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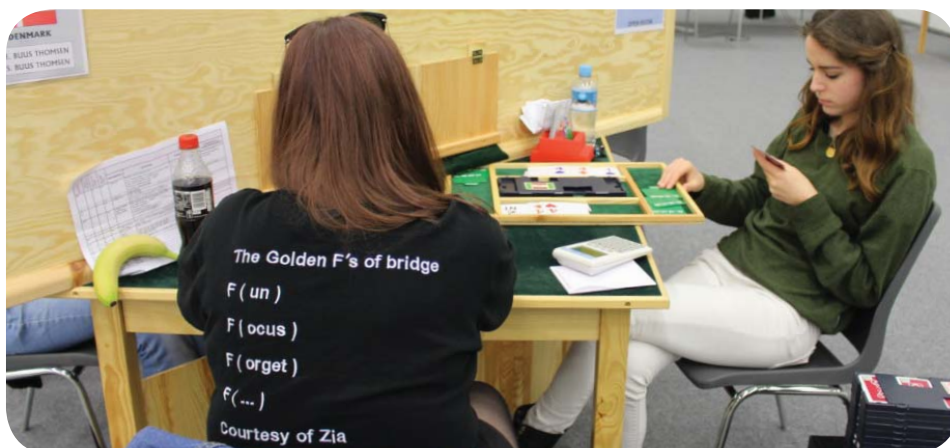
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THE RUN IN



Fortunately, the fourth is Fame

Five days gone and two to go, and we are into the run in – when nerve and composure can be as important as bridge ability. There are five matches to play in the U26 and Ladies Championships, four in the U21s, and which teams you still have to play could decide whether you can surge forward up the rankings or have a fight just to maintain your current position.

Netherlands leads the U21s from Sweden, France and Israel, with the rest having a lot of work to do if they are to get into a medal position. Meanwhile, France continues to dominate the Ladies, with Poland and Netherlands ahead of Italy in the race for the medals.

The U26 Championship looks as though it could have a very close finish. England still leads but the gap has narrowed and Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Bulgaria and Poland are hot on their heels.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

	U26	U21	Ladies
10.00:	R13	R12	R16
14.00:	R14	R13	R17
17.10:	R15	-	R18

**DRAW TODAY****U26 ROUND 13**

BBO 2		SWE	NOR	
		ISR	ITA	
		BUL	FRA	
		TUR	AUT	
		HUN	POR	
BBO 1		GER	NED	
BBO 3		ENG	POL	
		GRE	FIN	
		DEN	WAL	

TIME: 10.00**U26 ROUND 14**

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

TIME: 14.00**U26 ROUND 15**

		WAL	SWE	
		FIN	DEN	
BBO 1		POL	GRE	
BBO 2		NED	ENG	
		POR	GER	
		AUT	HUN	
		FRA	TUR	
BBO 3		ITA	BUL	
		NOR	ISR	

TIME: 17.10**U21 ROUND 12**

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

TIME: 10.00**U21 ROUND 13**

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

TIME: 14.00**LADIES ROUND 16**

		POL	ITA	
		NED	NOR	
		FRA	HUN	

TIME: 10.00**LADIES ROUND 17**

BBO 3		ITA	FRA	
BBO 4		NOR	POL	
		HUN	NED	

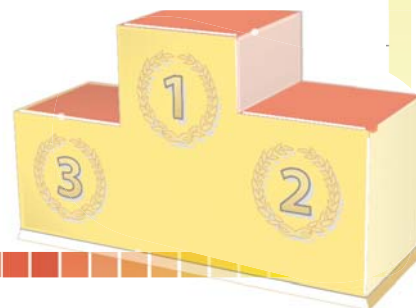
TIME: 14.00**LADIES ROUND 18**

		FRA	NOR	
BBO 4		POL	NED	
		ITA	HUN	

TIME: 17.10

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony for the U26, U21 and Ladies Championships will be held in the usual room in the Edge Hotel at 19:00 on Saturday evening.



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"Meet Germany"



"Meet Netherlands"



"We are only Halfway..."



"Hey Kids...Cheers!!!"

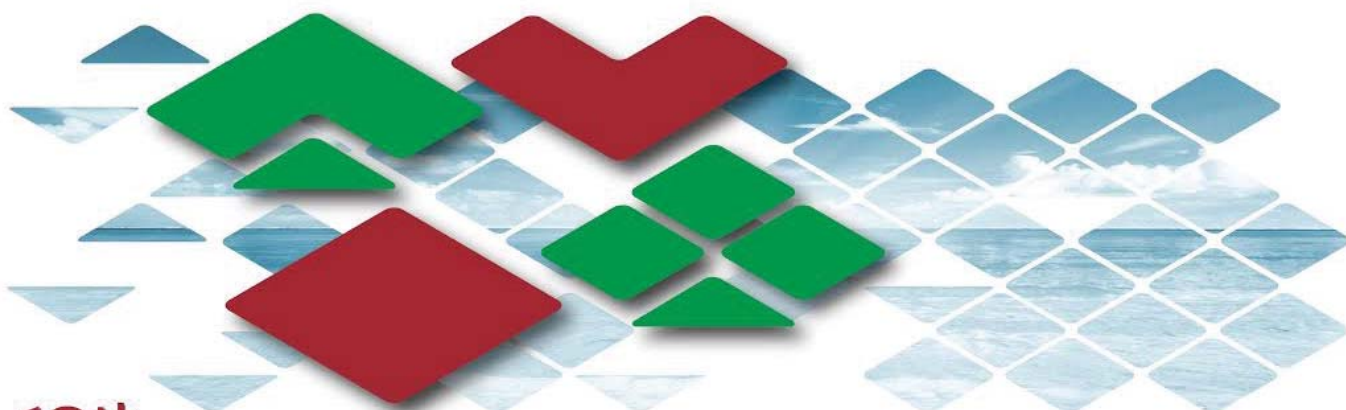
More videos are coming soon!

**NEWS ON UPCOMING EBL EVENTS**by **European Bridge League****53rd European Team Championships**

The Championship will be held at the Ferencvárosi Torna Club Stadium, Budapest, Hungary, from Thursday 16th to Saturday 25th June 2016

Below is the Schedule of the events:

◇	National Women's Pairs Championship	Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th
◇	Opening Ceremony	Saturday 18th
◇	Open Teams Championship	Thursday 16th to Saturday 25th
◇	Women & Seniors Teams Championships	Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th
◇	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony	Saturday 25th

13th European Youth Pairs Championships**13th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships**

Liepaja, Latvia, 13 to 20 July 2016



The 13th European Youth Pairs Championships will be held at the Liepajas Olympic Centre, Latvia. Please find below the Schedule of play.

