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Boye Brogeland, World Champion

Anders Brogeland, 10 years old

*Anders Brogeland: "I expect to become a better player than my dad!"
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It is crunch time in the U16 Championship, with just two matches to go to decide who will go home with the European title and the gold, silver and bronze medals. The medals appear to be between France, Sweden, Poland and Netherlands, with fifth-placed England over 15 VPs behind third-placed Netherlands.

In the Ladies Championship, France continues to pull away from the rest. They are followed, at a distance, by the Netherlands.

The U26 and U21 events each played only one match yesterday so little changed at the top. England still leads the U26s from Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Poland and Germany, while Netherlands tops the U21 rankings, followed by France, Sweden, Czech Republic, Israel and Latvia.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

	U26	U21	Ladies	U16
10:00:	R8	R8	R10	R10
13:45:	GROUP PHOTO (AT THE VENUE)			
14:00:	R9	R9	R11	R11
17:10:	-	-	R12	-
19:00:	U16 PRIZE GIVING (AT "THE EDGE")			



**DRAW TODAY****U26 ROUND 8**

BBO 3		SWE	NED	
		POR	POL	
		AUT	FIN	
		FRA	WAL	
		ITA	DEN	
		NOR	GRE	
BBO 2		ISR	ENG	
		BUL	GER	
		TUR	HUN	

TIME: 10.00**U26 ROUND 9**

		TUR	SWE	
		HUN	BUL	
		GER	ISR	
BBO 3		ENG	NOR	
		GRE	ITA	
		DEN	FRA	
		WAL	AUT	
		FIN	POR	
BBO 2		POL	NED	

TIME: 14.00**U21 ROUND 8**

		SWE	DEN	
		NOR	POL	
BBO 1		ISR	FRA	
		HUN	FIN	
BBO 4		NED	ITA	
		RUS	CZE	
		LAT	SCO	
		GER	ENG	

TIME: 10.00**U21 ROUND 9**

BBO 4		SWE	GER	
		ENG	LAT	
		SCO	RUS	
BBO 1		CZE	NED	
		ITA	HUN	
		FIN	ISR	
		FRA	NOR	
		POL	DEN	

TIME: 14.00**LADIES ROUND 10**

		NED	NOR	
		HUN	ITA	
		FRA	POL	

TIME: 10.00**LADIES ROUND 11**

		NED	FRA	
		POL	HUN	
		ITA	NOR	

TIME: 14.00**LADIES ROUND 12**

BBO 1		HUN	NED	
BBO 2		FRA	NOR	
BBO 3		POL	ITA	

TIME: 17.10**U16 ROUND 10**

		ISR	FRA	
		SCO	ENG	
		CZE	SWE	
		GER	HUN	
		NED	IRE	
		NOR	POL	

TIME: 10.00**U16 ROUND 11**

		CZE	FRA	
		GER	SCO	
		NED	ISR	
		NOR	ENG	
		POL	SWE	
		IRE	HUN	

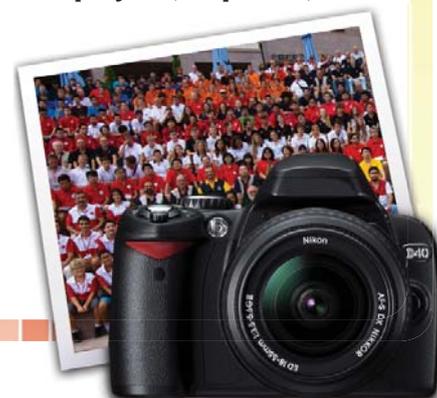
TIME: 14.00

PHOTO

We would like to take a group photograph of everybody – all the players, captains, officials and workers at these championships.

Could you all please come and meet just outside the venue at 13:45 today lunchtime for us to take the photos.

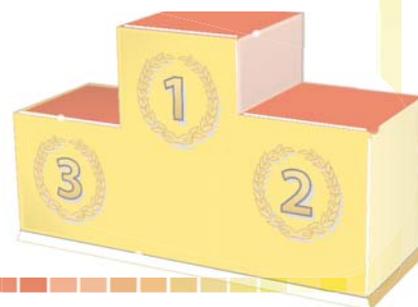
Thank you



U16 PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

The prize giving ceremony for the Kids (U16s) Championship will be held today evening, starting time 7-00 pm.

The ceremony will be held at The Edge Hotel, in the same room as the Opening Ceremony.



TEAM PROFILES

We would like to publish in the Daily Bulletin as many team profiles as possible.

A profile need only be a couple of sentences about each member of the team. This can be humorous – we have had some very clever ones at previous championships – but should also include some facts about each team-member please.

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You can also use this email if you want to send us any good hands or stories from the championships.

Thank you.





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73 Likes, July 21 at 1.30 pm



180 Likes, July 20 at 1.30 pm



190 Likes, July 20 at 1.30 pm

Best photo from Day 4

Best photo from Day 5

Best photo from Day 6

**YOUNGEST PLAYER**by **Patrick Jourdain**

In 1996 Boye Brogeland was in the Norwegian Junior team that won the gold medal in Cardiff. Later he has gone on to win medals of every colour in both European and World Open Championships. With his wife, Tonje, he has also won gold in the European Mixed Teams.

19 years after his Junior gold medal his son Anders, born 18th April 2005, and therefore ten years old, is the youngest player in Tromsø, competing on Norway's Under 16 team. He is eligible for another four years for that age group.

Dad was watching the match between Norway and France in Round 6 when his son picked up the 6-1-6-0 shape South hand:

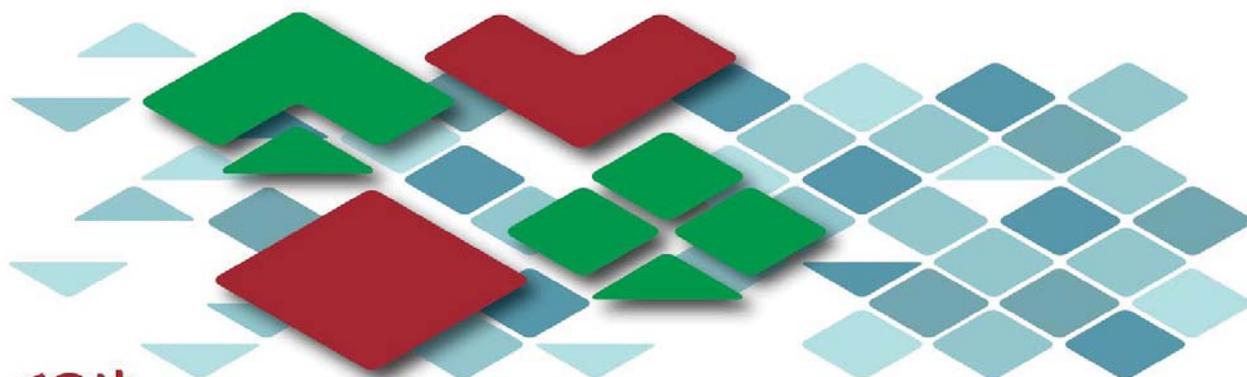
Round 6

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ 10 9 5		
	♥ A 8 7 6 5 3		
	♦ Q 10		
	♣ 8 5		
♠ K 6 2		♠ A	
♥ Q 10 2		♥ K 9 4	
♦ J 5 3		♦ 6 4	
♣ A 7 4 3		♣ KQJ10962	
	♠ Q J 8 7 4 3		
	♥ J		
	♦ A K 9 8 7 2		
	♣ -		

West	North	East	South
	Austad		Anders
Pass	2♠	3♣	1♠
5♣	5♠	All Pass	4♠

Anders and his partner, Marius Austad had done well to reach their optimum spot. Anders brought home Five Spades for a flat board when the result at the other table was 4♠ +1.

