NT over the double and that relieved her opponents of any need to get further involved as Jepsen repeated his long heart suit. Bergami led the queen of spades. Jepsen won the ace and played ace and another diamond to the jack, queen and king. Back came a spade, which he won with the king. A club to the ace was followed by the nine of spades, on which Schiassi pitched his last diamond. Bergami won the spade and played another spade, ruffed with the eight and over-ruffed. There was the ace of trumps to come so Jepsen had nine tricks for +140.

Di Franco started with a strength-showing redouble and Emil jepsen ran first to 1♠ and, when that was doubled, to 2♣, which was also doubled. Di Franco led a low trump,

won in dummy to lead a spade up. Zanasi won the king and played a low heart. Declarer won the ace and led the queen of spades round to the ace. Back came a heart, which he ruffed. Jepsen continued with the jack of spades for a heart pitch then the ten of spades, ruffed and over-ruffed. Now the jack of hearts was ruffed and over-ruffed and North's last club returned. Jepsen won in hand and led the jack of diamonds, covered all round, and had eight tricks for +180 and 8 IMPs to Denmark, who led by 21-1.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Bilde saw a simple raise from Jepsen so made a slam try via a diamond splinter. That did not suit Jepsen at all and he signed off and Bilde respected that sign off. Zanasi led the three of clubs. Bilde won the king and led the jack of hearts from hand, Zanasi winning the queen and returning a trump. Bilde won in hand, ruffed a heart, came back to a club, ruffed a heart bringing down the ace, and came back to hand with a third club to draw the missing trumps. He had 11 tricks now for +450.

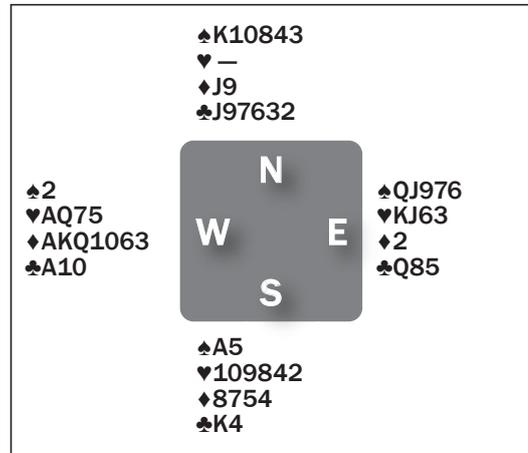
At the other table, Schiassi made one try too many and only stopped at the five level. Jepsen led a trump and a second round when he got in and declarer had no way to come to 11 tricks. He actually went two down for -100 and 11 IMPs to Denmark, whose lead was up to 32-6.



Gianluca Bergami

Italy had the better of the next few deals and pulled closer at 19-37, then...

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
E. Jepsen	Di Franco	D. Bilde	Zanasi
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bergami	M. Bilde	Schiassi	P. Jepsen
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Slam is playable on the E/W cards but you wouldn't mind all that much if you stopped in game. It seems to me that when Jepsen cuebid 2♠ he should have been forcing to game, but clearly Bilde saw things differently and passed 3♦. Hearts were never mentioned and 3♦ scored 11 tricks for +150.

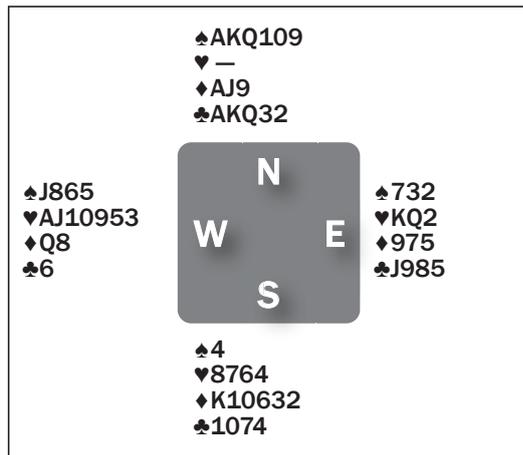
And the heart fit was not found at the other table either. Bergami's 2♣ is defined in their methods as either natural



Peter Jepsen

or any reverse with fewer than three spades. Presumably, 2♥ asked and Bergami thought he had already shown four hearts so was jumping to 3NT to show extras and a club stopper. Again, East did not appear to see things in the same way as did West. However, the Italians were, at least, in game, and after a club lead to the king and ace North threw away too many clubs so all 13 tricks were made for +520. That thirteenth trick was worth an extra IMP. 9 IMPs to Italy, who closed to 28-37.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
E. Jepsen	Di Franco	D. Bilde	Zanasi
—	2♣	Pass	2♦
3♥	3♠	5♥	Dble
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Bergami	M. Bilde	Schiassi	P. Jepsen
—	2♣	Pass	2♦
2♥	2♠	3♥	Dble
4♥	5♣	All Pass	

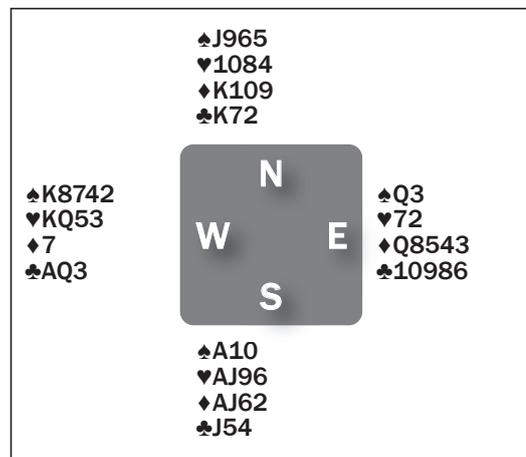
I can only assume that, in both auctions, South's double was warning partner off bidding again but, with an undisclosed five-card suit and a heart void, both Di Franco and Bilde did bid on. For Bilde, that meant 5♣, which ended the auction, while for Di Franco it was a level higher, also ending the auction.

