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Standing by for stray IMPs

Team play in the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships is in full swing now as players in the four categories – Juniors, Youngsters, Girls and Kids – are battling to qualify for the knockout phases of their respective events.

All four groups will be playing today, with the Juniors, Girls and Kids playing the final five rounds of their Swiss qualifying for the quarterfinal phases of their events.

The Youngsters, currently in a round-robin to qualify for their semifinals, will play three more rounds on Monday. All of them, of course, are looking for as many International Matchpoints (IMPs) as they can put on their scorecards.

At the end of play on Saturday, Egypt held the top spot in the Junior Teams, about 5 victory points ahead of Villa Fabbriche.



Tops among the Youngsters is the Shengxing Team, about 2 VPs clear of second-place France.

The France I Girls are ahead by about 4 VPs in their group, with Shengxing Team I second.

Shengxing Mars leads the Kids Teams, just ahead of Shengxing Venus. Play in all events begins at 10 a.m.

Online Youth Bridge Magazine debuts

The WBF has established a new Online Youth Bridge Magazine. To find out more, see page 15 inside.

Alert, Youth players



All players in the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships must gather in the space between buildings outside Forum I in the convention center after the first session for a group photo on Sunday, Aug. 20.

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10.00 - 11.30	Teams Round 4 (J - Y - G - K)
12.00 - 13.30	Teams Round 5 (J - Y - G - K)
14.30 - 16.00	Teams Round 6 (J - Y - G - K)
16.30 - 18.00	Teams Round 7 (J - Y - G - K)
18.30 - 20.00	Teams Round 8 (J - Y - G - K)

JUNIOR TEAMS

Round 1

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 China Rdfz Synrey Japan	12 - 44	1.85 -18.15
2 Villa Fabbriiche India	42 - 16	17.16 -2.84
3 USA CUST	33 - 0	18.3 - 1.7
4 Chile Israel	37 - 26	13.72 -6.28
5 France Colombia	15 - 24	6.86 -13.14
6 Egypt Brasil	30 - 2	17.51 -2.49
7 Avergenrhonealpes2 Srbija Vajs	40 - 22	15.52 -4.48
8 Finland Norton	0 - 37	1.16 -18.84
9 Whitewalkers Bye	0 - 0	12 - 0

Round 2

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 Norton USA	11 - 64	0 - 20
2 Japan Egypt	0 - 25	3.03 -16.97
3 Villa Fabbriiche Avergenrhonealpes2	14 - 1	14.28 -5.72
4 Chile Colombia	39 - 9	17.84 -2.16
5 Whitewalkers France	22 - 33	6.28 -13.72
6 Srbija Vajs Israel	21 - 1	15.97 -4.03
7 India Brasil	24 - 0	16.78 -3.22
8 China Rdfz Synrey CUST	31 - 3	17.51 -2.49
9 Finland Bye	0 - 0	12 - 0

Round 3

Match	IMP's	VP's
1 USA Egypt	14 - 43	2.32 -17.68
2 Chile Villa Fabbriiche	10 - 29	4.25 -15.75
3 Avergenrhonealpes2 Japan	7 - 34	2.66 -17.34
4 France Srbija Vajs	28 - 32	8.5 -11.5
5 India China Rdfz Synrey	1 - 52	0 - 20
6 Norton Whitewalkers	8 - 40	1.85 -18.15
7 Colombia Finland	30 - 22	12.83 -7.17
8 Israel Brasil	50 - 5	19.76 -0.24
9 CUST Bye	0 - 0	12 - 0

Ranking after round 3

1	Egypt	52.16
2	Villa Fabbriiche	47.19
3	USA	40.62
4	China Rdfz Synrey	39.36
5	Japan	38.52
6	Whitewalkers	36.43
7	Chile	35.81
8	Srbija Vajs	31.95
9	Israel	30.07
10	France	29.08
11	Colombia	28.13
12	Avergenrhonealpes2	23.9
13	Norton	20.69
14	Finland	20.33
15	India	19.62
16	CUST	16.19
17	Brasil	5.95

TEAM ROSTERS

AVERGENRHONEALPES2

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Sam BAHBOUT
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YOUNGSTERS TEAMS