**Marius Austad, Norway U16****13th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships**

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U26 ROUND 6



NORWAY vs TURKEY



by Brian Senior

It is time to take a look at the host country. Norway has a strong tradition in Youth bridge and lay third going into their Round 6 match against Turkey in the U26 competition.

After two flat boards, the first swing came on this board. You might imagine, looking at the two contracts, that the swing could have been a major one – not so.



The Open Room of the match



Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Aydin	Grude	Tukenmez	Hegge
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Gundersen	Kapusuz	Flaatt	Aydogdu
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	3♣
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

Kristoffer Hegge opened the South hand and that got his side an uncontested auction. The 1NT response went up to 12 HCP but was not forcing but, of course, Hegge introduced his second suit and now Tor Eivind Grude jumped to 3♥. I think that invitational hands with three-card support could start with 2♣, so this should show only a doubleton heart and imply a diamond fit, but I may be inventing an agreement that doesn't actually exist. Anyway, 3♥ looks strange if I am wrong, while Hegge's failure to correct to 4♦ looks strange if I am right, so...

Fatih Aydin led his singleton diamond so Hegge won the king and played ace and another trump, losing to the king. Aydin played king then a second spade but Hegge could ruff and draw trumps then cash the diamonds and had nine tricks for +140.

Things were rather different in the other room, where Ataman Aydogdu did not see an opening bid in the South cards and it was Espen Flaatt, East, who kicked off the bidding with 1♠. Aydogdu now made an exclusion two-suited overcall and that allowed Yusuf Kapusuz to compete with 5♦ over Anders Gundersen's raise to 4♠. When 5♦ came back to him, Gundersen took the push to 5♠ and nobody had anything more to say.

Aydogdu led the queen of hearts and, when that held, a second heart to the ace. Kapusuz switched to ace and another diamond so Flaatt ruffed and drew trumps then played ace and another club and was down two for –200 and 2 IMPs to Turkey.



The score was unchanged as we moved on to Board 7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aydin	Grude	Tukenmez	Hegge
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	1NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gundersen	Kapusuz	Flaatt	Aydogdu
–	–	–	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Gundersen opened a five-card weak two bid – six-card suits go through a multi 2♦ opening – and that shut everyone out.

Kapusuz led the two of hearts, third and fifth, to Aydogdu's jack and Aydogdu switched to a trump, Kapusuz playing three rounds, Aydogdu throwing a diamond. Gundersen won in dummy and led a club to the jack. When that held the trick he switched his attention to diamonds, Kapusuz winning the ace and returning the queen of hearts, ruffed. Gundersen led his low diamond next and Aydogdu had to win the ten and was endplayed. He returned a low club which was won cheaply in dummy and now Gundersen led the king of hearts to pin North's ten – North was marked with only three cards by his third and fifth lead of the two. Very nicely done, and he could now cash the queen of diamonds then overtake the club king with the ace to cash the established nine of hearts for his eighth trick; +110.

Aydin did not have an opening bid for the West hand so passed and his partner's 1♥ overcall did not encourage him to join in on what appeared to be a misfit. Hegge declared 1NT and Aydogdu led a low spade, ducked to Can Erden Tukenmez's jack. Tukenmez switched to the ten of clubs, covered by the queen and king, and Aydin continued with jack and a third club. Tukenmez cashed the

fourth club, dummy pitching two diamonds, then switched back to spades but declarer could pick up four heart tricks to go with two spades and the ace of diamonds so had seven tricks for +90 and 5 IMPs to Norway, who led by 5-2.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aydin	Grude	Tukenmez	Hegge
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Gundersen	Kapusuz	Flaatt	Aydogdu
1♣	2♥	Dble	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Grude opened a multi, six-card major or strong balanced, and 2♥ was pass or correct. A club was led to the king, ducked, and Tukenmez switched to a spade, Hegge winning the ace and taking a losing heart finesse. Back came the ten of diamonds and he went wrong by putting up the king. From here he made four trump tricks and the ace of clubs so was down two for –100.

Gundersen opened the West hand and Kapusuz made a weak jump overcall. Flaatt made a negative double and, when Gundersen showed a heart stopper, raised to the thin 3NT. Kapusuz led the jack of hearts so Gundersen put up dummy's queen and played on clubs, Aydogdu ducking until the third round. Winning the ace of clubs, Aydogdu returned a low diamond round to dummy's ten. Gundersen cashed the clubs, pitching two hearts from hand, then led the queen of diamonds to the king and continued with another diamond. Aydogdu, who had pitched a diamond on the run of the clubs, won that and exited with his last diamond but declarer won that and played the queen of spades and had to come to two of the last three tricks and his contract for +400 and 7 IMPs to Norway; 15-2.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aydin	Grude	Tukenmez	Hegge
-	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gundersen	Kapusuz	Flaatt	Aydogdu
-	Pass	1♦	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

When his opponents found their heart fit, Aydin could make a game try double of 3♥ and then respected Tukenmez's decision not to bid game. Grude led the ten of clubs to the jack, queen and ace and, with too many top losers, Aydin of course played on diamonds, throwing both heart losers away, before playing the jack of spades from the dummy and, when that was ducked, continuing the suit. He lost only the ace of spades and king of clubs so had eleven tricks for +200.

At the other table, N/S did not compete in hearts and Gundersen just bid the spade game. If the defence could cash two hearts then switch to clubs, the game would be defeated, but Kapusuz too led the ten of clubs. Play started in the same way as in the other room, but here Aydogdu won the first spade to give his partner a club ruff. That, however, only saved the overtrick, though that was worth an IMP, and Gundersen was home with ten tricks for +620 and 9 IMPs to Norway, whose lead was up to 21-2.

After an overtrick IMP to Turkey to complete the first half of the match, Board 11 had plenty of potential for action.


Ataman Aydogdu, Turkey Under 26

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aydin	Grude	Tukenmez	Hegge
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	2♠	3♣	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Gundersen	Kapusuz	Flaatt	Aydogdu
-	-	-	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	3♦
4♣	4♠	5♣	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

Grude's immediate spade raise meant that Hegge could simply jump to 4♠ at his second turn without disclosing his hand-type. Aydin, with decent high-card strength, imagined that 5♠ was a save against 5♣, and doubled, only to find that declarer's six-six shape meant that there were just the two trump tricks for the defence to take; +650.

Kapusuz's 1NT response meant that Aydogdu had to show his second suit to offer an alternative game, and when he continued to describe his hand at his next turn by bidding 5♦, his opponents were warned off and nobody doubled. Aydogdu made 5♠, of course, but +450 meant 5 IMPs to Norway; 26-3.


Espen Flaatt, Norway U26

Norway led by 30-6 after 14 deals. This was Board 15.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aydin	Grude	Tukenmez	Hegge
-	-	-	2♠
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gundersen	Kapusuz	Flaatt	Aydogdu
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Hegge had another of those five-card weak two bids and, though slightly light on high cards, Aydin felt obliged to overcall with his strong hearts and six-four distribution. Looking at 12 HCP but only a singleton heart, it was natural for Tukenmez to try 3NT. Had Aydin judged to go back to hearts, it would have taken a diamond ruff to ensure the defeat of the heart game, but that would still have been better than E/W's fate in 3NT.