◇	Opening Ceremony	19.00 - Tuesday
◇	Mixed competition	10.00 - Wednesday & Thursday
◇	Juniors, Girls, Youngsters & Kids	
♣	Competition	10.00 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday
♣	President Cup	10.00 - Sunday
◇	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony	19.00 - Sunday
◇	Camp (from 15 to 25 years old)	- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday



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- Each day, the best picture will be published in the bulletin

The player who posts the picture which will have most likes at the end of the Championships, wins free entry for him and his/her partner at the European Pairs Championships in Latvia 2016



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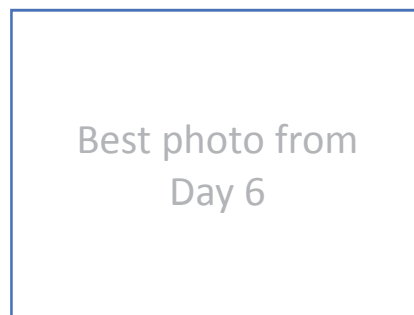
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**LADIES ROUND 12****NORWAY vs FRANCE**by **Brian Senior**

Runaway leaders France met one of the group fighting for the silver and bronze medals in Round 12 of the Ladies Championship.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

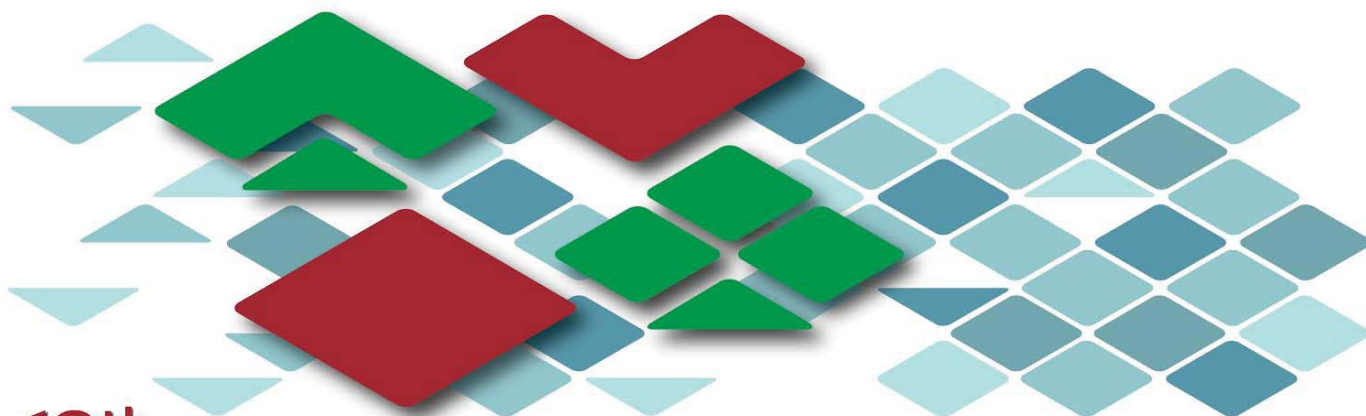


For Norway, Thea Lucia Inrebo overcalled 2♣ and, at her next turn, repeated the suit, perhaps expecting that Anne-Laure Huberschwiller's negative double would deliver spades as well as hearts. Sofie Sjodal competed to 4♣ and that ended the auction. Huberschwiller led the nine of spades. Jennifer Mourgues won the king and switched to a trump. No harm done – Huberschwiller won the ace and reverted to spades and this time was given her ruff for one down and –50.

Anais Leleu also overcalled 2♣ but here there was a 2♥ bid on her left so she had no reason not to introduce her second suit. When Mathilde Thuillez could raise to 3♠, Leleu went on to game. Marte Klingen led a diamond so Leleu won the queen and led a low spade. Thea Hauge won the ace and returned a club and Klingen won and continued the suit. there was just a second spade to be lost and Leleu had ten tricks for +420 and 10 IMPs to France.

West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Sjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♣	Dble	Pass	2♦
3♣	3♦	4♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♣	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		



13th European Youth Bridge Pairs Championships

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Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Sjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♠	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♥	2♦	Dble
Pass	2♥	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Huberschwiller made a natural 1♠ response and, not playing support doubles, Mourgues judged to pass. When Huberschwiller showed her second suit and Sjodal repeated the diamonds, Mourgues liked her spade support sufficiently to compete with 3♠ but, as she had already limited her hand, that was not enough to excite Huberschwiller and 3♠ ended the auction. Sjodal led the king of diamonds, which Huberschwiller won with dummy's ace. She led a low heart to the queen, noting the fall of the ten, then led the ten of spades and, when Sjodal didn't split, ran it. A second spade went to the queen and ace and Huberschwiller ran the nine of hearts. Sjodal ruffed and cashed a diamond but that was all for the defence; 11 tricks and +200.

Kligen made a transfer response of 1♥ and Hauge did have a support double available to her. When Kligen now bid and rebid hearts despite knowing of the eight-card spade fit, Hauge trusted her to have a decent hand and raised to the heart game to offer a choice of contracts. Klingen won the diamond lead and led a heart to the jack then the seven of spades and ran it when Thuillez played low. Next, Klingen conceded a diamond

Thuillez won that and returned the king of spades to dummy's ace. Kligen played the third spade and the queen of diamonds was ruffed and over-ruffed. Kligen had the rest now, ten tricks for +420 and 6 IMPs to Norway; 6-10.

The teams exchanged overtrick IMPs, then came this deal:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Sjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
-	-	1NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
-	-	1NT	Pass
3♣	Dble	Rdbl	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Huberschwiller's double showed a four-card major and longer minor, and 2♦ asked for the major. When Indrebo judged that all those queens might be more valuable on defence than offense, 2♥ became the final contract. Sjodal led the ten of clubs to jack, queen and ace. Huberschwiller led the eight of hearts and that ran to Indrebo's jack. She returned a club so declarer won in hand and led a second trump. There were two of those and the ace of spades to be lost; nine tricks for +140.

Leleu responded 3♣, transfer to diamonds, to the 1NT opening, and Klingen doubled to show clubs. The redouble showed diamond support but no club stopper, so Leleu signed off in 3♦ and played there, her initial response having nicely won the auction for her side. With a spade going away on the third heart, there were just two clubs and a diamond to lose, so ten tricks for +130 and 7 IMPs to France; 18-7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>HuberschwillerSjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
–	–	–	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Mourgues opened 2♥, weak with at least four-four in the majors and Huberschwiller passed and, having good defence to diamonds, passed again when Sjodal's 3♦ overcall came around. Mourgues led a low heart so Huberschwiller won the ace and returned the jack to declarer's king. Not well placed, Sjodal tried a low diamond towards the nine but Mourgues went in with the ten and played the queen of hearts. Sjodal ruffed and cashed the ace of diamonds but then, not liking what she saw, switched her attention to clubs, playing ace and another to the king then a third round. Not being sure that her partner held another trump, Huberschwiller ruffed in with the eight. Sjodal emerged with seven tricks, down two for –200.

