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All together now



If this photo doesn't get you excited about the World Bridge Federation's progress with youth bridge, look again at the players who are the future of the world's best game.

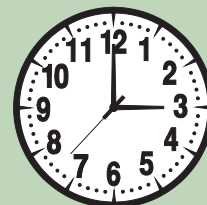
It is now time for players in the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships to play the head-to-head matches. The Juniors, Youngsters and Girls have finished qualifying play and will begin the first of their four quarter-final matches today.

The Youngsters will play three qualifying matches in their round robin today to determine the teams that will do battle in the semifinal stage of their event.

For non-qualifiers, the Board-a-Match Teams begins with three sessions today.

Today's Schedule

10.00	J - G -K Quarterfinal 1 — Y Qualifying 9
10.30	BAM session 1
12.00	Y Qualifying 10
12.20	J - G -K Quarterfinal 2
13.30	BAM session 2
14.30	Y Qualifying 11
15.30	J - G -K Quarterfinal 3
16.00	BAM session 3
17.50	J - G -K Quarterfinal 4



JUNIORS

Round 4

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Egypt Villa Fabbriche	29 - 14	14.80 - 5.20
2	USA China Rdfz Synrey	16 - 32	4.95 - 15.05
3	Japan Whitewalkers	24 - 12	14.00 - 6.00
4	Chile Srbija Vajs	25 - 16	13.14 - 6.86
5	Israel France	25 - 18	12.51 - 7.49
6	Colombia Norton	10 - 34	3.22 - 16.78
7	Avergenrhonealpes2 Finland	42 - 26	15.05 - 4.95
8	India CUST	30 - 17	14.28 - 5.72
9	Brasil Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 5

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Egypt China Rdfz Synrey	0 - 55	0.00 - 20.0
2	Japan Villa Fabbriche	7 - 12	8.15 - 11.85
3	Chile USA	5 - 22	4.71 - 15.29
4	Israel Avergenrhonealpes2	10 - 31	3.82 - 16.18
5	Whitewalkers Srbija Vajs	7 - 44	1.16 - 18.84
6	Norton France	15 - 26	6.28 - 13.72
7	India Finland	12 - 16	8.50 - 11.50
8	CUST Brasil	22 - 14	12.83 - 7.17
9	Colombia Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 6

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	China Rdfz Synrey Villa Fabbriche	21 - 47	2.84 - 17.16
2	Egypt Srbija Vajs	34 - 23	13.72 - 6.28
3	USA Japan	40 - 19	16.18 - 3.82
4	Avergenrhonealpes2 France	13 - 24	6.28 - 13.72
5	Chile Norton	7 - 33	2.84 - 17.16
6	Israel Whitewalkers	40 - 6	17.44 - 1.56
7	Colombia CUST	22 - 26	8.50 - 11.5
8	Finland Brasil	26 - 0	17.16 - 2.84
9	India Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 7

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	Villa Fabbriche USA	5 - 49	0.34 - 19.66
2	Egypt France	12 - 24	6.00 - 14.00
3	China Rdfz Synrey Srbija Vajs	13 - 21	7.17 - 12.83
4	Japan Israel	30 - 4	17.16 - 2.84
5	Norton Avergenrhonealpes2	17 - 11	12.18 - 7.82
6	India Colombia	43 - 6	18.84 - 1.16
7	Finland CUST	39 - 3	18.71 - 1.29
8	Whitewalkers Brasil	23 - 17	12.18 - 7.82
9	Chile Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 8

	Match	IMP's	VP's
1	USA France	28 - 1	17.34 - 2.66
2	Egypt India	24 - 32	7.17 - 12.83
3	China Rdfz Synrey Norton	12 - 24	6.00 - 14.00
4	Villa Fabbriche Srbija Vajs	28 - 24	11.50 - 8.50
5	Japan Finland	8 - 24	4.95 - 15.05
6	Avergenrhonealpes2 Chile	15 - 1	14.54 - 5.46
7	Whitewalkers CUST	41 - 10	18.00 - 2.00
8	Colombia Brasil	24 - 6	15.52 - 4.48
9	Israel Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