Yusuf Berkay Kapusuz, Turkey U26

If I didn't know better, I would swear that the play record was the operator's idea of a joke. Hegge led a low spade to the queen and, when that was ducked, Grude switched to the four of clubs to the six and seven. Hegge played the jack of spades and, when that was ducked, switched to a heart, declarer winning the queen in hand and cutting himself off (hopefully from his point of view only temporarily) from the rest of the heart suit. Tukenmez led a diamond to the queen and ace and Grude returned a spade. Tukenmez won the ace and laid down the king of diamonds in hope of an even split. When that did not materialise, he exited with the ten of spades and Hegge cashed his spades then led a low club to the ten and king. And that was declarer's last trick – down five for –250.

Everything was completely different in the other room, where there was no weak two bid and E/W had the auction to themselves. That enabled the Norwegian pair to get to diamonds, but at a slightly optimistic level, needing both the club ace onside and diamonds to play for one loser. It was not to be. The defence began with three rounds of clubs so declarer ruffed and, with no clues from the auction, led a diamond to the king so had two trump losers for down two and –100 but +4 IMPs to Norway; 34-6.

Norway picked up an overtrick IMP to increase the lead to 35-6, and then came the final opportunity in the set for a significant swing.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Aydin	Grude	Tukenmez	Hegge
-	2♥	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Gundersen	Kapusuz	Flaatt	Aydogdu
-	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		


Kristoffer Hegge, Norway U26

These five-card weak twos do seem to come up a lot, don't they? Tukenmez, East, chose to show his five-card major rather than overcall 2NT and get across the overall hand-type and strength, and 2♠ ended the auction.

The five of hearts was led to the four, two and queen and Tukenmez led the three of clubs, hoping to gain entry to the dummy for a spade finesse. Hegge, however, rose with the ace and returned the club ten to the king and ruff, and Grude played the heart ten, suit preference, through to ruff out the ace. Hegge sacrificed his trump trick now to prevent diamond ruffs in the dummy. He returned the king of spades to declarer's ace and Tukenmez drew the missing trumps then exited with a low diamond and could only come to his trump tricks; down two for -100.

Once again, what was a weak two bid for Norway did not look like a weak two bid in Turkish style. Flaatt opened a strong no trump and Gundersen responded 3♣, natural and invitational with a good suit. Perhaps the disciplined action is to pass when looking at a small doubleton club, but Flaatt could not resist introducing his strong five-card major, and Gundersen bid the inevitable 3NT.

Aydogdu led a low diamond to the jack and king. Flaatt led the nine of clubs to dummy's king then ran the seven of spades to the ten. I'm not sure that many would have chosen that play - you can see what he had in mind, that North might have a four-card spade holding including the ten, but it was not a success. Not that anything else was going to bring home this contract without a lot of help from the defence. Aydogdu returned his heart to the king and ace and Flaatt played ace then queen of spades. This time Aydogdu led a low diamond after winning the trick and the defence cashed out for down three and -150; 2 IMPs to Turkey.

The match ended in a 38-8 IMP victory for Norway, translating to 16.23-3.77 VPs.


Can Erdem Tukenmez, Turkey U26



UNDER 21 ROUND 7



FRANCE vs RUSSIA



by Patrick Jourdain



The Closed Room of the match

After six rounds of the U21 France held the lead and their opponents were Russia, lying 11th. The match reported here was swingy yet close.

The action began at once:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrene	Zubov	Beugin	Skarzhinsky
	1♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣(i)	Pass	4♥(i)
Pass	4NT(ii)	Pass	5♠(iii)
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- (i) Cuebid
- (ii) Keycard for spades
- (iii) Two keys and trump queen

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vysheslavov	Bellicaud	Zvezdin	Basler
	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Dble	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

The French auction looks more standard than the Russian and reached the better slam, both in theory and practice.

South playing in Six Spades was not blessed with Deep Finesse sight so he tackled the trumps normally, playing to the jack, hoping for the suit 3-3 or Kx onside. When that failed he was one off.

Thanks to the double of 3♥ Bellicaud, in 6NT as North, received a heart lead. This lost to the king but the next heart was won in dummy and declarer relied on the diamond finesse, claiming when the repeat showed the suit was coming in. France was off to a fast start of 14 IMPs.



Nikolay Skarzhinsky, Russia U21

There was better news for Russia next:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrene	Zubov	Beugin	Skarzhinsky
Pass	2♣(i)	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♦(ii)
All Pass		Pass	2NT

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Vysheslavov	Bellicaud	Zvezdin	Basler
Pass	2♣(i)	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦(ii)
All Pass		Pass	3NT

(i) and (ii) Standard Stayman



Luc Bellicaud, France U21

Again the French auction to 3NT looks standard whereas the Russian is difficult to follow. If North's 2♥ was not invitational you would expect South to pass, if it was, you expect them to be in game.

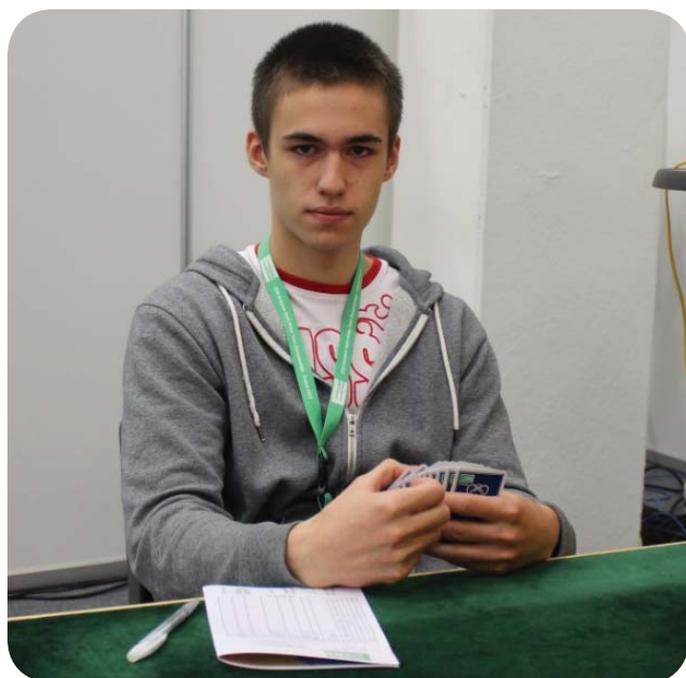
3NT can make on a diamond lead by starting the spades with the ace. When the jack falls (Zia would drop the jack from J9 doubleton) you cross to a heart and finesse ♠7 to make three spades, four hearts and two diamonds. Alternatively you duck diamonds twice to cut off West's suit, and then guess the clubs to succeed.

When Basler received the ♦10 lead his first discard from dummy was a spade, giving up that chance of nine tricks. But the line he chose was sensible.

East actually did not overtake the ten and hence blocked the suit but declarer ducked twice anyway, successfully removing the threat of West's diamonds.

On winning the third diamond all hinged on the club guess. Basler sensibly played for West, who had the long diamonds, to have the shorter clubs, so he began the clubs by playing to the jack and king. East switched to a heart showing he had no more diamonds. But now when Basler led a low club from hand the bare ace did not appear. He had lost two diamonds and three clubs to fail by one trick.

