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# China dominates Youth pairs



Play got underway in four categories of Youth pairs on Wednesday as contestants in the Junior, Youngsters, Kids and Girls pairs started their quests for championships in Lyon

After the first day of qualifying in the four Youth pairs contests, China has a major presence in the standings, with 90 pairs set to resume play today in the four categories – Junior, Youngsters, Kids and Girls. All pairs have played three qualifying sessions so far.

The original combined fields of the four categories totaled 192 pairs, an impressive turnout.

The last three qualifying sessions for all events will take place today to set the fields for the A and B final sessions beginning on Friday.

Leading the way in the Junior Pairs are the Swedish pair of Simon Ekenberg and Linus Dahlstrom with 61.2%. Koki Kobayashi and Eishi Imakire, of Japan, are second.

In all, 35 pairs made the cut in the Junior category. Of those, five are from China.

In the Youngsters event, the field was reduced to 37 pairs on Wednesday. The leaders, from China, are Randy Pan and Baozhuo Jiang. In all nine Chinese pairs made the cut on Wednesday.

In the Kids Pairs, 78 twosomes made it to the second day. The leaders going into play today are Licong Cheng and Peng-

hao Wang. They are among 50 Chinese partnerships in the field for the second and final qualifying day.

The Girl Pairs field for the final three qualifying sessions is now at 42, 26 of whom are from China. The leaders are Shi Yi Li and Yici Wang.

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## Today's Schedule

10.00 (J-Y-G-K)	Pairs Qualification 4th session
14.00 (J-Y-G-K)	Pairs Qualification 5th session
17.00 (J-Y-G-K)	Pairs Qualification 6th session





# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## JUNIOR PAIRS *after session* 3

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	EKENBERG Simon	DAHLSTROEM Linus	SWE - SWE	61.20
2	KOBAYASHI Koki	IMAKIIRE Eishi	JPN - JPN	56.45
3	NEO Derek	SONOIKE Sanekata	JPN - JPN	56.38
4	SHAH Shivam	BAKKE Christian	ENG - NOR	55.99
5	WEISS Florian	VELJA Stefan	AUT - SER	55.39
6	BATTAGLIA Tais	SALOMAO Henrique Barbosa	BRA - BRA	54.29
7	COMBESURE Baptiste	BERNARD Julien	FRA - FRA	53.98
8	BAHBOUT Sam	VAN OVERMEIRE Jens	BEL - BEL	53.86
9	WEI Hongji	SUN Shiyu	CHN - CHN	53.80
10	NORTON Ben	APTEKER Noah Thomas	ENG - RSA	53.06
11	URMAN Lior	TOLEDANO Oren	ISR - ISR	52.73
12	ZHOU Yi	XIONG Boyuan	CHN - CHN	52.60
13	SANCHEZ Thomas	LIERHMANN Florian	FRA - FRA	51.35
14	EZION Amir	ZAMIR Ami	ISR - ISR	51.04
15	DU CORAIL Edouard	NEVEU Loic	FRA - FRA	50.80
16	GINOSSAR Itamar	BEN DAVID Yuval	ISR - ISR	50.67
17	KAR SOUVIK	DAS SHOUVIK	IND - IND	50.55
18	ALISHAW Michael	KENNEDY Stephen	ENG - ENG	50.13
19	TRNAVAC Vuk	VAZIC Stojan	SER - SER	50.12
20	YAMADA Ryoichi	HINO Takayuki	JPN - JPN	48.76
21	GURIDI Gonzalo	RAMIREZ Diego	CHI - CHI	47.73
22	JANAS Adam	TOMIS Zdenek	CZE - CZE	47.67
23	ROY SAGNIK	KUSHARI SAYANTAN	IND - IND	47.07
24	MINUTTI Guillermo	CRUSIZIO Maximo	URU - ARG	47.00
25	ZAMORA VILLAMIZAR Jose Alejandro	CUERVO LOPERA Juan Felipe	COL - COL	46.94
26	YIN Yichen	SI Nian	CHN - CHN	46.42
27	BASKIN Ben	ROZENTAL Nir	ISR - ISR	46.26
28	ZVEZDIN Zigfrid	ARSENTYEVA Elizaveta	RUS - RUS	45.83
29	VALENZUELA RIVERA Joan Sebastian	CORREA LAGUNA Nicolas	COL - COL	45.77
30	STROBL Diego	LOPEZ Antonio	CHI - CHI	45.64
31	ETCHEPAREBORDA Juan Cruz	CAZABON Philippe	CHI - CHI	45.38
32	QIN Tianling	WANG Xiangwu	CHN - CHN	45.16
33	PANFILI Guilherme Teiji Nishino	MAUTONE Julia	BRA - BRA	44.55
34	YAN Peilin	DING Yufei	CHN - CHN	43.88
35	GIANNOTTI Rodrigo	PAOLI BARBOSA Heitor	BRA - BRA	41.80



# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## YOUNGSTERS PAIRS *after session* 3

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	PAN Randy	JIANG Baozhuo	CHN - CHN	61.09
2	GIUBILO Gianmarco	PORTA Federico	ITA - ITA	60.26
3	ZHANG Tiancheng	TONG Jiaxin	CHN - CHN	59.35
4	LIU Yihong	YUN Yu	CHN - CHN	58.09
5	ALTER Florian	VORNSKAHL Leonard	GER - GER	57.89
6	BELLICAUD Luc	BASLER Raphael	FRA - FRA	56.06
7	CHENG Zhiyu	WANG Xihao	CHN - CHN	55.96
8	BOULIN Arthur	GUILLEMIN Theo	FRA - FRA	55.76
9	NATAF Martin	LAINÉ Jean-Baptiste	FRA - FRA	55.75
10	DENG Cheng	YUAN Zhijie	CHN - CHN	54.96
11	WOLFF Ilan	FINKLE Nathan	USA - USA	54.64
12	SUCHARDA Edward	KIELBASA Tomasz	POL - POL	54.41
13	CHIARANDINI Francesco	GAIOTTI Alvaro	ITA - ITA	53.78
14	SANDIN Alexander	CLEMENTSSON Sanna	SWE - SWE	53.19
15	YANG Qipeng	WANG Dingyuan	CHN - CHN	52.48
16	KOPKA Kacper	CICHY Krzysztof	POL - POL	51.71
17	NIJSSEN Oscar	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	NED - NED	51.15
18	DUFRENE Melic	FRAGOLA Maxence	FRA - FRA	50.82
19	DOERMER Felix	LEPPER Jannik	GER - GER	50.75
20	KOIVU Oskari	HUHTAMAKI Hermanni	FIN - FIN	50.47
21	YEKUTIELI Asaf	BANIRI Ilai Ilan	ISR - ISR	50.38
22	GUTH Romaric	RABOURDIN Hugo	FRA - FRA	50.10
23	OTTO Viktor	LITTERST Maximilian	GER - GER	49.80
24	VITSE Maxime	RAIMOND Maxime	FRA - FRA	49.52
25	CAILLOL Hugo	BASLER Tristan	FRA - FRA	46.98
26	LE LEZ Victor	THORPE Stephan	FRA - FRA	46.86
27	TROJANSKI Filip	BAZYLUK Jakub	POL - POL	46.71
28	YU Haoqing	QIU Shi	CHN - CHN	46.68
29	BOSSONNEY Kyle	PEREZ Bastian	CHI - CHI	44.38
30	ZHOU Zhenlin	CHENG Jingyu	CHN - CHN	43.33
31	DAVILA Nicolas	LI Jialin	CHI - CHN	42.73
32	FARWIG Sven Niklas	OELKER Fiona	GER - GER	40.55
33	YANEZ Camila	VASQUEZ Esteban	CHI - CHI	40.47
34	SCATA Sebastiano	GIUBILO Gabriele	ITA - ITA	39.62
35	PESNEL Briec	BEDOUET Pierre	FRA - FRA	39.50
36	DOUBLE Vincent	GREÀ Matteo	FRA - FRA	37.41
37	VELJA Nemanja	VELICKOVIC Bogdan	SER - SER	35.08



# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## KIDS PAIRS *after session* 3

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	CHENG Licong	WANG Penghao	CHN - CHN	63.41
2	TEIL Clement	ROMBAUT Leo	FRA - FRA	61.25
3	WANG Zhongtian	WEN Yuqi	CHN - CHN	59.83
4	PIGULSKI Adam	RACEWICZ MACIEJ	POL - POL	59.20
5	HOU Xingyu	LANG Ningyu	CHN - CHN	58.78
6	LIU Yizhou	LU Mingyu	CHN - CHN	58.73
7	WU Xukai	WANG Jiarui	CHN - CHN	58.21
8	ZUR Snir	KATZ Amit	ISR - ISR	57.75
9	MAO Ruicheng	YU Zhaochen	CHN - CHN	57.53
10	BLOCH Romain	LIBBRECHT Arthur	FRA - FRA	57.28
11	ZHU Jiyuan	ZHANG Shengyu	CHN - CHN	57.17
12	YU Yanze	WANG Jingyi	CHN - CHN	56.29
13	WANG Size	HUANG Yuxiang	CHN - CHN	56.24
14	CHULATHAMMAKUN Asawanee	KUISUWAN Phitchaphuek	THA - THA	56.19
15	ZHANG Boxin	ZHAO Fangchen	CHN - CHN	55.93
16	HUANG Yu-Chen	YU Wan-Ting	TPE - TPE	55.67
17	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	JOHNSEN Christian Fredrik	NOR - NOR	55.05
18	ZHANG Yang	FU Yanzhuo	CHN - CHN	54.98
19	WANG Yifan	WANG Yi	CHN - CHN	54.84
20	WANG Ruizhe	XU Hao	CHN - CHN	54.66
21	LI Suhang	LU Xiaoming	CHN - CHN	54.53
22	YANG Siqing	CHEN Yuhao	CHN - CHN	54.50
23	LI Weishun	YU Zhaolun	CHN - CHN	54.05
24	BRUNEL Matthias	TABATA Nao	FRA - FRA	53.96
25	LOMBARDI Antonio	LOMBARDI Matteo	ITA - ITA	53.89
26	ZHUO Zhili	LIU Yidi	CHN - CHN	53.89
27	ZHANG Yaoyuan	GU Chentian	CHN - CHN	53.61
28	GAO Wenzhuo	WU Jingyan	CHN - CHN	53.44
29	CHEN Jingfan	CAI Zhenhao	CHN - CHN	53.29
30	NIU Yuanzhe	WANG Zhaofeng	CHN - CHN	53.24
31	TAN Rui	WANG Zhaoyi	CHN - CHN	53.03
32	YAN Tianyao	ZHOU Chuanyao	CHN - CHN	53.02
33	GU Yi	YAN Shuaitong	CHN - CHN	52.09
34	SIANGLIO Kritsakron	PROMJAN Parit	THA - THA	51.80
35	LI Yingzhe	SHEN Junjie	CHN - CHN	51.76
36	CHEN Yufan	YANG Boyuan	CHN - CHN	51.59

