



Matchpoint Mania

Yesterday was the first day of the various Pairs Championships, and there is one more day of qualification today. Tuesday saw some good bridge, some bad bridge, and some imaginative bridge – just as one would expect when matchpoint mania strikes.

Tuesday was my last day, as I'm flying to Toronto today for the ACBL Nationals, but I leave you in the capable hands of Jos Jacobs.

The leading pairs at the end of day one of the Pairs are...

U26Open

J Nawrocki/J Pilat (POL), from
A Sandin/C Mann (SWE) and T Westerveld/S Goor (NED)

U21

M Soumplis/I Papaspyrou (GRE), from
J Izwanyowski/W Tokarski (POL), and B Ge/A Gong (USA)

U26W

K Macdonald/J Skeate (AUS), from
S Bune/A Bune (DEN) and C Belloy/E Nugues (FRA)

U16

Z Zabradi/G Szabo (HUN), from
F Stezala/ J Michalski (POL) and F Asplund Sivelind/M Nordqvist (SWE)

U31

H Wei/S Sun (CHN),
from S Van Oosten/M Brown (NED/NZL) and W Cheung/L Fung (HKG)

Wednesday 17th Schedule

U26 / U21 / U26W /
U16 / U31

10.00 Session 4
13.30 Session 5
16.15 Session 6

CARRYOVER

In the Final A of the World Youth Pairs Championships the following carryovers will apply:

- U26, U21, U26W, U31: 3 tops linear
- U16 : 2 tops linear

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The result will be announced and the Joan Gerard Youth Awards presented at the Prize-giving and Closing Ceremony

Daydreaming in Amsterdam

Kees Tammens

Having played yesterday a little bridge myself (only on the internet, and with not much success, gaining 53%, sharpness disappears with age) and being fond of match-pointed pairs games, I join at home BBO for the first session of qualification for the Open Youth World Championships Pairs. As you will understand, I hope to see some heroic bridge from my fellow country boys or girls. 'Pairs' deserves a different approach to IMPs and I look forward to some examples of that strategy. I kibitz Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad of Denmark.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	2♦
2♠	4♣	4♠	5♣
?			

West holds:

♠ A J 9 5
 ♥ Q 2
 ♦ J
 ♣ K 10 9 7 6 5

What should he bid?

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

You have opened an 11-count and have voluntarily bid 2♠, I presume (in this era of support doubles) showing four-card spade support. Your partner bids 4♠ 'under pressure' of the 4♦ raise. Do you believe

5♠ is an easy make? The answer is 'you don't know'. So a pass over 5♦ seemed the logical conclusion. Your partner, looking at many losers in hearts, and with ♦A and a singleton club as defensive weapons, will probably double 5♦. In the line of play somehow a fourth loser appeared so 5♠ went two off. My prevision 80% NS – 20% EW.

I am curious to see how accurate my predictions are. Do I really understand anything of this kind of game or am I just an amateur?

Taking place behind Nawrocki (son/family of the Piotr my juniors played against a long time ago?) there is a typical matchpoint bidding sequence (with an 'IMP' ending).

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
–	1NT	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	?		

North knew 3♦ was making. Was he satisfied? No, a junior does not miss a game, so he bid 3NT and we never found out if East would have competed with the cold 3♥. Declarer did not manage to make a trick in clubs so went down two for –100, which was still a save against –140. However, I predict 35% N/S and 65% E/W.

For Board 11 I pull up my chair behind Ronald Goor, gold in European junior teams and silver in World Junior teams and probably looking for a third medal. I could see what the bidding would bring.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Xander		Sander	
–	–	–	2♦
Pass	2♥	Dble	All Pass

There was a take-out double of 2♥ and an easy pass with solid trump tricks. Declarer, Maksymilian Szczurowski of Poland, would be tested.

Seven tricks would be a good result. After ♣A, East switched to a trump for the king. A diamond for the king was followed by another trump for the ten, then a second diamond for the ace. The defence was well on the right track and established seven tricks for +300 and about 90% E/W and 10% N/S. So Sander may dream when at board 2 opponents elected a 4-3 fit in spades over 3NT, going down two (100% for EW), still a long way to go and many matchpoints to earn, about a third medal. There was a very nice battle on Board 13.

Board 14 gave much excitement

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

Jack led the ♥9, to the ten and queen and George returned a trump for the ten. ♣A and a club for ♣K and a second diamond for jack came next, and declarer played a spade to the queen, ruffed by South, who played a club for the queen. The ♥K was the fifth trick for E/W and probably 60% E/W and 40% N/S.

I must admit that I had a great morning watching the juniors struggle and trying to keep their heads above the water. If the next five sessions are as entertaining as this one, we have a lot of fun and amusement ahead.



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France U26 v Skaffatar

Hellas U26 v Funbridge Blue

Final Four U26 – Match 3

Jos Jacobs

At the start of the last match of Monday's round robin for the final four, every team was in a position to win the event. The top three teams were within 1.4 VPs of each other and the fourth-placed team was less than 5 VPs behind the leaders, so any team that would score a big win could hope to win the event.

Hellas made a good start to their match with a partscore swing on the first deal. The next board produced a more sizeable swing, however.

Mainly the same auctions in the other match but one major difference: the outcome of this all.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Friesen</i>	<i>Guth</i>	<i>Goor</i>	<i>Bellicaud</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
4♣	4♦	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

West led a top club and switched to the ♦K. That was not a good idea; France +650.

In the Closed Room, they reached par.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tabata</i>	<i>Van de Pavverd</i>	<i>Fragola</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♣	2NT	4♣	4♥
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

This was down two for +300 to Skaffatar but 8 IMPs to France.

Next:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Kapiris</i>	<i>Heiberg-E.</i>	<i>Skordas</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
4♣	4♥	All Pass	

Apparently, East saw chances to defeat 4♥, hence his failure to sacrifice. There were none, however, so the Greeks scored an undisturbed +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soumplis</i>	<i>Patreuha</i>	<i>Papaspyrou</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
2♣	3♣	4♣	4♦
5♣	5♥	All Pass	

Once the Greek East made any noise, West would bid on. Five Clubs would have gone two off but 5♥ also proved one too high, so Hellas another +100 and 12 IMPs to them.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Friesen</i>	<i>Guth</i>	<i>Goor</i>	<i>Bellicaud</i>
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

2NT showed six good spades and from there, we saw a number of cuebids; France +1010.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tabata	Van de Paverd	Fragola	Nijssen
–	–	–	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Probably, the meaning of this auction will be revealed once we are all back home. For the moment, we have to be content with just +1510 and 11 Dutch IMPs.

The Dutch had the better of two partscore hands and thus were leading 27-10 at the half-way stage of the match. Then came:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friesen	Guth	Goor	Bellicaud
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
Dble	Pass	2♠	Dble
All Pass			

West chose rather the wrong moment for action. Three rounds of trumps were led and in the end the defenders collected quite a number of diamond tricks as well. That meant down three when declarer seemed to have missed the early fall of the ♥J; France +800.