Skarzhinsky for Russia was only in 2NT. He also received a diamond lead but discarded a club from dummy. He won the first diamond and tried a low spade to the jack and king. That meant he only made two spade tricks but when the hearts came in he had the eight he needed; 6 IMPs to Russia.



Zigfrid Zvezdin, Russia U21

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrene	Zubov	Beugin	Skarzhinsky
1♥	Dble	2♣	2♠
3♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

As Four Spades can be made despite the 4-1 break one could argue this auction ended in the right spot, the rare profitable sacrifice at unfavourable vulnerability; 200 to Russia At the other table France was allowed to play 4♠ but declarer mishandled the play to go three off for a further 8 IMPs to Russia. The match was tied 14-14. There was no respite;

The simple auction 1NT - 3NT occurred at both tables and North led a spade, won by West who followed with the heart queen.

Zubov unwisely covered this and when the nine was finessed on the way back declarer had four tricks in the suit. He tried for an overtrick in clubs but then simply cashed the top diamonds for nine tricks.

Bellicaud, North for France, did better by not covering the heart queen, but then covering the jack which followed. That held declarer to three heart tricks, so he needed three diamond tricks. When South won the ♥10 he continued spades, declarer ducking and then winning the next to cash his good heart.

North discarded the good spade and West may have taken this as suggesting North was hanging on to the diamond queen. He committed himself at once by finessing the ♦10 and when that lost there was no recovery.

Had declarer delayed his decision by playing a club to the ten he might have been able to read both defenders for holding diamonds and exit with a club to come to the last three tricks. Anyway, it was 12 IMPs to France 26-14.

France gained another 3 IMPs on Board 5.


Raphael Basler, France U21

Board 6 was the grand slam bid at all tables but one in the Under 26s but it is worth comparing the auctions:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dufrene</i>	<i>Zubov</i>	<i>Beugin</i>	<i>Skarzhinsky</i>
Pass	2♦(i)	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♥(iii)	Pass	4NT(ii)
Pass	6♥(v)	Pass	5NT(iv)
All Pass		Pass	7NT

South opened an exceptionally strong 1♠.

(i) 2♦ was alerted as game-forcing allowing South to repeat his spades at the lowest level and then take control when partner bid game.

(ii) 4NT was keycard. North showed two keys and both red kings when South followed with 5NT so it was an easy and safe 7NT for South.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vysheslavov</i>	<i>Bellicaud</i>	<i>Zvezdin</i>	<i>Basler</i>
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	6♣

South made the more usual start of 2♣ but the auction beyond 3NT might have been misunderstood by some partnerships. However, Bellicaud and Basler seemed to know what they doing with 4NT being keycard for spades, South's 5♦ were 0 or 3, and after the Five Heart enquiry



Vsevolod Zubov, Russia U21

6♣ showed the queen of spades and the king of clubs. This was the first push of the match.

Back to normal (i.e. a swing) on the next deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dufrene</i>	<i>Zubov</i>	<i>Beugin</i>	<i>Skarzhinsky</i>
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	2♠
			All Pass

Five of a minor can be beaten though probably would be allowed to make. 5♦ can be beaten by a club lead as declarer cannot reach dummy for a diamond finesse before South gets in within a heart to give North a ruff. And 5♣ can be beaten by heart leads as declarer cannot draw trumps.

In practice East tried 3NT after opponents bid spades. He had plenty of tricks and the spades well stopped but..... South led a heart and the defence cashed the first seven tricks for 300 to Russia.

At the other table France was in a makeable 3♥. West led a singleton spade. Dummy won and led a club. East won, cashed ♦K and led ♠Q which West ruffed. A second diamond was ruffed, maybe wrongly, with a small trump. The contract is still there but South went adrift to go one off. Russia had gained 9 IMPs; 29-23 to France.



The next deal gave an interesting system problem:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

How would you play by East, double, 3♣ and 3♥?

East said he meant double followed by 3♦ as forcing. If so West would have shown a heart stop and East could have bid the 3NT made at the other table. This misunderstanding was worth 7 IMPs to Russia who therefore took the lead for the first time 30-29.

On Board 9 France gained 1 IMP to tie the scores and on Board 10 pushed the auction one level higher to gain 3. The half-time score was 33-30.

The second half proved tighter but the match ended in the first dead heat of the championships, 44-44 and therefore 10 VPs each with however many decimal points you care to add.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dufrene	Zubov	Beugin	Skarzhinsky
1♦	2NT(i)	Dble	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass



(i) 2NT showed the lower two suits

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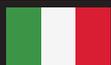


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UNDER 26 ROUND 7



ITALY vs SWEDEN



by **Maurizio Di Sacco**

I have to warn you: you need to be of age to read any further, because the story I am going to tell you is rather spicy.

Italy and Sweden were two of the Championship's pre-favourites, but if you can say that the Nordics were fulfilling their hopes, the same did not apply to the Italians, lying just eighth, after too many ups and downs.

The match started quietly, with a flat game easily bid and made in both rooms (however, the Swedes scored their 420 in 5♦+1, and the Italians in 4♠) but Board 2 already gave the spectators an appetizer of what was going to follow.

the best lead for South: the ♠J. All he had to do was to handle the clubs correctly to end up with eleven tricks. A success for the weak NT played by N/S, since the low level attracted the rather normal, though disastrous, overcall.

Giuseppe Delle Cave was much more tested by the ♦10 lead, but he received good help from East, who decided to not overtake his partner's card, thus blocking the suit. Had he done otherwise, the only successful line for South would have been to play for spades to produce three tricks, starting with the ace or dummy's queen. I can only say that it was not odds on for declarer to find the winning play.

When Delle Cave played a heart to dummy then a club up, East got a second chance to make declarer's life harder, putting up his king. To succeed, South needed now to win to keep the suit blocked. But when he ducked, the defense was finally powerless. West desperately ducked, but South continued with a spade toward dummy and, when the Jack appeared, and eventually the hearts produced four tricks, he was home and dry for 2 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

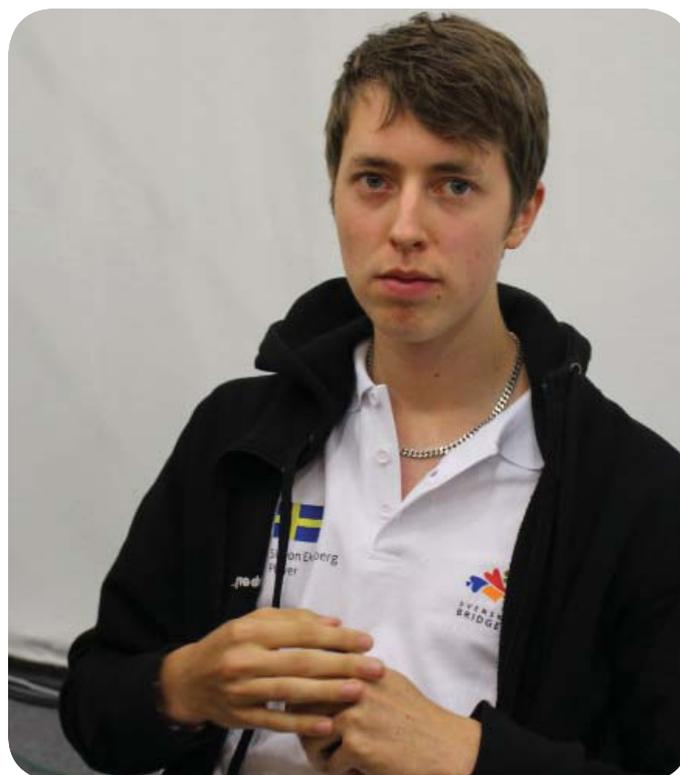
Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Zanasi</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Delle Cave</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	2♦
All Pass		Pass	3NT