Round 1

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile China Rdfz	24 - 4	15.97 -4.03
12	Sweden France	33 - 21	14 - 6
13	China Bridge Academy Azsuw	38 - 17	16.18 -3.82
14	Italy France Youngster 2	41 - 27	14.54 -5.46
15	Germany 2 Shengxing Team	0 - 33	1.7 -18.3
16	Germany I United French	49 - 26	16.59 -3.41

Round 2

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile France	13 - 66	0 - 20
12	China Rdfz China	3 - 62	0 - 20
13	France Youngster 2 Sweden	10 - 17	7.49 -12.51
14	Bridge Academy Azsuw Shengxing Team	37 - 23	14.54 -5.46
15	Italy United French	41 - 27	14.54 -5.46
16	Germany 2 Germany I	25 - 34	6.86 -13.14

Round 3

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile China	32 - 3	17.68 -2.32
12	France France Youngster 2	20 - 4	15.05 -4.95
13	Shengxing Team China Rdfz	47 - 12	18.58 -1.42
14	Sweden United French	9 - 35	2.84 -17.16
15	Bridge Academy Azsuw Germany I	32 - 16	15.05 -4.95
16	Italy Germany 2	17 - 22	8.15 -11.85

Ranking after round 3

1	Shengxing Team	42.34
2	France	41.05
3	China	38.5
4	Italy	37.23
5	Germany I	34.68
6	Chile	33.65
7	Bridge Academy Azsuw	33.41
8	Sweden	29.35
9	United French	26.03
10	Germany 2	20.41
11	France Youngster 2	17.9
12	China Rdfz	5.45

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Nathan FINKLE (captain)

GIRLS TEAMS

Round 1

Match	IMP's	VP's
21 Shengxing Team 1 Germany	43 - 21	16.39 - 3.61
22 China Rdfz Rose Shengxing Team 3	12 - 23	5.78 - 13.22
23 China Shjs Shengxing Team 2	19 - 19	10 - 10
24 China Rdfz Italia	13 - 19	7.82 - 12.18
25 France 1 Girls Shengxing Team 4	50 - 12	18.97 - 1.03
26 France 2 Girls Sh Xin Jiangnan Team	4 - 71	0 - 20
27 India Chile	22 - 13	13.14 - 6.86
28 Shengxing Team 5 Bye	0 - 0	12 - 0

Round 2

Match	IMP's	VP's
21 Sh Xin Jiangnan Team France 1 Girls	16 - 17	9.61 - 10.39
22 Shengxing Team 1 Shengxing Team 3	26 - 10	15.05 - 4.95
23 India Italia	32 - 40	7.17 - 12.83
24 Shengxing Team 5 China Shjs	42 - 16	17.16 - 2.84
25 Shengxing Team 2 China Rdfz	21 - 51	2.16 - 17.84
26 Chile China Rdfz Rose	48 - 0	20 - 0
27 Germany Shengxing Team 4	29 - 23	12.18 - 7.82
28 France 2 Girls Bye	0 - 0	12 - 0

Round 3

Match	IMP's	VP's
21 Shengxing Team 1 Sh Xin Jiangnan Team	25 - 20	11.85 - 8.15
22 France 1 Girls Shengxing Team 5	35 - 0	18.58 - 1.42
23 Chile China Rdfz	18 - 24	7.82 - 12.18
24 Italia Shengxing Team 3	26 - 7	15.75 - 4.25
25 India China Shjs	27 - 27	10 - 10
26 Germany Shengxing Team 2	9 - 22	5.72 - 14.28
27 France 2 Girls Shengxing Team 4	10 - 27	4.71 - 15.29
28 China Rdfz Rose Bye	0 - 0	12 - 0

Ranking after round 3

1	France 1 Girls	47.94
2	Shengxing Team 1	43.29
3	Italia	40.76
4	China Rdfz	37.84
5	Sh Xin Jiangnan Team	37.76
6	Chile	34.68
7	Shengxing Team 5	30.58
8	India	30.31
9	Shengxing Team 2	26.44
10	Shengxing Team 4	24.14
11	China Shjs	22.84
12	Shengxing Team 3	22.42
13	Germany	21.51
14	China Rdfz Rose	17.78
15	France 2 Girls	16.71

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Wenfei YU
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Liwen SHAO
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Yunfei GUO
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Tong XU
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Jingyue RUAN
Qing TANG
Fan YANG
Yuchen ZHAO
Gongjun LIU (captain)