In the Closed Room, this was a board without history.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tabata	Van de Paverd	Fragola	Nijssen
–	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The contract was just made for Skaffatar +400 but 9 IMPs to France.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Friesen	Guth	Goor	Bellicaud
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The advantage of immediately supporting partner's five-card suit was shown. Certainly not everybody's choice but it worked very well here. South led a club to North's ace and North shifted to a diamond. Declarer ran this to dummy's ♦10 and immediately continued the suit. His ♦Q won the next trick and a spade was taken by South's ♠A. The club return was ruffed in dummy, but now declarer could ruff the diamonds good and draw two top trumps, conceding just one more trump trick and thus making his contract; Skaffatar +620.

The French bid more carefully.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Tabata	Van de Paverd	Fragola	Nijssen
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

This was just made for France +140 but 10 IMPs more to Skaffatar.

In the Hellas v Funbridge Blue match, this is what happened:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lahrman	Kapiris	Heiberg-E.	Skordas
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The play is not recorded but we know that the contract at this table went one down, so Hellas +100.

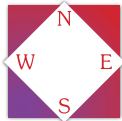
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soumplis</i>	<i>Patreuha</i>	<i>Papaspyrou</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Against yet another club lead by South, declarer managed to collect his required ten tricks. This was not really a surprise but it brought the Greeks another +620 and 12 IMPs, a possibly important contribution to their much needed big win.

Next a very straightforward looking heart game:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Friesen</i>	<i>Guth</i>	<i>Goor</i>	<i>Bellicaud</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	Dble	2♥	3♣
4♥	All Pass		

There was one overtrick, so Skaffatar +450.

In the Closed Room, however, the French threw some sand into their own machinery.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Tabata</i>	<i>Van de Paverd</i>	<i>Fragola</i>	<i>Nijssen</i>
–	–	2♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♣
All Pass			


As a result of the constructive weak two in diamonds, the 4-4 heart fit was lost forever. The French even sold out to the second chance offered to them. The contract went one down for +50 to the French but the IMPs once again went Dutch. This was the last

scoring shot in that match, won by Skaffatar 52-19 or 17.17-2.83 VPs. Would this be enough to catch up to Hellas?

With only the last two boards of the match to play, the score in the Hellas v Funbridge Blue match stood at 34-5 to Hellas. This margin would be enough to secure the Greek overall victory but the last two boards could have their influence on the final score of the match and...indeed they did!

This one came first.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lahrman</i>	<i>Kapiris</i>	<i>Heiberg-E.</i>	<i>Skordas</i>
–	–	–	1♣
1♠	2♣	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Well, Four Spades had some chances but not this time and it was one down, so Hellas +50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soumplis</i>	<i>Patreuha</i>	<i>Papaspyrou</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Though the Greeks gave up, the Funbridge pair still was there. They bought the contract undoubled but soon discovered this was the wrong moment to do so. Leaving 2♠ alone would have scored them –140 but going down themselves in an opposition cross-ruff cost them –300 and 8 IMPs.

And the last board of the event, possibly the most interesting of them all:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A 8 7 2 ♥ A 6 4 ♦ K 10 4 2 ♣ A 10	♠ Q 10 5 ♥ 10 8 7 5 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ K Q 7	♠ 6 4 3 ♥ K Q 9 ♦ Q J 7 3 ♣ J 5 4	♠ K J 9 ♥ J 3 ♦ A 9 8 ♣ 9 8 6 3 2
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The popular contract was 3NT by West. North leads a heart. I was wondering why the contract came home at so many tables though there seem to be only eight tricks.

The ninth trick can only be the thirteenth spade, if there are no defensive accidents in clubs. So the correct line of play seems to be to win the ♥A and go after the spades first, hoping that the ♦A is not with the long hearts. However, if you do so, the defence may change its tactics. If you duck a spade, South can win and return a low club. Declarer has to duck this for he will go down if he wins it as South still has a spade and a diamond entry left to cash the clubs one way or another. North can then return a second club to fell West's now blank ace.

If South continues a heart after winning the first spade, declarer can keep North off lead and thus make his contract. If declarer attacks diamonds first, South can

take his ace any time and continue hearts. Now, when declarer ducks a spade, North should win the trick and, on his heart continuation, South should discard the ♠K to create a safe spade entry in the North hand. This hand is IMHO yet another example of why bridge is a fascinating game...

3NT made was a push in the France v Skaffatar match, but in the Hellas v Funbridge Blue match something happened.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Kapiris</i>	<i>Heiberg-Evenstad</i>	<i>Skordas</i>
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On a heart lead by North, the contract went one off but, once again, the play was not recorded; Hellas +100.

In the replay, the Greeks were extremely careful and bid like this.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soumplis</i>	<i>Patreuha</i>	<i>Papaspyrou</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>
1NT	All Pass		

This was made with an overtrick for Hellas +120 and 6 more IMPs to them. They had won the match convincingly by 48-5 or 18.44-1.56 VPs, more than enough to win the World Transnational U26 Championship as well, with 2.6 VPs to spare. Our sincere congratulations.

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U31 Pairs

Qualifying Session 1

Brian Senior

There were some lively boards in the first qualifying session of the U31 Pairs, starting with Board 1.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.


♠ Q 10 5 2 ♥ 9 6 3 ♦ J 8 4 2 ♣ J 2		♠ 8 6 4 3 ♥ K Q J 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 10 9 7 3	♠ – ♥ A 10 7 2 ♦ A K Q 10 9 5 ♣ Q 6 4
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West	North	East	South
<i>Petruczenko</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Pilachowski</i>	<i>Xiong</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♦	3♠	4♦
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Boyuan Xiong opened a strong club and made a take-out double at his next turn. After a competitive auction with N/S bidding diamonds and E/W spades, Andzelika Petruczenko competed to 4♠ and was doubled by Yichen Yin, who had a handy-looking trump holding sitting over him. Sure enough, there were two trump losers and one in each side suit, so Petruczenko was down two for –300 in what could have been a making contract on another day had trumps been more favourably distributed.

25 MPts to N/S, 1 MPt to E/W.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 9 7 ♥ K 9 4 ♦ A K J 8 6 2 ♣ 3		♠ K 10 ♥ A 10 8 7 6 ♦ 9 7 ♣ A K Q 9	♠ J 4 2 ♥ 5 2 ♦ Q 10 5 3 ♣ 10 6 5 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Petruczenko</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Pilachowski</i>	<i>Xiong</i>
–	–	1♥	Pass
2♥	2NT	3♥	4♦
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

I have no way of discovering what Yin's 2NT overcall should have meant in their methods, but Xiong could hardly have come in with 4♦ had he believed 2NT to be natural. When Yin now raised to game, Jakub Pilachowski had enough high-card strength to believe that it would be going down so doubled, ending the auction.

Petruczenko led the queen of hearts against 5♦ doubled and, when that held the trick, continued with the jack to the king and ace. Pilachowski cashed the ace of clubs then reverted to hearts, Xiong ruffing with the ten. Xiong ruffed a club, played ace of diamonds and a diamond to the queen, then ruffed another diamond. Next he led a spade off the dummy and Pilachowski went in with the king and returned a club. Declarer ruffed that with the jack but was then in the wrong hand to take advantage of the possibility of pinning the now bare ten of spades. Xiong laid down the ace so had also to lose to the queen of spades and was down three for –800.