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Donati</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Gandoglia</i>	<i>Ekenberg</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♣
Pass	3NT	1♠	1NT
		All Pass	

Ekenberg didn't have any problem in his 3NT, since Gandoglia's 'lead directing' overcall led to



Simon Ekenberg, Sweden U26



7 IMPs went the same direction after some aggressive bidding.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist	Zanasi	Gullberg	Delle Cave
			1♦
1♥	Dble	2♣	2♠
3♣	4♠	5♣	5♠
6♣	6♦	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Hult	Gandoglia	Ekenberg
			1♦
1♥	1♠	2♣	3♠
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

In the Closed Room, North decided to take his money in 5♣, while Delle Cave first stretched to bid 5♠ and then, after West's ill-fated 6♣, Zanasi gave full credit to his partner and, aware of the double fit, bid 6♦. The lead of the ace of hearts gave away a trick, but Sweden still scored a plus in both rooms.

An (almost) real flat board followed: 3NT+1 where both North felt compelled to lead away from king-third in hearts, instead of jack-fourth in spades, at the cost of an overtrick. Then came something much more exciting.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist	Zanasi	Gullberg	Delle Cave
			3♣
3♦	1♦	1♥	
	3NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Hult	Gandoglia	Ekenberg
			1NT
	1♦	Pass	
All Pass			

1NT is no thing of beauty, but it made, while the Italians were much more aggressive. However, if 3♣ is the right bid with South's cards North's 3NT looks over optimistic, to say the least.

However, North won the heart lead, throwing a club from dummy. When he advanced a small diamond toward dummy, East produced the queen. This was not fatal but, when he continued with a club and West decided to win it, the impossible contract suddenly became lay-down. But it was not to be.

Unaware of the diamond situation, Zanasi won the heart continuation and rattled off dummy's five clubs, but misjudged the ending, trying for what was in reality an impossible end position, and went two down. That meant 7 IMPs away, instead of 11 in the bag.

A straightforward Seven Spades followed, bid by both pairs, then Italy got onto the scoreboard and in a big way, making the match even.



Giovanni Donati, Italy U26





Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A K 5 4 2
♥ K 7 3 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ 3

♠ 6
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 8 7 6
♣ K Q J 8 6 5



♠ 9 8 3
♥ A Q J 10 4
♦ 10
♣ 10 9 7 2

♠ Q J 10 7
♥ 9
♦ A K J 5 3 2
♣ A 4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist	Zanasi	Gullberg	Delle Cave

Pass	1♠	2♦	2♥
3♣	3♦	3♥	4♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Hult	Gandoglia	Ekenberg

Pass	1♠	2♦	3♥
4♣	4♥	5♦	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dble	All Pass

Delle Cave played nicely to bring home his game, but the Italians secured a top score in the other room when they decided to 'save' in Five Diamonds, a makeable contract (Five Clubs is better). Uncertain about the situation, Hult decided to bid on, and imperfect play resulted in 800 and a massive total of 16 IMPs to Italy.



Alessandro Gandoglia, Italy U26

Sweden scored 3, 3 and 4 IMPs on the following three boards, all thanks to some odd bridge by the Italian N/S, who repeatedly overstretched. Then Italy struck two consecutive blows.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K 9 2
♥ A J 8 7 6
♦ K 9
♣ Q 3 2

♠ 4
♥ K 9 5 4 2
♦ 10
♣ A K 10 8 7 4



♠ A Q J 5
♥ Q 10 3
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ 9 5

♠ 10 8 7 6 3
♥ -
♦ A Q 7 6 4 3
♣ J 6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist	Zanasi	Gullberg	Delle Cave

1♣	1♥	Dble	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Hult	Gandoglia	Ekenberg

1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

Warned about the bad distribution, Donati played beautifully to land his doubled contract. He won the club lead, and finessed in spades, then got rid of his diamond loser on the ace of spades and ducked a club. North won this, and belatedly tried a diamond, but West was in control: he repeatedly pushed clubs through North and, guessing correctly what to ruff in hand, came to a winning final position.

In the other room, West's decision to open 1♣ led to E/W's best suit to being picked off by North's normal overcall, and Delle Cave ended up peacefully in Two Diamonds, failing by one trick; 10 IMPs to Italy.

With the match even once more, Italy immediately added another 10 IMPs.





The Open Room of the match

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ J 8 7 4
♥ A 10 8 5 2
♦ K 9 4 2
♣ -

♠ A 9 6 3 2
♥ 7
♦ Q 8
♣ A J 6 4 2



♠ K Q 5
♥ 6
♦ J 3
♣ K Q 10 9 8 5 3

♠ 10
♥ K Q J 9 4 3
♦ A 10 7 6 5
♣ 7

a heart to the nine. North won the third heart and, instead of continuing on the right track, decided to try his luck in diamonds. Ouch! Donati won with his eight and played a spade, and eventually came to nine tricks.

These fireworks basically ended the show: Italy and Sweden added respectively 5 and 2 IMPs in bits and pieces, and Italy emerged victorious by 41-28, which translated to 13.20-6.80 in VPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist	Zanasi	Gullberg	Delle Cave
	Pass	1♥	1NT
Dble	Pass	2♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Hult	GandogliaEkenberg	
	Pass	1♥	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Delle Cave's decision to get funny worked badly, in principle, since it kept his opponents out of game, but eventually resulted in a huge dividend when Donati, for the second time in a row, managed to land an impossible contract.

He won the spade lead in hand and, bearing in mind South's pre-empt, continued brilliantly with



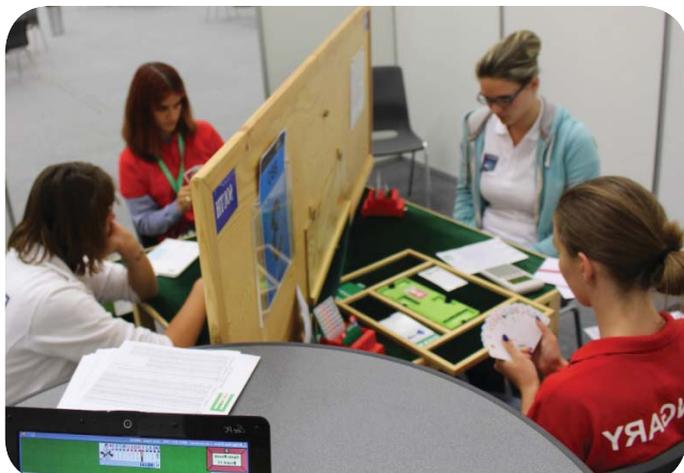
Simon Hult, Sweden U26



U21 ROUND 8



FRANCE vs HUNGARY


 by **Brian Senior**


The Open Room of the match

It was top against bottom when France met Hungary in Round 8 of the Ladies series. Would we see a giant-killing act from the struggling Hungarian team, or would France stretch their impressive lead at the top even further ahead of the rest of the field?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A K 3		
	♥ A Q 10 8 3		
	♦ J 10 7 2		
	♣ 2		
♠ 6 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W S E S </div>	♠ J 9 8 7 4	
♥ K 9		♥ -	
♦ 9 8		♦ A Q 4 3	
♣ K Q J 10 7 6 3		♣ A 8 5 4	
	♠ Q 10 2		
	♥ J 7 6 5 4 2		
	♦ K 6 5		
	♣ 9		