KIDS TEAMS

Round 1

Match		IMP's	VP's
31	China Rdfz Red Chinese Taipei Mlgs	12 - 13	9.61 -10.39
32	China Rdfz Galaxy Shengxing Yellow	30 - 29	10.39 -9.61
33	Norway U16 Shengxing Mercury	14 - 20	7.82 -12.18
34	China Rdfz Blue Shengxing Venus	0 - 89	0 - 20
35	China Rdfz Hope I Shengxing Red	7 - 41	1.56 -18.44
36	China Rdfz Yellow Shengxing Green	15 - 40	2.53 -16.47
37	France Kids Shengxing Saturn	23 - 63	0.78 -19.22
38	Magic Eyes Thailand Shengxing Jupiter	43 - 2	19.33 -0.67
39	India Shengxing Mars	19 - 41	3.61 -16.39
40	Italy Poland	1 - 21	4.03 -15.97
41	China Shjs Tj Bridge I	52 - 0	20 - 0
42	Germany Tj Bridge 2	52 - 28	16.78 -3.22
43	Chile Auvergne Rhone Alpes	24 - 26	9.23 -10.77

Round 2

Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Shengxing Venus China Shjs	35 - 30	11.85 -8.15
32	Magic Eyes Thailand Shengxing Saturn	12 - 15	8.86 -11.14
33	Shengxing Red Shengxing Green	14 - 35	3.82 -16.18
34	Germany Shengxing Mars	11 - 40	2.32 -17.68
35	Poland Shengxing Mercury	24 - 30	7.82 -12.18
36	Auvergne Rhone Alpes Chinese Taipei Mlgs	12 - 43	2 - 18
37	China Rdfz Galaxy China Rdfz Red	41 - 16	16.97 -3.03
38	Shengxing Yellow Chile	47 - 36	13.72 -6.28
39	Norway U16 Italy	49 - 2	19.96 -0.04
40	India Tj Bridge 2	32 - 30	10.77 -9.23
41	China Rdfz Yellow China Rdfz Hope I	45 - 15	17.84 -2.16
42	France Kids Shengxing Jupiter	31 - 2	17.68 -2.32
43	China Rdfz Blue Tj Bridge I	26 - 37	6.28 -13.72

Round 3

Match		IMP's	VP's
31	Shengxing Mars Shengxing Green	35 - 5	17.84 -2.16
32	Shengxing Venus Shengxing Saturn	40 - 20	15.97 -4.03
33	Chinese Taipei Mlgs Magic Eyes Thailand	0 - 31	2 - 18
34	China Shjs Norway U16	6 - 22	4.95 -15.05
35	China Rdfz Galaxy Shengxing Mercury	36 - 25	13.72 -6.28
36	Poland Shengxing Yellow	33 - 29	11.5 - 8.5
37	Shengxing Red China Rdfz Yellow	31 - 4	17.34 -2.66
38	Germany France Kids	5 - 35	2.16 -17.84
39	Chile India	38 - 11	17.34 -2.66
40	Tj Bridge I Auvergne Rhone Alpes	25 - 33	7.17 -12.83
41	China Rdfz Red Tj Bridge 2	60 - 1	20 - 0
42	China Rdfz Blue Italy	10 - 47	1.16 -18.84
43	China Rdfz Hope I Shengxing Jupiter	26 - 44	4.48 -15.52

Ranking after round 3

1	Shengxing Mars	51.91
2	Shengxing Venus	47.82
3	Magic Eyes Thailand	46.19
4	Norway U16	42.83
5	China Rdfz Galaxy	41.08
6	Shengxing Red	39.6
7	France Kids	36.3
8	Poland	35.29
9	Shengxing Green	34.81
10	Shengxing Saturn	34.39
11	China Shjs	33.1
12	Chile	32.85
13	China Rdfz Red	32.64
14	Shengxing Yellow	31.83
15	Shengxing Mercury	30.64
16	Chinese Taipei Mlgs	30.39
17	Auvergne Rhone Alpes	25.6
18	China Rdfz Yellow	23.03
19	Italy	22.91
20	Germany	21.26
21	Tj Bridge I	20.89
22	Shengxing Jupiter	18.51
23	India	17.04
24	Tj Bridge 2	12.45
25	China Rdfz Hope I	8.2
26	China Rdfz Blue	7.44