Mpts 0-26

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q 10 4 ♥ A Q 8 7 5 ♦ 10 6 ♣ K 9 6		♠ A 6 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ A K Q J 8 ♣ 10 4 3	♠ K 9 8 5 2 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ J 5 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Zhou</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Freeman</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♥	2♦	2♥
3♦	All Pass		

Each pair found their red-suit fit but the bidding petered out very quickly with Jitong Zhou buying in in 3♦.

Jacob Freeman led the two of hearts, Christian Bakke winning the ace and switching to a low spade, which Yong'ao Wang won with the ace. Wang drew trumps in two rounds then gave up a spade, Bakke winning the queen and returning the ten, which Wang ruffed. Wang next conceded a heart, which was won by Freeman, who returned a low club. Wang played low so Bakke put in a hopeful nine, but Wang had the ten and, though there was still the ♣K to come for the defence, that was all; +110.

MPts 4-22.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Zhou	Bakke	Wang	Freeman
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♦
3♦	4♦	4♠	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Bakke made a light overcall but his weakness in terms of high cards did not dissuade him from supporting his partner's suit at the four level. It was pretty routine now for Freeman to go on to 5♦ over the opposing 4♠, and Wang doubled on the way out.

Four Spades can be made, though it failed on all three occasions it was attempted. Declarer can make seven trump tricks and one in each side-suit. Whether Freeman did well to go on to 5♦ is then rather a matter of opinion, though he might well have bid game anyway, even without the opposing 4♠ bid.

Zhou led ace and another spade against 5♦ doubled, Wang switching to his singleton club. Freeman rose with the ace and played the queen of diamonds, Wang winning the ace and returning a trump. Freeman won and could take three club ruffs in the dummy and discard his last club on the king of hearts; down in for -200.

Mpts 6-20.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sun	Vallet	Wei	Bedouet
-	3♠	Dble	4♠
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	All Pass		

Esteban Vallet opened 3♠ and Hongji Wei, though hardly having classical distribution for the call, felt that with 16 HCP he had to double. Pierre Bedouet raised to 4♠ and Shiyo Sun bid 4NT on the West cards, showing a two-suiter. When Wei responded 5♦ to that, Sun converted to 5♥, showing hearts and clubs, and that ended the auction.

The play started oddly, if the record is to be believed, with Vallet leading the nine of hearts to the six, three and king, and Sun playing a second heart to the two and ace. No, I don't believe that either. With hearts three-two, there was just the ♥Q to be lost, so 12 tricks for +480.

MPts 11-15.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.


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

West	North	East	South
Sun	Vallet	Wei	Bedouet
-	-	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

With too much of the combined strength wasted in the club suit, and the $\diamond A$ offside, there was no way to avoid the loss of two trump tricks, a heart and two diamonds; down two for -200.

MPTs 19-7.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.


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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bejenka</i>	<i>Emmers</i>	<i>Zareba</i>	<i>Alards</i>
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

E/W have a paying save in 5♣ doubled, but could find no way into the auction, the pre-emptive raise to 4♥ doing its job nicely. There was one loser in each side-suit but no more, so 10 easy tricks for +620.

MPTs 18-8.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

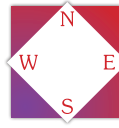
	♠ 8 7 6		
	♥ Q 7 6 4 3		
	♦ Q		
	♣ 8 7 4 3		
♠ K Q J 9 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ A 10 9 8 ♣ A J		♠ A 10 4 3 2 ♥ K 10 9 ♦ K 7 6 3 ♣ K	
	♠ 5		
	♥ J 2		
	♦ J 5 4 2		
	♣ Q 10 9 6 5 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Bejenka</i>	<i>Emmers</i>	<i>Zareba</i>	<i>Alards</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

In the Polish Club, the 2♦ rebid showed a strong hand with spade support. After that, Anna Zareba made some artificial enquiries, they exchanged cuebids, and Bartosz Bejenka asked about key-cards then about kings, discovering that all the key-cards were present and that Zareba held the king of hearts. So Bejenka took a shot at the grand slam, against which Rick Emmers led the eight of clubs to dummy's bare king. Bejenka drew three rounds of trumps, Luuk Alards discarding two clubs from the South hand, then paused to take stock. Bejenka continued with a fourth round of trumps, seeing club discards from both defenders, then the fifth spade, pitching a heart from hand and again seeing clubs from both defenders. Finally, he was ready to broach the diamonds, starting with the king and seeing the queen appear on his left. Another pause, then Bejenka led a diamond to his nine and, when that scored, could cross to the king of hearts to repeat the now marked diamond finesse; 13 tricks and +1510.

Seven Spades made four times and was down twice, while the only pair to bid 7NT made it for a complete top. MPTs 5-21.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
<i>Wu</i>	<i>Di Bacco</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Indrebo</i>
-	1NT	2♦	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Victoria Di Bacco opened a strong NT and Maverick Lam overcalled 2♦, showing one major. Thea Lucia Indrebo used Lebensohl to compete to 3♦, and must have been delighted by dummy's trump support.

Wu led the nine of hearts, Indrebo winning and playing two more rounds of hearts to pitch a spade loser from hand. Wu ruffed the third heart, so Indrebo had just swapped one loser for another, and there were three more top losers to come, so the contract was just made for +110.


MPTs 15-11.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Wu</i>	<i>Di Bacco</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Indrebo</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Bar</i>	<i>Guichet</i>	<i>Kar</i>	<i>Bonin</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	1NT	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

The problem with North's fourth-suit bid is that in this auction it doesn't necessarily show anywhere near as much strength as the hand actually holds, simply being a way to avoid making a misleading descriptive bid elsewhere. Indrebo would probably have liked to jump to 4NT to show her extras, but that was risky if partner might turn up with only eight or nine HCPs, enough to commit to game facing the reverse. She contented herself with simple 3NT and Di Bacco, also with extra values, also felt unable to raise to 4NT to invite slam when having no honour in partner's first-bid suit.

Perhaps it was just as well that they stopped short of slam, because Indrebo made only 11 tricks. She won the six of clubs lead with the queen and cashed the ace and queen of hearts before taking the diamond finesse. When that held, she cashed the ♥K, ♣A, and three top spades. The ♣K came next, squeezing Lam down to the bare king of diamonds, but Michael Wu had kept his diamonds so the ♦A was declarer's last trick; +660.

Elsewhere in the U31s, eight pairs bid and made 6NT while only two went down. There was one 7NT-1, another +660, and at one table East opened 2♣, obviously showing some kind of weak hand (both majors perhaps?) and was left to play there doubled for -1400. Two Clubs doubled scored above average, 16 MPts out of 26, something of a success.

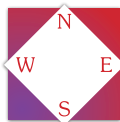
MPts 7-19.