West	North	East	South
Combescure	Revai	Thepaut	Z. Beko
-	1♥	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Ersek	Leleu	M. Beko	Thuillez
-	1♥	Dble	4♥
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

For France, Solene Thepaut-Ventos overcalled to get her fifth spade into the game then doubled for take-out to get the rest of her distribution involved. Or, at least, that was clearly her intention. The double was aggressive with only 11 HCP but it was absolutely necessary to give her partnership a chance of a good result. The only problem was that Sarah Combescure thought double was for penalty and passed. Instead of bidding 5♣ and either going down one or pushing the opposition up a level, the French pairs found themselves defending 4♥ doubled and that was quite cold.

Thepaut-Ventos led a spade so Hanna Revai won in dummy and took the heart finesse, cashed the ace of hearts then led the jack of diamonds. East won the ace and returned the queen, and now the club loser could go away on the fourth diamond and Revai had twelve tricks for +790.

In the other room, Maria Beko doubled the 1♥ opening and Laura Ersek bid 5♣ over the 4♥ raise. When Anais Leleu left that round to her partner, Mathilde Thuillez doubled – a dubious decision when looking at extra heart length and little defence.

Leleu cashed the ace of spades then switched to a diamond for the queen and king. Thuillez switched back to spades so that was an immediate one down for -100 but 12 IMPs to Hungary, the perfect start for the underdogs.



Hanna Revai, Hungary Ladies



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Revai</i>	<i>Thepaut</i>	<i>Z. Beko</i>
–	–	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	3NT	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Ersek</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>M. Beko</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♦	3♦	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

Zsafia Beko opened with a multi 2♦ and Revai inquired with 2NT. Now Thepaut-Ventos showed her minor two-suiter and Combescure jumped to 5♦. I find it quite scary that North did not bid a pass or correct 5♥ over that. Even if pass was clearly forcing, which was certainly not Beko's view, surely North should make the decision in front of her with such exceptional support for whichever major South held. Five Diamonds was cold with just the two aces to lose; +400.

Thuillez did not see a French-style weak two bid so passed as South and Ersek opened in third seat. Two Diamonds showed the majors and 3♦ was invitational – my style would be a bit more aggressive here, with a strong probability that my opponents were about to bid a major-suit game, I might just jump to 5♦ (or maybe 4NT if that was clearly agreed to be both minors, which it presumably should be by a passed hand). Anyway, Thuillez jumped to 4♠ and Leleu asked for key cards. Again, East might have bid 5♣, if only to test that her opponents knew their methods over intervention. Five Clubs showed one key card and Leleu quickly signed off. A heart ruff defeats 5♠, but how could Ersek find that lead? She led a diamond and that was eleven painless tricks for +650 and 14 IMPs to France for bidding and making game in both rooms.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Revai</i>	<i>Thepaut</i>	<i>Z. Beko</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ersek</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>M. Beko</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

Both Souths opened at the one level, not worrying about the fact that the 11-count included a bare king. Revai made a two-over-one response then raised to game, while Leleu showed an invitational or better hand with spade support and Thuillez signed off in 3♠.

Ersek led the king of diamonds against 3♠ then switched to the queen of hearts to the king and ace. Beko returned a heart but declarer won the jack, cashed the king of clubs and crossed to dummy with a diamond ruff. Her remaining red cards went away on the clubs and she just conceded a spade; ten tricks for +170.

Combescure too led the king of diamonds but Thepaut-Ventos overtook with the ace to switch to a low trump. Beko won dummy's ten, crossed to the king of clubs and ruffed a diamond, ruffed the low club and ruffed her last diamond, then threw a heart on the ace of clubs and led the club queen. East ruffed low so Beko over-ruffed and was down to the heart guess for her game. She led a spade to East's ace, ruffed the diamond return and, after some thought, led low to the king of hearts; down one for –50 and 6 IMPs to France when it could have been 6 IMPs the other way. France led by 21-12.

Declarer would have done better, after winning the ten of spades, to cross to the club king and

ruff a diamond, but then cash both ace and queen of clubs for heart pitches before leading the small club off the dummy. East would have been powerless to prevent her from getting rid of the last diamond.



Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Revai</i>	<i>Thepaut</i>	<i>Z. Beko</i>
–	–	1♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ersek</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>M. Beko</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>
–	–	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Would you balance with the North hand? It contains only 8 HCP including a bare queen, but does have the other major covered.

Revai did not bid so Thepaut-Ventos was left to play in 1♥. There was nowhere to park any of the losers so she lost two spades, two clubs and one in each red suit, making exactly for +80.

Leleu overcalled 2♣ and Beko bid 2♠ then, when Thuillez's club raise came back to her, came again with a double. That third call looks too much to me – the 2♠ bid already showed a strong hand as it committed them to the three level opposite simple heart preference, so East should trust partner and pass out 3♣. Three Clubs would have made exactly for 5 IMPs to France, while 3♥ had the same six losers as 1♥ so was down two for –200 and 7 IMPs to France. They led by 28-12.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Revai</i>	<i>Thepaut</i>	<i>Z. Beko</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ersek</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>M. Beko</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Both Wests opened with a strong and artificial 2♣ then rebid a game-forcing 2♠. Thepaut-Ventos splintered in support of spades and, on hearing a heart cuebid from partner, checked on key cards then bid the small slam. Beko raised 2♠ to 3♠ and heard a diamond cuebid. She too checked on key cards then bid 6♠.

It is easy enough to make the slam – the club is onside, as are both spade honours – but the percentage play in trumps of taking the double finesse is not so convenient for declarer due to communication issues.

Revai led the eight of hearts against Combescure, and that threatened a ruff if the first trump finesse lost – and to have the entries for the double hook would require declarer ruffing a diamond winner if she didn't wish to rely on the club finesse. As you might expect, Combescure laid down the ace of trumps and was down one for –100.

And it was the same story in the other room, where Leleu led the nine of clubs, third and fifth. Unless you had seen the opposing hands you would never finesse at trick one, and of course Ersek did not finesse. She rose with the ace and



led a spade to her ace and she too was one down for -100 and a flat board.

France picked up another 6 IMPs on Board 11, when the Hungarian E/W pair overbid to a poor and failing 3NT while France stopped safely in partscore.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Revai</i>	<i>Thepaut</i>	<i>Z. Beko</i>
-	-	-	3♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Ersek</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>M. Beko</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	2♣	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Zsofia Beko's 3♦ opening can most tactfully be described as 'eccentric', given the prevailing vulnerability. She was left to play there and drifted four off for -400.

In the other room, Ersek opened a 10-13 no trump and Leleu overcalled 2♣ to show the majors. Beko's 2NT was a puppet to 3♣ to compete the partscore.

