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# Half-way Already



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It seems that we only just began, yet we are already half-way through three of the five championships – the U16, U31 and U26W. In the U16 championship, Poland is almost a match clear of England, with Hungary, Czech Republic and Netherlands well in touch. Netherlands top the U31 rankings, but only by a couple of VPs from France, Hungary, Turkiye and Bulgaria. This event is fiercely contested, with seventh place still within a match of the lead.

Norway leads the U26W by about half a match from Poland. There is a significant gap to the chasing pack, which is led by France. The other two series still have a long way to go. Nonetheless, we can see that half the field in the U21s is over a match and a half behind the top half, a huge gap after only eight matches, and have some serious work to do to get back into contention. In the lead is Israel, from Poland, Netherlands, France and Sweden.

France, Sweden and Italy have moved a little way clear at the top of the U26 rankings. They are followed by a logjam of teams led by Poland.

### PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

The Prize Giving Ceremony of the U26W/U16/U31 will take place on Saturday 23rd July at 18:30 in the Brabantzaal of the Koningshof. Drinks at the end.



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# BBO MATCHES TODAY

10:00	U26	RR6	<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>ESTONIA</b>	BBO1
10:00	U26	RR6	<b>CROATIA</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	BBO2
13:40	U26	RR7	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	BBO1
13:40	U26	RR7	<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>SCOTLAND</b>	BBO2
16:30	U26	RR8	<b>GREECE</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	BBO1
16:30	U26	RR8	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	BBO2
9:30	U16	RR9	<b>POLAND</b>	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	BBO3
	U31	RR9	<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>BULGARIA</b>	BBO4
11:35	U21	RR10	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	BBO3
	U26W	RR9	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	BBO4
14:20	U31	RR11	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	BBO3
	U21	RR11	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>POLAND</b>	BBO4
16:25	U31	RR12	<b>LATVIA</b>	<b>HUNGARY</b>	BBO3
	U21	RR12	<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>NORWAY</b>	BBO4



## Auction of the Day

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I am sure that you understand that we will not be able to look at every auction from every table. To be considered for the auction of the day, or the overall award, we will need the players to tell us about their (or their opponents') auction, with explanations of any artificial calls. You can do so by coming to the Daily Bulletin office, or by emailing the editor at:

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We would also be very happy to receive any other good hands or stories at the above address if you think they might be worthy of space in the bulletin. It is not necessary for you to type out the whole deal – just let us know the round and board number and, as with the best-bid hand, please give full details of the meaning of any artificial calls.



Brian Senior, **OPEN TEAMS U31**, ROUND 6



**BULGARIA vs NETHERLANDS**



Both Netherlands and Bulgaria had good wins in their morning matches and went into the second match of day two lying first and sixth respectively in the U31 championship rankings.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Engelen</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>C Westerbeek</i>	<i>Pavlov</i>
-	Pass	1♦	2♣
2♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♠	3♣	3♦	Pass
3NT	Dble	4♠	Dble
5♦	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>R Westerbeek</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Coppens</i>
-	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	All Pass

The Bulgarian E/W pair had a peaceful auction to 2♦, against which Pim Coppens led the ace of clubs then switched to the two of diamonds on sight of dummy. Dobromir Lazarov rose with dummy's king to lead a heart up, Ricardo Westerbeek winning the king and returning the nine of spades to the queen, king and ace. Lazarov led a second heart up, Westerbeek winning the ace, and this time returning a trump. Lazarov won that and had eight tricks – six diamonds and one in each major – for +90.

And now for something completely different. In the other room, Todor Pavlov overcalled 2♣ with the South cards and Bas van Engelen competed with a 2♥ transfer to spades. When Mark Andonov doubled that to show hearts, Chris Westerbeek passed it back round to his partner, who converted to 2♠. Now Andonov competed in clubs and Westerbeek rebid his long diamonds. Van Engelen tried 3NT now, hoping to be able to run the diamonds, but that was doubled and Westerbeek removed to 4♠. That too was doubled, as was Van Engelen's run to 5♦, and that was where the music finally stopped. Pavlov cashed a top club then switched to a heart. Andonov won the king, cashed the ace, then switched back to clubs. Westerbeek ruffed the club and was permitted to ruff the ten of hearts with dummy's low diamond. He cashed the ♦K, crossed to hand by ruffing the ♣10, and rattled off the rest of the trumps, catching South in a positional black-suit squeeze, so had the rest and was down only one; -200 and 7 IMPs to Bulgaria, but it could have been more.



Dobromir LAZAROV

Pim COPPENS

Zahari FEROV

Ricardo WESTERBEEK

The lively start to the match continued on the second board.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Engelen</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>C Westerbeek</i>	<i>Pavlov</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
2♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>R Westerbeek</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Coppens</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The Dutch N/S had an uncontested auction to 3NT, played by South, the 1♥ response promising 8+HCP so that South knew immediately that game would be reached. Ferov led a low spade, Lazarov winning the ace and continuing with the nine. Coppens won the king and exited with his third spade, thinking that this would improve his chances of a tenth trick when spades were four-three. Of course, they were five-two, so Ferov had three spade winners to hold the contract to nine and +400.

The overtrick proved to be of no relevance at all courtesy of events at the other table. There, Van Engelen made an aggressive weak jump overcall and Westerbeek raised to 3♠ over the negative double. Pavlov left that round to his partner and Andonov doubled for a second time. Looking at 17 balanced points, and expecting his partner to also be (semi)-balanced, Pavlov left in the double, expecting a significant penalty. Andonov led a trump. Van Engelen ducked that to the king and Pavlov continued with a second trump. Van Engelen won the ace and played a diamond. Pavlov won that and played two more rounds of diamonds, thereby establishing a fifth trick for Van Engelen – win the first diamond, cash the

hearts, then play ace and another club, and declarer runs out of trumps before being in a position to cash the long diamond so is down one extra trick. Van Engelen now had four trump tricks and one diamond so was down four for –800 and 9 IMPs to Bulgaria, who led by 16-0 after two boards.