When Souvik Kar overcalled 1NT, Louis Bonin could compete with 2♣, both majors, and Thomas Guichet gave preference to 2♠. Surajit Bar had a classic take-out double and Kar left it in.

Kar cashed the ace of clubs then switched to the king of diamonds, Guichet winning the ace and leading a heart to the jack and king. Bar returned a diamond, won by Kar who switched to a heart for the nine, ten and ruff. A diamond ruff was followed by the queen of hearts, Guichet discarding a club when Bar did not cover. Kar ruffed and played the king of clubs, which Guichet ruffed in the dummy. He played a heart and ruffed it with the king, cashed the queen of clubs, then led a diamond and, when Kar ruffed in with the jack, discarded from dummy. He could not put in the ten when Kar had to play a spade at trick 12, and the ♠A was the eighth trick for an excellent +470 and a complete top,

MPts 26-0.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
Bar	Guichet	Kar	Bonin
3♥	Dble	4♣	5♦
All Pass			

Guichet did well to find a double of the heart preempt with his bare 12-count. Had Kar passed, I'm betting that Bonin would have responded 3NT and made at least 10 tricks. That being the case, Kar did very well when he made his 4♣ lead-directing bid as it, of course, took 3NT out of the equation.

Elsewhere, 4♥ came to seven tricks on the two occasions it was played, while 3♥ was down only one. If we assume that Bar too would have come to seven tricks in 4♥ doubled, Bonin did the right thing when he bid 5♦ rather than contemplate a penalty. Bar led the jack of clubs, Kar winning the ace and judging not to try for a club ruff but instead to switch to a spade. Bonin rose with the ace, led a diamond to the ace and d diamond back to the queen and king, then cashed the queen of clubs and rattled off the rest of the diamonds in hope that a defender would slip up. There were the top hearts and ♣K to come but no defensive slip-up so Bonin had to concede the last trick; +600.

MPTs 9-17.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
Andruskiewicz	Basler	Paluszek	DeHeeger
-	1♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Colin DeHeeger ignored his four-card spade suit and just blasted 3NT without giving the defence more information than was necessary. Unfortunately, it would have worked out better had he responded 1♠, as Jakub Andruskiewicz led the ten of spades and it was the killer. DeHeeger won the ace and played a club, but Andruskiewicz grabbed the ace and led the eight of spades to Konrad Paluszek's king, and Paluszek played ace and another heart. Andruskiewicz won the second heart and cashed two

spades for down two and -200.

MPTs 3-23.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Andruskiewicz	Basler	Paluszek	De Heeger
-	-	1♠	Dble
All Pass			


It is unusual to play for a penalty, particularly when declarer is sitting over the defender with the strong trump holding, but what else was Raphael Basler going to do with that North hand?

Paluszek was the only East to declare 1♠ doubled, though plenty of other Easts played in 2♠ or even a couple in 3♠. A couple of Souths overcalled 2♥ rather than double, but the more common difference was that South doubled but West showed the diamonds.

DeHeeger led the king of hearts, Paluszek winning the ace and leading the ♦8 to dummy's jack to play a spade, putting in the queen when Basler played low. Despite getting four trump tricks, Basler was powerless to defeat the contract. Two of those trump tricks were via a diamond and a heart ruff, but each of those just established one more of declarer's low trumps as winners. Paluszek lost a heart and a club, plus those four trump trick, so the contract was just made for +160.

MPTs 4-22.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Pilachowski	Basu	Petruczenk
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

With both majors behaving in friendly fashion Subhashree Basu soon had 12 tricks for +480, but a significantly below average score. No, it wasn't that several pairs were in slam, there was one pair in Six, but four more made 12 or 13 tricks in NT, and there was one +960 for E/W.

MPTs 8-18.

How was +960 achieved; well, West opened 1NT, East sued Stayman, and South doubled. When West redoubled, South's goose was well and truly cooked, and two overtricks later E/W had +960.

That score was pipped by the one pair, Soumadeep Ghosh and Sagnik Roy, who bid slam and chalked up +980. This was their auction:

West	North	East	South
Ghosh	Pabst	Roy	Litterst
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Board 16. Dealer West. E/E Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Pilachowski	Basu	Petruczenk
1♠	2♣	Pass	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Soham Sarkar opened 1♠ then introduced his hearts and, when Basu gave preference to spades, jumped to game. That was really too much on the West hand and, despite the presence of a number of useful cards in the dummy, Sarkar had to go one down for –100.

MPTs 8-18.



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U26 Pairs

Qualifying Session 1

Jos Jacobs

The team matches have finished. The pairs have begun. To me, this means that the amusement factor of the deals appearing in the bulletin is of higher importance than it usually is in reports about team matches. So I went on the look-out for a few curiosities, preferably at tables when pairs were doing well.

My first 'success' I scored on the deal below.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K 5 ♥ J 3 ♦ J 7 4 3 ♣ 8 7 6 5 4		♠ A 8 6 ♥ 9 8 7 6 ♦ K 10 5 2 ♣ K Q	♠ Q 10 9 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ A Q 6 ♣ J 9 3 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Madej</i>	<i>Crone</i>	<i>Pigulski</i>	<i>O'Farrell</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

A quite remarkable Polish Club auction. West launched an invitational 2♥ via 2♣ and East had the presence of mind to pass it with his minimum values. Only one other pair managed to stay as low as 2♥ but at their table, the contract even went down. Madej made his contract with an overtrick on a club lead but even +110 would already have been a complete top. It's no surprise to see this pair leading the field after the first 16 boards.

On another deal, we turn to the pair finishing session 1 as runners-up.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 9 5 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A 9 8 5 4 ♣ A Q 8 4		♠ A 10 7 6 ♥ 6 ♦ 10 3 ♣ K J 10 6 5 2	♠ J 8 4 2 ♥ 10 9 8 5 4 2 ♦ K J ♣ 7
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West	North	East	South
<i>Skordas</i>	<i>Romanowski</i>	<i>Pollatou</i>	<i>V. Franz</i>
–	–	–	1♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	5♥
Dble	All Pass		

The Greeks, already winners of the transnational team event, presented their opponents the choice between the lesser evil and the bigger evil. Four Spades would have gone down two for –500 and about 13%, while Five Hearts went down one for no matchpoints




Roman MADEJ, Poland

at all. Apparently, all other N/S pairs resisted the temptations to bid on...

Near the end of the session, I found yet another amusing deal.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Skordas</i>	<i>Guth</i>	<i>Pollatou</i>	<i>Bellicaud</i>
-	-	1♠	Dble
All Pass			

Our friends from Greece this time had to face another pair who had made it into the final four of the transnational teams. On this deal the auction was very short. The contract was made in some comfort after the ♥K lead by South so the Greeks recorded another good score of 92%.

The prize for the unluckiest competitors certainly goes to Libman and Topper. The East player (Libman, I assume) was the only one to rebid 3♠ after South overcalled his 1♠ opening bid with 2♥. Nawrocki then could not believe his ears and collected +300 for 97% of the matchpoints.