Bilde ruffed the heart lead and played ace of spades, acesing of clubs, and ruffed a spade. Now she came off table by leading a diamond to her jack and, when that held the trick, just had to concede a trump; +420. That diamond finesse looks to be a rather dangerous play. If it loses and declarer is forced with a heart, she will go down. Better, I think, is to take the spade ruff without drawing trumps so that you can then play a trump back to hand and cash the top trumps. If the jack of spades falls your contract is now secure whatever the diamond position and if the spade does not fall you can try to guess the diamond for your eleventh trick.

Di Franco too received a heart lead, which he ruffed. He played ace and king of trumps followed by the top spades and a fourth round, which Bilde ruffed in front of dummy with the jack. Bilde returned his last trump and Di Franco won in dummy and ruffed a heart then cashed his last spade, everyone pitching hearts. It was all down to the

diamond guess and, unfortunately for Di Franco, he could be pretty certain that East held three diamonds and West only two. Sure enough, he got the diamonds wrong and was two down as Jepsen had a heart to cash; -100 and 11 IMPs to Denmark. They led by 48-28.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
E. Jepsen	Di Franco	D. Bilde	Zanasi
—	—	Pass	1NT
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Bergami	M. Bilde	Schiassi	P. Jepsen
—	—	Pass	1NT
2♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
Rdbl	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Both Wests overcalled to show both majors. Di Franco passed as north and Bilde asked Jepsen to bid his longer major, which he duly did. That ended the auction. At the other table, Bilde doubled 2♣ to show some values and Schassi passed to show no preference. Bergami redoubled to ask him again and 2♦ again left it up to the overcaller, who finally bid his spades. When 2♠ came around to Jepsen, he knew his partner held values and that his opponents did not seem very enthusiastic about their fit. He doubled for take-out and Bilde left it in.

In 2♠ not doubled, Jepsen received the lead of the two of clubs to the ten, jack and queen and he played the heart king, ducked, then the heart queen to the ace. Zanasi played ace then ten of spades to dummy's queen and Jepsen took a club finesse. That lost and there were four more tricks to be lost for -100.

Bilde also led a club against 2♠ doubled. Bergami won the queen and led the queen of hearts from hand. Jepsen won the ace and played ace and ten of spades and the play followed the same lines as before; again down two but this time -300 and 5 IMPs to Denmark.

The miserable Italian day was complete, the match ending in a 57-28 IMP, 16.08-3.92 VP win for Denmark, who were the new leaders, while Italy slipped to eighth place.

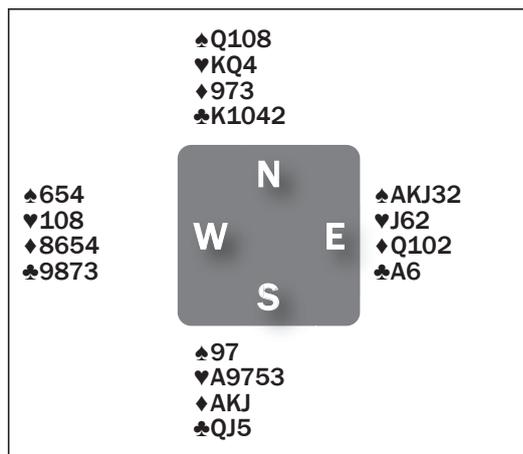
Expensive Toolboxes

by Micke Melander

There are times when all the conventions and bidding systems that are available that you have in your toolbox really help you to solve the different kind of problems that might arise when playing bridge. On the other hand, misuse of them or just less good ones should be avoided since they often are working the other way round. In the match between France and Norway in Juniors Round 13, we got to see a couple of them creating swings in both directions.

Let's start with the defense against opponents strong no trump, God knows how many different defenses there are to put in your toolbox but Asptro, Dont, Cappeletti, Brozel, Crash and Landy are a few of those to pick from, if you want to have any... many are created just to be destructive and to try to make life miserable for the opponents, the problem is what happens when you actually have the cards and are the pair who should bid game or just try to make a business double over it!

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stangeland	Coudert	Hegge	Lorenzini
–	–	1NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Eide	Kilani	Ellingsen
–	–	1NT	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Both East players chose to open with 1NT, though they had a five-card major in their hand.

In the Closed Room, Ellingsen/Eide had a defense on their Convention Card where they actually could double to show a hand that was looking to make a proper spanking of the opponents. Kilani tried to run into his five-card major, but Eide had no problem to double again.

When the Norwegians played trump at declarer every time they had a chance, Kilani was held to just his five trump tricks and the ace of clubs. In theory N/S could make 3NT when West didn't have an entry, provided North was declaring.

In the Open Room, Coudert/Lorenzini were trapped by their system when double was either a two-suiter with a five-card minor and a four-card major or any strong hand. Lorenzini decided to pass to see the tray coming back empty from the other side of the screen. Hegge had no chance making his contract and was three off when the defense started with five rounds of hearts before cashing ace and king of diamonds. Still, it was 4 IMPs to Norway because they were able to make a clear-cut business double over one no trump!

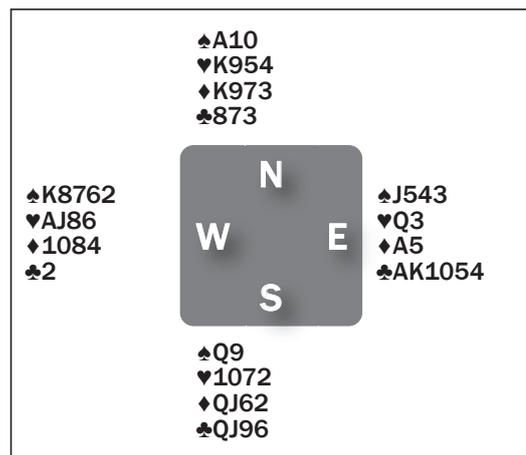
You are watching the following bidding from your opponents and have to lead away from:

♠Q9 ♥1072 ♦QJ62 ♣QJ96

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

What's your lead?