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Xiaoming LU
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Mingyu LU
Ruicheng MAO
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SHENGXING YELLOW

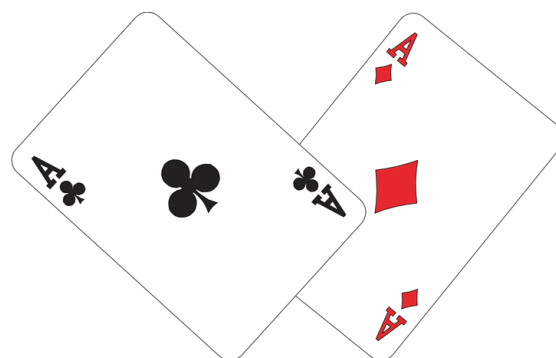
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Where did those Matchpoints go?

by Herman De Wael

My duties as assistant reviewer are rather limited (no, I don't mean you should start asking for reviews!) so I took the afternoon off and went to assist the full 100% of the Belgian delegation. Sam Bahbout and Jens Van Overmeire were representing our country in the Junior Pairs. After five of the six sessions, they were lying 16th in the field (of 35), with 14 places available in the final. They were going to play 15 more boards.

Sam Bahbout has, despite his young age (he's going to play two more of these championships later) already achieved some memorable successes. He finished third at a Cavendish pairs a few years ago and played the finals of the World Open Pairs in Wrocław and the European ones in Montecatini. He was a member of the Belgian Open team in Budapest. Jens Van Overmeire plays in the Belgian first division (well, that's actually the second highest) in a team composed entirely of juniors and recent juniors. Sam often plays with them, although he plays his official competition with the National Champions.

At pairs, you are often at the mercy of your opponents – so how did this turn out in this session?

In the following analysis, I'm going to attribute MPs for three factors: own actions, opponent's actions, and the actions of the field (when many tables are not in the right contract, this can be to your advantage or disadvantage).

For the first round, Sam and Jens had to face Souvik Kar and Souvhi Das of India (who finished 27th overall)

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ Q 10 9	
	♥ 6	
	♦ J 2	
	♣ A K Q 7 5 4 2	
♠ 8 7 4 2	<div>North West East South</div>	♠ A K 6 3
♥ K 8 5 4 3		♥ A Q 9 7 2
♦ K Q 7		♦ 6 4 3
♣ 6		♣ 10
	♠ J 5	
	♥ J 10	
	♦ A 10 9 8 5	
	♣ J 9 8 3	

West	North	East	South
Das	Sam	Kar	Jens
Pass	1♣(*)	1♥	2♣(*)
3♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass

1♣ 2+
2♣ weak

With 4♥ making, the Belgians reached the par contract. Two down was a normal result. 12 MP out of 32 was their reward. If they had sat in the other direction (and again made no mistakes), they would have 20 MP. That's -8 points courtesy of the field.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ A Q 10 7 5 3	
	♥ A J 5	
	♦ 8 7	
	♣ Q 7	
♠ K J	A purple rounded square containing the letters N, S, E, and W in white. N is at the top, S at the bottom, E on the right, and W on the left.	♠ 8 4
♥ 9 8 4 3 2		♥ K Q 10
♦ J 10 9 6		♦ A K 5 3
♣ A 9		♣ 8 6 4 2
	♠ 9 6 2	
	♥ 7 6	
	♦ Q 4 2	
	♣ K J 10 5 3	

West	North	East	South
Das	Sam	Kar	Jens
	1♠	Dble	INT(*)
3♥	All Pass		

Maybe East could have raised his partner's jump bid, but it was felt that Jens was a bit conservative in not contributing a third spade. Two down was the normal result, but 150 for 4♥-3 would have brought in 22 MP instead of the 5 now -17 MP from own action.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Das	Sam	Kar	Jens
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
4♥	Pass	2♣(*)	Pass
		4♠	All Pass

2♣ Drury

Das did not think 4♥ was conventional but settled for a sedate 4♠ anyway. He ruffed the third diamond and was overruffed. Back in hand, he needed to decide on the clubs. He played ace and queen and was rewarded when it was the jack, rather than the king, that was doubleton. A quarter of the field allowed overtricks, so that is +8MP from own


action, but a wrong choice by declarer would have added 13MP.