YOUNGSTERS

Round 4

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile France Youngster 2	35 - 29	12.18 - 7.82
12	China Shengxing Team	38 - 14	16.78 - 3.22
13	United French France	1 - 29	2.49 - 17.51
14	China Rdfz Germany 1	27 - 33	7.82 - 12.18
15	Sweden Germany 2	37 - 10	17.34 - 2.66
16	Bridge Academy Azsuw Italy	26 - 16	13.43 - 6.57

Round 5

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile Shengxing Team	12 - 27	6 - 15.52
12	France Youngster 2 United French	35 - 18	15.29 - 4.71
13	Germany 1 China	5 - 13	7.17 - 12.83
14	France Germany 2	22 - 0	16.39 - 3.61
15	China Rdfz Italy	8 - 19	6.28 - 13.72
16	Sweden Bridge Academy Azsuw	23 - 9	14.54 - 5.46

Round 6

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile United French	27 - 36	6.86 - 13.14
12	Shengxing Team Germany 1	27 - 17	13.43 - 6.57
13	Germany 2 France Youngster 2	25 - 16	13.14 - 6.86
14	China Italy	50 - 11	19.10 - 0.90
15	France Bridge Academy Azsuw	10 - 21	6.28 - 13.72
16	China Rdfz Sweden	10 - 16	7.82 - 12.18

Round 7

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile Germany 1	18 - 37	4.25 - 15.75
12	United French Germany 2	13 - 10	11.14 - 8.86
13	Italy Shengxing Team	16 - 15	10.39 - 9.61
14	France Youngster 2 Bridge Academy Azsuw	25 - 21	11.50 - 8.50
15	China Sweden	43 - 20	16.59 - 3.41
16	France China Rdfz	29 - 29	10.00 - 10.00

Round 8

	Match	IMP's	VP's
11	Chile Germany 2	16 - 12	11.50 - 8.50
12	Germany 1 Italy	10 - 17	7.49 - 12.51
13	Bridge Academy Azsuw United French	57 - 10	19.96 - 0.04
14	Shengxing Team Sweden	21 - 6	14.80 - 5.20
15	France Youngster 2 China Rdfz	18 - 15	11.14 - 8.86
16	China France	13 - 45	1.85 - 18.15

GIRLS

Round 4

Match	IMP's	VP's
21 France 1 Girls Shengxing Team 1	26 - 16	13.43 - 6.57
22 Italia Sh Xin Jiangnan Team	26 - 33	7.49 - 12.51
23 China Rdfz Shengxing Team 5	22 - 23	9.61 - 10.39
24 Chile Shengxing Team 2	26 - 24	10.77 - 9.23
25 India Shengxing Team 4	1 - 38	1.16 - 18.84
26 China Shjs Shengxing Team 3	17 - 22	8.15 - 11.85
27 China Rdfz Rose France 2 Girls	9 - 39	2.16 - 17.84
28 Germany Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 5

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	20.00 - 0.00
27 Germany Shengxing Team 4	29 - 23	12.18 - 7.82
28 France 2 Girls Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 6

Match	IMP's	VP's
21 France 1 Girls China Rdfz	50 - 19	18 - 2.00
22 Shengxing Team 1 Shengxing Team 4	39 - 10	17.68 - 2.32
23 Sh Xin Jiangnan Team Shengxing Team 3	25 - 29	8.50 - 11.50
24 Italia Chile	10 - 36	2.84 - 17.16
25 Shengxing Team 2 Shengxing Team 5	18 - 41	3.41 - 16.59
26 France 2 Girls China Shjs	15 - 20	8.15 - 11.85
27 Germany China Rdfz Rose	24 - 22	10.77 - 9.23
28 India Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 7

Match	IMP's	VP's
21 France 1 Girls Chile	11 - 21	6.57 - 13.43
22 Shengxing Team 1 Shengxing Team 5	6 - 7	9.61 - 10.39
23 Sh Xin Jiangnan Team Shengxing Team 4	36 - 3	18.30 - 1.70
24 Shengxing Team 3 China Rdfz	29 - 23	12.18 - 7.82
25 Italia France 2 Girls	12 - 32	4.03 - 15.97
26 India Germany	23 - 21	10.77 - 9.23
27 China Shjs China Rdfz Rose	1 - 53	0.00 - 20.00
28 Shengxing Team 2 Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

