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Going into today's finals in the four Youth pairs events – Juniors, Youngsters, Girls and Kids – the leaders all have slim leads. Although the carryover will give some pairs breathing room, one bad opening lead or failure to guess a queen could result in a drop from first to second – or worse. The leaders of the Junior Pairs – Simon Ekenberg and Linus Dahlström of Sweden – will start play today with a carryover of 36 matchpoints. The other 13 pairs in the A final of the event will have matchpoint totals descending to zero for the pair in the final qualifying spot.

Top on a board in the Junior pairs today will be 12.

Right behind the Swedes going into play today are two Israelis – Lior Urman and Oren Toledano. At the end of play on Thursday, their cumulative scores stood at 58.55%, less than one percentage point behind the leaders.

In the Youngsters Pairs, the leaders after the qualifying sessions are two Italians – Gianmarco Giubilo and Federico Porta, who were only 2.13 percentage points ahead of Poland's Edward Sucharda and Tomasz Kielbasa.

In the Girls Pairs, Jovana Zoranovic and Selena Pepic finished qualifying play with a lead of 1.29 percentage points over Mathilde Thuillez and Sarah Combuscure of France.

The Juniors, Youngsters and Girls qualified 14 pairs each for their respective A finals.

In the massive Kids Pairs event, 13 tables will be needed to accommodate the 26 pairs who qualified from the original field of 78.

Leading the way for the Kids are Licong Cheng and Penghao Wang of China, followed closely by another pair from China – Yizhou Liu and Mingyu Lu. The first-place pair ended the qualifying sessions .58 percentage points ahead.

# Too close to call



Junior Pairs leaders Simon Ekenberg and Linus Dahlström of Sweden

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## Today's Schedule

10.00 (J-Y-G-K)	Pairs Final A / B 1st session
14.00 (J-Y-G-K)	Pairs Final A / B 2nd session
17.00 (J-Y-G-K)	Pairs Final A / B 3rd session
TBA	Prize-giving Ceremony





# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## JUNIOR PAIRS *after session* 6

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	EKENBERG Simon	DAHLSTROEM Linus	SWE - SWE	59.53
2	URMAN Lior	TOLEDANO Oren	ISR - ISR	58.55
3	WEI Hongji	SUN Shiyu	CHN - CHN	56.13
4	DU CORAIL Edouard	NEVEU Loic	FRA - FRA	55.66
5	EZION Amir	ZAMIR Ami	ISR - ISR	55.37
6	KOBAYASHI Koki	IMAKIIRE Eishi	JPN - JPN	55.28
7	COMBESURE Baptiste	BERNARD Julien	FRA - FRA	55.13
8	SHAH Shivam	BAKKE Christian	ENG - NOR	54.63
9	ALISHAW Michael	KENNEDY Stephen	ENG - ENG	54.60
10	NORTON Ben	APTEKER Noah Thomas	ENG - RSA	53.92
11	ETCHEPAREBORDA Juan Cruz	CAZABON Philippe	CHI - CHI	53.03
12	WEISS Florian	VELJA Stefan	AUT - SER	52.40
13	GINOSSAR Itamar	BEN DAVID Yuval	ISR - ISR	51.51
14	JANAS Adam	TOMIS Zdenek	CZE - CZE	51.17
15	MINUTTI Guillermo	CRUSIZIO Maximo	URU - ARG	51.15
16	BAHBOUT Sam	VAN OVERMEIRE Jens	BEL - BEL	51.11
17	TRNAVAC Vuk	VAZIC Stojan	SER - SER	50.98
18	ZHOU Yi	XIONG Boyuan	CHN - CHN	50.50
19	BATTAGLIA Tais	SALOMAO Henrique Barbosa	BRA - BRA	49.96
20	NEO Derek	SONOIKE Sanekata	JPN - JPN	49.60
21	SANCHEZ Thomas	LIERHMANN Florian	FRA - FRA	49.38
22	GURIDI Gonzalo	RAMIREZ Diego	CHI - CHI	48.60
23	ZAMORA VILLAMIZAR Jose Alejandro	CUERVO LOPERA Juan Felipe	COL - COL	48.32
24	VALENZUELA RIVERA Joan Sebastian	CORREA LAGUNA Nicolas	COL - COL	47.75
25	YAMADA Ryoichi	HINO Takayuki	JPN - JPN	47.16
26	BASKIN Ben	ROZENTAL Nir	ISR - ISR	47.04
27	KAR SOUVIK	DAS SHOUVIK	IND - IND	46.80
28	ROY SAGNIK	KUSHARI SAYANTAN	IND - IND	45.76
29	PANFILI Guilherme Teiji Nishino	MAUTONE Julia	BRA - BRA	45.04
30	STROBL Diego	LOPEZ Antonio	CHI - CHI	45.00
31	YIN Yichen	SI Nian	CHN - CHN	44.91
32	ZVEZDIN Zigfrid	ARSENTYEVA Elizaveta	RUS - RUS	44.06
33	QIN Tianling	WANG Xiangwu	CHN - CHN	42.36
34	GIANNOTTI Rodrigo	PAOLI BARBOSA Heitor	BRA - BRA	41.95
35	YAN Peilin	DING Yufei	CHN - CHN	35.66



# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## YOUNGSTERS PAIRS *after session* 6

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	GIUBILO	Gianmarco	PORTA Federico	ITA - ITA 59.65
2	SUCHARDA	Edward	KIELBASA Tomasz	POL - POL 57.52
3	BELICAUD	Luc	BASLER Raphael	FRA - FRA 56.03
4	ZHANG	Tiancheng	TONG Jiaxin	CHN - CHN 55.60
5	PAN	Randy	JIANG Baozhuo	CHN - CHN 55.58
6	ALTER	Florian	VORNKAHL Leonard	GER - GER 55.16
7	BOULIN	Arthur	GUILLEMIN Theo	FRA - FRA 55.08
8	DENG	Cheng	YUAN Zhijie	CHN - CHN 54.61
9	YEKUTIELI	Asaf	BANIRI Ilai Ilan	ISR - ISR 54.60
10	NIJSSEN	Oscar	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	NED - NED 53.73
11	KOPKA	Kacper	CICHY Krzysztof	POL - POL 52.79
12	GUTH	Romarc	RABOURDIN Hugo	FRA - FRA 52.78
13	KOIVU	Oskari	HUHTAMAKI Hermann	FIN - FIN 52.67
14	CHIARANDINI	Francesco	GAJOTTI Alvaro	ITA - ITA 52.64
15	CHENG	Zhiyu	WANG Xihao	CHN - CHN 52.58
16	LIU	Yihong	YUN Yu	CHN - CHN 52.22
17	DUFRENE	Melic	FRAGOLA Maxence	FRA - FRA 51.89
18	NATAF	Martin	LAINE Jean-Baptiste	FRA - FRA 51.69
19	WOLFF	Ilan	FINKLE Nathan	USA - USA 51.60
20	LE LEZ	Victor	THORPE Stephan	FRA - FRA 51.24
21	SANDIN	Alexander	CLEMENTSSON Sanna	SWE - SWE 50.32
22	OTTO	Viktor	LITTERST Maximilian	GER - GER 50.26
23	YANG	Qipeng	WANG Dingyuan	CHN - CHN 49.55
24	DOERMER	Felix	LEPPER Jannik	GER - GER 49.48
25	YU	Haoqing	QIU Shi	CHN - CHN 49.46
26	TROJANSKI	Filip	BAZYLAK Jakub	POL - POL 47.59
27	CAILLOL	Hugo	BASLER Tristan	FRA - FRA 47.41
28	FARWIG	Sven Niklas	OELKER Fiona	GER - GER 47.28
29	PESNEL	Brieuc	BEDOUET Pierre	FRA - FRA 46.64
30	VITSE	Maxime	RAIMOND Maxime	FRA - FRA 46.41
31	SCATA	Sebastiano	GIUBILO Gabriele	ITA - ITA 44.30
32	BOSSONNEY	Kyle	PEREZ Bastian	CHI - CHI 43.91
33	DAVILA	Nicolas	LI Jialin	CHI - CHN 41.21
34	ZHOU	Zhenlin	CHENG Jingyu	CHN - CHN 40.54
35	VELJA	Nemanja	VELICKOVIC Bogdan	SER - SER 39.41
36	YANEZ	Camila	VASQUEZ Esteban	CHI - CHI 39.21
37	DOUBLE	Vincent	GREM Matteo	FRA - FRA 36.55



# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## KIDS PAIRS *after session* 6

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	CHENG Licong	WANG Penghao	CHN - CHN	60.92
2	LIU Yizhou	LU Mingyu	CHN - CHN	60.34
3	TEIL Clement	ROMBAUT Leo	FRA - FRA	58.53
4	MAO Ruicheng	YU Zhaochen	CHN - CHN	57.99
5	WANG Zhongtian	WEN Yuqi	CHN - CHN	57.80
6	WU Xukai	WANG Jiarui	CHN - CHN	57.67
7	PIGULSKI Adam	RACEWICZ MACIEJ	POL - POL	57.15
8	HOU Xingyu	LANG Ningyu	CHN - CHN	56.75
9	YU Yanze	WANG Jingyi	CHN - CHN	56.62
10	WANG Ruizhe	XU Hao	CHN - CHN	56.17
11	YAN Tianyao	ZHOU Chuanyao	CHN - CHN	55.50
12	LI Weishun	YU Zhaolun	CHN - CHN	55.34
13	ZHU Jiyuan	ZHANG Shengyu	CHN - CHN	54.60
14	ZHANG Xuyang	HUANG Ruochen	CHN - CHN	54.49
15	BLOCH Romain	LIBBRECHT Arthur	FRA - FRA	54.34
16	SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	JOHNSEN Christian Fredrik	NOR - NOR	54.17
17	LI Suhang	LU Xiaoming	CHN - CHN	54.01
18	CHULATHAMMAKUN Asawanee	KUISUWAN Phitchaphuek	THA - THA	53.85
19	WANG Size	HUANG Yuxiang	CHN - CHN	53.70
20	CHEN Jingfan	CAI Zhenhao	CHN - CHN	53.56
21	GALLARD Aurele	SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	FRA - FRA	53.39
22	LI Yingzhe	SHEN Junjie	CHN - CHN	53.28
23	WANG Yifan	WANG Yi	CHN - CHN	53.18
24	NIU Yuanzhe	WANG Zhaofeng	CHN - CHN	53.14
25	ZHANG Boxin	ZHAO Fangchen	CHN - CHN	53.10
26	YAO Tianle	LIU Haochen	CHN - CHN	52.79
27	GUENDEL Marius	DRANSFELD Karl	GER - GER	52.71
28	YANG Siqing	CHEN Yuhao	CHN - CHN	52.56
29	ZUR Snir	KATZ Amit	ISR - ISR	52.48
30	GU Yi	YAN Shuaitong	CHN - CHN	52.36
31	ZHANG Yang	FU Yanzhuo	CHN - CHN	52.33
32	HUANG Yu-Chen	YU Wan-Ting	TPE - TPE	52.20
33	LI Changyu	WANG Ziqian	CHN - CHN	52.00
34	BRUNEL Matthias	TABATA Nao	FRA - FRA	51.96
35	YU Yangyang	MIAO Zheheng	CHN - CHN	51.45
36	TAN Rui	WANG Zhaoyi	CHN - CHN	51.44