Ioanna-Aikaterini POLLATOU, Greece



Panagiotis SKORDAS, Greece



Luc BELLICAUD, France

U26 Pairs

Qualifying Session 2

Jos Jacobs

After two sessions of the scheduled six, we saw some notable changes in the rankings as compared to the lunchtime scores. The two leading pairs were now just within or just out of the qualification zone and the third-ranked pair of the morning did relatively well, going down only two places so are now lying fifth.

Here are a few highlights of the first post-lunch session.

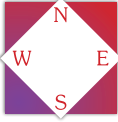
On the second deal of the session, a few pairs managed to make 3NT on a ♣J lead by South. A heart lead, or a heart shift by North at trick two should break up the communication between the E/W hands but this defence was not always found. One of the pairs to make 3NT this way was the leading pair after two sessions, Hong Kong's Poon and Van.

At another table, the American-New Zealand pair now lying fourth did even better.



Leon MEIER, New Zealand

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

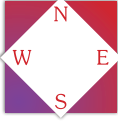
	♠ Q 7 5 3		
	♥ 7		
	♦ K 10 8 4		
	♣ A K 6 5		
♠ K 10 9 8 6		♠ A J	
♥ A K Q 9 4		♥ 10	
♦ –		♦ A Q 7 6 5 3 2	
♣ 9 7 2		♣ Q 8 4	
	♠ 4 2		
	♥ J 8 6 5 3 2		
	♦ J 9		
	♣ J 10 3		

West	North	East	South
Xu	Fragola	Meier	Tabata
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♣A. This lead gives declarer a vital tempo and also some vital information. Even a diamond shift at trick two will not beat the contract because dummy can play the queen and thus prevent the later force. From there, declarer can cash the ♥A, ruff a heart with the ♠A, discard a heart on the ♦A and overtake the ♠J to draw trumps. He only loses to the ♣A and the ♠Q this way for a nice +420 and 95% of the matchpoints for the transnational pair.

The next deal also was interesting, I thought.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
Pilat	Wong	Nawrocki	Seto	Krawiec	Krok	Blasiak	Szewczyk
–	–	–	2♦	–	–	Pass	1♥
3♣	3♥	3NT	All pass	Dble	2♦	2♥	3♥
				Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
				Pass	Dble	All Pass	

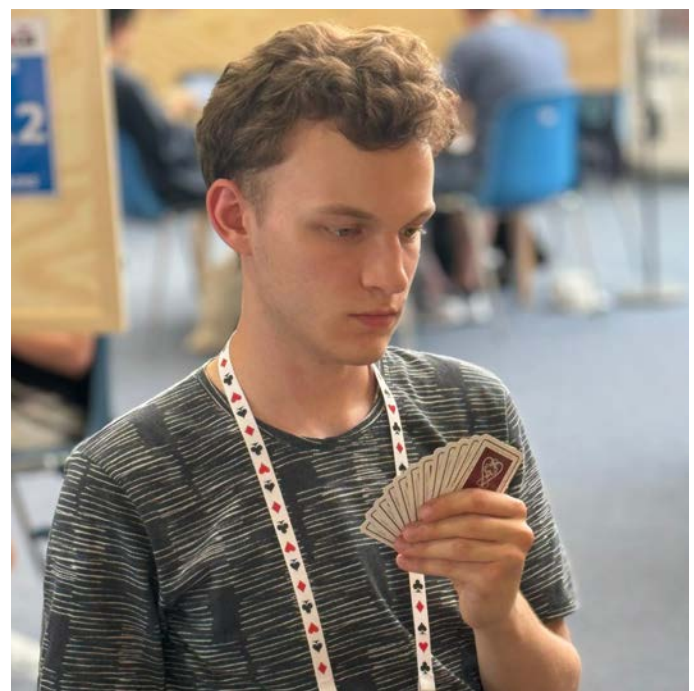
After South's undefined Multi and North's p/c 3♥, Nawrocki was among the lucky few whose gamble came off. Remarkably enough, 3NT was only defeated at the three tables where an Asian was on lead. They all led spades in spite of the opponents' bidding in hearts. The Europeans preferred a heart lead... Scoring +690 on a heart lead was worth 81.5 %.

Later on in the session, the Polish pair now lying third contributed quite a lot to their score on this one.

One would expect E/W to enter the auction at some point but it turned out that quite a lot of N/S pairs were allowed to play 3♥. This contract made far more often than not.

The approach shown by the Polish E/W possibly is not recommended, but why argue with success?

North showed great confidence in his partner but he was soon to be disappointed. When South discarded the wrong suit on the run of the trumps, declarer even made two overtricks for the unusual score of +1130. Needless to say that +730 to E/W already would have been a shared top.



Jakub NAWROCKI, Poland

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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



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There are still many traces of history in Lower Silesia. You can learn more by embarking on a journey along the trail of numerous forts, castles and palaces (there are over 100 of them in Lower Silesia – highest density of castles Poland) or by traversing the corridors of former mines in Wałbrzych, Kletno and Złoty Stok, as well as mysterious and not fully explored military facilities in Kamienna Góra, Jelenia Góra, Walim or Głuszyca (the Underground City of Osówka). It is worth looking for peace and rest primarily in the south of the voivodeship – in popular health resorts or mountain resorts of Duszniki-Zdrój, Polanica-Zdrój, Lądek-Zdrój, Szczawno-Zdrój, Cieplice Śląskie-Zdrój, Świeradów-Zdrój, Jedlina-Zdrój or Długopole-Zdrój.

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Bicycles, skiing or horseback riding, kayaks, hiking – no matter how you like to spend your free time, if you are interested in active recreation, Lower Silesia has plenty of possibilities waiting for you.

Bicycle trips around the picturesque Barycz Valley, on the mountain routes of the Sudety and Singletrack Glacensis MTB trails cannot be overlooked (be sure to check the website: dolnyslaskrowerem.pl and the Lower Silesia Biking mobile application([dolnyslaskrowerem](http://dolnyslaskrowerem.pl)) for Android and iOS mobile devices).

Ski lifts are available in the in the Karkonosze Mountains and in Kłodzko Land. Places like Świeradów-Zdrój, Szklarska Poręba and Jakuszyce, Karpacz, Zieleniec or Czarna Góra are top winter and summer hiking destinations. Another natural treasure where you can find numerous well marked tourist routes are located in Stołowe Mountains (lit. "Table Mountains") with unique rock labyrinths, the volcanic Kaczawskie Mountains known primarily for the colorful lakes in Rudawy Janowickie Mountains.

The Lower Silesian Voivodeship has convenient, direct railway connections with all major cities in Poland and a well-connected network of connections to the Czech Republic and Germany. A wide range of local rail connections is provided by Koleje Dolnośląskie, which facilitates access to even the most remote corners of the region. You can fly to Wrocław with one of 10 airlines that connect Wrocław with cities such as Frankfurt, Zurich, Amsterdam, Helsinki or Warsaw.

Come and visit wonderful Lower Silesia!