Round 8

Match	IMP's	VP's
21 France 1 Girls Shengxing Team 3	39 - 1	18.97 - 1.03
22 Shengxing Team 1 France 2 Girls	20 - 14	12.18 - 7.82
23 Sh Xin Jiangnan Team Chile	29 - 11	15.52 - 4.48
24 China Rdfz Shengxing Team 4	20 - 19	10.39 - 9.61
25 Shengxing Team 5 India	33 - 20	14.28 - 5.72
26 China Rdfz Rose Shengxing Team 2	29 - 23	12.18 - 7.82
27 Germany China Shjs	36 - 32	11.50 - 8.50
28 Italia Bye	0 - 0	12.00 - 0.00

KIDS

Round 4

Match	IMP's	VP's
31 Shengxing Mars Shengxing Venus	38 - 14	16.78 - 3.22
32 Magic Eyes Thailand Norway U16	42 - 31	13.72 - 6.28
33 China Rdfz Galaxy Shengxing Red	36 - 25	13.72 - 6.28
34 France Kids Poland	30 - 13	15.29 - 4.71
35 Shengxing Green Shengxing Saturn	3 - 51	0.00 - 20.00
36 China Shjs Chile	32 - 5	17.34 - 2.66
37 China Rdfz Red Shengxing Yellow	36 - 4	18.15 - 1.85
38 Shengxing Mercury Chinese Taipei Mlgs	38 - 13	16.97 - 3.03
39 Auvergne Rhone Alpes China Rdfz Yellow	26 - 19	12.51 - 7.49
40 Italy Germany	56 - 20	18.71 - 1.29
41 Tj Bridge 1 India	38 - 4	18.44 - 1.56
42 Shengxing Jupiter Tj Bridge 2	23 - 25	9.23 - 10.77
43 China Rdfz Hope 1 China Rdfz Blue	4 - 29	3.03 - 16.97

Round 5

Match	IMP's	VP's
31 Shengxing Mars Magic Eyes Thailand	7 - 35	2.49 - 17.51
32 China Rdfz Galaxy Shengxing Saturn	28 - 11	15.29 - 4.71
33 France Kids Shengxing Venus	4 - 16	6.00 - 14.00
34 China Rdfz Red China Shjs	32 - 19	14.28 - 5.72
35 Norway U16 Shengxing Red	29 - 17	14.00 - 6.00
36 Shengxing Mercury Italy	4 - 0	11.50 - 8.50
37 Poland Auvergne Rhone Alpes	16 - 20	8.50 - 11.50
38 Tj Bridge 1 Chile	31 - 18	14.28 - 5.72
39 Shengxing Green Shengxing Yellow	28 - 27	10.39 - 9.61
40 Chinese Taipei Mlgs Shengxing Jupiter	25 - 10	14.80 - 5.20
41 China Rdfz Yellow Tj Bridge 2	10 - 29	4.25 - 15.75
42 China Rdfz Blue Germany	23 - 20	11.14 - 8.86
43 India China Rdfz Hope 1	14 - 34	4.03 - 15.97

Round 6

Match	IMP's	VP's
31 Magic Eyes Thailand China Rdfz Galaxy	16 - 31	5.20 - 14.80
32 Shengxing Mars China Rdfz Red	18 - 24	7.82 - 12.18
33 Shengxing Venus Norway U16	33 - 20	14.28 - 5.72
34 Shengxing Mercury Shengxing Saturn	32 - 42	6.57 - 13.43
35 France Kids China Shjs	35 - 23	14.00 - 6.00
36 Tj Bridge 1 Shengxing Red	8 - 40	1.85 - 18.15
37 Italy Auvergne Rhone Alpes	28 - 23	11.85 - 8.15
38 Poland Shengxing Green	35 - 19	15.05 - 4.95
39 Chinese Taipei Mlgs Shengxing Yellow	41 - 27	14.54 - 5.46
40 Chile China Rdfz Blue	7 - 27	4.03 - 15.97
41 China Rdfz Yellow Shengxing Jupiter	24 - 27	8.86 - 11.14
42 Tj Bridge 2 China Rdfz Hope 1	21 - 30	6.86 - 13.14
43 Germany India	33 - 14	15.75 - 4.25