Leleu led the king of hearts to dummy's ace. Best would have been to return the heart jack but declarer instead played three rounds of spades, ruffing in hand, and that permitted Thuillez to discard a heart. Now Ersek played the jack of hearts and Leleu won the queen and returned the suit. Dummy's spade loser went away but Thuillez ruffed and played ace and another diamond for Leleu in turn to get a ruff. That was four tricks for the defence and all Leleu had to do was to return a spade or heart to be certain of beating the contract. Somehow, perhaps distracted by a cow flying past, she instead played the two of clubs round to declarer's ace-queen and the fifth trick disappeared. Minus 110 still meant 7 IMPs to France, and the lead grew to 46-13.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescure</i>	<i>Revai</i>	<i>Thepaut</i>	<i>Z. Beko</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Ersek</i>	<i>Leleu</i>	<i>M. Beko</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♣	All Pass	

Beko was not worth a two-over-one response in her methods so had to start with 1NT. However, when Revai could jump to 3♣ and then cuebid over the club raise, the South hand was certainly worth a cuebid in response. When Beko signed off in 5♣, the good slam was missed; +420.

Thuillez could make a two-over-one response in the French style and she followed through with a club raise and, when Leleu cuebid 4♥, bid 4♠ as a sort of Last Train effort, too good to sign off in game. That was all that Leleu needed to hear and she launched into Key-card then asked about the queen of trumps as a grand slam try - Thuillez was unlimited and could have held the king of spades as well as her other assets. The 6♦, queen of clubs and diamond king, response was not really what Leleu wanted to hear. She had to bid 7♣ and that proved to be at best on the spade finesse.

Somehow, when you are playing better than your opponents, the luck seems to go your way as well. Everything was as Leleu would have wished it to be and she soon chalked up 13 tricks for +1440 and 14 IMPs to France. Of course,



France would have gained 11 IMPs by bidding the small slam, while had the spade king been offside they would have lost 10 IMPs. Bidding and making the grand slam added 3 IMPs to the French total while risking 21. They now led by 60-13.

Nothing too dramatic happened over the closing boards and France ran out winners by 67-15 IMPs, converting to 18.82-1.18 VPs, and continued to move away from the rest of the field at the head of the rankings.



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Round 2. Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

A really interesting deal arose in Round Two, where 3NT was the common contract. A heart lead gives declarer serious problems as three diamonds and two heart tricks are threatening for the defence.

In the match between Israel and Sweden in the U26 series the two declarers managed to solve the problem in two different ways, both really elegant.

The Israelis declared from the North side and got a heart lead which was won with the ace in dummy, West throwing the queen. The declarer immediately went after diamonds and another heart came from East. When West followed with

the ten the Israeli declarer, Gal Gerstner, read the heart situation right and took the king immediately, blocking the heart suit for the defence. Another diamond from North and East could give his partner a heart trick but he was not able to get a trick with his fourth heart. Gestner could play a third diamond and got his ninth trick through three spades, two hearts, one diamond and three clubs, without letting the opponents have the opportunity to reach their five tricks.

The Swedes declared from South and also got a heart lead. This time it was more difficult to read the heart situation and the Swedish South, Simon Ekenberg, ducked the first round. He took the second and ran a diamond, East cleared the hearts and another diamond gave East the opportunity to take the fourth heart. Ekenberg had now lost four tricks and still the diamond king was with the defence. An elegant solution was found by Ekenberg, who had thrown his last diamonds on the hearts. He took the club return, finessed the spade and took his three spade tricks, being sure to end on table. Poor West, who could not hold both four clubs and the diamond king, decided to let a club go and Ekenberg could take the last trick with the club nine. Well done by both declarers for a push.



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UNDER 26

ROUND 7

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
1	ITALY	SWEDEN	41	28	13.20	6.80
2	NORWAY	FRANCE	50	39	12.76	7.24
3	ISRAEL	AUSTRIA	115	12	20.00	0.00
4	BULGARIA	PORTUGAL	100	18	20.00	0.00
5	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS	58	29	16.08	3.92
6	HUNGARY	POLAND	60	38	14.94	5.06
7	GERMANY	FINLAND	32	56	4.72	15.28
8	ENGLAND	WALES	102	38	19.79	0.21
9	GREECE	DENMARK	39	48	7.70	12.30

RANK

AFTER ROUND 7

1	ENGLAND	119.71
2	NORWAY	102.33
3	SWEDEN	99.90
4	NETHERLANDS	89.39
5	POLAND	88.20
6	GERMANY	87.66
7	BULGARIA	83.19
8	ITALY	80.08
9	FINLAND	78.35
10	GREECE	77.57
11	HUNGARY	75.65
12	ISRAEL	75.49
13	FRANCE	55.62
14	DENMARK	54.87
15	TURKEY	48.17
16	PORTUGAL	26.90
17	AUSTRIA	12.91
18	WALES	4.01

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TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
11 SWEDEN	SCOTLAND	94	19	20.00	0.00
12 CZECH REP.	ENGLAND	80	23	19.25	0.75
13 ITALY	GERMANY	29	31	9.45	10.55
14 FINLAND	LATVIA	14	76	0.35	19.65
15 FRANCE	RUSSIA	44	44	10.00	10.00
16 POLAND	NETHERLANDS	33	64	3.62	16.38
17 DENMARK	HUNGARY	65	50	13.61	6.39
18 NORWAY	ISRAEL	43	70	4.23	15.77

RANK**AFTER ROUND 7**

1		NETHERLANDS	103.29
2		FRANCE	101.31
3		SWEDEN	97.06
4		CZECH REP.	89.38
5		ISRAEL	82.77
6		LATVIA	82.61
7		GERMANY	82.06
8		POLAND	79.86
9		DENMARK	75.44
10		ITALY	69.05
11		RUSSIA	62.71
12		FINLAND	50.25
13		NORWAY	47.94
14		HUNGARY	41.77
15		ENGLAND	40.72
16		SCOTLAND	14.06

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ROUND 7

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
21 HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	32	74	2.21	17.79
22 FRANCE	NORWAY	82	56	15.61	4.39
23 POLAND	ITALY	20	79	0.59	19.41

ROUND 8

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
21 ITALY	NETHERLANDS	42	46	8.92	11.08
22 NORWAY	POLAND	31	38	8.17	11.83
23 HUNGARY	FRANCE	15	67	1.18	18.82

RANK

AFTER ROUND 9

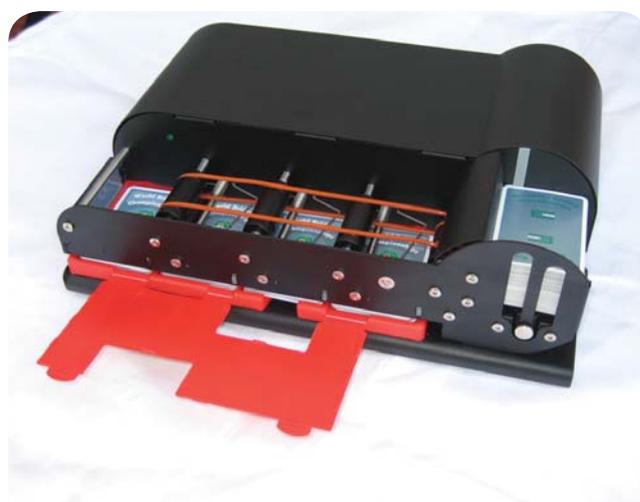
1		FRANCE	143.62
2		NETHERLANDS	108.75
3		NORWAY	90.29
4		POLAND	87.29
5		ITALY	85.13
6		HUNGARY	24.92