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U26 - Ranking

1	NAWROCKI Jakub	PILAT Jakub	POL - POL	60.95
2	SANDIN Alexander	MANN Castor	SWE - SWE	59.06
3	WESTERVELD Tobias	GOOR Sander	NED - NED	58.52
4	GOOR Ronald	FRIESEN Xavier	NED - NED	57.75
5	LAHRMANN Christian	HEIBERG-EVENSTAD Nicolai	DEN - NOR	57.53
6	XU Michael	MEIER Leon	USA - NZL	56.76
7	BELLICAUD Luc	GUTH Romaric	FRA - FRA	56.57
8	BARTLEY George	LUKE - PAREDI Jack	AUS - AUS	56.00
9	BLASIAK Kacper	KRAWIEC Kornel	POL - POL	55.62
10	JASINSKI Piotr	GROCHOWSKI Maksymilian	POL - POL	54.92
11	SZUCS Leo	JANOSIK Mate	HUN - HUN	54.78
12	FRAGOLA Maxence	TABATA Nao	FRA - FRA	54.00
13	CRONE Luca	O'FARRELL Matthew	IRL - IRL	53.60
14	DOERMER Felix	FARWIG Sven Niklas	GER - GER	53.18
15	BROGELAND Anders	SAETRE Magnus	NOR - NOR	53.05
16	POON Yin Ki	YAN Jacky	HKG - HKG	52.81
17	BRANDGAARD DANIEL	ROLF-LARSEN Andreas	DEN - DEN	52.18
18	TROJAN Zofia	FRANCZAK Jakub	POL - POL	51.44
19	PIGULSKI Adam	MADEJ Roman	POL - POL	50.98
20	WONG Tak Chun	SETO Alex	HKG - HKG	50.97
21	TROJANSKI Filip	BAZYLUK Jakub	POL - POL	50.93
22	KAPIRIS Dimitrios	CALIPETRE David Cristian	GRE - ROM	49.81
23	KEDZIERSKI Maciej	KIELBASA Tomasz	POL - POL	49.74
24	SKORDAS Panagiotis	POLLATOU Ioanna-Aikaterini	GRE - GRE	48.73
25	SHINDLER Aron	KORZENIOWSKI Jakub	POL - POL	48.12
26	DRNOVSEK Tina	STROHSACK Jaka	SLO - SLO	47.12
27	KROK Michal	SZEWCZYK Kamil	POL - POL	47.07
28	TAKIZAWA Ken	YAMAMOTO Naoya	JPN - JPN	46.45
29	SZCZUROWSKI Maksymilian	LUBINA Leonard	POL - POL	46.15
30	MIKOS Jon	STRAH Luna	SLO - SLO	45.74
31	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	SCHIRESON Olivia	NOR - USA	45.71
32	NAKAMUTA Makoto	NISHITA Fumiharu	JPN - JPN	45.07
33	FALEK Magdalena	WIELEBA Jakub	POL - POL	44.52
34	AUSTAD Marius Dalemark	OEBERG Ida Marie	NOR - NOR	44.18
35	GOSCIANSKI Kajetan	VAN DER WEIDE Reinder	NED - NED	43.66
36	ROMANOWSKI Cenek	FRANZ Wojtech	CZE - CZE	43.23
37	LIBMAN Tomer	TOPPER Lara	AUS - AUS	42.46
38	BERTHEAU Markus	WIBERG Erik	SWE - SWE	42.10
39	MORGAN Gilbert	GOSS Alex	AUS - AUS	41.65
40	GRAS Szymon	ZALWOWSKI Adam	POL - POL	40.52
41	MARTINOVIC Jeffrey	HUNGATE Simon Komeilinejad	CAN - CAN	36.66

U21 - Ranking

1	SOUMPLIS Michail	PAPASPYROU Iasonas-iraklis	GRE - GRE	60.52
2	IZWANTOWSKI Jan	TOKARSKI Wojciech	POL - POL	59.31
3	GE Brandon	GONG Arthur	USA - USA	58.13
4	CAI Hanyu	WANG Hongkai	CHN - CHN	57.99
5	DEZSO Kende	ZABRADI Benjamin	HUN - HUN	57.89
6	CIMR Alex	SWIATKOWSKI Krzysztof	POL - POL	57.76
7	HAMMELEV Nikolaj	HAMMELEV Phillip	DEN - DEN	57.71
8	GOOR Martijn	KLARENBECK Wout	NED - NED	57.58
9	KOT Jan	WNUK Wojciech	POL - POL	56.80
10	KULA Bernard	BEREZA Jakub	POL - POL	56.69
11	TOKES Denes	SELMECI David	HUN - HUN	55.96
12	BEN GUIGUI Costa Theodore	CHANAL Maximilien	FRA - FRA	55.95
13	CHIANG Jeffrey	HUI Cheuk Lun Aron	HKG - HKG	55.26
14	YUAN Zixuan	TANG Xuchen	CHN - CHN	55.21
15	ZHANG Brian	GE Kayden	USA - USA	54.67
16	WANG Ziao	MA Hanxi	CHN - CHN	54.40
17	GAWRON Jakub	MROZ Blazej	POL - POL	54.32
18	GUENDEL Marius	SCHWALBACH Kathrin	GER - GER	53.77
19	CHEN Quan	LIU Garrett	CAN - CAN	53.72
20	GALA Bartlomiej	WRZESINSKI Dominik	POL - POL	53.43
21	PETELKO Lia	RETTOR Koren	ISR - ISR	53.07
22	NOGUCHI Koki	URANO Kohei	JPN - JPN	52.93
23	BENS Ninon	BONIN Eulalie	FRA - FRA	52.69
24	GALLARD Silvere	FRAGOLA JARJAILLE Clement	FRA - FRA	52.62
25	WU Bruce	ZHU Feng	CHN - CHN	52.55
26	PEDMANSON Albert	VAHK Jasper	EST - EST	52.40
27	MSIKA Daniel	MOSKOVITZ Ido	ISR - ISR	51.95
28	KRAWIECKI Antoni	HEIMRATH Stanislaw	POL - POL	51.95
29	KUFLOWSKI Kacper	OKRZESIK Wojciech	POL - POL	51.85
30	STASIK Michal	BUKAT Aleks	POL - POL	51.78
31	LUCZECZKO Jan	MORAWSKI Cyprian	POL - POL	51.77
32	OSEN Einar	AUSTAD Kristian Dalemark	NOR - NOR	51.03
33	ROSE Henry	FURNESS Tom	ENG - ENG	50.61
34	TYLVAD Daniel	TYLVAD Aron	DEN - DEN	50.50
35	BRZOZOWSKI Michal	TSITAVETS Uladzislau	POL - POL	50.33
36	LARSEN Mathias Moeller	ANDERSEN Karl Gustav Lasthein	DEN - DEN	49.97
37	BHATT Anshul	LI Darwin	IND - CAN	49.79
38	LICHTENSTEIN Ivar	HJORTH WARLENIUS Harry	SWE - SWE	49.47
39	WALACH Ivo	LYSEK Matyas	CZE - CZE	49.30
40	SMOLEN Martyna	GRABALA Szymon	POL - POL	49.05
41	TYPALDOS Panagiotis Ioulios	BELIGIANNI Adamantia (Mandy)	GRE - GRE	48.99
42	KAMINSKI Michal	GODLEWSKI Wojciech	POL - POL	48.80