Netherlands picked up 2 IMPs on a partscore deal, then we were back to the action:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Engelen</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>C Westerbeek</i>	<i>Pavlov</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	7♦	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>R Westerbeek</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Coppens</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

The Dutch N/S pair had a simple auction to 6NT. One Club was natural or balanced, 1♦ natural or any 0-7, and 1NT 17-19. Four No Trump invited slam and Westerbeek accepted the invitation. Lazarov tried the aggressive lead of the queen of hearts but this was not the time for such enterprise and solved all of declarer's problems. Westerbeek made all 13 tricks now for a quick and painless +1020.

Andonov's 1♣ was Precision, any 16+, and 1NT showed a balanced 11+ hand. Andonov relayed, discovered the diamond fit and, when Pavlov invited the grand slam, jumped to 7♦. The grand slam is easy enough to make at double dummy, but single dummy is not the same thing at all. Westerbeek led the ten of diamonds, which Andonov won in dummy. He cashed the ace of hearts then played a diamond

back to dummy and a heart to the jack and queen. Westerbeek returned a low club to dummy's king and declarer led another heart to the king, Having lost some enthusiasm for the hand, understandably enough, Andonov tried to cash both the ace and queen of clubs for a spade pitch, without drawing the last trump. He therefore conceded a ruff, and there was still a spade to come, so the contract was down three for 150 and 15 IMPs to Netherlands, who took the lead by 17-16.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Engelen</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>C Westerbeek</i>	<i>Paulov</i>
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>R Westerbeek</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Coppens</i>
-	3♠	4♥	5♣
5♥	All Pass		

Identical auctions saw both Easts declare 5♥. Coppens cashed the ace of spades then switched to the king of clubs. Westerbeek ruffed that and returned his remaining trump, but Lazarov won that, and could

ruff all his black-suit losers in the dummy, making 11 tricks for +450.

Pavlov led the king of clubs, which gave the defence a chance. Andonov could have beaten the contract by ruffing and putting his partner in with a spade to get a second club ruff. It sounds easy when I put it like that, but it was far from clear at the table, and Andonov discarded a spade. Westerbeek won the club, drew trumps, gave up a spade, and eventually took the ruffing diamond finesse for his eleventh trick; +450 and no swing.

Bulgaria retook the lead on Board 19 when Andonov/Pavlov stayed low and made +120, while Westerbeek/Coppens bid their combined 24 HCP to a poor but playable heart game which had to go down a trick for -100 and 6 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Van Engelen</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>C Westerbeek</i>	<i>Paulov</i>
-	1♦	2♣	2♥
3♦	Pass	4♣	4♠
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>R Westerbeek</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Coppens</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	2♦
3♣	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Westerbeek passed as dealer then responded with a wide-range 1NT to his partner's opening. However, he got much more excited at his third turn, when his partner introduced diamonds. A jump to 4♦ saw Coppens go on to the cold game, where he lost just one trick in each black suit; +600.

Andonov, protected to some extent by his strong club methods, opened a light 1♦ as dealer and that attracted a light 2♣ overcall on his left. Pavlov's 2♥ showed spades, and Van Engelen showed a good



Todor PAVLOV

club raise. When Pavlov now bid 4♠, Van Engelen doubled, thinking that his partner would have more for his two-level overcall. There were, of course, just two spades and one club to be lost, so Pavlov chalked up +790 and Bulgaria gained 5 IMPs to lead by 27-20 with three boards to play.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A J ♥ A K 10 8 4 ♦ 10 5 ♣ A 10 5 3		♠ Q 10 7 6 ♥ 9 3 2 ♦ Q 8 7 6 ♣ K 7	♠ 2 ♥ Q 6 5 ♦ K J 9 4 3 2 ♣ 8 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Van Engelen</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>C Westerbeek</i>	<i>Pavlov</i>
-	-	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>R Westerbeek</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Coppens</i>
-	-	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Pavlov opened 3♦ with the South hand and played there. He won the lead of the queen of clubs with dummy's ace and ran the ten of diamonds to West's bare ace. Pavlov won the spade return with the ace and led a diamond to the jack, then continued with king and a fourth diamond. The king of clubs was cashed but that was all for the defence; 10 tricks for +130.

Coppens opened a weak two bid then raised the 2♥ response to game. The lead was a spade to the king and ace, and declarer immediately led his low diamond to dummy's king, losing to the ace. Westerbeek ducked the return of the queen of clubs, won the continuation of a low club, and played the ten of diamonds. Lazarov defended accurately, playing low to allow his partner to win the trick by ruffing, and Ferov could then cash the ♣J for the setting trick; down one for -50 and 5 IMPs to Bulgaria, growing their lead to 32-20.

A winning diamond play would have made the contract, as the rest of the cards lie.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 9 7 4 2 ♥ 10 7 6 ♦ A 9 ♣ A 8 6		♠ K ♥ 9 5 ♦ K J 10 8 7 6 2 ♣ J 10 4	♠ Q J 10 8 6 ♥ A K Q J 8 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Van Engelen</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>C Westerbeek</i>	<i>Pavlov</i>
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>R Westerbeek</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Coppens</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Ferov, playing Precision, could open 1♠ then make an invitational jump to 3♥, which Lazarov passed. Westerbeek cashed the ace of diamonds then switched to ace and another club. Ferov ruffed, drew trumps, and had six diamond winners so 11 in all for +230.