37	KURLIT Franciszek	KUFLOWSKI Kacper	POL - POL	51.19
38	DAI Hanyang	WU Zhe	CHN - CHN	51.05
39	SIANGLIO Kritsakron	PROMJAN Parit	THA - THA	50.96
40	XIE Yinuo	PAN Yuyang	CHN - CHN	50.85
41	ZBIK Bartosz	PASINSKI Przemyslaw	POL - POL	50.78
42	GAO Wenzhuo	WU Jingyan	CHN - CHN	50.73
43	AUSTAD Marius Dalemark	OEBERG Ida Marie	NOR - NOR	50.71
44	ZHANG Yaoyuan	GU Chentian	CHN - CHN	50.36
45	CHEN Yufan	YANG Boyuan	CHN - CHN	49.86
46	CAI Hanyu	LI Jiayi	CHN - CHN	49.66
47	MEREGALLI Matteo	CARLETTI Alessandro	ITA - ITA	49.64
48	DALPOZZO Valentina	DALPOZZO Federica	ITA - ITA	49.54
49	ZHUO Zhili	LIU Yidi	CHN - CHN	48.70
50	LOMBARDI Antonio	LOMBARDI Matteo	ITA - ITA	48.52
51	HU Yang	LI Zihan	CHN - CHN	48.47
52	HSU Wen-Yen	LIU Hsi-Li	TPE - TPE	47.98
53	XU Tingqiang	XU Yiyang	CHN - CHN	47.95
54	WANG Yingqi	YANG Jiahao	CHN - CHN	47.88
55	WANG Yicheng	XIAO Yichen	CHN - CHN	47.87
56	CHANG Ziwen	GAO Yuxiang	CHN - CHN	47.65
57	FOLLET Martin	ZOBEL Thibaut	FRA - FRA	47.35
58	HSU Ling-Fang	PENG Fei	TPE - TPE	47.31
59	PRAKASH ANIRUDH	BHATT ANSHUL	IND - IND	46.58
60	WU Bruce	LIN Yukun	CHN - CHN	46.52
61	HOU Hanfei	LIU Moxi	CHN - CHN	46.32
62	COHEN-SALMON Arthur	VIBERT Baptiste	FRA - FRA	45.57
63	CHEN Kunning	ZENG Wenjia	CHN - CHN	45.56
64	FARWIG Niels Ole	LANGER Emil	GER - GER	45.43
65	WANG Hongkai	ZHU Feng	CHN - CHN	44.51
66	LIU Buwen	YAO Yili	CHN - CHN	44.43
67	CHEN Xuefeng	SONG Xichen	CHN - CHN	44.40
68	TANG Mingliang	QI Chentong	CHN - CHN	44.32
69	MA Shuoming	YU Fanfei	CHN - CHN	44.24
70	BASOALTO Francisco	PEREZ Ivannia	CHI - CHI	44.08
71	SOPAK Theeraphat	KOTHA Kittinan	THA - THA	42.15
72	DU Jinyao	LIU Zihan	CHN - CHN	41.63
73	LIN Zitong	YU Xinlun	CHN - CHN	40.93
74	LI Jintian	SUN Yiwen	CHN - CHN	40.84
75	SILVA Catalina	DIAZ Lucas	CHI - CHI	40.31
76	PATEL VINAY	MANDLOI DHIRAJ	IND - IND	37.11
77	RAINA KARMANYA	MENEZES KAMRYN	IND - IND	33.21
78	LI Haoran	XU Zijie	CHN - CHN	33.01