43	JEDRZEJEWSKI Szymon	STASINSKI Wiktor	POL - POL	48.28
44	KURLIT Franciszek	BAK Wojciech	POL - POL	47.46
45	LEUNG Chun Hoi	CHAN Shing Him	HKG - HKG	47.25
46	GISIN Eitan	HERBST Itamar	ISR - ISR	46.87
47	LIU Linfei	MEN Yi	CHN - CHN	46.43
48	KARLIK Petr	KUBAT Frantisek	CZE - CZE	46.26
49	XIAO Yuqi	HONDA Shuta	JPN - JPN	45.93
50	KASPERCZYK Lukasz	BETLINSKI Maciej	POL - POL	45.71
51	Li Xuheng	PENG Youyou	CHN - CHN	45.57
52	DOERDELMANN Bruno	KOERNER Benedikt Philip	GER - GER	45.08
53	LEGOUET Jules	OSINSKI Matt	FRA - FRA	44.97
54	MROCZKOWSKI Norbert	WISZNIEWSKI Stanislaw	POL - POL	44.88
55	BOREVKOVIC Vlatko	KURYGIN Konstantin	CRO - CRO	44.75
56	GRABOWSKI Michal	FARINE Antoine	POL - POL	43.93
57	ZMUDZINSKI Mateusz	RADZIEJ Stanislaw	POL - POL	43.38
58	SAIENKO Yaroslav	DEBERNY Krzysztof	POL - POL	42.96
59	KUJALOWICZ Katarzyna	ODRZYWOL Pawel	POL - POL	42.76
60	REGULA Magdalena	WOJTCZAK Sebastian	POL - POL	42.05
61	NI Yuanhan	LIU Siqi	CHN - CHN	41.00
62	CHMIELEWSKI Mikolaj	JANIK Mateusz	POL - POL	40.82
63	PRZYBYLSKA Nina	POTAPCZYK Wojciech	POL - POL	36.06
64	JAWORSKA Katarzyna	RUDZIK Nadia	POL - POL	34.16
65	JANKOWIAK Kryspin	JAWORSKA Hanna	POL - POL	31.30



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U26W - Ranking

1	MACDONALD Kate	SKEATE Jasmine	AUS - AUS	61.54
2	BUNE Sophie	BUNE Amalie Rosa	DEN - DEN	59.87
3	BELLOY Constance	NUGUES Elise	FRA - FRA	58.05
4	COLEY Dido	KEARNEY Lily	ENG - ENG	57.04
5	SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	FRA - FRA	56.23
6	SAEGROV Maren Idland	PLANA Erleta	NOR - NOR	55.86
7	BAGROWSKA Ewa	BRZYZKA Matylda	POL - POL	55.56
8	LAUFER Olivia	HE Cindy	CAN - CAN	55.48
9	SZYMANSKA Marta	STEZALA Jadwiga	POL - POL	54.45
10	SUSZANOWICZ Natalia	LUCKA Dominika	POL - POL	53.09
11	WOJSZEL Marta	KACZMAREK Karolina	POL - POL	53.00
12	LEJEUNE Mette	VAN DER VALK Marieke	NED - NED	52.55
13	VLADIMIR Antonia	KOVACIC Petra	CRO - CRO	52.08
14	WODZYNSKA Julia	ZWIERCAN Nina	POL - POL	51.56
15	GRODZKA Julia	PYTKA Anna	POL - POL	51.04
16	KAPALA Magdalena	GRYZLO Milena	POL - POL	51.03
17	BREKKE Kaja	STATLE Mia Eline	NOR - NOR	50.99
18	MORAWSKA Ewa	NIKLAUS Maria	POL - POL	50.44
19	GORWA Anna	GLURA-KARASIEWICZ Wiktoria	POL - POL	49.46
20	SULLIVAN Katie	BAUMGART Charlotte	USA - GER	48.84
21	GALA Julia	PACALOWSKA Kaja	POL - POL	48.43
22	SHAH Diya	CHOWDHURY Zara	AUS - AUS	47.56
23	SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	ROSTHOEJ Ella	DEN - DEN	46.33
24	FORYS Wiktoria	TROJANSKA Maja	POL - POL	45.27
25	OWCZARZAK Tatiana	SCHMELZ Weronika	POL - POL	44.21
26	DAVEY Anne	MORGAN Lauren	AUS - AUS	43.97
27	MANKIEWICZ Agnieszka	BANASZKIEWICZ Maria	POL - POL	43.81
28	FRECHOWICZ Natalia	PUSTULKA Kaja	POL - POL	43.58
29	FIBERT Gal	ZAIDENBERG GATT Sophie	ISR - ISR	42.74
30	BERUT Nadia	DZIALECKA Natalia	POL - POL	42.42
31	MACKOWIAK Kinga	SLEBZAK Maria	POL - POL	41.63
32	SLIWSKA Iga	WISNIEWSKA Martina	POL - POL	41.42
33	DESCHENES Alexandra	LIANG Avery	USA - USA	40.34

U16 - Ranking

1	ZABRADI Zsofia	SZABO Georgina	HUN - HUN	68.01
2	STEZALA Franciszek	MICHALSKI Jakub	POL - POL	64.61
3	ASPLUND SIVELIND Filip	NORDQVIST Matteo	SWE - SWE	64.17
4	BAI Chenghan	LIN Haoran	CHN - CHN	59.85
5	ADAMCZAK Jakub	TURANT Krzysztof	POL - POL	59.47
6	ADAMCZAK Michal	HOLOWACZ Michal	POL - POL	59.11
7	LYU Xincheng	WANG Hanting	CHN - CHN	58.61
8	NAGORNY Adam	GAWEL Agata	POL - POL	58.34
9	POLAK Milosz	DANEK Antoni	POL - POL	58.32
10	OZIBKO Hubert	WLAD Armin	GER - GER	57.67
11	CHEN Charlie	CHEN Kyo	USA - USA	57.59
12	GAHROTRA Viha	GUPTA Gia	IND - IND	57.38
13	XU Youdao	LIU Encan	CHN - CHN	57.36
14	KONSTACKA Emma	SLOVAKOVA Pavla	CZE - CZE	57.32
15	KLIMIUK Milena	MAGRYS Dominik	POL - POL	56.98
16	FANG Chen Yu	YANG Tim	CHN - CHN	56.97
17	RYBAK Bartosz	STEPNIAK Maksymilian	POL - POL	56.77
18	MEYER Zinnia	BLOCHER Lee	USA - USA	56.75
19	KISIELEWSKI Kacper	PROKOPOWICZ Marcel	POL - POL	56.62
20	WU Chin-Yu	CHEN Tzu-Wei	TPE - TPE	56.49
21	LAI Zi-Ming	LU Chun-Po	TPE - TPE	56.40
22	CHANG Keng-Jui	WU Lung-Hsuan	TPE - TPE	56.32
23	SU Ella	YAO Jason	USA - USA	56.22
24	POPIELARSKI Michal	ZBIJOWSKI Patryk	POL - POL	55.84
25	GE Yizheng	LIU Yilin	CHN - CHN	55.64
26	MOE Markus Hansen	MATHISEN Ida Kristine	NOR - NOR	55.49
27	LEMPINSKI Wojciech	WATRAS Weronika	POL - POL	55.25
28	NARANG Jashith	BANSAL Prakhar	IND - IND	55.25
29	KOZLOWSKA Klara	MAZUR Adam	POL - POL	54.52
30	FARISSIER Robin	LEGRAS Blanche	FRA - FRA	54.41
31	LYOEN Esteban	CREPIN Lubin	FRA - FRA	54.29
32	KOSCIK Pawel	KOSCIK Tomasz	POL - POL	54.09
33	MAK Circle	IP Ching Long Geron	HKG - HKG	54.04
34	LIU Hao Tian	WANG Minqing	CHN - CHN	52.51
35	WOJCIECHOWSKI Igor	KRAJEWSKI Leon	POL - POL	52.05
36	CHANG Yino	CHIU Hsin-Wei	TPE - TPE	51.74
37	KOTEWICZ Ignacy	WOJTOWICZ Antoni	POL - POL	51.71