Westerbeek could respond with a jump to 3♦ and Van Engelen's 3♥ rebid was forcing but did not promise the fifth card. Westerbeek gave false preference back to spades, and Van Engelen repeated the hearts to confirm the genuine two-suiter. Looking at three aces, and knowing that the spades were breaking badly, Andonov doubled 4♥ and Westerbeek, no doubt with little enthusiasm, gave preference by passing. Andonov found a trump lead as he attempted to protect his spade holding. Van Engelen won and played a spade, Andonov winning the ace and playing the ten of hearts, Van Engelen winning and drawing the missing trumps, before playing the queen of diamonds. This was the key moment, Andonov having to duck to give himself a chance to beat the contract. He would still need to be a little careful to make sure that he did not get endplayed to lead round to the ♠108 in the ending, but he should reach a position where the defence was clear. This all proved to be academic, however, when Andonov won the diamond. Rather than attempt to cash two club tricks, he now exited with a low spade round to the eight, and the club trick went away on the diamonds; 11 tricks for +690 and 10 IMPs to Netherlands.

Bulgaria had won the match by 32-30 IMPs, converting to 10.71-9.29 VPs but, as we can often say, it could have been better for either team.



## Brian Senior

# Eighteen Tricks in NT

There was a deal in Round 4 of the U21 series on which the Swedish team contracted for a total of 17 tricks in NT – and made 18! Here it is.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 8 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ K Q 10 9 6 5 3 ♣ 10 8</p>		<p>♠ K J ♥ A 7 6 ♦ A J 8 7 ♣ A Q 9 3</p>	<p>♠ 7 5 4 ♥ K J 10 5 4 ♦ 4 ♣ K J 7 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	<i>Carletti</i>	<i>Warlenius</i>	<i>Lombardi</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	3♦	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Gardenghi</i>	<i>Abragi</i>	<i>Draghi</i>	<i>Asplund-S</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

At our first table, the auction was quite normal, Alexandro Carletti, for Italy, opening 3♦ in third seat and Sweden's Harry Hjorth Warlenius overcalling 3NT and playing there. Matteo Lombardi led the jack of hearts to the queen and duck, so Carletti switched to the king of diamonds, also ducked, then the eight of clubs for the nine and jack. Lombardi now switched to a spade, so the defence had led each of the four suits to the first four tricks. Warlenius won the spade in hand and cashed the two red aces before running the rest of the spades. Lombardi could see that, if he came down to ♥K ♣K7, he would be endplayed with a heart to lead into declarer's ♣AQ at trick 12, so he bared the club to keep two hearts. Alas, Warlenius had been watching his opponents' discards carefully and now led a club to the ace, felling the king and making the last two tricks with the queen and three of clubs; +630.

Nobody could accuse the auction from table two of being normal. Sweden's Andreas Abragi saw two passes to him and, seeing the favourable vulnerability, decided to try a psychic 15-17 NT opening with the long diamonds. Had Luca Draghi doubled, that would not have been for penalty, so he passed, and saw his opponents follow a transfer sequence to 2NT. Well, whatever double would have meant now, Draghi wasn't risking it, and 2NT became the final contract.

Abragi had already scored a huge goal, and Sweden were about to gain a substantial swing however many tricks he managed to come to in 2NT, but it was to get even better for Sweden. Draghi led the three of clubs, which Abragi ran to his eight. He played the queen of hearts and that was ducked, Abragi next played the ten of clubs and Draghi ducked again, so Abragi overtook with the jack and played the king of hearts, pitching a diamond from hand. Draghi won the ♥A and, still playing for declarer to have all the remaining high cards, got out passively with a heart. Abragi won that and cashed the rest of the hearts, coming down to three low spades and ♦KQ10 in hand. He led a diamond to the king and ace, and Draghi returned the jack of diamonds, so Abragi had two diamond tricks and eight in all – just made for +120 and 13 IMPs to Sweden!

I guess that we can enter Abragi's effort into the Auction of the Day competition.

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**Jos Jacobs, OPEN TEAMS U26, ROUND 3****LATVIA vs CROATIA**

On the opening day of the U26 Open event, the Croatian team had been doing quite well, scoring over 30 VP. This score made me decide to have a look at them first thing in the morning when play got underway on Thursday. On the first board of the day, I saw the first of many specimens of the difference in experience level between the two teams.

huge, whereas in teams, the swings are more modest, but certainly, under the new VP scale, every IMP counts. Here is the story of the Open Room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	1♦	1♠	2♣
2♠	3♣	3♠	All Pass

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

Looking at East's 3♠ bid, I was wondering what E/W might gain by bidding it. To me, the prospects of making 3♠ don't look good, so even if 3♣ is making, the swing will be a minor one only. What is more: can you be sure that 3♣ is making?

South led a top club and, on seeing partner's ♣7, immediately shifted to a diamond. North took his three tricks in the suit but, having done so, he was in trouble. No doubt, he was wondering why partner had not cashed one more top club first. Anyway, when he exited in hearts, declarer was quick to seize his chance when the ♥Q held the trick: ♥A, ♠K and ♠9 to the ace, followed by the ♥J, saw the remaining club loser disappear on a heart when the trumps broke 2-2 and the ♠8 was still there to serve as the entry to the established heart; Croatia +140.

In the Closed Room, the Latvian East did not bother about the number of losers in his hand.