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stangeland	Coudert	Hegge	Lorenzini
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	All Pass		

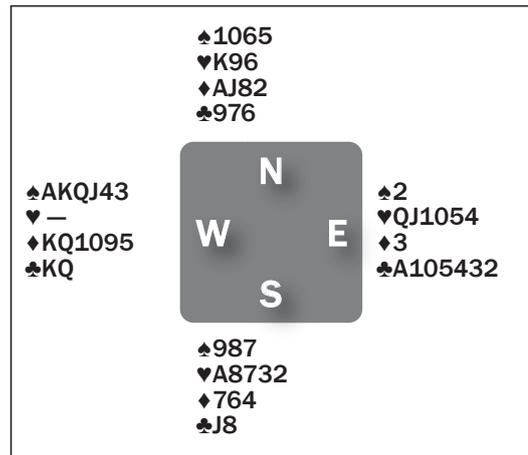
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Eide	Kilani	Ellingsen
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Dble	Rdbl	2♦
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

When Hegge decided to open with 1NT in fourth seat and the pair later on came to a stop in Four Spades it wasn't easy for Lorenzini to find which of his minors he should attack with, and who can argue with his choice of the queen of clubs? Hegge won with the ace and saw the danger that he might have four losers if the defense attacked diamonds and the ace of spades was off-side. Declarer therefore immediately took the heart finesse, which lost to North who now switched to a diamond, but it was all too late since declarer rose with the ace, cashed his two hearts, discarding the diamond loser on the second round, and ruffed a diamond back to his hand to be able to play a trump towards dummy. He got all the possible reward when all the keycards in the contract were offside and still made his ten tricks.

At the other table, Kilani opened with One Club, which left lots of space for the opponents not only to interfere but also to get information about what to lead later on. It didn't take many seconds before Eide had placed the seven of diamonds on the table, Bernard rose with the ace from dummy and tried a spade to the king which lost to the ace. Eide now played back the three of diamonds (under leading his king!) Ellingsen won and shifted to a heart. It's when you see those textbook examples of how a proper defense should be made that you even might get a small tear in your eye... Bernard really never had a chance when a diamond was led, but still it was a beautiful defense and some 12 IMPs to Norway.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stangeland	Coudert	Hegge	Lorenzini
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Eide	Kilani	Ellingsen
–	–	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Dble
4♠	All Pass		

On this board Stangeland forgot their system and thought Three Diamonds was forcing; many of us who watched believed that it was not, due to the fact that the pair played Gazilli (another famous and relatively modern method to show extra values



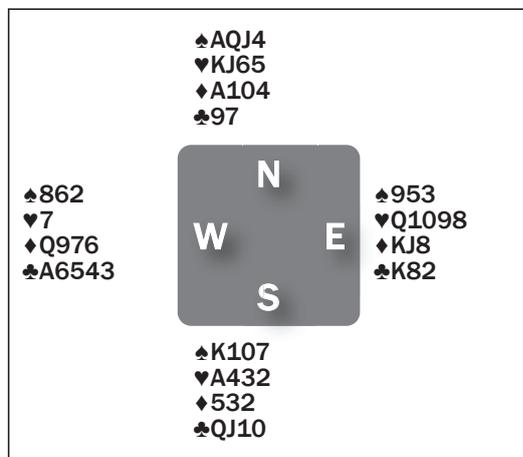
Norway vs France

from the opening hand so he doesn't have to jump to the three level, particularly when not having the distribution for it) since then this bid just would have promised 5-5 and denied extra values. Hegge with only one card in each of his partner's suits simply passed and probably wondered what happened when they suddenly had managed to score eleven tricks!

Meanwhile in the Closed Room Bernard decided that he held a game forcing hand and opened with two game forcing clubs. When Kilani showed clubs and hearts he never even bothered to mention the diamonds and instead continued bidding spades... Eleven tricks to declarer were worth 11 IMPs as they also were vulnerable on this board.

With all vulnerable your partner opens with 1NT (15-17) in third seat, what's your thoughts and action with: ♠K107 ♥A432 ♦532 ♣QJ10.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stangeland	Coudert	Hegge	Lorenzini
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT*	All Pass	

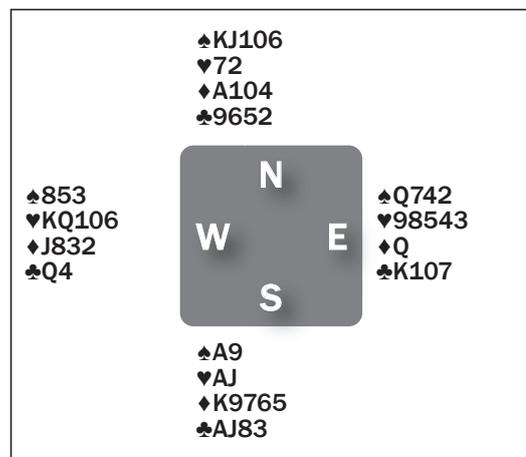
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Eide	Kilani	Ellingsen
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room the Norwegian pair quickly arrived in 3NT when Ellingsen really wasn't that interested whether partner actually had a four-card heart suit or not. Kilani decided that his longest and strongest should be the best and led the ten of hearts. Eide won with the jack, but still only had eight tricks if the hearts were 4-1. Eide played a spade to the king and called for the ten of clubs from dummy! Kilani, who probably believed he was smart, ducked when the three and seven were played before him thinking declarer was making a finesse. Eide could now cash his tricks and feel very pleased when hearts actually were 4-1 and he couldn't get his ninth trick from that suit.