37	ZHANG Xuyang	HUANG Ruochen	CHN - CHN	51.47
38	GUENDEL Marius	DRANSFELD Karl	GER - GER	51.30
39	CHANG Ziwen	GAO Yuxiang	CHN - CHN	51.19
40	CAI Hanyu	LI Jiayi	CHN - CHN	50.92
41	DALPOZZO Valentina	DALPOZZO Federica	ITA - ITA	50.12
42	AUSTAD Marius Dalemark	OEBERG Ida Marie	NOR - NOR	49.63
43	DAI Hanyang	WU Zhe	CHN - CHN	49.14
44	WANG Yicheng	XIAO Yichen	CHN - CHN	49.11
45	HSU Wen-Yen	LIU Hsi-Li	TPE - TPE	49.05
46	LI Changyu	WANG Ziqian	CHN - CHN	48.44
47	XIE Yinuo	PAN Yuyang	CHN - CHN	48.37
48	GALLARD Aurele	SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	FRA - FRA	48.37
49	COHEN-SALMON Arthur	VIBERT Baptiste	FRA - FRA	48.31
50	MEREGALLI Matteo	CARLETTI Alessandro	ITA - ITA	48.20
51	HSU Ling-Fang	PENG Fei	TPE - TPE	47.73
52	YAO Tianle	LIU Haochen	CHN - CHN	47.59
53	TANG Mingliang	QI Chentong	CHN - CHN	46.91
54	KURLIT Franciszek	KUFLOWSKI Kacper	POL - POL	46.83
55	ZBIK Bartosz	PASINSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	46.78
56	XU Tingqiang	XU Yiyang	CHN - CHN	46.59
57	PRAKASH ANIRUDH	BHATT ANSHUL	IND - IND	46.57
58	WU Bruce	LIN Yukun	CHN - CHN	46.39
59	HU Yang	LI Zihan	CHN - CHN	46.22
60	CHEN Kunning	ZENG Wenjia	CHN - CHN	46.21
61	WANG Hongkai	ZHU Feng	CHN - CHN	45.81
62	LIU Buwen	YAO Yili	CHN - CHN	45.45
63	WANG Yingqi	YANG Jiahao	CHN - CHN	45.17
64	MA Shuoming	YU Fanfei	CHN - CHN	44.81
65	FARWIG Niels Ole	LANGER Emil	GER - GER	44.68
66	LIN Zitong	YU Xinlun	CHN - CHN	43.92
67	CHEN Xuefeng	SONG Xichen	CHN - CHN	43.88
68	HOU Hanfei	LIU Moxi	CHN - CHN	43.14
69	FOLLET Martin	ZOBEL Thibaut	FRA - FRA	43.07
70	DU Jinyao	LIU Zihan	CHN - CHN	42.60
71	LI Jintian	SUN Yiwen	CHN - CHN	41.60
72	YU Yangyang	MIAO Zheheng	CHN - CHN	41.37
73	SOPAK Theeraphat	KOTHA Kittinan	THA - THA	38.07
74	BASOALTO Francisco	PEREZ Ivannia	CHI - CHI	37.69
75	SILVA Catalina	DIAZ Lucas	CHI - CHI	36.45
76	RAINA KARMANYA	MENEZES KAMRYN	IND - IND	33.90
77	PATEL VINAY	MANDLOI DHIRAJ	IND - IND	33.19
78	LI Haoran	XU Zijie	CHN - CHN	33.08





# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## GIRLS PAIRS *after session* 3