This board happened to be a perfect example of how difficult partscore contests can be. For either side, the three-level is already too high, but even the slightest defensive mistake may change the outcome of this contest. In pairs, the matchpoint difference can be

**Ivan PETKOVIC****Ralfs RUBINS****Rudolfs BARONS****Filip KATUSIC**

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	1♦	1♠	2♣
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Top club, three rounds of diamonds and a club back, easily put the contract two down. Apparently, North realised that it would not make too much sense to try a heart first as the possible tricks in that suit would not run away. Right he was: Croatia another +100 and their first 6 IMPs.

Three quiet boards were to follow but then, we saw a flurry of big swings in pretty quick succession. This was the first:

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

This looked a shaky contract on paper but all was well for declarer when the trumps behaved. He even emerged with an overtrick after a heart lead, a trump to dummy's king, and a club from dummy won by West's ♣K. Latvia +170, which looked like a useful result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, North found a natural opening bid, the upgrade possibly due to the nice distribution and the four-cards in the highest-ranking suit. From there, getting to game was automatic for N/S so 3NT was quickly reached and East led the ♠10. This lead took West by surprise, because he also played low when dummy played low. This duck marked the start of a comedy of errors. Declarer won the ♠J and would have had nine tricks by



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Emanuel EVACIC

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simply returning the suit. Not being able to assess what had happened, of course, declarer decided to first cash his five diamond tricks. When the defence discarded three low hearts in all, declarer went on to play ♥AK and another to put East on lead. On the last two rounds of hearts, West had discarded a spade and the ♠Q so East should have cashed the ♠A first before playing a club to partner's likely ♣AK. When he failed to do so but immediately played a club instead, West, now with only clubs left, had to lead the last club to declarer's ♣Q for a remarkable +600 and 10 IMPs to Croatia.

The next board was a push but then came...

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	–	–	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The Latvians have a useful agreement for this sort of hand. Over the strong 2♣, 2M shows the suit and 0-4 HCP. Apparently, their agreement ends there as there was no way for them to find out whether North would hold any values in his spade suit. Had North held ♠Qxxxxx or better, 6♠ would have been cold, or at least have some serious chances but, this time, N/S could only be grateful that West did not double (and why should he?...). Down two, Croatia +200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	–	–	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

After many relays, the Croatians managed to show a balanced 25-27 count and North transferred to spades, so South was never tempted. Croatia another +650 and 13 IMPs to them when even an overtrick arose.

On the next board, we saw almost exactly the same bidding problem for N/S again.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Again, a strong 2♣ and a weak sign-off in a major. This time, the layout was such that a forward move by North would have resulted in getting to an entirely reasonable spade game, even non-vulnerable. Latvia +170 when 10 tricks proved easy.

In the Closed Room, the Croatians did not find the right solution for this bidding problem either.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

After this auction, it was up to the Latvians to find the proper defence to beat 3NT. The lay-out is such that the defence cannot come to five tricks on its own: the E/W heart spots are too low. With the ♥K well placed for declarer and the diamonds breaking, there are always four diamonds, four blacks and a heart, adding up to nine. However, you have to choose the right line. If you go for your extra chance of bringing down the ♠Q doubleton, you might go down

Declarer won the club lead, cashed two top spades, and only then tried a heart. Dummy's king won



alright but, when declarer next played three rounds of diamonds, East got the lead with the  $\diamond Q$ . All he had to do now was to cash out, as there were three hearts and the  $\spadesuit Q$  for the taking. But how could he know that declarer had produced a swindle? When he simply continued another club, declarer was home after all. Croatia another +400 and 6 more IMPs to them.

Another interesting board came up next.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

$\spadesuit$ A 9 2 $\heartsuit$ A K 6 $\diamond$ — $\clubsuit$ A Q J 6 5 4 2		$\spadesuit$ K 8 5 4 $\heartsuit$ J 5 4 $\diamond$ Q 8 2 $\clubsuit$ 10 9 7	$\spadesuit$ 10 $\heartsuit$ 10 9 3 $\diamond$ A J 10 9 7 6 5 4 $\clubsuit$ K
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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	1 $\clubsuit$	Pass	5 $\diamond$
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, the Croatians had reached the proper contract in natural fashion and scored +400, losing only two trump tricks.

In the Open Room, North did not like his void in partner's suit.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	1 $\clubsuit$	Pass	1 $\diamond$
1 $\spadesuit$	Dble	Pass	5 $\diamond$
Pass	6 $\clubsuit$	All Pass	

Well, you may think of North's 6 $\clubsuit$  bid whatever you want, but the side effect of this bid was that East suddenly had a serious lead problem. Can you blame him for simply leading partner's suit?

Of course, North could not have any complaints about dummy's trump holding, even less so when East in fact led a spade rather than a trump. The  $\clubsuit K$  was used at trick two to ruff a spade and that was it. Latvia +920 and 11 IMPs to them. It was about time for them to hit back a bit.

The score had gone up to 35-18 to Croatia when Board 13 arrived.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

$\spadesuit$ A 4 3 $\heartsuit$ K 10 8 7 5 3 $\diamond$ A K $\clubsuit$ J 8		$\spadesuit$ 10 9 6 $\heartsuit$ J 6 $\diamond$ J 10 8 4 3 2 $\clubsuit$ 7 5	$\spadesuit$ Q 7 5 $\heartsuit$ A 9 4 $\diamond$ Q 9 6 $\clubsuit$ Q 9 4 2
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass	2 $\heartsuit$
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	3 $\clubsuit$
Dble	3 $\heartsuit$	All Pass	

This looked a fairly standard auction against which East elected to lead the  $\spadesuit 10$ , in view (and in honour) of partner's double. The  $\spadesuit 10$  was covered all round but, after cashing the  $\diamond AK$ , declarer made a small mistake. Rather than cashing his  $\heartsuit K$  first, he immediately crossed to the  $\heartsuit A$  and played the  $\diamond Q$  for a spade discard, but now West could ruff with the  $\heartsuit Q$ , and cash the  $\clubsuit AK$  as well as the  $\spadesuit J$  before continuing with another club for East to score his  $\heartsuit J$  over declarer's  $\heartsuit K$ . One down, Croatia +100. The result would still have been the same, had declarer decided to over-ruff the  $\heartsuit Q$  straight away.