After the first round, the field cost them 8MP, the opponents' actions 13MP, and own actions 9MP.

All together a 34% table.

In the second round, my friends faced Gonzalo Guridi and Diego Ramirez from Chile. (22nd in the final rankings)


Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jens	Ramirez	Sam	Guridi
Pass	3♦	All Pass	1♦

3♦ was not alerted but was obviously meant and understood as inverted. Passing meant they were in the correct contract. That's -4MP because of good opponent action, but also +4MP for not allowing the overtrick.


Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Jens	Ramirez	Sam	Guridi
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
All Pass			

Eight tricks in the standard contract, so the score of 12MP that it brought Jens and Sam meant yet another -8MP from the field.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
Jens	Ramirez	Sam	Guridi
-	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦(*)	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♦ GF

Five pairs reached 6♠, but the 10 points for the 3NT contract meant that the 12 tricks gained them 24MP, so let's credit 8 MP to own action. A table of exactly 50%. The field had so far cost -16MP, -17MP from the opponents, and +3MP from own action.

The third set of opponents came from Brazil: Guilherme Teiji Nishino Panfili and Julia Mautone. (29th)

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mautone	Sam	Panfili	Jens
INT	2♠	Pass	1♦
		All Pass	

2♠ was a popular contract, and +140 gave 21MP (so +10 from the field) but when the opponents contributed an extra overtrick each, that resulted in the full top of 32MP (so +11 from the opponents).

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ A 6 2	
	♥ K Q J	
	♦ J 9 5	
	♣ J 10 6 5	
♠ 10 8 5 4 3	<div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 9 7
♥ 10 8 5 3		♥ A 7 4 2
♦ 4 2		♦ K 6 3
♣ K 9		♣ A Q 4
	♠ K Q	
	♥ 9 6	
	♦ A Q 10 8 7	
	♣ 8 7 3 2	

West	North	East	South
<i>Mautone</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Panfili</i>	<i>Jens</i>
Pass	1♣(*)	Pass	1♠(*)
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣(*)
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
All Pass			

1♣ 2+ clubs

1♠ no majors

2♣ initiating a limit sequence

Many pairs bid the game, and 10 tricks were standard, so the score of 12MP should count as -15 from own action.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 5 4 2	
	♥ A Q 10	
	♦ A 6 3 2	
	♣ 9 5 4	
♠ J 9 6	<div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A Q 10 7 3
♥ 8 3 2		♥ K 9 7
♦ K 9 8		♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A K Q 2		♣ 7
	♠ K 8	
	♥ J 6 5 4	
	♦ 7 5	
	♣ J 10 8 6 3	

West	North	East	South
<i>Mautone</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Panfili</i>	<i>Jens</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦(*)	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2♦ GF

Standard contract and result -2MP from the field.

A table of 61%. The field had cost -8MP, -6MP from the opponents, and -12MP from own action.

The fourth set of opponents came from India: Sagnik Roy and Sayantan Kushari (28th)

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 8 6 3	
	♥ Q 9 6	
	♦ 8 5	
	♣ A K J 10 6	
♠ A 10 5 2	<div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 9 4
♥ J 8		♥ K 7 5 4 3 2
♦ K J 9 4		♦ A Q 10 6
♣ 8 4 2		♣ Q
	♠ K Q J 7	
	♥ A 10	
	♦ 7 3 2	
	♣ 9 7 5 3	

West	North	East	South
<i>Jens</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Kushari</i>
INT	Pass	1♥	1♠
3♥	2♣	2♥	3♣
Dble	3♠	Pass	4♣
	All Pass		

Jens showed perfect judgment in competing until 3♥ and doubling 4♣ which duly went one down. This raised the score from 13 to 21, that's +8MP from own action.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q 10	
	♥ A Q 10 6 3	
	♦ K 8 3	
	♣ J 7 4	
♠ K 9 8 6	<div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 4 3 2
♥ J 8 2		♥ K 4
♦ Q 10 2		♦ J
♣ 6 3 2		♣ A K 10 9 8 5
	♠ J 7 5	
	♥ 9 7 5	
	♦ A 9 7 6 5 4	
	♣ Q	