Hauge did not have the option to open the South hand so the Norwegians had a peaceful auction to 2♥, Klingen's 1♦ opening keeping Thuillez quiet. Leleu led her singleton and Thuillez played three rounds to give her partner a ruff. Leleu played a club to the ace now and Thuillez tried a fourth diamond. Hauge ruffed with the queen and led a heart to the ace, cashed the ace of spades, then led a second heart. The spade return set up a trick there for the defence and there was still a second club to lose so Hauge too was down two for –200 and that meant 9 IMPs to France; 27-7.

A few small swings had moved the score along to 35-10 but the next swing was a big one.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>HuberschwillerSjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Both pairs bid to the good club slam and it was all about the opening lead.

Klingen led the queen of spades. Leleu won the king and led a club to the ace, a diamond to the ace and ran the jack of clubs. Next she played ace and a low spade, ruffed and over-ruffed. Klingen returned the queen of clubs but declarer was in control and the contract was just made for +1370.

Huberschwiller led the queen of hearts. The winning line is to discard from dummy, after which the heart king is a trick and the clubs can be picked up without loss. However, who would find that play? Indrebo ruffed the heart and cashed the ace of clubs. When Mourgues showed out she was in deep trouble as she could not afford to draw two more rounds of trumps while there was still a heart to lose. Indrebo tried a spade to the king and back to the queen and ace and now the legitimate line was to play for North to have played the queen as a bluff, knowing that declarer was about to finesse and play for the suit to be three-three onside so trying to distract her from what was about to be a winning line of playing two more spade winners to get rid of the remaining hearts as North ruffed.


Thea Lucia Indrebo, Norway Ladies

Then a second heart lead could be ruffed in hand and the remaining clubs picked up without loss. Indrebo believed the spade play and continued by ruffing a spade with the jack. Huberschwiller wisely did not over-ruff, so Indrebo continued by trying to cash diamonds and Huberschwiller, who had pitched a diamond on the third spade, ruffed and forced dummy to ruff another heart to ensure a second defensive trump winner. The contract was down two for -200 and 17 IMPs to France, whose lead was up to 52-10.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ A Q 10 9 8 2					
	♥ 5 2					
	♦ 8 4					
	♣ A J 10					
♠ 7 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K J 6 4 3	
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♣ 9 8 6		♣ 5				
	♠ -					
	♥ 10 7 6 3					
	♦ J 6 2					
	♣ K Q 7 4 3 2					

West	North	East	South
Indrebo	Huberschwiller	Sjodal	Mourgues
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Leleu	Klingen	Thuillez	Hauge
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♦	All Pass

There seemed to be a surprising lack of bidding in the Closed Room, where Klingen overcalled 1♠ and Thuillez passed then competed with only 2♦ over 2♣ at her next turn. And then Klingen was willing to defend 2♦ despite her club support and good spades. Klingen led the ace of spades against 2♦, continuing with the eight when her partner showed out. Hauge ruffed out dummy's jack but then seems to have read the eight as a high card as she returned a heart. Leleu could win, draw trumps in two rounds and get rid of dummy's club loser on the fourth heart, making 11 tricks for +150.

The auction began in the same manner in the other room, but here Huberschwiller rebid her spades and Sjodal made what was presumably intended as a penalty double but was taken as being for take-out. Indrebo removed it to 3♥ and Sjodal bid a grumpy 3NT. The lead of a low club meant that Huberschwiller could win the ace and jack, cash the ace of spades, then play the third club and the defence had the first seven tricks for down three and -150, giving France 7 IMPs and growing the lead to 59-10.

Had Indrebo left in the double of 2♠, that contract would have been around three down for -500, but perhaps Huberschwiller would have run to 3♣, which can only be beaten one trick.


Sofie Sjodal, Norway Ladies

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 8 5 2 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ A 10 6 4		♠ K J 7 6 3 ♥ J 10 3 ♦ A 9 3 2 ♣ K	♠ - ♥ K 2 ♦ Q 7 6 5 4 ♣ Q J 9 8 7 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>HuberschwillerSjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	2NT
4♠	5♣	All Pass	

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ A 5 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ K J 7 4 ♣ Q J 10 9		♠ K J 10 4 2 ♥ A K 10 4 ♦ 5 2 ♣ 5 2	♠ Q 9 7 6 3 ♥ J ♦ Q 3 ♣ K 8 6 4 3
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West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>HuberschwillerSjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2NT	4♠	5♦
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♠	4♠	All Pass

We do not have the auction from the other room, but both Souths showed the minor two-suiter and both Norths declared 5♣. Both Easts led a spade and, of course, both declarers ruffed in dummy. They both led the queen of clubs but here the paths diverged. While Huberschwiller put up the ace, felling the king, and just lost two diamond tricks for +400, Klingen ran the queen, losing to the king, and was one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to France; 69-10.

Would you drop the king? Of course you would! East opened the bidding and led a low spade. That places the ace of spades with West, and also another spade honour as East presumably does not have a sequence when she leads a low card. Also, East might have led a diamond if looking at both the ace and king, though that is a less secure inference as she might not want to help declarer to set up her side suit. Certainly, if West has a top diamond, East is favourite to hold the club king.

Klingen cuebid to show a constructive spade raise. When Thuillez jumped to 4♠ Hauge felt that the five level was too high to commit to facing a possible invitational hand so passed and that proved to be the winning action. Klingen led the queen of clubs, which was ducked, and continued with a second club to king and ace. Hauge cashed the ace of diamonds but misread her partner's signal so next switched to a heart, and the second diamond went away. Fortunately, however, Klingen had a spade trick so the contract was down one for -50.

I don't have the meaning of Huberschwiller's 2NT over the 1♠ overcall but it proved to be sufficient to convince Mourgues to bid 5♦ over 4♠ and the correction to 5♥ confirms that Huberschwiller had shown hearts all along - just not how strong a hand. Indebro led a low spade. Mourgues won the ace and led a heart to the jack, queen and ace, and Indebro returned a club to the queen, king and ace. The nine of hearts was won with the king and a club continuation was won in dummy. Declarer could knock out the ten of hearts and when the queen of diamonds appeared on the second round she was just one down for -50 and 3 IMPs to Norway; 13-69.

Five Hearts could have been down more than just one trick. When Indebro wins the first heart, she should continue with a second round of spades.