In the other room, the Croatians even reached game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	1 $\heartsuit$	Pass	1NT
Pass	2 $\clubsuit$	Pass	2 $\diamond$
Pass	3 $\heartsuit$	Pass	4 $\heartsuit$
All Pass			

After a 'standard' Gazzilli auction, East had nothing to guide him for the lead because West had not been able to act over 1NT. When East put the  $\diamond J$  on the table, declarer had at least six hearts, three diamonds and the  $\spadesuit A$  for the taking. He even made an overtrick because West had to concede an extra trick after winning a top club. Of course, one of declarer's clubs had gone on the  $\diamond Q$ . Croatia +650 and 13 IMPs.

## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	–	Pass	2♣
2♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Over the strong 2♣, West's 2♥ was Suction, denying hearts. The 3♣ bid then confirmed both minors. The opponents still got to their normal enough 4♠ and West led a heart into the KJ tenace. From here, 4♠ can be made with careful play, but when declarer played ♣AK and ruffed a club, followed by the ♠J, from dummy, he soon regretted it. West won the ♠Q, cashed the ♠A, and exited with his last heart to lock declarer in his hand to open up the diamonds. Dummy's ♥A was waiting there in vain for a diamond discard that never came. One down, Croatia +50.



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## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	–	3♥	Dble
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, the Latvians showed that they are fully acquainted with such issues as suit quality or when and where to pre-empt. Had their team-mates brought home 4♠, the loss would have been a mere 2 IMPs and no big deal. This time, however, their –500 cost them another 11 IMP- swing.

The next board, too, kept the scorers at work.

## Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Well, 4♠ is off two top diamonds and two trump tricks but the defenders have to be quick. The actual club lead found by North was not good enough. Croatia +420.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With the clubs 3-3 (or the ♣J coming down in time) you still have only eight top tricks in 3NT, but the difference is that the defenders will have ample time to find out that their future lies in diamonds. Down two when this suit eventually made its presence felt. Croatia another +100 and 11 more IMPs to them. East's is a nasty hand opposite the 2♠ rebid with his

strength outside his (minor) suits...

And yet another big swing on the innocent enough looking next board:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A straightforward auction and a fine passive diamond lead from North. Declarer had no option but to win in dummy and tackle the clubs. So he continued the ♣J, but now South put up the ♣K and shifted to the ♠Q. Declarer did not cover but, when South continued the suit when the ♠Q held, one down was inevitable. Latvia +100.



Rudolf BARONS

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Another straight-forward auction in the Closed Room as well but here, South led an active low spade himself. North won the ♠10 when dummy played low, but when North next played ♠A and another, declarer had his nine tricks without the help of the club suit. Latvia +600 and 12 IMPs back to them.

And finally:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Kreitals</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Vilunas</i>	<i>Bilusic</i>
–	–	1NT	All Pass

In the Closed Room, East opened a strong 1NT and played there. When South led a spade, this contract easily went one down. Croatia +100.

This might have been a flat board but in the other room, there suddenly was more action.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Katusic</i>	<i>Barons</i>	<i>Petkovic</i>	<i>R Rubins</i>
–	–	1♦	2♠
3♦	3♠	Dble	All Pass

Double dummy, even 4♦ might be made by E/W but West put more faith in his defensive values. This would have been correct had his ♥J been good for a trick. Declarer was even presented with an overtrick when East, in an attempt to defeat the contract after all, exited in clubs after winning his ♥ace. Latvia scored an unexpected +930 to finish this high-scoring match on a positive note with 13 IMPs to their credit. This made the final score 72-43 IMPs or 16.31-3.69 V.P. to Croatia. An entertaining and instructive match had come to an end.


**Brian Senior, OPEN TEAMS U21, ROUND 8**
**ITALY vs ENGLAND**

There are 26 rounds in the U21 championship yet, with only seven completed, it seemed that half the field was already entering last chance saloon territory, with a gap of around 30 VPs between seventh and eighth places in the 14-team field.

Two of the countries who have had a great deal of success in previous youth events, Italy and England, both found themselves at the wrong side of that 30 VP gap, as they faced each other in Round 8. Would one or the other team be able to make a leap into that gap and start to get back into contention for the top places?

We didn't have to wait long for the first major swing to come along.

West	North	East	South
<i>Carletti</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Lombardi</i>	<i>Gardner</i>
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Draghi</i>	<i>La Chapelle</i>	<i>Gardenghi</i>
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Imogen La Chapelle and Henry Rose had a simple natural auction to 3NT, but this left some of East's values undisclosed, and they found that they had missed a cold slam – not in NT, I hasten to add, as Oslo Gardenghi's opening heart lead could have defeated 6NT very quickly. La Chapelle played low from dummy and Luca Draghi put in the nine, so she was back up to 12 tricks for +690.