West	North	East	South
<i>Jens</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Kushari</i>
-	-	1♣	Pass
1♥(*)	2♥	4♠	All Pass

1♥ spades

Sam won the ♥K off the lead and cashed the ♠A. North dropped the ♠Q!. Sam played the ♣A next and South then dropped the ♣Q. Sam now played trumps to the eight and must have been surprised to see the ten. North cashed the ♥A and returned a club for a ruff. Although Sam apologized profusely, maybe we should put the "blame" on North's deceptive drop. Since a lot of pairs failed to bid the game, the difference between -100 and +620 was 23MP, which I shall put into the "they" column.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

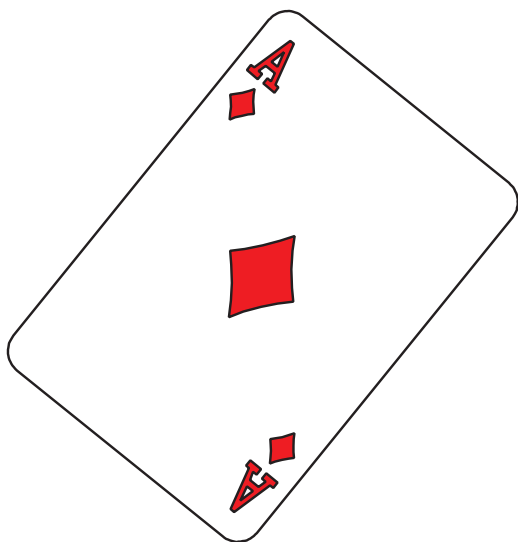
West	North	East	South
Jens	Roy	Sam	Kushari
3♣	Dble	3♥	Pass
4♥	Dble	Pass	Pass
All Pass			4♠

3♥ natural!!

A well-timed psych? Sam knew 5♣ was not going to be a success, so by passing 4♥X, he could still hope that South would not realize just how disastrous that contract would be. He was right. However, the real test came in the play. Six tables in the field played 4♠, and one went all the way to 6♠, with two tables reaching 11 tricks, one 10, and three just nine.

Jens led the ♣K, and Kushari decided to play a trump, getting the bad news quite quickly. He played a diamond to the king and finessed the ten. Sam played a second round of trumps. South ruffed his club and tried to cash the ♦A. Sam ruffed, drew dummy's last trump and played a club. South could ruff, Sam ruffed the ♦J but a heart to the table meant Jens could take a heart for two down. I'm going to be generous here and attribute the resulting 12MP over average to own action.

Another table of 59%. The field had cost -4MP, -29MP from the opponents, and +8MP from own action.



The final adversaries came from China: Yan Peilin (a petite girl in a Popeye T-shirt) and Ding Yufei, who finished in 35th place.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ding	Sam	Yan	Jens
2♣	Dble	2♠	Pass
3♣	Dble	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♣ Precision

Jens was the only one in the field to attempt 3NT. Ding started with three top clubs, but when he did not play a fourth, Jens could deduce he held no side entry. Jens took the spade return with the ace but when he then gave up a heart, East's spades were winners (Jens had discarded a spade on the third round of clubs). Four down for a full zero. I cannot do otherwise but put debit -16MP to "own."

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.


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

West	North	East	South
Ding	Sam	Yan	Jens
INT	1♦	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2NT	Pass

North led the diamond jack, which West mistakenly took on the first turn. He successfully ran the ♠Q, but then

played clubs. The diamond return meant the contract was one down. A present worth 15 MP from the opponents.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ding	Sam	Yan	Jens
		Pass	1♠

All Pass

When I gave the East hand to a friend, he answered "I did not come all the way to France to pass over 1♠". Apparently Yan had not traveled far enough yet, and she did pass. A quiet +110 scored 27MP. Shall we put +12MP in the "they" column?

At 50MP, the last table was just over average.

The Belgians' final total was 1619.2 MP (51.11%). The fourteenth pair's total was 1621.1 (51.17%). Please shed a tear with me for the fifteenth pair as well, the Uruguay-Argentinian combination of Guillermo Minutti and Maximo Cruzio, who came even closer than my friends, at 1620.4 MP (51.15%).

Anyway, by my reckoning, it was mostly their own fault. Whereas the field conspired in taking 8 matchpoints off their own total, the opponents' contribution totalled -2 MP, the own mistakes cost 8.