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	LI Shiyi	WANG Yici	CHN - CHN	61.67
2	RUAN Xinyao	LU Yajie	CHN - CHN	60.06
3	CHEN Yunpeng	XU Jiaming	CHN - CHN	59.63
4	THUILLEZ Mathilde	COMBESCURE Sarah	FRA - FRA	58.63
5	ZORANOVIC Jovana	PEPIC Selena	SER - SER	57.87
6	YU Wenfei	SUN Jiateng	CHN - CHN	57.32
7	COUPEL Marie-Valentine	CHELIN Helene	FRA - FRA	57.30
8	MYLLAERI Maria	VANNI Ilona	FIN - FIN	56.74
9	WANG Renfei	XIANG Qiufeng	CHN - CHN	55.74
10	SRIDAR HINDU SREE	BHIMANAIAK Rekha	IND - IND	54.60
11	REN Xingsi	ZHANG Yuhan	CHN - CHN	54.23
12	XIA Qi	LI Jinyue	CHN - CHN	53.93
13	BAO Zhiyun	LI Yiran	CHN - CHN	52.38
14	KAMPERMANN Mareille	DAMMANN Alexandra	GER - GER	52.26
15	SHAO Liwen	BI Xiaoran	CHN - CHN	52.08
16	JOUNIN Emeline	BESANCON Helene	FRA - FRA	51.73
17	LU Yijia	GE Chenyun	CHN - CHN	51.60
18	MAO Shiyun	WU Xiaotong	CHN - CHN	51.38
19	WU Sihao	WANG Yuming	CHN - CHN	50.93
20	GU Yueling	MAO Yanting	CHN - CHN	50.90
21	DUFRENE Beryl	THORPE Tasmin	FRA - FRA	50.72
22	YUAN Aijia	JIN Huiyuan	CHN - CHN	50.30
23	HUANG Siyi	FAN Lingwen	CHN - CHN	49.58
24	DI LORENZO Anastasia	COLOMBO Alice	ITA - ITA	49.11
25	ZHAO Yuchen	MA Jinyi	CHN - CHN	48.75
26	RUAN Jingyue	YANG Fan	CHN - CHN	48.63
27	DE LUTIO Caterina	CAPOBIANCO Sophia	ITA - ITA	48.57
28	MOLINA Diana	ROMAN Valentina	CHI - CHI	47.91
29	HU Yuchen	FAN Kexin	CHN - CHN	47.14
30	KAMAL PATEL Vidhya	BALIRAM GURJAR Kalpana	IND - IND	45.65
31	WANG Shijia	SHEN Zhiyu	CHN - CHN	45.58
32	RIEGER Mona	NORDMANN Leonie	GER - GER	45.48
33	LIU Guangli Wendy	LUO Xinyi	CHN - CHN	45.36
34	GERSTMANN Sofia	NACRUR Francisca	CHI - CHI	44.49
35	BRUSOTTI Cristina	MONTALTI Irene	ITA - ITA	44.04
36	ZHENG Yifei	XU Tong	CHN - CHN	43.13
37	JIANG Yixuan	TANG Qing	CHN - CHN	42.16
38	BELLOY Constance	PINON Roxane	FRA - FRA	41.96
39	YU Yue	SUN Yingying	CHN - CHN	41.53
40	ZHOU Jiajing	LIU Xinchen	CHN - CHN	40.90
41	HU Ling	MA Lingyi	CHN - CHN	40.12
42	GUO Yunfei	ZHU Junyue	CHN - CHN	37.92

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# Junior Pairs, session one

by David Stern

Finding interesting deals in pairs tournaments is often a lottery, especially when you have a limited window of time to find material and no tables to compare with. That said, here are a few boards to contemplate.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q 9 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ A Q 7 5 4 ♣ 6 4 3	♠ A J ♥ J 8 3 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ Q J 7 5 2	♠ K 10 7 6 4 2 ♥ K 10 9 2 ♦ 2 ♣ 9 8	♠ 8 5 3 ♥ A 6 4 ♦ K J 9 6 ♣ A K 10
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West	North	East	South
Ben-David	Trnavac	Ginossar	Vazic
Pass	2♣	Pass	INT
Pass	2NT	All Pass	2♦

Yuval Ben-David led the “natural” low diamond which was won by declarer with dummy’s 10. Declarer continued diamonds, won by West’s queen. West correctly assessed the situation and switched to the ♠Q. When declarer played low, Itamar Ginossar, with limited entries, correctly assessed the situation and overtook the ♠Q and switched to a low heart, thereby allowing the defence to take two diamonds, three hearts, a spade and diamonds for two down and a 77% score. Interestingly, seven of the eighteen pairs bid and made 3NT.



Yuval Ben-David, Israel

Ben-David was spotlighted again on the next board.

Board 14. Dealer East. Nil Vul.

♠ 10 8 5 ♥ A ♦ A K Q 8 6 4 ♣ 5 4 2	♠ K J 7 4 ♥ K 10 7 4 3 ♦ 9 3 ♣ Q J	♠ — ♥ J 9 8 6 5 2 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ 10 9 8 3	♠ A Q 9 6 3 2 ♥ Q ♦ J 10 ♣ A K 7 6
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West	North	East	South
Ben-David	Trnavac	Ginossar	Vazic
Pass	3NT	2♥	3♠
		All Pass	

Presumably Ben-David could have doubled 3NT for a heart lead, after which he could have cashed six diamonds. However the issue was whether he would have any defence to 4♠ - which he didn't. Hoping for partner to lead his suit, he elected to pass and score just 12.5% when N/S made 10 tricks beating all of the +420s. Revenge, however, came swiftly.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K J 8 5 ♥ J 10 5 ♦ K 9 ♣ A 10 9 5	♠ Q 10 3 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ Q J 7 6	♠ A 7 4 ♥ Q 9 ♦ Q 10 5 3 2 ♣ K 8 4	♠ 9 6 2 ♥ A K 6 4 2 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ 3 2
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West	North	East	South
Ben-David	Trnavac	Ginossar	Vazic
Pass	INTS/F	All Pass	1♥

Modern bridge demands that all hands containing two aces and a king must be opened, even if one has to then pass a semi-forcing INT.