In the other room, Matteo Lombardi had the perfect bid for the East hand in response to Alessandro Carletti's game-forcing relay. The 3♦ rebid showed 16+ with six spades and four clubs, and enabled Carletti to agree spades and invite cuebidding. When Lombardi could not cuebid hearts, Carletti had the

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**Matteo LOMBARDI**

**Thomas GARDNER**

**Alessandro CARLETTI**





missing control so asked for key-cards then bid the small slam on finding Lombardi with two plus the trump queen. Thomas Gardner led a heart, but Lombardi could rise with the ace, draw trumps, and take a heart discard on the king of diamonds before knocking out the ace of clubs; 12 tricks for +1430 and 12 IMPs to Italy – the perfect start.

Ten pairs bid to 6♠, and one to 6NT from the safe side (West). Three stopped in 3NT.

England were down a trick in partscore at both tables on Board 16, but then came another slam deal.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carletti</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Lombardi</i>	<i>Gardner</i>
-	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Draghi</i>	<i>La Chapelle</i>	<i>Gardenghi</i>
-	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Both E/W pairs bid smoothly to the cold grand slam. Lombardi's 2♠ rebid only promised four cards, but 3♦ next confirmed at least a six-card spade suit. When Carletti could agree spades, and exchange of cuebids was followed by Key-card, 5NT looking for Seven, and 6♣ showing the ♣K. Finally, 6♦ asked for third-round diamond control and Carletti had it so bid the grand slam.

La Chapelle promised five spades and Rose supported the suit immediately. Three No Trump was a non-serious slam try but, when Rose could cuebid twice, La Chapelle took control, asking for key-cards, continuing with a grand slam invite, and finally asking about third-round diamond control once Rose showed the ♣K. Rose, of course, bid the grand.

Both declarers could draw trumps, unblock the club, and take a diamond ruff in dummy and a heart discard on the king of clubs, for a nicely bid flat board at +1510.

Oslo GARDENGHI

Imogen LACHAPELLE

Henry ROSE

Luca DRAGHI



Nine pairs bid the grand, four stopped in 6♠, and one were down in 7NT, where there is no thirteenth trick.

On Board 19, the Italian E/W pair overbid to a very poor heart game and were down three for -300. Meanwhile, Rose and La Chapelle stopped safely in 2♥ for a comfortable +110 and 9 IMPs to England, who still trailed by 10-17.

Board 21 featured the biggest suit we have so far seen at these championships.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carletti</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Lombardi</i>	<i>Gardner</i>
-	1♠	3♣	Pass
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Draghi</i>	<i>La Chapelle</i>	<i>Gardenghi</i>
-	1♠	2♠	Pass
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	5♠	Dble	All Pass

Both Norths opened with a simple 1♠ but both, of course were active later in the auction.

Lombardi overcalled 3♣ to show both red suits and Carletti jumped to the heart game. Andy Cope bid the inevitable 4♠ and was allowed to play there. Lombardi led a heart, establishing the fourth defensive trick immediately. Cope won the ♥A and played the ♣K. Carletti won the ♣A, cashed the ♥Q, and led a diamond to the king and ace. The trump ace was, of course, the setting trick; down one for -100.

La Chapelle overcalled 2♠, Michaels, to show hearts plus an unspecified minor. Rose jumped to 4♥ and Draghi bid 4♠. When that came round to Rose, he took save in 5♥ and Draghi, after some thought, took the push to 5♠, which La Chapelle promptly doubled. La Chapelle's heart lead went to the jack, queen and ace, and Draghi played the ♣K. Rose won the ace, cashed the ♥10, and led a diamond through; down two for -500 and 9 IMPs to England. They led

for the first time, by 19-17.

Italy retook the lead on Board 22 when they made +140 in 3♥ and -50 in 4♣ to pick up 3 IMPs. They were ahead by a single IMP at 20-19.

The final deal saw a third slam in the 12-board set.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Carletti</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Lombardi</i>	<i>Gardner</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Rose</i>	<i>Draghi</i>	<i>La Chapelle</i>	<i>Gardenghi</i>
Pass	1♣	1♠	2♦
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Cope's 1♣ opening could have been three cards. When Gardner could bid 2♥ over the overcall, Cope reversed, found club support from partner, and launched into Key-card. On finding Gardner with both missing key-cards, he might have made a grand slam try which Gardner, looking at a source of tricks, would surely have accepted. Six Clubs made 13 tricks in no time at all, for +940.

That was a chance missed by the English pair as the Italians had a rather unsatisfactory sequence to the same contract, an auction in which Seven was never in the picture. Plus 940 meant a flat board and a 1 IMP win for Italy, by 20-19, which translated to 10.36-9.64 VPs.

On the last deal, four pairs bid 7♣, six bid 6♣, one played in 6♥, one played 6NT, and two stopped in game.

# RESULTS - OPEN UNDER 26

## ROUND 3

		IMPs		VPs	
1	IRELAND	TURKIYE	19 76	0.50	19.50
2	ESTONIA	POLAND	25 50	4.33	15.67
3	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	5 88	0.00	20.00
4	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	66 31	17.18	2.82
5	SWEDEN	BULGARIA	23 14	12.42	7.58
6	ISRAEL	NORWAY	46 23	15.32	4.68
7	LATVIA	CROATIA	43 72	3.69	16.31
8	GREECE	ITALY	31 44	6.66	13.34
9	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	24 47	4.68	15.32

## ROUND 4

		IMPs		VPs	
1	IRELAND	SWEDEN	2 68	0.00	20.00
2	ISRAEL	GERMANY	33 41	7.83	12.17
3	FRANCE	LATVIA	87 17	20.00	0.00
4	ESTONIA	ITALY	22 46	4.50	15.50
5	ENGLAND	TURKIYE	27 60	3.10	16.90
6	HUNGARY	POLAND	28 63	2.82	17.18
7	GREECE	SCOTLAND	55 19	17.31	2.69
8	NETHERLANDS	CROATIA	20 22	9.42	10.58
9	NORWAY	BULGARIA	15 33	5.61	14.39