Coudert had an impossible task in the Open Room when Lorenzini used their tool box of conventions to find out that his partner actually had 4-4-3-2 before placing him as declarer in 3NT. Hegge realized that a minor should be led and finally placed the jack of diamonds on the table. He didn't have any problem to continue the suit when he got an encouraging signal back from partner and his jack had won. The king of diamonds came next, again ducked by declarer, and a third round cleared the suit. Coudert now cashed his four spades, discarding a heart from dummy on the last one. When he tried the hearts and they were 4-1 he was bound to go two down. 13 IMPs was the price this time for the use of the famous toolbox.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room and Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Stangeland	Coudert	Hegge	Lorenzini
Bernard	Eide	Kilani	Ellingsen
–	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The same auction in both rooms got South to be declarer in 3NT. In the Open Room Stangeland started with the king of hearts and that went to the two, three (encouraging) and declarer's ace. Lorenzini now played a diamond to the ace and noticed the fall of the queen from East. On the four of diamonds from dummy Hegge discarded the four of spades, declarer finessed and West won with the jack. I'm pretty sure that West will think after the tournament when analyzing the boards that have been played that it would probably have been wise to duck that diamond to get another discard from partner to be really sure what to return. When that didn't happen he thought he had to get partner in to play a heart through declarer and that was all Lorenzini needed since when he returned a spade and declarer called for the jack from dummy Hegge covered with the queen and suddenly declarer had the needed tricks. He could unblock his nine of spades and enter dummy with the well preserved ten of diamonds to collect the tricks.

Bernard also led the king of hearts and a diamond to the ace followed. Ellingsen then played the ten of diamonds,

when Kilani made a discouraging signal in spades. Bernard won with the queen and continued with the queen of hearts and when the jack arrived from declarer the French pair had little problem cashing out; 10 IMPs to the French team and one might wonder what Hegge is going to do with the seven of spades that he carefully spared...

Another delicate problem arrived on Board 10: ♠AKQ62 ♥54 ♦10743 ♣A8

West	North	East	South
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	Dble	2♠!
3♣	Pass	Pass	?

What on earth is going on (Two Spades was just forcing). What to do?

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

		♠4 ♥A109 ♦QJ9865 ♣K92	
♠98 ♥J873 ♦A2 ♣J7653	N W E S	♠J10753 ♥KQ62 ♦K ♣Q104	
		♠AKQ62 ♥54 ♦10743 ♣A8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stangeland	Coudert	Hegge	Lorenzini
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT	2♦	Dble	2♠!
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bernard	Eide	Kilani	Ellingsen
–	–	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Lorenzini didn't get as easy a ride toward Five Diamonds as Ellingsen did when Hegge decided to open on the East hand. Neither of the declarers had any problems making the contract, the French team even won an IMP when Stangeland went up with the ace to 'crocodile' his partner's singleton king in trumps.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

		♠K953 ♥A3 ♦QJ94 ♣K96	
♠AQ8 ♥KJ852 ♦1087 ♣AJ	N W E S	♠J72 ♥Q107 ♦– ♣Q1087543	
		♠1064 ♥964 ♦AK6532 ♣2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stangeland	Coudert	Hegge	Lorenzini
–	1♦	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

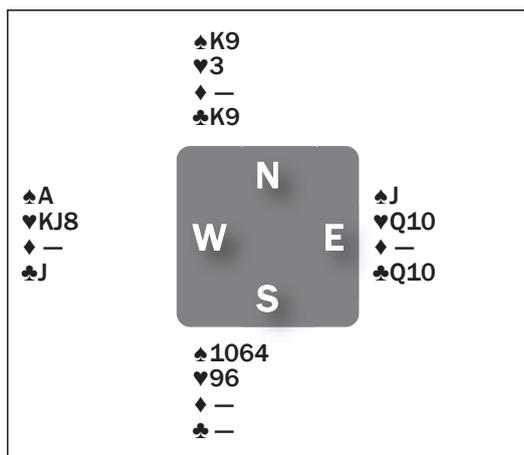
West	North	East	South
Bernard	Eide	Kilani	Ellingsen
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	Dble	3♥	4♦
All Pass			

I still wonder why West doesn't make an overcall with that hand. There are many reasons to act and when that didn't happen in the Open Room the French pair completely stole the show and went for a game try. Hegge led the three of clubs to partner's ace, and back came a heart won by Coudert's ace, Hegge encouraging with the seven. Still declarer only had



Julien Bernard

eight tricks and he pumped away with all his six diamond tricks leaving the following ending:



Coudert called for a spade from dummy in the above end position. West won with the ace and advanced the king of hearts and Hegge sleepily followed with the ten. He should have foreseen that he might block the suit and eventually be thrown in to have to give the last two tricks to declarer.

In the other room the Norwegian pair came to stop at the highest possible makeable contract that existed for their



Kristian Stangeland

side on the board, provided the defense played correctly. Five Diamonds was even a good sacrifice if E/W had taken a shot in 5♣ with West as declarer; another 10 IMPs to the French team who won the match by 57-40.

Virulence

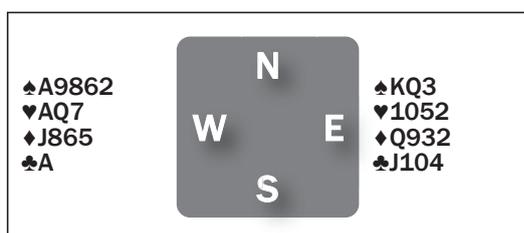
by Christer Andersson

Some viruses, like the HIV, have developed a sophisticated strategy to circumvent the human immune system. They integrate in the hereditary material of the host cell and stay there as a sleeping beauty until they receive an activation signal, which starts their multiplication and the production of new virus particles.