# QUALIFICATION RANKING



## GIRLS PAIRS *after session* 6

Rank	Names		Nationality	Percentage
1	ZORANOVIC Jovana	PEPIC Selena	SER - SER	59.18
2	THUILLEZ Mathilde	COMBESURE Sarah	FRA - FRA	57.89
3	CHEN Yunpeng	XU Jiaming	CHN - CHN	56.55
4	LI Shiyi	WANG Yici	CHN - CHN	56.43
5	REN Xingsi	ZHANG Yuhan	CHN - CHN	56.25
6	RUAN Xinyao	LU Yajie	CHN - CHN	55.64
7	LU Yijia	GE Chenyun	CHN - CHN	55.21
8	KAMPERMANN Mareille	DAMMANN Alexandra	GER - GER	54.51
9	YU Wenfei	SUN Jiateng	CHN - CHN	54.27
10	MYLLAERI Maria	VANNI Ilona	FIN - FIN	52.78
11	MAO Shiyun	WU Xiaotong	CHN - CHN	52.69
12	SRIDAR HINDU SREE	BHIMANAIAK Rekha	IND - IND	52.14
13	XIA Qi	LI Jinyue	CHN - CHN	51.86
14	ZHAO Yuchen	MA Jinyi	CHN - CHN	51.31
15	JOUNIN Emeline	BESANCON Helene	FRA - FRA	51.28
16	LIU Guangli Wendy	LUO Xinyi	CHN - CHN	50.95
17	MOLINA Diana	ROMAN Valentina	CHI - CHI	50.88
18	YUAN Aijia	JIN Huiyuan	CHN - CHN	50.67
19	BAO Zhiyun	LI Yiran	CHN - CHN	50.49
20	GU Yueling	MAO Yanting	CHN - CHN	50.31
21	DE LUTIO Caterina	CAPOBIANCO Sophia	ITA - ITA	50.30
22	DUFRENE Beryl	THORPE Tasmin	FRA - FRA	50.25
23	WANG Renfei	XIANG Qiufeng	CHN - CHN	50.20
24	HU Yuchen	FAN Kexin	CHN - CHN	49.08
25	HUANG Siyi	FAN Lingwen	CHN - CHN	48.84
26	COUPEL Marie-Valentine	CHELIN Helene	FRA - FRA	48.68
27	DI LORENZO Anastasia	COLOMBO Alice	ITA - ITA	48.54
28	SHAO Liwen	BI Xiaoran	CHN - CHN	48.38
29	YU Yue	SUN Yingying	CHN - CHN	48.32
30	WU Sihao	WANG Yuming	CHN - CHN	47.91
31	RIEGER Mona	NORDMANN Leonie	GER - GER	47.81
32	BRUSOTTI Cristina	MONTALTI Irene	ITA - ITA	47.56
33	RUAN Jingyue	YANG Fan	CHN - CHN	47.47
34	GERSTMANN Sofia	NACRUR Francisca	CHI - CHI	46.57
35	KAMAL PATEL Vidhya	BALIRAM GURJAR Kalpana	IND - IND	46.07
36	ZHOU Jiajing	LIU Xinchun	CHN - CHN	45.09
37	JIANG Yixuan	TANG Qing	CHN - CHN	44.98
38	HU Ling	MA Lingyi	CHN - CHN	44.45
39	BELLOU Constance	PINON Roxane	FRA - FRA	43.35
40	WANG Shijia	SHEN Zhiyu	CHN - CHN	43.04
41	GUO Yunfei	ZHU Junyue	CHN - CHN	41.34
42	ZHENG Yifei	XU Tong	CHN - CHN	40.48

# The tricky game

by Micke Melander

Those people who have been playing for years know that when you play pairs it's very often correct not to let the opponents play in two of a major. A balancing act that might be a great sacrifice (that even might make on a lucky day) or see the opponents compete at the three-level and go one down is often seen. Here are two deals, one from the U21 (Youngsters) Pairs and one from U26 (Junior) Pairs, where the defenders (both from Sweden) decided to stop and defend 2♠:

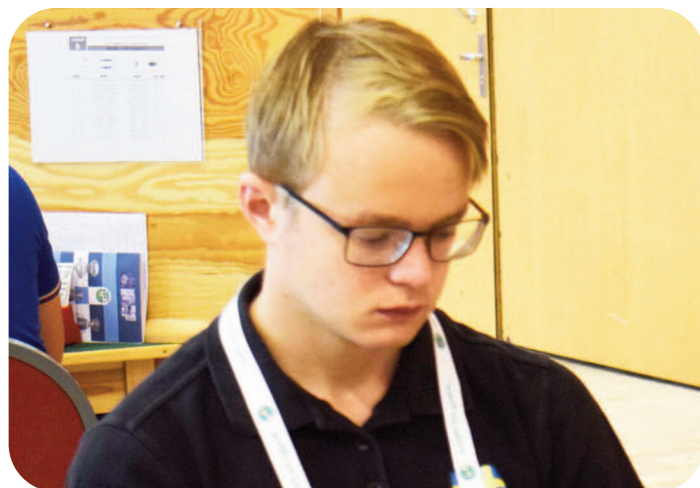
## Youngsters Pairs – Session One

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sandin	Zhou	Clementsson	Cheng
—	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

Sanna Clementsson led the ♠6. Declarer viewed the situation carefully before playing and West, Alexander Sandin, won the first trick with the ace. West now knew that he had two tricks in spades and two in clubs so just needed two more to bring declarer down. Sandin evilly put a tricky ♣2 on the table at trick two, before anything was revealed.



Alexander Sandin, Sweden

Declarer took the bait and played low, East winning with the ♣10 and return the jack so West could cash two more tricks in the suit.

When next West played a low heart declarer didn't know what to believe – was West playing the tricky game again? Deciding that that probably was the case, declarer went up with the king! East won with the ace to return a heart to West's queen.