Anais Leleu, France Ladies

Declarer will ruff and play another trump, and now West can win, draw a third round of trumps, and play another spade. Declarer can ruff, but West then has a fourth trump and two spades to cash for down four.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Indrebo</i>	<i>Huberschwiller</i>	<i>Sjodal</i>	<i>Mourgues</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	1♠	2♥	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Leleu</i>	<i>Klingen</i>	<i>Thuillez</i>	<i>Hauge</i>
–	–	–	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Hauge opened the South hand with a 3♣ preempt, fair enough at favourable vulnerability, and when that came around to Thuillez she overcalled. Leleu might have tried 3NT now but the heart raise can hardly be criticized. Hauge led the six of

spades and, fearing this to be a singleton after the pre-emptive opening, Thuillez rose with the ace. Short of entries to the dummy, she led a diamond to the jack losing to the king. A spade came through, ducked to North's nine, and Klingen switched to a club. Thuillez won the ace, drew trumps and gave up a diamond so was down one for –100.

There was no pre-empt in the other room and, though both North and South got their suits into the game, it was natural for E/W to get to 3NT rather than 4♥. Huberschwiller led a club, which Indebro ducked to the king, and back came a second club to dummy's ace. There are nine top tricks now and it seemed that Norway would gain their first double-digit swing of the match – but it was not to be.

For some reason, declarer convinced herself that hearts could not be breaking. She played a heart to the jack and ace then back to the eight, losing to the ten. This is not a normal restricted choice situation because South will, as here, play an honour from the actual holding as well as bare honour and jack-ten doubleton. Mourgues cleared the clubs and Indebro was reduced to hoping that North held both diamond honours (or South a singleton honour). She led a diamond to the ace, cashed the hearts and exited with a diamond to endplay North to lead away from the king of spades. When it was South who won the diamond, Mourgues had clubs to cash and the contract was two down for –200. Far from gaining their first double-digit swing, the Norwegians had lost 3 IMPs to on the deal.

The match ended in yet another big win for France, by 73-13 IMPs, 19.49-0.51 VPs.


Mathilde Thuillez, France Ladies



FROM THE ARCHIVES

by **Frank van Wezel** and **Hans van de Konijnenberg**

Dutch players Frank van Wezel and Hans van de Konijnenberg both collect books, magazines and Daily Bulletins about bridge. They especially enjoy reading Daily Bulletins from the pre-internet era because these bulletins are a treasure trove of wonderful photographs, marvellous sketches, splendid deals, and tremendous stories and anecdotes.

Frank and Hans decided that this material should be at the disposal of all bridge players. At the same time, they want to save the history of bridge from oblivion. Therefore they launched a free website www.bridgedailybulletins.nl. On this site you can find thousands of scanned bulletins, both from the digital era and before. They posted WBF, EBL and ACBL championship bulletins, as well as many from miscellaneous tournaments around the world.

And if you have bulletins that they are missing, please contact them. Contact details can be found on the website.

As a taster of what the site has to offer, here is a deal from the 1976 European Bridge Championships Juniors, held in Lund, Sweden.

An Ice(land) cold 5♦

Even if your team loses, you may have a real master play. This was, in fact, the situation for the Icelandic player Sigurdsson, he had the opportunity for a clever squeeze-throw-in, and he didn't miss it.



West	North	East	South
–	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♠
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

When East naturally led a small spade Sigurdsson was master on the sea. West put up the ♠J, and Sigurdsson ducked. In case East had just one of the five spades from the king to the nine this is a vital play. West switched to a diamond and Sigurdsson cashed two high trumps in dummy. Then followed a small club towards the hand which West had to duck. Else the KQ of clubs provides enough tricks for North.

Now came the time for the reminder of the trumps and when he took the fourth last trick with the ♠A the situation had become this:

	♠ A	
	♥ Q 8	
	♦ –	
	♣ 6	
♠ –		♠
♥ K J		♥ Immaterial
♦ –		♦
♣ A 8		♣
	♠ –	
	♥ A 10	
	♦ –	
	♣ Q 7	

On the ♠A dummy could afford to throw a small club but West couldn't part with any of his cards without presenting Sigurdsson with his contract. He would either be end-played on the ♣A, or declarer would make two heart tricks from the top.

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





U26 ROUND 10



ENGLAND vs SWEDEN



by **Patrick Jourdain**

England had maintained a healthy lead at this stage but were expecting a tougher match against third-placed Sweden. And they certainly had that.

Although Board 1 was passed out in the Closed Room (rarer in a Junior event than Senior) it had a technical point of interest in the Open:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

A diamond lead can beat 1NT but the defence, quite normally, began with three rounds of clubs. This gave them six available tricks, whereas declarer has only five. But Daniel Gullberg speedily realised it was the spades he had to rely on rather than, for example, a diamond finesse that could only produce a sixth trick, not seven. So at trick four he led a spade. East rose to cash his clubs but Gullberg simply threw small red cards at every point and won a heart in hand later to play another spade and record +90 for a 3 IMP start for Sweden.



Board 2 was a push in 4♠ but the next deal was more exciting.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
Pass	1♣	Dble	Rdbl
1♦	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Shah</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The key difference was whether East should act with a flat 12 over a prepared club showing 2+ cards. That is surely right when non-vulnerable, but is much riskier when you are vulnerable, and should be avoided at red. England paid a heavy price.

As West you would like to be able to pass the redouble to show clubs but that makes it harder to find the best fit in the other suits when responder has diamonds but no major. So West's 1♦ was normal though it ran into an easy double from Gullberg.

North led a top trump but when that held he feared West held the ten and switched to ♥8. That also held! When he tried a third suit, ♣9, that was not so successful. James Paul won the jack, cashed the diamond ace and played on clubs. North could ruff, draw a third trump, and play hearts to remove West's last trump,

but West had two clubs to cash. The last two tricks went to South's ♠A and a heart for 200 to Sweden.

In the Closed Room where East passed throughout England were ambitious to reach 4♥ but the layout might have been kinder. West led a spade to the ten, jack and ace. Declarer drew trumps and started on diamonds. East won and led a low club to the queen and king. West continued spades so that was two off and a further 100 for 7 IMPs to Sweden.

More was to come:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
1NT	3♦	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Shah</i>
1NT	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Dble	4♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

The Open Room auction looks normal: strong notrump and natural pre-emptive overcall. 3♦ just made.

By contrast, North's speculative double in the Closed Room reaped a heavy penalty. One can play double of a strong notrump as artificial or as a command for partner to pass but where there is no special agreement one has sympathy for South's choice to jump to 3♥. North took another gamble in hoping the diamonds would run in 3NT. In this he was right. The only lead to beat 3NT is two rounds of hearts squeezing North in three suits. But when East doubled South ran to 4♥ and that cost 800. 14 IMPs to Sweden. Sweden led 24-0.