Good bridge players behave as these viruses. They plant a seed of insecurity in the mind of their opponents and when they later meet at the bridge table the appearance of the opponent is enough to trigger a sense of not having everything under control.

This is a reality show taken from Round 6 in the Junior series. You are declarer as East in 5♦. How do you play on a heart lead?

Round 6J. Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



You have to solve the play in the trump suit, picking up the ten. That gives you three trump tricks, five spades, and one club. Thus you not only need two heart tricks, you also cannot lose a heart trick. Thus, either you have to play South for Kxxxx in hearts and play North for two trumps (start with a low diamond from West), or play South for Kx in hearts and two trumps (start with a diamond from East). The most convenient play would surely be the former – win the queen of hearts and play a low diamond from West.

Assuming you have formed your own strategy on how to tackle the play as declarer, would you change your mind if I give you the auction:

West	North	East	South
I. Grönkvist	Klukowski	C. Rimstedt	Tuczynski
–	Pass	Pass	3♣
Dble	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

It could be discussed how West should bid her hand after the initial take-out double. Would 3♣ be simply showing a suit or indicating a suit on the way to showing diamond support?

For your problem this is irrelevant – you have to play the hand. A heart suit of Kxxxx in the South hand does not

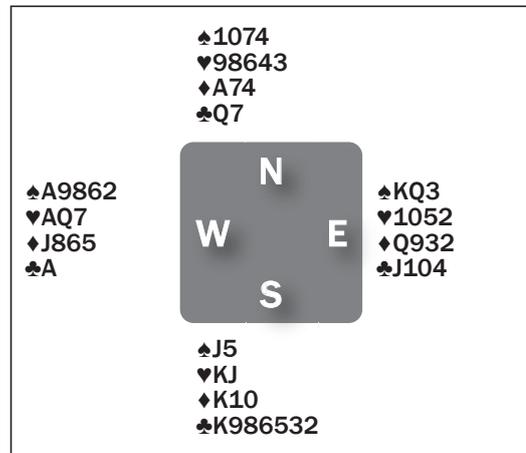
seem likely any more. Now you need South to have ♥K-x and two trumps. By the way, would South really lead a small heart from ♥K-x?

You win the heart queen on the table, play a spade to the queen and advance a trump. If South takes his trump honor from honour-doubleton and continues with hearts, you win the ace of hearts and solve your problems by playing the trump jack. If South plays small, the jack on the table will drive out an honour from North. The heart continuation is won by the ace and a diamond in most cases solves the problem. The exception is if North started with ♦A-K-x (South has ♦10-x) and quickly ducks the second round of trumps, then declarer is likely to play low and allow the ten to win a trick.

OK, you have formed your opinion on how to play the hand. Will you change your mind if I tell you that at the table Piotr Tuczynski led ♥J?

The declarer, Cecilia Rimstedt, did not find it likely that South would lead ♥J from ♥K-J, and tried to find a route to make the contract without South having the king. She played for the defenders to misdefend. She won the ace of hearts in dummy and advanced the jack of diamonds, hoping for a cover from ♦H-x-x-x, bringing down South's

singleton honor. This would allow her to later play a club to the ace and continue with the ♦5, allowing it to hold the trick if North contributed the four. If North is alert and covers the contract cannot be made. As it was, South was allowed to win the trump king and cash the heart king:
Round 6J. Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



My guess is that from now on Mr Tuczynski is a virulence factor in the head of Cecilia.

My Music

Tommy Brass (England U20)

When I'm not at the bridge table, I can often be seen with my iPod plugged in. Music is a huge part of my life and I'd probably consider myself the one with the best music taste in the squad! Perhaps my dominant role in my partnership can be reflected in my more masculine choice of music... but who am I to judge? Here's a selection of my finest tunes:

1) Taking the hobbits to Isengard

I wouldn't consider myself a mainstream person which means that perhaps you might not have heard of this one but this is definitely a track which describes my roots the best and I wouldn't think there's a better place to start!

2) What makes you beautiful – One Direction

It was pretty tough to choose a single track from these guys but in the end it had to be this one! The upbeat tempo just describes me perfectly. In fact, you'll frequently be hearing me whistling some 1 D whilst I'm playing in the Open Room!

3) Baby – Justin Bieber

Bridge as I'm sure you'll all know isn't an easy game and going down in contracts can be pretty tough but being a Belieber gets me through it! This song is for all the tough moments in my life.

4) Fish – Mr Scruff

This one's not very well known but has definitely taught me everything I know about bridge! Give it a go, you might learn something new!

5) The Cheeky Song – The Cheeky Girls

And to end with a bit of an all-time classic! What better song is there to describe me both at and away from the bridge table! You'd better watch out as I open 1NT with a singleton!

So, I hope I've given you a well-rounded account of my music! There's nothing I love more than music apart from discussing it! So, why not come and have a chat to me about your music taste after a set one day!

The Irish Junior Team

Team Ireland were on their way to a badminton competition, but boarded the wrong plane. Fortunately we are quite adept at playing Hearts. Upon arriving in Wrocław and finding there was a bridge tourney, we knew what to do. Three hours later we were registered, having picked up a seasoned NPC. The only team rule is that the sum of drinks bought at the end of the night must be a prime number. Here is our team:

(NayNay) Nathan Doyle: The baby of the group at only 18 years old. Studying how to count at college, he is good at finding prime numbers. He enjoys trying to figure out his partner's count even though she has yet to give any. He is known for his loudness at the bridge table, unlike his bridge partner NiNi. Lately, he is known to be passing with too many points and hearts (two-under forcing pass transfers) when playing with Huggles.