ROUND 9

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
21 NETHERLANDS	POLAND	47	45	10.55	9.45
22 ITALY	FRANCE	26	42	6.19	13.81
23 NORWAY	HUNGARY	42	33	12.30	7.70

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TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
31 IRELAND	FRANCE	22	86	0.00	12.00
32 HUNGARY	POLAND	7	97	0.00	20.00
33 SWEDEN	NORWAY	85	22	20.00	0.00
34 ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	38	44	8.24	11.76
35 ISRAEL	GERMANY	29	34	8.52	11.48
36 SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.	13	62	0.93	19.07

ROUND 8

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
31 FRANCE	SCOTLAND	66	8	19.85	0.15
32 CZECH REP.	ISRAEL	32	23	12.55	7.45
33 GERMANY	ENGLAND	5	63	0.15	19.85
34 NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	36	35	10.31	9.69
35 NORWAY	HUNGARY	28	29	9.69	10.31
36 POLAND	IRELAND	93	8	12.00	0.00

ROUND 9

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
31 FRANCE	POLAND	21	10	13.04	6.96
32 IRELAND	NORWAY	31	59	0.00	12.00
33 HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	18	53	2.55	17.45
34 SWEDEN	GERMANY	83	4	20.00	0.00
35 ENGLAND	CZECH REP.	29	14	13.97	6.03
36 ISRAEL	SCOTLAND	64	3	20.00	0.00

RANK**AFTER ROUND 9**

1		FRANCE	129.95
2		SWEDEN	127.79
3		NETHERLANDS	125.35
4		POLAND	124.39
5		ENGLAND	110.64
6		ISRAEL	105.18
7		CZECH REP.	102.60
8		HUNGARY	61.60
9		NORWAY	56.78
10		GERMANY	36.71
11		SCOTLAND	27.01
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Carl	BLEKEMO
Ida	GRONKVIST
Johannes	MATSSON
Mikael	RIMSTEDT
Ola	RIMSTEDT
Johan	SAFSTEN
Per	LEANDERSSON (captain)
Tom	GARDS (coach)

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOOK 2014

I have a small supply of the new 2014 World Championship Book, about the championships held in Sanya last year. These are for sale in Tromsø for a special Youth price of just 150 Krone (just over half the normal price).

Anyone interested can find me in the Bulletin Office, through the white sheets on the far side of the cafeteria.

Brian Senior



TEAM ROSTERS

LADIES

FRANCE

Sarah	COMBESCURE
Anne-Laure	HUBERSCHWILLER
Anais	LELEU
Jennifer	MOURGUES
Solene	THEPAUT-VENTOS
Mathilde	THUILLEZ
Jerome	ROMBAUT (captain)

HUNGARY

Maria	BEKO
Zsofia	BEKO
Zsuzsanna	BEKO
Laura	ERSEK
Hanna	REVAI
Laszlo	HONTI (captain)
Katalin	MEZEI (coach)

ITALY

Rossella	BENINCASA
Margherita	CHAVARRIA
Margherita	COSTA
Caterina	DE LUTIO
Michela	SALVATO
Giulia	SCRIATTIOLI
Gianni	MEDUGNO (captain)
Emanuela	CAPRIATA (coach)

NETHERLANDS

Merel	BRUIJNSTEEN
Carla	GROENLAND
Sandra	KOLEN
Lotte	LEUFKENS
Doris	VAN DELFT
Janneke	WACKWITZ
Martine	VERBEEK (captain)
Laura	DEKKERS (coach)

NORWAY

Katarina	EKREN
Stine	FROYSE
Thea Hove	HAUGE
Thea Lucia	INDREBO
Marte H.	KLINGEN
Sofie G.	SJODAL
Sven Olai	HOYLAND (captain)
Rosaline	BARENDREGT (coach)

POLAND

Joanna	BREDE
Magda	BUDZYNSKA
Izabella	JAWORSKA
Zuzanna	MOSZCZYNSKA
Dominika	PIESIEWICZ
Justyna	ZMUDA
Piotr	ZATORSKI (captain)
Katarzyna	DUFRAT (coach)

TIME OFF?

The nearest spot to visit from the playing venue is Polaria, the Arctic exhibition, aquarium, and seal pool. The building is just outside, looking like a set of falling dominoes.

The seals are fed at 12.30 and 3 pm each day and are taught tricks as they feed. There is a 10-minute film about the Northern Lights half-an-hour before the seal feeding time.

Bridge players showing their badge should get the student entry fee rate of 70 Norwegian Kroner. Under 16s are 60 NKr.



TEAM ROSTERS

UNDER 16

 **CZECH REPUBLIC**

Tomas	FRIDRICH
Adam	PROCHAZKA
Petr	VOLHEJN
Otradovcova	ZUZANA
Michal	KRALIK (captain)
Milan	MACURA (coach)

 **ENGLAND**

Isaac	CHANNON
Harry	MADDEN
Jack	RONAYNE
Liam	SANDERSON
Oscar	SELBY
Daniel	WINTER
Paul	BARDEN (captain)
David	BAKHSHI (coach)

 **FRANCE**

Maxence	FRAGOLA
Romaric	GUTH
Hugo	RABOURDIN
Clement	TEIL
Christophe	OURSSEL (captain)

 **GERMANY**

Felix	DOERMER
Viktor	OTTO
Julian	PETER
Ruben	SCHULTE
Frederik	HAHN (captain)
Hartmut	KONDOCH (coach)

 **HUNGARY**

Zsolt	ARGAY
Tamas	KERENYI
Leo	SZUCS
Andrea	TOTH
Istvan	KERENYI (captain)
Bernadette	ARGAYNE MAGYAR (coach)

 **IRELAND**

Brendon	BINNIE
Leah	FINNEGAN
Conor	GALLAGHER
Denise	WALSH
Ken	WALSH (captain)

 **ISRAEL**

Roi	ARGELAZY
Nir	KHUTORSKY
Tomer	LOONSTEIN
Gal	MATATYAHOU
Jonathan	SCHARO
Aviv	ZEITAK
Jorge	SCHARO (captain)

 **NETHERLANDS**

Jasper	BLOM
Dieter	GOUDZWAARD
Oscar	NIJSSEN
Tim	VAN DE PAVERD
Jan	KOLEN (captain)
Carla	ARNOLDS (coach)

 **NORWAY**

Marius D.	AUSTAD
Kaja	BREKKE
Anders	BROGELAND
Sanna E.D.	DYBDAHL
Christian F.	JOHNSEN
Audun	MURUD
Kristian	ELLINGSEN (captain)
Solvi K.	FLO (coach)

 **POLAND**

Maciej	KEDZIERSKI
Kacper	KOPKA
Michal	KUCZKOWSKI
Michal	MASZENDA
Mateusz	SLUSZNIAK
Oskar	TRYBUS
Roland	LIPPIK (captain)
Marcin	DOBROWOLSKI (coach)

 **SCOTLAND**

Saketh	JAMPANA
Adam	TOBIAS
David	TOBIAS
Wan-Hew	TRAN
Ronald	GAFFIN (captain)
John	DI MAMBRO (coach)

 **SWEDEN**

Willem	BERNER
Sanna	CLEMENTSSON
Erik	HANSSON
Castor	MANN
Alexander	SANDIN
Per	LEANDERSSON (captain)
Hans-Ove	SANDIN (coach)