The next board was flat though still of interest:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
Dble	Pass	Pass	1♠
All Pass	Pass	1NT	Dble

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Shah</i>
Dble	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dble
	2♦	All Pass	

The auctions went the same way until Tom Paske removed 1NT doubled to the safer spot of 2♦. This can be beaten and the defence was off to a good start when East led a club.

West won this and led a second club. Paske won and played ace and another diamond. West won, cashed the ace of spades, led a club for East to ruff and back came the queen of spades.

Paske saw the danger and played low on the spade. Well done. The defence could play a heart but he could win, ruff a spade, draw the last trump, and throw his heart loser on dummy's spade king.

The winning defence is very tough. West ducks the club lead and switches to a heart when in with the trump king. Declarer has no entry to hand to draw trumps so the defence can still obtain both their ruffs and remove the last heart entry before declarer can enjoy the spade king.

In the Open Room Alex Roberts as East had to play 1NT doubled. The ♠7 went to the ace and a heart to the queen lost to the king. South continued with his smallest spade, dummy ditching a club. As North had signalled with the five at trick one declarer was slightly surprised to win with the four.


Alex Roberts, England U26

Roberts continued hearts and South won and switched to the king of clubs. Roberts won, cashed his two heart tricks and exited with a club. South won this and cleared the diamonds whilst North still had a club entry for his diamonds.

That was 100 to Sweden and a flat board.

Maybe declarer can do better by running ♠10 at trick two (South might win) but best defence always beats the contract.

The momentum was still with Sweden:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♠	3♣(i)	3♥(ii)	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

(i) The red suits at least 5-5

(ii) Cue-bid of their higher suit shows good raise for partner

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Shah</i>
		Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The normal 1♠ opener by James Paul gave room for North to show his two-suiter. South's jump to 5♦ was prompted by the vulnerability. E/W have five tricks to cash against this, but that is only 500 and still a loss on the board so one has every sympathy for West's choice to bid on in what might well be a double-fit deal.

Against less accurate defence he might well have made 5♠. However, Gullberg led ♦K for count and immediately switched to ♣J. South's clubs are just good enough to ensure two tricks in the suit. Note that if North plays any other card at trick two West will succeed. He can draw trumps eliminating the red suits on the way and, knowing North's exact shape, leads a low club from hand. When the jack appears you play low from dummy. South either has to overtake, establishing dummy's queen, or leave North on lead to concede a ruff and discard.


In the Closed Room West's 2♠ opener was the constructive one and that shut out North. The two Simons had an unopposed auction to Four Spades. This was 620 and 12 IMPs to Sweden who led 36-0.


Mikael Gronkvist, Sweden U26



Sweden gained 1 IMP on Board 7 and the same on Board 8, though there was some interest in the deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Shah</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass

In the Open Room Gullberg was in 1NT doubled. The club lead immediately set up seven tricks for the defence whereas declarer only had five in view. He won the club and played a diamond to the queen and ace. The defence began running the clubs but this proved of more trouble to West than North so declarer made a sixth trick for 100 to England.


In the Closed Room Hult was in what looked a precarious 3♠ but he made light work of the contract. The ♦Q went to the ace. A club finesse, club ace, and club ruff, set up the suit and declarer then played ace and another spade. South won and led another diamond: small, ten, king, ruff.

Declarer was down to one small trump but he played it. He now had no trumps left, but dummy still had the ♦9 as protection and East the heart ace to cash two clubs. And so 3♠ made for 140 and 1 IMP to Sweden.



Board 9 also had some technical interest:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paul</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Gronkvist</i>
2♦	Pass	Pass	1♠
All Pass	3♠	Dble	4♠

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>	<i>Paske</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Shah</i>
2♦	Pass	1♣	1♠
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♠
	All Pass		

The fact that Hult opened as East in the Closed Room meant West felt able to double Four Spades.

The play began the same way at both tables: ♦Q led to ace, spade queen taken by ace. A low diamond was ruffed by East who tried to cash two clubs. Declarer ruffed the second, eliminated the diamonds and led a heart to the ace.

James Paul played low on the heart so found himself end-played on the next round to give a ruff and discard, so the game was one off. The Swedish defence looked sharper when Ekenberg contributed ♥K on the first round and Hult rose with the queen on the second in the hope that his partner held the jack. When declarer held that card the result, one down, was the same, but the double had earned 2 IMPs for Sweden.



The Open Room of the match

Board 10 was flat in 2♥ two down so the half-time score was 40-0 to Sweden.

In the second half England did have one good gain, so here it is:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paul	Gullberg	Roberts	Gronkvist
Dble	1♦(i)	4♠	1♣ All Pass

(i) Showing hearts

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Paske	Hult	Shah
Dble	1♥	4♠	1♣ All Pass

N/S can make 4♣ but both Souths were playing prepared club so did not know of the fit.

The swing therefore came on the opening lead. Shivam Shah accurately chose a diamond lead. This went to jack and king and they at once cashed two clubs and the heart ace for one off.

By contrast, in the Open Room South led a trump and Alex Roberts took advantage of this. He drew trumps and led a heart from hand. Even if South played low he still had a further trump entry to lead a second heart. Actually South won the first heart and cashed two clubs, but the diamond loser went on the heart and England had 420 and 10 IMPs, the first of the match in that column.



Simon Hult, Sweden U26



There was one further major swing:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West's natural response of 1♦ to the prepared club gave a little more room to North. Most players would not use it being vulnerable, but Gullberg entered the auction with 1♥ and that certainly life much more difficult for E/W. South was able to show his heart support with a mixed raise and the lack of room meant E/W settled for 5♣.

By contrast, in the Closed Room West was playing transfer responses to the club and the 1♠ call shut out North. Every bid in the Swedish auction was alerted until West bid 5♣. Here is an explanation:

1♠ covers several hands, mainly 6-9 balanced, or game values balanced or with long diamonds
 2♣ shows five, 11-16, 2♦ a relay and 2♠ natural showing four.

3♦ showed the game force based on long diamonds, 3♥ was fourth suit

5♣ was fast arrival showing club support but no heart control

East had plenty to spare here: an extra club, no heart loser and a spade control

And so he raised to Six for a further 10 IMPs to Sweden.

The final score was 56-11 to Sweden, or 18.12-1.88 in VPs. This was enough to move them into second place but England still led the rankings.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Paul	Gullberg	Roberts	Gronkvist
		1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	3♦(i)
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥(ii)	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Paske	Hult	Shah
		1♣	Pass
1♠(i)	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass



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U26 ROUND 11



POLAND vs SWEDEN


 by **Brian Senior**

After Thursday morning's match, Sweden and Poland were up to second and third respectively in the U26 Championship. Both were coming off big wins and this could be a vital match in the fight for the European title as both tried to build on that momentum.