38	BRADKIN Thomas	BLICHARZ Maksymilian	ENG - ENG	51.60
39	DING Yuening	XU Jiayu	CHN - CHN	51.50
40	HUANG Ying-Hsuan	PENG Yu-Chen	TPE - TPE	51.01
41	SWIATEK Hubert	SWIATEK Marlena	POL - POL	50.88
42	STACHURA Adam	CHMIELEWSKA Antonina	POL - POL	50.28
43	XIAO Jeff	CHEN Andrew	USA - USA	49.44
44	LEE Jayson	LEE Kate	USA - USA	49.16
45	MYKHASHCHUK Pavlo	MYKHASHCHUK Petro	POL - POL	47.71
46	LI Muchen	ZHOU Zhiwei	CHN - CHN	47.57
47	PIWKO Antoni	KIEREPKA Antoni	POL - POL	47.57
48	PSUTY Stanislaw	BRYLSKI Olgierd	POL - POL	47.22
49	ROMANSKA Weronika	JURKIEWICZ Kacper	POL - POL	47.20
50	WROBLEWSKA Oliwia	PIATKOWSKA Marta	POL - POL	47.17
51	DENG Oscar	CHEN Bojia	CHN - CHN	46.53
52	BANAS Hanna	DUDZIK Piotr	POL - POL	46.34
53	DUTERTE Gregoire	GARCIA Saveria	FRA - FRA	46.32
54	BANAS Gabriela	KIEREPKA Franciszek	POL - POL	45.45
55	LIU Chuanqi	PANG Bowen	CHN - CHN	44.36
56	BIECHONSKA Michalina	PAWLAK Pola	POL - POL	44.11
57	WANG Zixuan	ZHANG Ya Ning	CHN - CHN	43.50
58	SCHRODER Maja	KUJALOWICZ Aleksandra	POL - POL	43.49
59	SONG Jiachen	DING Shuo	CHN - CHN	42.14
60	WIACEK Malgorzata	BOLECHOWSKA Eliza	POL - POL	41.46
61	DU Haolun	ZHANG Bond	CHN - CHN	41.35
62	LIU Shuangfu	WANG Zihuan	CHN - CHN	41.14
63	ZACHAR Maja	ZIETARSKI Julia	POL - POL	41.05
64	SKROBOT Franciszek	SUKIENNIK Artur	POL - POL	40.61
65	DAI Songze	FAN Zekuan	CHN - CHN	40.53
66	MEHTA Ananya	MOHANKA Rashee	IND - IND	40.46
67	MISZCZUK Karolina	HOLOWACZ Zofia	POL - POL	40.18
68	TUROWSKI Jan	NIEZURAWSKA Zuzanna	POL - POL	38.79
69	TOSKO Emilia	SZULCZYNSKA Natalia	POL - POL	38.53
70	CYRAN Filip	KUTYLOWSKI Jan	POL - POL	38.16
71	BIEZUNSKI Filip	FLORKIEWICZ Blazej	POL - POL	38.15
72	RZECZKOWSKI Dominik	JAGNIEWSKI Aleksander	POL - POL	37.40
73	KESKA Kajetan	DABROWSKI Kajetan	POL - POL	36.86
74	WANG Yiyi	LI Zixi	CHN - CHN	34.99
75	KRZYSIAK Florentyna	PIASECKI Arkadiusz	POL - POL	34.11
76	HERMAN Krzysztof	KRYGIER Kacper	POL - POL	29.11

U31 - Ranking

1	WEI Hongji	SUN Shiyu	USA - CHN	62.99
2	VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	BROWN Matthew	NED - NZL	59.86
3	CHEUNG Wai Lam	FUNG Lydia Wai Yee	HKG - HKG	59.27
4	MIJIC Ante	BILUSIC Ivan	CRO - CRO	57.22
5	KALETA Michal	OKUNIEWSKI Wojciech	POL - POL	55.89
6	BEDOUEP Pierre	VALLET Esteban	FRA - FRA	54.63
7	GHOSH Soumadeep	ROY Sagnik	IND - IND	53.91
8	HERMANN Sophie	CRISAFULLI SADABA Patricio	AUT - AUT	52.58
9	ZAREBA Anna	BEJENKA Bartosz	POL - POL	52.32
10	BAKKE Christian	FREEMAN Jacob	NOR - CAN	52.31
11	FERENCA Matko	KATUSIC Filip	CRO - CRO	51.52
12	ALARDS Luuk	EMMERS Rick	NED - NED	51.29
13	CARIS Youp	DUPONT Pim	NED - NED	50.31
14	ANDRUSZKIEWICZ Jakub	PALUSZEK Konrad	POL - POL	49.91
15	DEHEEGER Colin	BASLER Raphael	FRA - FRA	49.68
16	JESSE Stig	FARWIG Ole	GER - GER	49.60
17	ZHOU Yi	LIU Chang	CHN - CHN	49.37
18	CHOWDHURY Tilakraj	RODRIGUES Taral Emmanuel L	IND - IND	49.29
19	INDREBO Thea Lucia	DI BACCO Victoria	NOR - GER	47.53
20	BONIN Louis	GUICHET Thomas	FRA - FRA	46.39
21	SARKAR Soham	BASU Subhashree	IND - IND	45.18
22	BOSE BABHRUBAHAN	DEY Pradip	IND - IND	44.87
23	PABST Philipp	LITTERST Maximilian	GER - GER	44.67
24	YIN Yichen	XIONG Boyuan	CHN - CHN	44.06
25	ZHOU Jitong	WANG Yong'ao	CHN - CHN	43.34
26	KAR Souvik	BAR Surajit	IND - IND	42.39
27	PETRUCZENKO Andzelika	PILACHOWSKI Jakub	POL - POL	40.79
28	WU Michael	LAM Maverick Sin Ming	HKG - HKG	38.30