With the first six tricks in the bag, declarer was already down and when the ♠J didn't fall when declarer cashed the king and queen, it was even two down giving East-West 82.25% of the matchpoints.

## Junior Pairs – Session One

Here comes the second 2♠ from the first session that features the leaders of the pack half way through the qualification phase Linus Dahlström – Simon Ekenberg.

Board 16. Dealer West. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Giannotti	Ekenberg	Barbosa	Dahlström
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

As you can see, declarer should be cold for nine tricks losing three spades and a heart. What can possibly go wrong in 2♠?

Dahlström kicked off with the ♦10, which declarer let run to his king. Next came a club to the ace and a spade to the king and South's ace. South exited with a low spade to North's queen. When Ekenberg now switched to the jack of clubs, declarer went up with the king and South carefully unblocked the queen.

Instead of playing trumps, declarer now decided it was time to set up the hearts and played the jack. South immediately won with the ♥A to return his ♣7. North won with the 10 (giving the defenders their fourth trick) and then could play a fourth round of clubs, which meant the defenders could score their two trump cards separately.

One down was naturally a clear top, 100% to Dahlström – Ekenberg.



## Tops and bottoms

by Micke Melander

In front of the fourth session of the U26 (Junior) World Junior Pairs, we could see that two Japanese pairs were second and third in the cumulative ranking of the qualifying phase. They were both a few of percentage points behind leaders – Ekenberg and Dahlström of Sweden – and I decided to follow Derek Neo – Sanekata Sonoike, who were third, to see what they were up to. Would they even catch up?

The pair kicked off with two good boards and a bad one in the first round and scored more or less 65%, so it certainly looked very promising, then came this:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Derek Neo, Japan

West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Baskin	Neo	Rozental
1♦	Pass	INT	2♣
Dble	All Pass		

East decided to convert partner's take-out to a business double. South, who got all pass coming back, had nothing to be ashamed of when West led the ♦A. Things got even better when partner put down the top two spades in dummy!

West won first trick and switched to the ♥Q. Declarer won with the ace, cashed the ♣A, then crossed to dummy with the ♠A to finesse in clubs. There was no way of stopping declarer from later ruffing a heart to score his last trump, collecting five clubs, one heart and three spades for nine tricks and 380 which gave the Israeli pair 93.75%.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Baskin	Neo	Rozental
3NT	Pass	INT	Pass
	All Pass		

West didn't bother to check for the majors, a decision I really like. Unfortunately, South didn't give anything away with his club lead. Declarer ducked the first trick and North continued to attack in clubs. Declarer won in hand and thought for a while before finally putting the queen of hearts on the table. That was an error, since South could capture the queen with his ace and clear clubs while still hanging on to the queen of diamonds as a threatening entry which meant that declarer only could get nine tricks. When 4♠ was cold and even five could be made in double dummy, the Japanese pair had to settle for a 37.50% score.

In no trump, declarer could have played a low heart to the king or start off with four rounds of spades – putting pressure on South, forcing him to discard clubs. South might then later be thrown in with a heart to his bare ace, leaving him to lead away from the ♦Q for an overtrick in 3NT.





Sanekata Sonoike, Japan

Board 12. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Sanchez	Neo	Liehrmann
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	2♥	3♦	3♥
4♦	4♥	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Being in pairs, maybe East should have trusted partner having some values to help with when he freely bid over 3♥ and should have finished off the bidding with 6NT rather than 6♦ after checking for aces. That also would also made East the declarer, protecting the ♥K when for sure a heart was going to be led. Besides it was pairs and 6NT would certainly score better than six of a minor.

When North tried to be smart and underled all his hearts, declarer won the opening lead with the king. Two rounds of trumps followed and Sonoike could claim all 13 tricks. Still the Japanese pair got 62.50% on that board since several pairs didn't find the right way and not all North players passed in first seat.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Tomis	Neo	Janas	Sonoike
	1♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass

With another move I admire, South took a shot at game, not revealing anything about his hand. However, when dummy came down he could see that they weren't even close to being in the right contract when the diamond stoppers didn't exist. Playing in 4♥ on the 4-3 fit would have been a great decision.