Poland picked up a couple of overtrick IMPs on the first board, but the lead didn't last for long.



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist	Kazmierczak	Gullberg	Klukowski
-	-	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Jassem	Karlsson	Nowak	Stokka
-	-	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Poland opened two-suited weak two bids at both tables, both Michal Klukowski's 2♠ and Pawel Jassem's 2♥ promising only five cards plus a minor suit.

Wojciech Kazmierczak raised the 2♠ opening to game. Mikael Gronkvist led his singleton club, Klukowski won dummy's ace and led a heart to the queen, hoping to slip past the ace. No, Gronkvist had it and won the trick then switched to the queen of diamonds to the king and ace. Daniel Gullberg

cashed the ten of diamonds then the club king before exiting with a heart. Klukowski could manage the rest from here but was down one for -100.

When Jassem's 2♥ opening was passed back to him, Adam Stokka reopened with a double and Johan Karlsson left it in. Karlsson led ace then ten of clubs and Jassem put in dummy's jack so had to ruff the queen. He led the queen of diamonds to the king and ace then tried the four of spades off the dummy, but Stokka went in with the queen and returned the queen of hearts. Jassem won the ace and led a diamond to the ten followed by the king of clubs for a spade discard. That was ruffed and Karlsson cashed his top trumps then played ace and another spade to force declarer. Jassem could cash a diamond but Karlsson had a trump for trick thirteen; down two for -300 and 9 IMPs to Sweden; 9-2.



Michal Klukowski, Poland U26


Pawel Jassem, Poland U26

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Gronkvist	Kazmierczak	Gullberg	Klukowski
-	-	-	1♣
1♦	2♥	4♥	All Pass

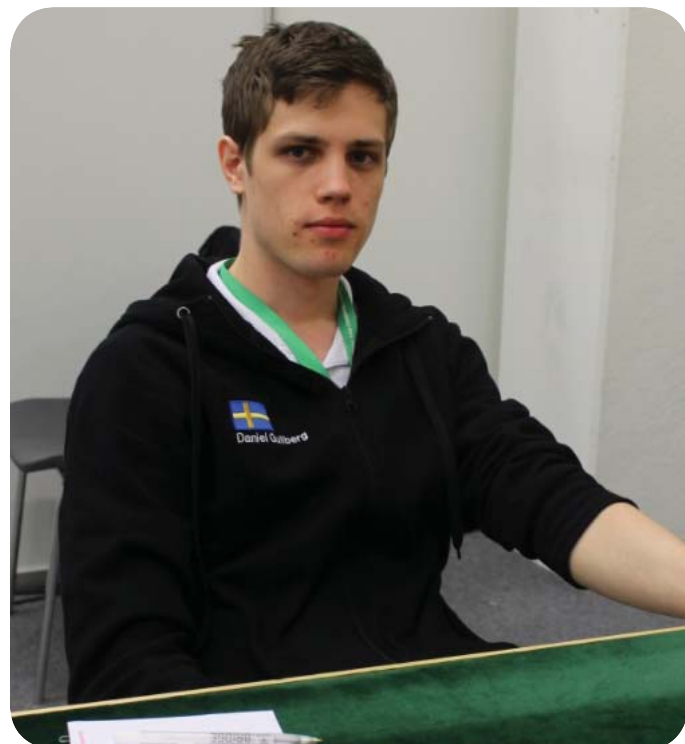
West	North	East	South
Jassem	Karlsson	Nowak	Stokka
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Jassem did not come in over Stokka's 1♣ opening (natural or two-plus in a balanced hand) so Kamil Nowak overcalled 2♥ over the 1♠ response. Stokka did not have a support double in his armoury so passed but Karlsson rebid the spades and now Nowak showed his extras by doubling and Jassem was delighted to bid his seven-card suit. Stokka's hand was not getting any better as the auction progressed so he did not compete to 3♠ but left Jassem to get on with his diamond partscore.

Jassem won the trump lead in hand and played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart, a diamond to the king, then took the ruffing heart finesse. That worked out very nicely and the ace of spades provided the necessary entry to the established heart winners; twelve tricks for +170.

Klukowski also opened 1♣, natural 15+, a weak no trump, or any 18+, and Gronkvist overcalled 1♦. This is one of my pet hates – the simple overcall on a hand that has been judged to be too weak for a pre-empt – so naturally I was pleased to see E/W get a bad result on the deal when Gullberg jumped to 4♥ over Kazmierczak's transfer jump response. Four Hearts was not a lot of fun – unless you were a defender, that is.

Klukowski led the eight of spades, middle from three in Polish style, and Gullberg, with few options open to him, won the ace and tried the heart nine from hand, hoping to find both honours on his left. No such luck! Kazmierczak won the heart queen and led the seven of clubs to the ten and queen, and Klukowski switched to the queen of diamonds. Gullberg won in hand and played ace then jack of hearts but Klukowski could win the king and play a second diamond to take away the entry to all the diamond winners while he still held a trump to prevent their being cashed. Gullberg therefore tried the eight of clubs to the jack, king and ace, and Klukowski exited with his last trump to leave declarer to lead from the ♣6-4 into his ♣9-5 at the end. The contract was down three for -300 and 10 IMPs to Poland, who led by 12-9.


Daniel Gullberg, Sweden U26

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Kazmierczak</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
2♠	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
2♦	Dble	2♠	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Kazmierczak</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
–	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Kazmierczak/Klukowski outbid their Swedish counterparts on this one. Jassem opened a multi 2♦ and Karlsson doubled to show a balanced opening or a strong hand and Nowak bid 2♠, showing interest in hearts but not spades. Stokka jumped to 4NT to show his minor two-suiter and Karlsson picked diamonds, of course. Slam was never really in the picture; +620.

Gronkvist opened a natural weak two bid and Kazmierczak overcalled 3♦. Of course, that suggested better playing strength than the double of the multi at the other table, and Klukowski had a big hand in support of diamonds. He cuebid 3♠ then bid 4♦ to set the suit and slam was easily reached (I don't have any information about North's 5NT call, sorry) for an easy +1370 and 13 IMPs to Poland, who had jumped into a 25-9 IMP lead.

Kazmierczak opened 2♥, hearts and a minor, and showed his econd suit in response to the 2NT inquiry. When Klukowski now jumped to the club game, Gronkvist doubled – it was probably going down and that might be by more than one, while it definitely wa snot making any overtricks.