The defence was brutal. East led a diamond to West’s king who continued diamonds, declarer winning the third round



Itamar Ginossar, Israel

with the ace. A low heart from dummy won by West's 10 and a club to king saw the defence take two spades, a heart, four diamonds, and two clubs for down three. +300 to East/West and all the matchpoints with the popular score being +110 for East/West in spades or diamonds.

A round change saw youthful optimism fall by the wayside when both hands had extras for their bids.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben-David</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Lierhmann</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All Pass

With spades 3-3 declarer can establish the suit to take care of the losing diamond, and on a good day the ♠A could even be onside.

I have some sympathy for Ben-David, West, as it is always difficult to press on when you get forced preference from partner. Perhaps 2NT from East over 2♦ may have resolved the issue but in this case they scored 170 and 46%, which could have been much worse on another day.

After the first 18 boards, Ben-David/Ginossar had scored 55.6% and were running 8th out of 35 pairs.



## Learning experiences

by Brent Manley

In the pairs game, it's often difficult to tell how you are doing because of the unexpected events at other tables. In teams, you compare with only one other table. In pairs, you have many more true opponents – that is, those who are sitting the same way you are.



Cristina Brusotti, Italy

In the second qualifying session of the Girls Pairs on Wednesday, it seemed that Cristina Brusotti (Milan, Italy) and Irene Montalti (Sicily) were going pretty well. Their game did not matchpoint well, but they scored more than their fair share of matchpoints on the following boards. On this one, they were in the right place at the right time when declarer missed an opportunity for an overtrick.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



<b>West</b> <i>Brusotti</i>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> <i>Montalti</i>	<b>South</b>
Pass	1♠	3♣*	Pass
4♥	4♠	All Pass	Pass


<b>West</b> <i>Brusotti</i>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> <i>Montalti</i>	<b>South</b>
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

3♣ At least 5-5 in the red suits.

Montalti started with the ♥K, switching to the ♦K at trick two. Declarer won the ♦A and pulled trumps in two rounds. Instead of playing a diamond from hand, setting up the jack for a club pitch, declarer took a club finesse. She still made the contract even after the finesse lost, but minus 420 was worth 60% of the matchpoints for Brusotti and Montalti.

They did even better on the next board.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.


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

North started with the ♥6 and South did well to play the jack when Brusotti called for the 10. She won with the ♥Q and played the ♦Q, taken by North, who continued with her other heart. South won the ♥9 and, apparently reluctant to set up dummy's ♥K, cashed the ♣K and switched to a low spade. Brusotti put up the king, taken by North with the ace. Declarer won the diamond return with the king and tried the ♦J, but South ruffed with the 10. Brusotti overruffed with the jack, ruffed a club in dummy and played the ♦10, pitching her losing heart. The ♦4 was now good, so Brusotti played it to discard the ♣Q. North could ruff but that was the last trick for the defenders. Plus 110 for East-West was good for a 77.5% score.

The two scored 62.5% on a board later in the set when the opponents, each holding 10 high-card points, stopped in 2♣ with a 10-card fit and easily made five.

Brusotti and Montalti ended the session with a bang, scoring 71.62%, their second-best result of the day.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

<b>West</b> <i>Brusotti</i>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b> <i>Montalti</i>	<b>South</b>
1♥	Pass	1♣	Pass
		2♥	All Pass

The non-vulnerable opponents were exceedingly timid on this deal, but they surely were not the only inexperienced pair in the field.