Round 7

Match	IMP's	VP's
31 China Rdfz Galaxy Shengxing Venus	1 - 41	0.78 - 19.22
32 Magic Eyes Thailand China Rdfz Red	9 - 5	11.50 - 8.50
33 Shengxing Mars Shengxing Saturn	19 - 27	7.17 - 12.83
34 France Kids Shengxing Red	28 - 3	16.97 - 3.03
35 Norway U16 Poland	3 - 28	3.03 - 16.97
36 Shengxing Mercury Auvergne Rhone Alpes	45 - 22	16.59 - 3.41
37 Chinese Taipei Mlgs China Shjs	21 - 15	12.18 - 7.82
38 Italy Tj Bridge 1	60 - 13	19.96 - 0.04
39 China Rdfz Blue Shengxing Green	20 - 42	3.61 - 16.39
40 Shengxing Yellow Tj Bridge 2	70 - 3	20.00 - 0.00
41 Germany Shengxing Jupiter	5 - 22	4.71 - 15.29
42 Chile China Rdfz Hope 1	0 - 48	0.00 - 20.00
43 China Rdfz Yellow India	65 - 6	20.00 - 0.00

Round 8

Match	IMP's	VP's
31 Shengxing Venus Magic Eyes Thailand	61 - 13	20.00 - 0.00
32 France Kids Shengxing Mars	30 - 11	15.75 - 4.25
33 China Rdfz Red Shengxing Saturn	13 - 22	6.86 - 13.14
34 China Rdfz Galaxy Italy	21 - 7	14.54 - 5.46
35 Shengxing Mercury Shengxing Red	22 - 22	10.00 - 10.00
36 Poland Chinese Taipei Mlgs	39 - 6	18.30 - 1.70
37 Norway U16 Shengxing Yellow	23 - 1	16.39 - 3.61
38 China Shjs China Rdfz Yellow	20 - 10	13.43 - 6.57
39 Shengxing Green China Rdfz Hope 1	9 - 27	4.48 - 15.52
40 Auvergne Rhone Alpes Shengxing Jupiter	5 - 35	2.16 - 17.84
41 Tj Bridge 1 Germany	0 - 48	0.00 - 20.00
42 Tj Bridge 2 Chile	19 - 13	12.18 - 7.82
43 China Rdfz Blue India	61 - 2	20.00 - 0.00

JUNIORS Ranking after round 8

1	USA	114.04
2	Egypt	93.85
3	Villa Fabbriche	93.24
4	China Rdfz Synrey	90.42
5	Finland	87.7
6	Norton	87.09
7	Japan	86.6
8	India	86.07
9	Srbija Vajs	85.26
10	Avergenrhonealpes2	83.77
11	France	80.67
12	Israel	78.68
13	Whitewalkers	75.33
14	Chile	73.96
15	Colombia	68.53
16	CUST	49.53
17	Brasil	40.26

GIRLS Ranking after round 8

1	France 1 Girls	119.45
2	Sh Xin Jiangnan Team	105.1
3	Shengxing Team 1	103.87
4	Chile	85.98
5	Shengxing Team 5	85.84
6	France 2 Girls	76.88
7	Shengxing Team 3	75.95
8	China Rdfz	75.15
9	China Rdfz Rose	73.2
10	Shengxing Team 4	73
11	Italia	72.58
12	Shengxing Team 2	68.51
13	India	68.11
14	Germany	68.04
15	China Shjs	63.34

YOUNGSTERS Ranking after round 8

1	France	109.38
2	China	105.65
3	Shengxing Team	98.92
4	Bridge Academy Azsuw	94.48
5	Germany 1	83.84
6	Sweden	82.02
7	Italy	81.32
8	Chile	74.44
9	France Youngster 2	70.51
10	United French	57.55
11	Germany 2	57.18
12	China Rdfz	46.23