Gullberg led the queen of diamonds to the king and ace and Gronkvist continued with a second diamond. Kazmierczak ruffed and cashed the top hearts, getting rid of dummy's last diamond, then led a club to the jack and king. Declarer ruffed a the heart return in dummy and played the queen of clubs. Gronkvist won and returned his last trump. Kazmierczak won and cashed his own last trump and that squeezed Gullberg between the queen of hearts and his spade stopper so the contract was just one down for –200.

Stokka opened 1♠ then rebid 2♠ to show clubs, hence Karlsson's jump to 4♣. Stokka went on to game but here there was no double.

Again the defence kicked off with two rounds of diamonds, Karlsson ruffing. He, however, crossed to dummy with a top spade to lead a trump towards his hand. Jassem won the king and forced him for a second time with a diamond. Karlsson ruffed and played a second round of trumps. Jassem won and returned his last trump, drawing





declarer's last card in the process. Karlsson tried to split the spades and, when they did not behave as he desired, led a heart to the jack. that lost to the queen and there was a spade to be cashed so Karlsson was down three for -300 and 3 IMPs to Poland, who led by 28-9.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Kazmierczak</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6NT	Dble
All Pass			

What can I say – the two auctions speak for themselves and i am quite sure that these were not the only two pairs to get into difficulties on the E/W cards. Both contracts were down one, just losing the top hearts for a flat board.

On Board 10, Poland made partscores at both tables to win 6 IMPs and a couple of overtrick IMPs had stretched the lead to 36-9 when a real slam board came along.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Kazmierczak</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
-	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
-	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

The Poles stopped short of slam when Kazmierczak's third bid was a fourth-suit ask and Klukowski admitted to a spade stopper. On a low spade lead round to his king he had all 13 tricks for +720.

Karlsson's third bid was to raise Stokka's rebiddable diamonds to the four level. that looks right with such a control-rich hand – ace-doubleton should be adequate support when partner rebids his suit in this type of auction – and it took only the spade cuebid and he was off to the races with a key-card ask.

Jassem led the six of diamonds to the ten and king. Stokka led a heart to the ace then ruffed a low heart, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed another heart, and now there was no need of the even club split to make the slam. In fact, thanks to the three-three club break, Stokka had all 13 tricks for +1390 and 12 IMPs to Sweden, closing to 21-36.



Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 8 7 2 ♥ A J 6 5 ♦ A 3 ♣ 7 4 3 2		♠ 10 5 ♥ K 2 ♦ K Q J 9 5 4 ♣ Q 10 8	♠ K Q J ♥ Q 10 8 7 4 3 ♦ 10 6 ♣ J 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Kazmierczak</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	All Pass		

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 7 5 2 ♥ A 6 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A K J 8 5		♠ A 9 3 ♥ K 10 8 3 2 ♦ Q J 8 5 ♣ 3	♠ J 8 4 ♥ Q J 5 4 ♦ A 3 ♣ Q 9 7 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Kazmierczak</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♥	All Pass

Gronkvist's 2♠ rebid facing the semi-forcing 1NT response showed 11-16 with five spades and four clubs, which did not excite Gullberg at all. He tried a natural and invitational 2NT and Gronkvist had nothing extra to justify a further bid.

Klukowski led the seven of hearts, second and fourth, and Kazmierczak won the ace and continued with a low heart to declarer's king. On this trick Klukowski dropped the eight, which appears to have confused Kazmierczak, as it was consistent with a four-card holding. Hence when he won the ace of diamonds, instead of playing a heart and cashing four of those for down one, Kazmierczak returned a spade and Gullberg had all the rest of tricks, eleven in all and +210.

At the other table, Nowak could make a natural and invitational 3♦ response – almost a book example of the method – and Jassem raised him to game.

Stokka led a low heart to the ace and Karlsson continued the suit. Nowak could win the king and play on trumps and when the club jack fell he had a discard for his spade loser so +400 and 5 IMPs to Poland, whose lead was up to 42-21.

Looking at four tiny clubs, Karlsson should, I think, have recognised the threat posed by dummy's club suit and switched to a spade at trick two. Now the contract is defeated by one trick.

Where Nowak contented himself with a heavy simple raise to 2♥, Gullberg jumped to 2NT to show a constructive four-card raise.

Karlsson led the ace of clubs against 2♥ and Stokka followed with the six – reverse attitude, standard count. Karlsson read that as a low and therefore encouraging card, presumably expecting his partner to play the ten from his actual holding, so continued with the king, which was ruffed. Jassem led a heart to the jack and a second round to the ten and ace. He ducked the diamond switch and, when Stokka won the king, had discards for both his spade losers so came to ten tricks for +170.

Kazmierczak too started with the ace of clubs and Klukowski did indeed follow with the ten to discourage. Kazmierczak switched to the two of spades to the ten and ace and the defence had established two spade winners so that, when the diamond finesse lost, they had five winners for one down and –100; 7 IMPs to Poland. They now led by 51-21.





Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gronkvist</i>	<i>Kazmierczak</i>	<i>Gullberg</i>	<i>Klukowski</i>
Pass	Pass	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Jassem</i>	<i>Karlsson</i>	<i>Nowak</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
Pass	2♥	2♠	All Pass

queen followed by ace and a third spade. When the spades proved to be very friendly, he had eight tricks for +110.

Stokka too started with a top heart then switched to a club, the nine. Nowak won the ace and took a heart ruff, crossed to the king of clubs and ruffed another heart. His problem, of course, was that he didn't imagine that the spades could be so favourably placed given North's 2♥ opening, a hidden benefit of the bid. Next he played ace and another diamond so Stokka won the queen, cashed the king and led a fourth round. Karlsson ruffed with the eight and Nowak discarded his losing club. A heart return was ruffed and over-ruffed, then the fifth diamond was ruffed with dummy's nine and over-ruffed by the jack and queen. Though the king now fell under the ace, South had the ten for the setting trick; down one for -100 and 5 IMPs to Sweden.

Poland ran out winners by 51-26 IMPs, 15.45-4.55 VPs, and had defeated one of their principal rivals for the European title.

Where most weak two-suited openings promise five of the anchor suit but may only be four cards in the minor, the Swedes switch that around so Karlsson could open 2♥ to promise four hearts and a longer minor. Nowak overcalled 2♠ and no-one had anything to add. Of course, Kazmierczak did not have an opening bid for the North hand, so he passed and Gullberg opened a constructive weak 2♠, 10-13 with a six-card suit (lesser weak twos are shown via a multi 2♦), and again nobody had anything to say.