Starting the session in 16th place, scoring another 16th place in the session proved to be insufficient. Better luck next time, guys!

China vs Bridge Academy AZSUW – Round 1


by Micke Melander and Brent Manley

Readers who like high-scoring matches will appreciate Saturday's match between China and Bridge Academy AZSUW (Poland) in the first session of the Youngsters Teams.

Board No. 1, played out of order because a card was exposed at one of the tables and dealt by hand, was a push, both pairs playing heart partials and scoring plus 140.

The auction was competitive in the closed room, where Tomasz Kielbasa and Edward Sucharda for Poland opposed Zhiyu Cheng and Xiaohu Wang.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Sucharda	Cheng	Kielbasa
	INT	Dble	Redbl
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

East's double indicated a hand with 15 or more high-card points.

Cheng started with the ♦K, taken by Sucharda with the ace, followed by the ♥A and a low heart. Cheng won the trump king and exited with a trump to dummy's jack. From there, declarer lost only to East's black aces and the ♦Q for plus 140.


Open Room

In this room, Poland was represented by Krzysztof Cichy and Kacper Kopka against China's Baozhuo Jiang and Randy Pan. Their auction was less competitive but resulted in the same strain and the same result: plus 140.

West	North	East	South
Kopka	Pan	Cichy	Jiang
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Poland struck first on the second board, which was played first in the closed room.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Sucharda	Cheng	Kielbasa
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Sucharda started with his fourth-best ♥7. Wang eyed dummy for a bit before calling for the ♥Q. Kielbasa took the ace and returned the jack, overtaken by Sucharda with the king to cash four more hearts for two down.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Kopka	Pan	Cichy	Jiang
		Pass	1♦
INT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Pan started with the ♥9, no doubt showing zero or two higher cards in the suit. Kopka played low from dummy, and his hopes for a blocked suit were realized. Jiang took the trick with the ♥J and cashed the ♥A, but there was no chance for North to get in to cash hearts, so Kopka finished with nine tricks for plus 400 and an 11-IMP swing to Poland.

On the next deal, Wang had a difficult decision to make in the auction, but he came through with the right move.

Board 3. Dealer South. E-W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Sucharda	Cheng	Kielbasa
1♦	1♥	1♠	2♥
4♠	All Pass		

Wang took considerable time before deciding what to do with his 21-point hand, but he landed on his feet with the 4♠ bid.

Kielbasa started with a low club taken in dummy. At trick two, Cheng cashed the ♦A, pitching a heart, and continued with the ♦Q, covered by Sucharda and ruffed. Now he cashed dummy's two spades and discarded a second heart on the ♦J. When he tried to cash the ♣Q, Sucharda ruffed, cashed the ♥K and played the ♦8, promoting Kielbasa's ♠J to trick number three for the defense. Still, China had plus 620. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Kopka	Pan	Cichy	Jiang
			1♣*
1♥	1♠	2♥	3♦*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

1♣ Polish Club (10-12 balanced or any strong hand).
3♦ 17+ with diamonds

Jiang led a trump, taken in dummy. Cichy cashed the ♦A, pitching a heart, and followed with the ♦Q, pitching another heart when Pan did not cover. Declarer then cashed the ♠A and entered his hand with a low club to cash the ♠K. When the suit proved to be 3-3, he had 12 tricks for plus 680 and a 2-IMP gain. It was 13-0 for Poland, but China was ready to strike.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kopka	Pan	Cichy	Jiang
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

Jiang led the ♦7 to Cichi's jack. With no entry to dummy, Cichy could only struggle to try to get to seven tricks. He managed only five for minus 200. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Wang	Sucharda	Cheng	Kielbasa
Pass	1♣*	INT	Dble
Redbl	Pass	2♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
AI Pass			

1♣ Polish: 10-12 balanced or any strong hand.

Cheng led the ♦Q to dummy's ace. Sucharda played a spade to his ace and continued with the ♠J, which held. He then played a club from hand, covering East's jack with the queen, which held. He pulled the last trump with the ♠K and then played a low diamond from dummy, hoping for a 3-3 split in the suit. West won with the ♦9, however, and returned a club, ducked to East's bare ace. The ♦J return was taken with dummy's king. Sucharda could not avoid losing two more tricks for minus 100. That was 7 IMPs to China.