It ain't over, however, until you know who sings. West led the ♠10 to the jack, queen and king. Declarer, who didn't believe that West led from the ♠10 9, played a club to the ace and immediately ran the ♥J to West's king. One might think that West now would have thought that the lead may not be the best and actually thought of shifting to a low diamond or the ♦A, but ... No! A second round of spades was played and declarer called for the ace and checked if clubs behaved well – when they did, he happily claimed nine tricks. Plus 600 gave the Japanese pair a good 78.13%.

When the session finished Sonoike – Neo had dropped back to fourth place with combined score close to average but with a lot of tops or bottoms.





# Junior Pairs round 4 – Follow the leaders

by David Stern

After the first day, the leading scores in the Junior Pairs were:

1	Dahlström - Ekenberg	SWEDEN	61.20
2	Kobayashi - Imakiire	JAPAN	56.45
3	Neo - Sonoike	JAPAN	56.38

Wanting to watch a pair for the fourth round of the Junior Pairs, I had to decide which pair would provide the most material for the Daily Bulletin. So when in doubt – follow the leaders Dahlström and Ekenberg which I am assured by my co-editor, Micke Melander is the correct spelling for Dahlström - (hereinafter D-E). D-E started well.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Ekenberg		Dahlström	
	1♣	1♦	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
3♦	Pass	3♠	All Pass

It appears that N/S don't play support redoubles in this position - had they and with South knowing that his partner held three hearts, South would no doubt have bid 3♥ and the cold game might have been reached. Dahlström's 3♠ went two down for -100, earning D-E 97%. If the opponents had bid game, the Swedes' score would have reduced to 40%.

On Board 3, D-E took a reasonable line but achieved a lesser result.

Board 3. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg		Dahlström	
			Pass
1♣	Pass	2♦1	Pass
2♥2	Pass	2♠3	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1 Showing 5-card club support

2 Game-try relay

3 Wanting to bid 2NT accepting the invitation

North started by leading the ♥7 and declarer guessed well playing dummy's 8, jack and ace. With the benefit of the hand record we can see that the ♣A works like a charm, but declarer didn't have that luxury. Ekenberg, West, played the ♦J, ducked all around and followed by another diamond ducked and won by the queen. He then elected to play the 'reasonable' ♣Q, king and ace. Declarer then gave up a club and again correctly guessed in hearts when North continued with the ♥2, ♥9 and South's king. Declarer finished up making one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs for nine tricks, scoring 53%.

Switching to N/S for the next round, on the first board Ekenberg toyed with an opening lead that he would have regretted had he made it.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	<i>Dahlström</i>		<i>Ekenberg</i>
	Pass	INT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Ekenberg, sitting South, gave a lot of thought about the opening lead. At one point he had the ♠Q ready to lead before reverting to the likely popular choice of a club. Popular choices are what one wants to do when leading by five percent.

When declarer misguessed the location of the ♠Q, he wound up a trick short. D-E scored +50 for 81%.

Moving back to E/W for the rest of the session, D-E again swindled the opponents on this deal:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>		<i>Dahlström</i>	
			Pass
1♣	2NT*	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	3♠	All Pass

2NT Red suits

I'm not sure that I would not have bid 4♣ over partner's 3♠, but that may be why they were leading the event and I

am here reporting on it. South led the ♥10, dummy's ♥K winning the trick. Declarer played the ♠A and another spade, won by South. Alert to partner's high-low in trumps, South played a club, declarer playing low from dummy(!). North ruffed with his last trump and continued with the ♥A and another heart, ruffed by South with his last trump. South attempted to give his partner another club ruff, suspecting declarer may have only four spades. Declarer won the jack, cashed the ♣A and ♣K pitching a heart and the ♦K. When declarer played a diamond from dummy, North fell from grace by ducking and allowing declarer to win the now singleton queen. Making +140 was worth 100%. With N/S cold for 11 tricks in diamonds making or going down made little difference to D-E's score.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Ekenberg</i>		<i>Dahlström</i>	
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	5♠	All Pass

- 2♦ Weak hand with a major
- 2NT Inquiry
- 3♥ Spades and a minor

I am assured by Ekenberg that he never opens a weak two-bid with a five card suit – well that excuse has now clearly expired.