Klukowski cashed the ace of hearts then switched to the seven of clubs, low from a doubleton in Polish style, and Gullberg put in the ten, losing to the jack. Kazmierczak switched to the jack of diamonds so Gullberg won the ace, crossed to dummy with a club, and played a spade to the



Kamil Nowak, Poland U26



RESULTS

UNDER 26

ROUND 10

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
1	SWEDEN	ENGLAND	56	11	18.12	1.88
2	GREECE	GERMANY	33	59	4.39	15.61
3	DENMARK	HUNGARY	43	54	7.24	12.76
4	WALES	TURKEY	27	70	2.10	17.90
5	FINLAND	BULGARIA	26	21	11.34	8.66
6	POLAND	ISRAEL	63	14	18.53	1.47
7	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	35	44	7.70	12.30
8	PORTUGAL	ITALY	56	70	6.59	13.41
9	AUSTRIA	FRANCE	46	65	5.61	14.39

ROUND 11

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
1	POLAND	SWEDEN	52	26	15.61	4.39
2	NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	57	26	16.38	3.62
3	PORTUGAL	WALES	62	42	14.58	5.42
4	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	28	62	3.20	16.80
5	FRANCE	GREECE	54	43	12.76	7.24
6	ITALY	ENGLAND	26	63	2.81	17.19
7	NORWAY	GERMANY	56	3	18.91	1.09
8	ISRAEL	HUNGARY	53	48	11.34	8.66
9	BULGARIA	TURKEY	59	36	15.11	4.89

ROUND 12

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
1	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	96	13	20.00	0.00
2	FRANCE	PORTUGAL	91	25	19.93	0.07
3	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	33	53	5.42	14.58
4	NORWAY	POLAND	49	33	13.81	6.19
5	ISRAEL	FINLAND	54	43	12.76	7.24
6	BULGARIA	WALES	111	11	20.00	0.00
7	TURKEY	DENMARK	34	50	6.19	13.81
8	HUNGARY	GREECE	71	53	14.20	5.80
9	GERMANY	ENGLAND	55	72	5.99	14.01

RANK

AFTER ROUND 12

1		ENGLAND	172.39
2		NETHERLANDS	160.56
3		NORWAY	158.29
4		SWEDEN	157.18
5		BULGARIA	153.34
6		POLAND	153.08
7		FRANCE	137.28
8		ITALY	136.11
9		FINLAND	129.44
10		ISRAEL	128.48
11		GERMANY	127.49
12		HUNGARY	118.57
13		GREECE	116.06
14		TURKEY	101.09
15		DENMARK	98.14
16		PORTUGAL	52.86
17		AUSTRIA	46.54
18		WALES	13.10

**RESULTS****UNDER 21****ROUND 10**

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
11 RUSSIA	SWEDEN	21	74	1.09	18.91
12 LATVIA	NETHERLANDS	21	67	1.77	18.23
13 GERMANY	HUNGARY	60	52	12.07	7.93
14 ENGLAND	ISRAEL	36	52	6.19	13.81
15 SCOTLAND	NORWAY	29	52	4.89	15.11
16 CZECH REP.	DENMARK	65	13	18.82	1.18
17 ITALY	POLAND	30	35	8.66	11.34
18 FINLAND	FRANCE	7	72	0.14	19.86

RANK**AFTER ROUND 11**

1		NETHERLANDS	157.60
2		SWEDEN	149.49
3		FRANCE	145.64
4		ISRAEL	137.15
5		GERMANY	127.59
6		CZECH REP.	125.64
7		LATVIA	125.45
8		POLAND	121.53
9		ITALY	115.97
10		RUSSIA	114.10
11		DENMARK	108.57
12		NORWAY	85.40
13		ENGLAND	81.81
14		HUNGARY	73.64
15		FINLAND	59.93
16		SCOTLAND	30.77

ROUND 11

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
11 SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	69	33	17.06	2.94
12 RUSSIA	HUNGARY	49	14	16.93	3.07
13 LATVIA	ISRAEL	44	36	12.07	7.93
14 GERMANY	NORWAY	91	18	20.00	0.00
15 ENGLAND	DENMARK	36	39	9.18	10.82
16 SCOTLAND	POLAND	41	57	6.19	13.81
17 CZECH REP.	FRANCE	38	40	9.45	10.55
18 ITALY	FINLAND	62	31	16.38	3.62

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TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
21 ITALY	NETHERLANDS	27	23	11.08	8.92
22 NORWAY	POLAND	42	89	1.67	18.33
23 HUNGARY	FRANCE	24	39	6.39	13.61

ROUND 14

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
21 NETHERLANDS	POLAND	24	62	2.68	17.32
22 ITALY	FRANCE	31	49	5.80	14.20
23 NORWAY	HUNGARY	65	36	16.08	3.92

RANK**AFTER ROUND 12**

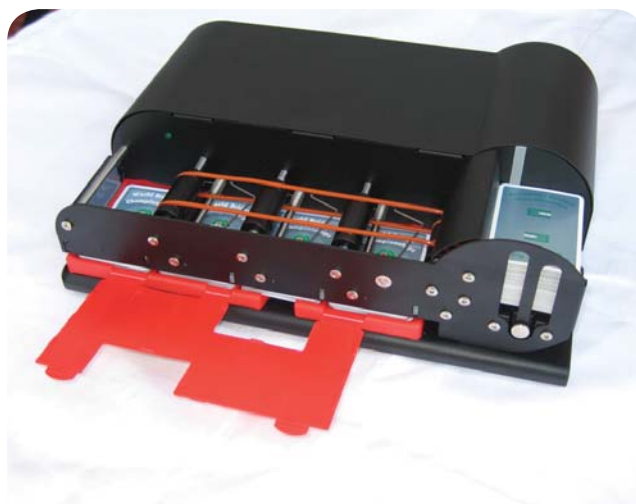
1		FRANCE	219.20
2		POLAND	172.97
3		NETHERLANDS	164.49
4		ITALY	155.14
5		NORWAY	138.64
6		HUNGARY	49.56

ROUND 15

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	IMP1	IMP2	VP1	VP2
21 NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	38	52	6.59	13.41
22 HUNGARY	ITALY	19	74	0.91	19.09
23 FRANCE	POLAND	36	27	12.30	7.70

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Tomasz	RADKO (captain)
Adrian	BAKALARZ (coach)

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Elizaveta	ARSENTYEVA
Nikolay	SKARZHINSKIY
Ivan	VYSHESLAVOV
Vsevolod	ZUBOV
Zigfrid	ZVEZDIN

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Jun	NAKAMARU-PINDER
Suzanna	NESOM
Liam	OBRIEN
Stewart	PINKERTON
Ronan R.J.	VALENTINE
Elizabeth	McGOWAN (captain)

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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



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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

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

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

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Thea Lucia	INDREBO
Marte H.	KLINGEN
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Rosaline	BARENDREGT (coach)

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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.