KIDS Ranking after round 8

1	Shengxing Venus	118.54
2	France Kids	104.31
3	China Rdfz Galaxy	100.21
4	Poland	98.82
5	Shengxing Saturn	98.5
6	Magic Eyes Thailand	94.12
7	China Rdfz Red	92.61
8	Shengxing Mercury	92.27
9	Shengxing Mars	90.42
10	Norway U16	88.25
11	Italy	87.39
12	China Shjs	83.41
13	Shengxing Red	83.06
14	Shengxing Jupiter	77.21
15	Chinese Taipei Mlgs	76.64
16	China Rdfz Hope 1	75.86
17	China Rdfz Blue	75.13
18	Shengxing Yellow	72.36
19	Germany	71.87
20	Shengxing Green	71.02
21	China Rdfz Yellow	70.2
22	Auvergne Rhone Alpes	63.33
23	Tj Bridge 2	58.01
24	Tj Bridge 1	55.5
25	Chile	53.08
26	India	26.88



Junior Teams - Qualifying Round 2

by David Stern

The World Junior Open Teams' Qualifying comprises eight rounds of 10-board Swiss Teams with the top-eight teams qualifying to the quarter finals. Running first and second, respectively, after round one we get to watch Norton (Michael Alishaw, Noah Apteker, Stephen Kennedy and Ben Norton) versus USA (Adam Kaplan, Christian Jolly, Adam Grossack, Zach Grossack and sitting out Kevin Rosenberg and Anam Tebha) in this second-round encounter.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Apteker	A Grossack	Norton
Dble 3♥	2♥ Pass	Dble 3NT	INT All Pass



Noah Thomas Apteker, team NORTON

West	North	East	South
Kennedy	Kaplan	Alishaw	Jolly
Pass All Pass	2♥	Pass	INT 3♠

Those who have been exposed to youth bridge understand that a 3NT on limited values is not at all unusual. On this deal, E/W did well to play it from the East hand, thereby protecting the ♠Q. South, realising that partner had very little, not unreasonably led the ♠K. When declarer played North for the ♣Q he was rewarded with 11 tricks and +460. In the closed room, South picked the spade suit and lost a spade, a diamond and two clubs to score +140. 12 IMPs to USA.

The next board was exciting combination of layout of the cards and crafty defensive play.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Apteker	A Grossack	Norton
3♦ All Pass	Dble	5♦	6♥
Kennedy	Kaplan	Alishaw	Jolly
3♦ Pass All Pass	Dble 6♦	5♦ Pass	5♥ 6♥

In the closed room the bridge gods smiled on declarer by dealing East the ♠J 10 6, and although the bridge diety was equally benevolent in the open room, the slam went down when Adam Grossack sneakily played the ♠10 on the first round of the suit, the ♠6 on the second round and the ♠J on the third round. Declarer missed the initial ♠10 and conceded a club trick for one down. That was 17 IMPs to USA who led 29-0.

As the saying goes, if you bid them up make sure that you play them well.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Apteker	A Grossack	Norton
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥

Kennedy	Kaplan	Alishaw	Jolly
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥

In the open room, North treated his hand as worth no more than an invitation. Declarer won the opening club lead, played a heart to the king and ace and won the club continuation, after which, fearing a club ruff, he cashed the ♥Q, making 140.

Kaplan, sitting North in the closed room, was determined drive to game despite having just 9 HCP. The 4♥ contract



Adam Kaplan, team USA

is reasonable but nothing special. You have to navigate the heart suit for one loser and avoid a club ruff on a bad day – making 10 tricks for +620 and 10 IMPs to USA, who extended their lead to 39-0.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Apteker	A Grossack	Norton
1♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	1♥	Pass
		3♣	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Kennedy	Kaplan	Alishaw	Jolly
2♠	All Pass	2♥*	Pass

2♥ weak with both majors

In the open room, the Adam Grossack was not able to conveniently show his spade suit so opted to support partner and play 3♣. The defence inconveniently led trumps at every opportunity and declarer ran the ♥J to end up two down.

In the closed room, the defenders also elected to lead and continue trumps, but declarer was in full control, making nine tricks +140 and 5 IMPs for USA 39 Norton 5.