(Huggles) Hugh Gormally: Studying how to change a lightbulb in college. Hugs enjoys giving his team hugs when they're feeling down. His nickname comes from his huggable appearance. Unfortunately, these days Huggles is no longer giving hugs after becoming depressed after letting through 6♥ by trying to get a ruff with the singleton trump ace.

(DayDay) Dave Synnott: He is known for elbowing his partner in the face and claiming there was a mosquito, directly after his partner let through 6♥! He loves first year of college. This is currently his third. He's been through learning how to count classics, being instructed on how to hoodwink people, and now he is almost capable of turning on computers. He has a passion for Taylor Swift. His favourite song is '22', coincidentally his age.

(NiNi) Niamh Gormally: Partner of NayNay, she is currently studying how to become a housewife in a rural college in Ireland. Niamh found time to take a break from badminton to play a few hands of bridge. She is known to be partial to some 'Five Fingered Death Punch'. The younger of the Gormally siblings is known for being quiet at the table and enjoys giving her partner a challenge by bidding marginal slams. Occasionally they are only off two tricks. She is currently on the look out for a rich Sligo farmer to settle down with.

(WayWay) Wayne Somerville: Has a career turning on computers, Dayday's dream profession. Recently found and added a lot of prime numbers together, the resulting text file was 11.5 Mb. This has greatly enhanced the efficiency of our team's only rule. Along with Dave, this is Wayne's third European Junior teams championship. This will sadly be Wayne's last European Youth Team Championship. NiNi and NayNay have two championships remaining, while the others still have one to look forward to.

(JoJo) Jordan Atchison: The chief liquid mixer, a stone cold sober mixer. Jordan partners our Wayway. Sobriety is a rarity among Irish people, we often stare at him. His family also has too many people in it.

(MarMar) Marcin Rudzinski: Originally from Wrocław, was procured in the airport. He misunderstood us and thought we wanted him to be our NPC for our badminton competition, which of course he is very good at. Apparently it also counted as community service for his various traffic violations. When we arrived at the bridge competition it turned out he was pretty good at bridge too! Just don't let him drive you anywhere. His favourite bridge quote is "Just lead the shagging trump!"



The Irish Junior Team

The Czech Republic Junior Team

Patrik Boura: The youngest team member, only 18. He started to play bridge five years ago and nearly from the beginning he started to play with Frantisek Kralik. He does not like to switch partners. He attends the Gymnasium at Uherske Hradiste. He likes pink T-shirts so that the other team members call him “Pinkie”. In fact, but please do not tell any one.... ☺ his second nickname is Barbie, only used when he makes stupid mistakes.

Jan (Honza) Kralik: A 20 year-old boy with the appearance of a rough man. But he is always cheerful and humorous. He studies at a technical university and likes steaks. He is able to eat an extraordinary amount of them, so after lunch the opponents can shortly take advantage of his digestion nap ☺ but we are glad he recovers quickly.

Frantisek Kralik: Older brother of Jan. Because their parents are enthusiastic bridge players, they had no chance to play e.g. football. He studies chemistry at Prague. His biggest hobbies are science, cards and staying in bed (with or without company ☺).

Kamil Zylka: The toughest member of the team. The only one who does not come from South Moravia, but from the North (Silesia). As the others he likes beer and good meals. He studies law and hopes to graduate this year.

Captain: Michal Kralik, father of Franta and Jan. Organiser of many famous junior camps, most of all because he them enjoys as much as the juniors do! At night you can always find him with his guitar, everyone singing along. Since Michal is very fond of wine and slivovice he makes sure he has enough by having his own vineyard.

Coach: Ine Gielkens (Dutch). Having met the Czech team in 2006 at the White House Juniors in Amsterdam, she became a fan and volunteer if the team was short of Czech volunteers to accompany them (the Czech bridge federation is very small).

Of course the 2006 team now is too old but the ‘oldies’ will recognize **Michal Kopecky** who is now the coach and captain of the Czech youngsters.

It seems the Czechs gained a (former) Dutch player but it was a Greek gift; Ine’s former co-coach Richard Ritmeijer (Dutch) has been stealing the heart of one of the best Czech players, Magdalena Ticha, who is now member of the Dutch Girls team and even managed to become the ‘Dutch player of the year 2011’!

If any one wonders why we all have a rabbit on our sleeves? Kralik is the Czech word for rabbit, and since half of the team and captains are Kraliks...



Czech Republic Juniors

When You Are Checking Out Wrocław...

by Micke Melander

Most of the city centre is equipped with free wi-fi Internet access. Just check your phone, I-pad or computer, and see if you have a signal when you are there. Signs are all over the place if you look for them!

Look for the dwarfs. In 2001 the city of Wrocław started putting out dwarfs in the streets, they have been growing in numbers and are now up to over 250 dwarfs doing different things; if you look carefully you will also see at some of the places they even have their own small houses☺. Why dwarfs you might wonder? The reason is that it was to manifest the ‘orange alternative’ and underground protest movement that started in Wrocław whose main purpose was to offer a wider group of citizens an alternative way of opposition against the authoritarian communist regime by means of a peaceful protest.



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Three dwarfs



A dwarf and its house

Daily Play Problem 7

Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠Q108			
♥654			
♦Q65			
♣A652			
	N		
	W	E	
		S	
♠AKJ93			
♥J872			
♦AK3			
♣3			

West	North	East	South
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the jack of diamonds. You win the opening lead in your hand, what’s your plan? Play on hearts? Play a club to the ace?