## ROUND 5

		IMPs		VPs	
1	IRELAND	ENGLAND	8 63	0.66	19.34
2	HUNGARY	ITALY	20 69	1.22	18.78
3	LATVIA	GREECE	29 63	2.96	17.04
4	ISRAEL	CROATIA	57 29	16.16	3.84
5	NORWAY	SWEDEN	25 53	3.84	16.16
6	BULGARIA	GERMANY	69 38	16.61	3.39
7	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	9 44	2.82	17.18
8	ESTONIA	SCOTLAND	68 40	16.16	3.84
9	POLAND	TURKIYE	50 34	13.99	6.01

## RANKING AFTER R. 5

1		FRANCE	84.23
2		SWEDEN	83.90
3		ITALY	80.99
4		POLAND	68.53
5		GREECE	65.60
6		ISRAEL	62.65
7		ESTONIA	62.30
8		CROATIA	60.82
9		BULGARIA	55.38
10		TURKIYE	53.63
11		NETHERLANDS	41.00
12		HUNGARY	40.58
13		ENGLAND	36.23
14		GERMANY	35.95
15		NORWAY	31.61
16		LATVIA	18.76
17		SCOTLAND	12.14
18		IRELAND	4.70



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# RESULTS - OPEN UNDER 21

## ROUND 5

		IMPs		VPs	
11	ISRAEL	NETHERLANDS	22	28	7.99 12.01
12	SWEDEN	GERMANY	46	6	18.78 1.22
13	POLAND	TURKIYE	49	17	17.71 2.29
14	ITALY	FRANCE	16	36	4.42 15.58
15	HUNGARY	ENGLAND	32	35	8.95 11.05
16	NORWAY	IRELAND	50	22	17.08 2.92
17	DENMARK	GREECE	56	6	19.83 0.17

## ROUND 6

		IMPs		VPs	
11	ISRAEL	IRELAND	64	15	19.74 0.26
12	GREECE	ENGLAND	23	48	3.45 16.55
13	ITALY	DENMARK	5	38	2.14 17.86
14	NORWAY	TURKIYE	51	25	16.73 3.27
15	SWEDEN	HUNGARY	46	3	19.13 0.87
16	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	31	31	10.00 10.00
17	GERMANY	POLAND	23	78	0.00 20.00

## ROUND 7

		IMPs		VPs	
11	ISRAEL	SWEDEN	27	8	15.37 4.63
12	TURKIYE	NETHERLANDS	12	30	4.85 15.15
13	GERMANY	ITALY	27	35	7.39 12.61
14	ENGLAND	POLAND	12	39	3.09 16.91
15	FRANCE	IRELAND	32	6	16.73 3.27
16	HUNGARY	GREECE	18	38	4.42 15.58
17	NORWAY	DENMARK	31	29	10.71 9.29

## ROUND 8

		IMPs		VPs	
11	ISRAEL	FRANCE	9	27	4.85 15.15
12	POLAND	HUNGARY	27	32	8.30 11.70
13	NORWAY	GERMANY	21	34	6.03 13.97
14	NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	31	37	7.99 12.01
15	GREECE	SWEDEN	42	29	13.97 6.03
16	IRELAND	TURKIYE	35	42	7.69 12.31
17	ENGLAND	ITALY	19	20	9.64 10.36

## RANKING AFTER R. 8

1		ISRAEL	122.00
2		POLAND	113.58
3		NETHERLANDS	106.26
4		FRANCE	102.79
5		SWEDEN	102.30
6		NORWAY	97.24
7		DENMARK	93.45
8		ENGLAND	62.39
9		HUNGARY	62.25
10		TURKIYE	56.08
11		GREECE	55.94
12		ITALY	54.49
13		GERMANY	47.15
14		IRELAND	41.68



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# RESULTS - WOMEN UNDER 26

## ROUND 4

		IMPs		VPs	
21	POLAND	HUNGARY	34 12	15.99	4.01
22	FRANCE	ITALY	40 20	15.58	4.42
23	ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	17 34	5.07	14.93
24	DENMARK	NORWAY	37 8	17.24	2.76

## ROUND 5

		IMPs		VPs	
21	POLAND	ITALY	19 11	12.61	7.39
22	HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	35 9	16.73	3.27
23	FRANCE	DENMARK	22 28	7.99	12.01
24	NORWAY	ENGLAND	57 25	17.71	2.29

## ROUND 6

		IMPs		VPs	
21	POLAND	DENMARK	20 1	15.37	4.63
22	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	7 31	3.63	16.37
23	ITALY	ENGLAND	35 35	10.00	10.00
24	FRANCE	HUNGARY	27 19	12.61	7.39

## ROUND 7

21	POLAND	NORWAY	22 45	3.82	16.18
22	DENMARK	ENGLAND	18 16	10.71	9.29
23	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	32 31	10.36	9.64
24	HUNGARY	ITALY	22 46	3.63	16.37

## RANKING AFTER R. 7

1	 NORWAY	97.00
2	 POLAND	87.53
3	 FRANCE	70.71
4	 NETHERLANDS	69.00
5	 ITALY	68.86
6	 DENMARK	62.71
7	 HUNGARY	56.10
8	 ENGLAND	48.09