Poland gained 3 IMPs on this deal when Cichy played in 3NT, finishing with 12 tricks for plus 490 after Jiang led a diamond and South discarded a heart on the run of the clubs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

At the other table, Cheng opened INT with the East cards and Wang bid 2♠ (conditional transfer to clubs) then 5♣ when his partner's 2NT denied a fit of three cards or better in clubs. Wang lost two spade tricks for plus 400. Poland was ahead 16-7.

China took the lead on the next deal.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

♠ 8 7 3	♠ A 9 4	♠ K Q 10 5
♥ K Q 7 6 4	♥ 10 9	♥ 3 2
♦ A J 5 4	♦ K 10 7 2	♦ 9 6 3
♣ 4	♣ A J 9 5	♣ 10 8 7 3
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 10px auto;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ J 6 2	
	♥ A J 8 5	
	♦ Q 8	
	♣ K Q 6 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wang	Sucharda	Cheng	Kielbasa
1♥	Dble*	Pass	1♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	INT
		All Pass	

Dble Denies four spades

West led the ♦4: 2, 9, queen. Kielbasa played the ♦8 at trick two, letting it run when West played low. That gave him eight tricks, but he could scramble no more with the major suits divided as they were. Minus 50 was the best he could do. At the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kopka	Pan	Cichy	Jiang
1♥	2♥	Pass	1♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	2NT
		All Pass	

1♣ Polish

Kopka's opening lead of the ♥6 worked out poorly for his side. The ♥9 held the trick in dummy and Jiang played a diamond to his queen and West's ace. When the diamond finesse against the jack worked later on, declarer had four clubs, two hearts, two diamonds and the ♠A for nine tricks, plus 400 and a 10-IMP swing. China was up 17-16.

The score was 18-17 with two boards to play when the roof caved in for Poland.

Board 9. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Kopka	Pan	Cichy	Jiang
Dble	1♠	Pass	1♥
3♦	Pass	2♠*	Pass
		3♠!	All Pass

2♠ Invitational NT transfer

3♠ West thought it was natural and East thought it was another transfer



Zhiyu Cheng, China

When pass got back to North, he asked about the bidding and East just stated that it was forcing... whereupon North happily passed with a smile on his face.

This contract most definitely violated David Burn's Law of Total Trumps – that is, when playing a trump contract, always be certain that your side has more trumps than the opponents. East managed only five tricks in the 4-2 fit and finished at minus 400. It was a loss of 14 IMPs because of what happened at the other table:

West	North	East	South
Wang	Sucharda	Cheng	Kielbasa
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Kielbasa started with the ♣7, which Cheng ducked around to his jack. N/S discarded poorly on the run of the diamonds and Cheng ended up with three heart tricks when, upon leading the suit from dummy for the first time, he collected the ♥K and ♥Q on the same trick for plus 600.

Curiously, on the final board of the set, the Chinese pair in the open room also landed in 3♠, another bad contract that produced minus 400 for declarer's side.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A J 9 8 4		
♥ K J 10 7 3 2		
♦ 7		
♣ 5		
♠ Q 2		♠ K 10 6 5
♥ A Q 9 8		♥ 6 5 4
♦ A K Q J		♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ Q J 4		♣ K 8
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	
	♠ 7 3	
	♥ —	
	♦ 10 8 6 3	
	♣ A 10 9 7 6 3 2	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kopka	Pan	Cichy	Jiang
		Pass	Pass
1♣*	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Dble	3♥	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

1♣ Polish Club

2♦ Both majors, 8+ HCP

Fortunately for the Chinese, the auction was better at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Wang	Sucharda	Cheng	Kielbasa
		Pass	Pass
2NT	3♦*	3NT	All Pass

3♦ Majors

Sucharda led the ♥J to declarer's queen. At trick two, Wang led the ♠Q to North's ace. A club was returned to the 8, 9 and jack. Wang exited his hand with a club to dummy's queen and South's ace. A third round of clubs was won by West with the queen. On the run of the diamonds, North discarded spades and when a spade to the 10 held the trick, declarer had three spades to go with two hearts, two clubs and four diamonds for plus 660 and, to the relief of his teammates, a 6-IMP gain.

The match ended with China in front 38-17.

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