North started with the ♣A, South showing out, and she continued with the other high club before playing the suit-preference ♣5 for a ruff. South obediently underled her ♦A to put North in for another ruff. That was five tricks for the defense with the ♠A coming, so Brusotti was one down for minus 50, a great score considering the opponents can make 4♦, 2♠ or 2NT.

No doubt Brusotti and Montalti learned as much from the opponents' errors at the opponents did themselves.



Irene Montalti, Sicily



## Getting to know you (part 1)

It comes as no surprise that China has an active youth bridge program as evidenced by the attendance of 17 teams and 50 pairs in the 5th World Youth Open Championships in Lyon.

As further evidence of their commitment to bridge, the Chinese Contract Bridge Association will be staging the 2018 World Youth Teams Championships in Suzhou, 40 minutes outside Shanghai.

As part of their participation, what follows are some interviews with the players and teachers. The first of the interviews are with Yiwen Sun and Jintian Li, two 12-year-olds firstly competing in the Kids Pairs and after that in the China RDFZ Hope 2 Kids Team.

In case you are wondering about RDFZ, it is the high school affiliated with Renmin University of China, colloquially Rendafuzhong, abbreviated to RDFZ. It is the most prestigious high school in Beijing.

### Introduce yourself

#### Sun:

My name is Yiwen Sun (Sunny). I am 12 years old. I was born in Beijing and that's where I live now. Now I am studying at QsingHua University High school. I am a sports fan, so I am keen on doing different sports such as playing tennis, horseback riding, skiing, playing golf and so on. Bridge is my favorite. My mom's story was that when she was pregnant she carried me everywhere and played cards. Maybe it made me a card games fan and when I met bridge I began to love it deeply.

#### Li:

My name is Jintian Li (Lisa). I am 12 years old now. I was born in Beijing and I am studying in the same school with Yiwen. There are responsible teachers and friendly classmates, I love them very much.

### When did you learn bridge?

#### Sun:

Approximately one year ago, I met Yinghao Liu and began to learn bridge from him. He is not only a very good bridge player, but also a highly competent teacher. He always tells us very interesting stories about bridge and makes bridge much more enjoyable.

#### Li:

About one year ago, when I was in grade five, electives, including bridge, were offered in our school. I heard of bridge before but never learned how to play it. I thought it must be fun so I chose to learn it. For some reason, that class was canceled, so I went to a bridge school and then I met our teacher Yinghao Liu. He is smart, humorous and really nice to my partner and me. We learned a lot from him and our level improved rapidly.



Yiwen SUN



Jintian LI

### How often do you play bridge and where?

#### Sun:

Usually we play bridge twice a week. Sometime we play online like BBO and sometime have a bridge practice after learning in class.

#### Li:

Every week, we spend two or three hours learning in a bridge school and three or four hours training in the high school affiliated with Renmin University.

### What was your first bridge success?

#### Li:

My first success was winning a medal in the Beijing School Students Mind Games. My partner and I were quite excited about that and we were more self-confident after that.

### What do you think about your current partnership?

#### Sun:

My partner Lisa Li, we have been partner ever since we started playing bridge. She is a very bright girl. We study in the same school. So there's plenty chance to talk and play bridge. We know about each other's style and we work well together. Her bidding style is quite steady and I usually like to bid high. So we have good partnership and usually get to a good contract. So I always think I'm indeed very fortunate to have a good partner and a good teacher.

#### Li:

My partner's English name is Sunny – just like her character. She likes sports, especial tennis and skateboarding. At the same time, she's good at English, she reads lots of English books. There is good communication between us. We can understand each other's signals and set the opponents' contracts. We have disagreements, but we discuss it and reach a consensus.

### What aspect of the game do you find most interesting/hardest?

#### Sun:

I think that is it's unsure. You never know exactly, like finesse. You have to guess. It has a lot to do with luck but you can still make your possibility higher. But sometimes you might still be wrong. That's bridge's own charm and why I like bridge in the first place.

#### Li:

I found defense is the hardest of all because you need to analyze the bidding process and dummy's cards and you also need to give signals to your partner in order to set the contract.

**Part 2 will be published in tomorrow's issue.**