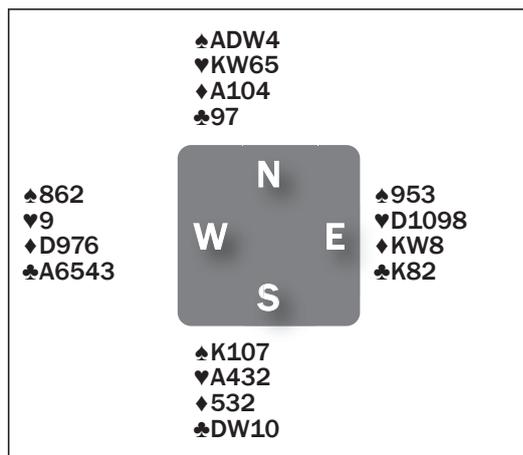
CAŁA NAPRZÓD!

Marek Wójcicki

Tego tytułu używam po raz drugi... Tym razem w odniesieniu do juniorów, którzy doskonale zegrali dzisiejsze mecze i prowadzą w turnieju. Pełną moc trzeba utrzymać dalej...

Popatrzmy na trzy rozdania będące ilustracją tego, jak grali dzisiaj:

Polska – Węgry, rozd. 7. Obie po, rozd. S



W	N	E	S
Konkoly	Bielawski	Szirmay-Ka	Niajko
pas	1BA	pas	pas
pas...			3BA!

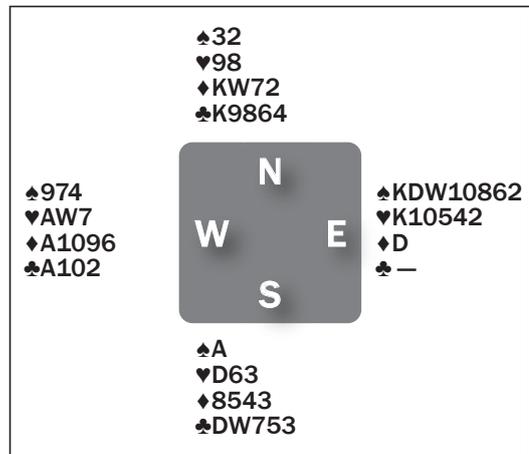
Sławek Niajko zrobił dobry ruch, licytując 3BA – zwykle jest to dobra strategia z układem 4333 i słabą czwórką starszą. Pierwszym profitem z tego było wyładowanie w 3BA, a nie w bezszansowych 4♥.

Drugi zysk nastąpił na wiście. W zaatakował, dość naturalnie, dziesiątką kier. Rozgrywający miał już 8 lew, ale musiał sobie wyrobić dziewiątą w treflach. Przeszedł więc do stołu, przejmując waleta pik królem i teraz, zgodnie z prawidłami sztuki, ruszył w ten kolor młodszy, w którym miał więcej kart. Zagrał ze stołu karo, kładąc dziesiątkę. E wziął na waleta i doszedł do wniosku, że jedyną szansą obłożenia jest wyrobienie trefli. Faktycznie, doszło do wyrobienia dwóch fort treflowych partnerowi, ale w międzyczasie lewę treflową dostał także rozgrywający – dziewiątą, brakującą do kompletu.

Sławek zastosował tutaj starą technikę, znaną ze wschodnich sztuk walki – „słabość maskuj pozorami siły”. Po lewie na waleta karo, E musiałby przeprowadzić bardzo głęboką analizę, aby znaleźć drogę do obłożenia kontraktu – odwrót królem karo.

W meczu z Włochami Piotrek Tuczyński okazał się prawdziwym seryjnym mordercą. W dwóch kolejnych rozdaniach stanął przed trudnym zadaniem schwywania dam kierowych:

Rozd. 8. Obie przed, rozd. W



	W	N	E	S
	Klukowski	di Franco	Tuczyński	Zanasi
1♣		pas	1♠	pas
1BA		pas	2♦ ¹⁾	pas
2♠		pas	4♣ ²⁾	pas
4♦		pas	5♣	pas
5♥		pas	6♣	pas...

¹⁾ forsujące do dogranej, układ dowolny

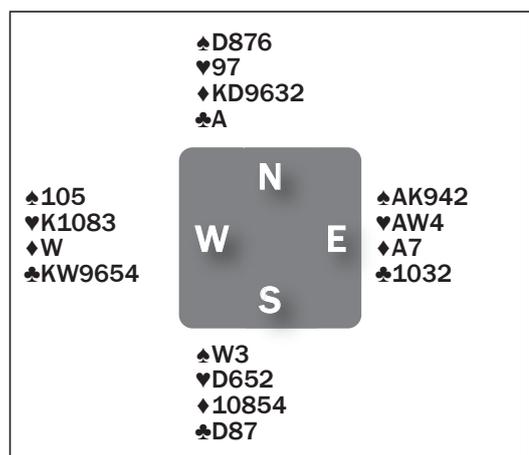
²⁾ krótkość

Tuczyński nie ukontentował się po 1BA prymitywnym skokiem w 4♣, jak uczyniłoby wielu, ale ruszył do szlemika. S wyszedł ♣D i po wyłożeniu dziadka sytuacja nie była rewelacyjna. Na ♣A kier z ręki i atut. S wziął na asa i skrócił rozgrywającego treflem. Odatutowanie i ♦D. Od S nie ujawnił się król. As ze stołu i problem sprowadził się do kierów.

Wszyscy kibice polskiej drużyny zamarli – Tuczek jest znanym wyznawcą teorii „dama za waletem”. Ale nie tym razem! Przebił karo w ręce, zgrał ♥K i zaimpasował waletem, realizując kontrakt. 11 imp dla Polski, ponieważ na drugim stole Włosi zatrzymali się w końcówce, biorąc także 12 lew.

Kolejne rozdanie było nieco bardziej złożone:

Rozd. 9. WE po, rozd. N



W	N	E	S
Klukowski	di Franco	Tuczyński	Zanasi
	1♦	1♠	pas
1BA	2♦	ktr.	3♦
4♦	pas	4♥	pas...