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# RESULTS - OPEN UNDER 16

## ROUND 5

		IMPs		VPs	
31	CROATIA DENMARK	6	77	0.00	20.00
32	NETHERLANDS GREECE	30	17	13.97	6.03
33	POLAND NORWAY	51	0	19.92	0.08
34	ESTONIA FRANCE	43	22	15.79	4.21
35	ISRAEL HUNGARY	27	47	4.42	15.58
36	TURKIYE ENGLAND	3	43	1.22	18.78
37	CZECH REPUBLIC GERMANY	40	9	17.56	2.44
38	BULGARIA Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## ROUND 6

		IMPs		VPs	
31	FRANCE ISRAEL	5	71	0.00	20.00
32	TURKIYE ESTONIA	16	45	2.76	17.24
33	GERMANY POLAND	13	54	1.10	18.90
34	DENMARK NETHERLANDS	6	51	0.66	19.34
35	BULGARIA CROATIA	56	6	19.83	0.17
36	CZECH REPUBLIC GREECE	27	25	10.71	9.29
37	NORWAY ENGLAND	10	57	0.46	19.54
38	HUNGARY Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## ROUND 7

		IMPs		VPs	
31	NORWAY FRANCE	8	53	0.66	19.34
32	GERMANY HUNGARY	33	23	13.18	6.82
33	DENMARK ESTONIA	35	20	14.46	5.54
34	CROATIA POLAND	7	102	0.00	20.00
35	NETHERLANDS CZECH REPUBLIC	18	24	7.99	12.01
36	ENGLAND BULGARIA	37	19	15.15	4.85
37	GREECE ISRAEL	40	33	12.31	7.69
38	TURKIYE Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## ROUND 8

		IMPs		VPs	
31	BULGARIA GREECE	44	38	12.01	7.99
32	CROATIA GERMANY	1	80	0.00	20.00
33	CZECH REPUBLIC TURKIYE	4	56	0.00	20.00
34	ENGLAND HUNGARY	34	51	5.07	14.93
35	ESTONIA ISRAEL	58	17	18.90	1.10
36	FRANCE POLAND	33	41	7.39	12.61
37	NETHERLANDS NORWAY	40	29	13.45	6.55
38	DENMARK Bye	0	0	12	0.00

## RANKING AFTER R. 8

1	 POLAND	133.61
2	 ENGLAND	113.45
3	 HUNGARY	111.18
4	 CZECH REPUBLIC	100.81
5	 NETHERLANDS	98.84
6	 ESTONIA	87.10
7	 ISRAEL	84.66
8	 DENMARK	83.20
9	 GREECE	78.86
10	 FRANCE	69.25
11	 TURKIYE	69.14
12	 GERMANY	65.81
13	 BULGARIA	61.32
14	 NORWAY	44.40
15	 CROATIA	11.17



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# RESULTS - OPEN UNDER 31

## ROUND 5

		IMPs		VPs	
41	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	22	52	2.60 17.40
42	POLAND	SERBIA	23	32	6.60 12.90
43	LATVIA	BELGIUM	33	11	15.99 4.01
44	SCOTLAND	FRANCE	18	24	7.99 12.01
45	TURKIYE	BULGARIA	25	41	5.30 14.70
46	SPAIN	ISRAEL	22	43	4.21 15.79
47	CROATIA	PORTUGAL	34	11	16.18 3.82
48	ROMANIA	HUNGARY	23	35	6.29 13.71

## ROUND 6

		IMPs		VPs	
41	GERMANY	LATVIA	5	25	4.42 15.58
42	SCOTLAND	POLAND	21	57	1.72 18.28
43	BULGARIA	NETHERLANDS	32	30	10.71 9.29
44	SPAIN	SERBIA	21	78	0.00 20.00
45	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL	42	12	17.40 2.60
46	HUNGARY	FRANCE	18	34	5.30 14.70
47	TURKIYE	ROMANIA	25	30	8.30 11.70
48	ISRAEL	CROATIA	24	28	8.62 11.38

## ROUND 7

		IMPs		VPs	
41	GERMANY	CROATIA	3	43	1.22 18.78
42	ISRAEL	ROMANIA	14	22	7.39 12.61
43	TURKIYE	HUNGARY	29	15	14.22 5.78
44	FRANCE	PORTUGAL	39	10	17.04 2.36
45	SPAIN	BELGIUM	27	27	10.00 10.00
46	SERBIA	BULGARIA	11	16	8.30 11.70
47	SCOTLAND	NETHERLANDS	21	18	11.05 8.95
48	LATVIA	POLAND	14	15	9.64 10.36

## ROUND 8

		IMPs		VPs	
41	GERMANY	TURKIYE	17	44	3.09 16.91
42	FRANCE	ISRAEL	39	40	9.64 10.36
43	BELGIUM	CROATIA	31	54	3.82 16.18
44	SERBIA	ROMANIA	59	47	13.21 6.29
45	HUNGARY	NETHERLANDS	24	2	15.99 4.01
46	POLAND	PORTUGAL	48	19	17.24 2.76
47	SPAIN	LATVIA	35	23	13.71 6.29
48	BULGARIA	SCOTLAND	42	24	15.15 4.85

## RANKING AFTER R. 8

1		NETHERLANDS	109.54
2		FRANCE	107.11
3		HUNGARY	104.99
4		TURKIYE	98.39
5		BULGARIA	96.17
6		CROATIA	94.97
7		POLAND	91.30
8		ISRAEL	87.92
9		SERBIA	85.58
10		LATVIA	77.84
11		ROMANIA	71.87
12		SCOTLAND	60.93
13		BELGIUM	60.21
14		SPAIN	57.11
15		PORTUGAL	50.47
16		GERMANY	21.00



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