This deal falls first into the “have you discussed” category. Ekenberg took partner's 5♠ bid as asking him to bid six with two top honours. Dahlström, having heard partner was a minimum for his bid, assumed that this would ask partner to bid six with just one top honour. Your thoughts?

The second lesson is take care. Dahlström won the opening spade lead (leading a low trump from ♠J 3 when the opponents have expressed doubts about trump quality may not be such a good idea) with the ace and played the queen. He could have simply overtaken the queen with the king, drawn trumps and claimed 13 tricks. After “forgetting” to do this he played a club to the queen to get to dummy and draw trumps only to find North ruffing and cashing the ♥A – making just 11 tricks and a 12% score as eight of the 18 tables bid and made slam and others took penalties and others scored more tricks.

Dahlström and Ekenberg scored 54.51% on this session of 18 boards and retained their lead.

## Getting to know you (part 2)

...continued from issue No 2

**Compared to other games/sports, which part of bridge do you think is unique?**

**Sun:**

I think bridge contains everything you need in sports and everything you need in a card game.

**Li:**

Bridge is unique from other sports. It needs the cooperation with your partner and you should have good memory of every card and high calculation skills.

Do you have an amusing bridge story?

**Li:** There's a little story between my partner and me. After the bridge class in our school was canceled, we found bridge schools by ourselves. But we all chose the same bridge school and the same teacher. So we became partners again.

**We would love to get an interesting or your best hand**

**Li:**

I can still remember the first slam contract we had played. We played that during the practice time of our bridge class. It's a 7♠ contract, my partner opened with 2♣ and I became quite excited. When I put my bidding card of 7♠ on the table, my partner and our opponents were quite shocked. Luckily, I made it.

**Do you read many bridge magazines or books?**

**Sun:**

I usually read bridge books about stories such as Bridge in the Menagerie and some technique books like Play Bridge with Easley Blackwood. But I rarely read magazines about bridge. I prefer books.

**Li:**

I have read Play Bridge with Easley Blackwood. This book was written in great detail about how to make correct judgments while playing by thinking. It's quite useful for me.

**Do you have any person who would you most like to play a session with?**

**Li:**

I would be very glad to play with Michal Nowosadzki and Jacek Kalita, who came from Poland. They are the first world champions I had met, they are gentle and kind and also good at bridge.

**What are your bridge targets and goals in the short term and the long term?**

**Sun:**

In the short term, we wish we could play well in this world Youth Bridge Open Championship. In the long term,



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we hope we can enjoy bridge time. Make bridge to be our lifelong hobby. And we wish we could improve our bridge skills so that we can play bridge with friends from all over the world.

**What is your prospect in Lyon World Youth Open Championships?**

**Sun:**

I hope we can get a medal.

**Li:**

This is my first time to take part in the world wide championships. I hope that I can do my best, make as few mistakes as possible and get a good ranking this time.

**What are your hobbies outside of bridge?**

**Sun:**

Yes. I have many hobbies outside of bridge. Dancing, playing tennis, horseback riding, going snowboarding, playing golf and so on. I love travelling, visiting new places and understanding how people all over the world live. I also like to be alone and read some to enjoy nature. All these make me happy and full of energy every day.

**Li:**

Outside bridge, I like dancing and reading very much. I started to take dancing classes when I was five, I go there twice a week. When the class is over, I usually go to the library nearby and borrow lots of books home.

**What is your favorite movie/book/city?**

**Sun:**

My favorite movie is Suffer. It tells us never give up your dreams. My favourite book is The Children of Noisy Village written by Astrid Lindgren.

**Li:**

I like Harry Potter very much, it talks about Harry's complicated adventures in the magical world.

**What do you want to do in future?**

**Sun:**

One year ago, I would like to be a fashion designer because I like beautiful clothes. I want to make people look beautiful and have their own style. But now, I am not sure about it. Maybe I'd rather be a bridge player.

**Li:**

I would like to be a doctor or flower-arranger in the future. I think I will be fulfilled when I finally cure the patients and I will be happy seeing others living a healthier life with my help. And being a flower-arranger is more leisure than being a doctor, I can design the flowers and decorate others' lives and my own life. It must be delightful working in a place full of the fragrance of flowers.