Klukowski zastosował odzywkę, którą Zia określiły jako „polski Splinter” – partnerze, mam krótkość w karach, jak masz jakiegos longera, to mamy gierkę”. Być może Tuczyński mógł powiedzieć teraz 4♠, ale czy byłoby wtedy o czym opowiadać? Myślę, że poprawna odzywką Klukowskiego byłoby 4♣.

Ale popatrzmy na 4♥. S zaatakował w karo, a waleta ze stołu N pobił damą. Rozgrywający wziął asem. Rozdanie wy-

gląda jak klasyczny problem „Czy umiesz rozgrywać?” Przy takich problemach z kontrolą atutową, jak tutaj, trzeba zacząć od wyrabiania bocznego koloru – trefl do waleta. N wziął na asa i zagrał króla karo. Tuczyński, aby nie dać się skrócić, wyrzucił ze stołu pika. N zagrał teraz w ten kolor. As z ręki i gra zaczęła się sprowadzać do trafienia damy atu. Tym razem byliśmy spokojniejsi – „dama za waletem”. To oczywiście żart, bo w świetle licytacji – sześciu kar u N, długość kierowa była bardziej prawdopodobna u S. Piotrek zagrał waleta kier, puszcżając w dziadku. Gdy wziął tą lewą, przeszedł do stołu królem kier, wrócił do ręki asem atu i zagrał trefla na impas damy. Swoje i kolejne punkty dla Polski, gdyż w pokoju zamkniętym nasi grali 4♦ bez trzech za 150.

Daily Play Problem 7 – Solution

	♠Q108		
	♥654		
	♦Q65		
	♣A652		
		N	
♠754		W	E
♥KQ103			
♦J108			
♣KJ10			
		S	
	♠AKJ93		♠62
	♥J872		♥A9
	♦AK3		♦9742
	♣3		♣Q9874

The best method to set up the hearts is to play low from your hand twice. If the suit breaks 3-3 or West has only two honours the contract will be safe. The defense will defend best by returning trumps every time they get in, therefore that method will fail when the full lay-out is as above.

Instead, you should play on a reverse dummy. Win the opening lead in your hand, play a club to dummy's ace and ruff a club high. Cash the king of diamonds and play a diamond to dummy's queen, ruff another club high and enter dummy with a trump to finally get a third club ruff high, then you have all the tricks you need.

If you suspect that the diamonds might be 5-2, you shouldn't cash the king of diamonds (use the entry to ruff clubs) and you can still make it if trumps are 3-2 or if you later on will be able to win your last diamond trick.

SORRY PARTNER

'Kuba', Jakub Wojcieszek of the Polish Junior team, wishes to apologize to his partner, Pawel Jassem, for his poor behavior during the team's match against Norway. It was just the stress of the moment and he promises to try to behave better in the future.



Cathedral in Wrocław by night Photo: Piotr Syryca

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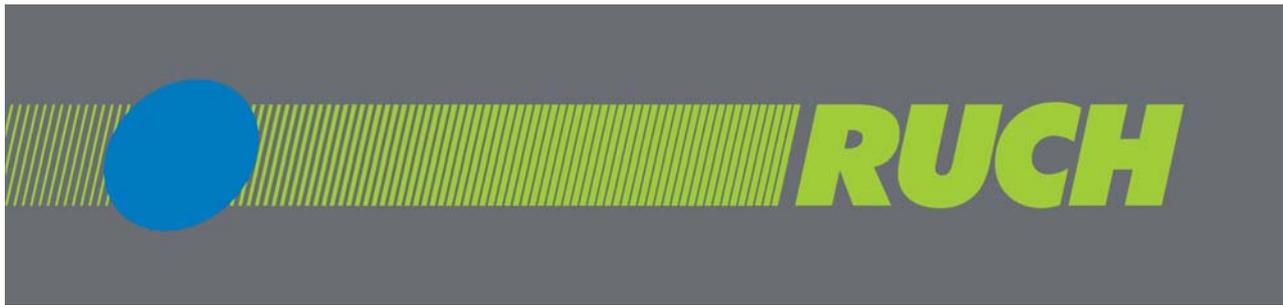
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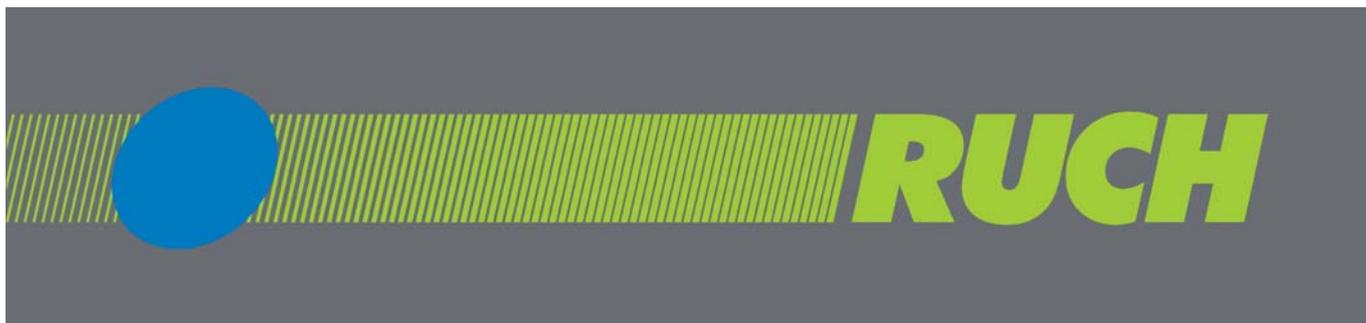
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