On the next board, USA extended their lead.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Apteker	A Grossack	Norton
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	2NT	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♥	All Pass	3♥
Kennedy	Kaplan	Alishaw	Jolly
Pass	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	3NT	All Pass	Dble

Ben Norton may be disappointed when he sees the hand record. Declaring 4♥, he won the ♦J, drew trumps and not unreasonably ran the ♣8. After winning the heart continuation, he played a club to the 10 and lost three clubs and spade: -100.

In the closed room, declarer had no problems making his contract and indeed scoring 11 tricks when East pitched two clubs, allowing declarer two tricks in that suit. E/W +660 and 13 IMPs to USA, who led at that point 52-5.

On the next two boards, USA scored two overtrick IMPs to lead 54-5.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Apteker	A Grossack	Norton
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Kennedy	Kaplan	Alishaw	Jolly
		INT*	All Pass

INT 9-11

The open room auction was pretty much what one would expect after West's INT opening. However, in the closed room, the 9-11 INT opening disrupted that auction, mercifully for Alishaw-Kennedy. It isn't clear why West, even over the mini-INT opening, didn't make enquiries but playing in INT making nine tricks and defeating 4♥ in the open room gave Norton 5 IMPs, reducing the deficit to 54-10. It was 54-11 when the final board came along.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Apteker	A Grossack	Norton
1♦	1♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Kennedy	Kaplan	Alishaw	Jolly
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In keeping with the generally aggressive style of USA youth players, Kaplan-Jolly bid to 4♥ which had no chance... except the defence started with two rounds of spades, allowing declarer to throw a club loser. He could then play a club to the king, a club to the ace, followed by a club ruff, establishing the 13th club to pitch a diamond, losing only one trick in that suit for 10 tricks. The closed room led diamonds but cashed only one round before establishing declarer's spade to discard the second diamond loser.

That was 10 IMPs to USA for a final score of 64-11, good for 20-0 to USA in victory points.

At the beginning of round three of a total eight rounds, the leading scores were:

1	USA	38.30
2	EGYPT	34.48
3	CHILE	31.56



Team USA



Just the three

by Brent Manley

When the first three sessions of the Junior Teams was concluded on Saturday, the leaders were Egypt, followed closely by Villa Fabbriche. They met in the first session of the second day of Swiss qualifying. There were only three significant swings in the 10-board match, but the Egyptians were on the right side of two of them to prevail 29-14.

At one table, Maximo Crusizio and Guillermo Minutti for VF opposed Ahmed Naser and Mahmoud Tharwat for Egypt.

At the other table, it was Omar Shaheen and Karim Ashraf for Egypt against Christian Bakke and Shivam Shah for VF.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

		♠ K 6 5 4 2	
		♥ Q 5 4 3	
		♦ K 10	
		♣ 8 3	
♠ Q J	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> WE </div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	♠ A 8 7	
♥ A J 9 7		♥ K 10	
♦ Q 8 5		♦ A 6 4	
♣ 10 9 5 2		♣ A Q 7 6 4	
		♠ 10 9 3	
		♥ 8 6 2	
		♦ J 9 7 3 2	
		♣ K J	

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Naser	Crusizio	Tharwat
2♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass

Tharwat started with a fourth-best ♦3. Crusizio put up dummy's queen and played low when Naser covered with the king. The ♦10 was also ducked, but Tharwat overtook with the jack and knocked out declarer's ace with a third round of diamonds. Crusizio played the ♥K and a heart to dummy's ace, then called for the ♣10, playing the queen when North played low.

Tharwat won the ♣K and cashed his two diamond winners for plus 50. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Shaheen	Bakke	Ashraf	Shivam
INT*	Pass	1♣	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

INT 10-11 HCP

Bakke, North, made the normal opening lead of a low spade, which went to declarer's jack. At trick two, Shaheen ran the ♣10 to South's jack. South exited with a low diamond to the 5, 10 and ace. When Shaheen cashed the ♠A and the king fell, he could have made an overtrick with a

heart finesse through North, but few players in an IMP game would take such a chance – and the extra trick would not have increased the gain. Cashing out for plus 400 was good for a 10-IMP swing to Egypt. The team had another big gain on the following wild deal, but it could have been a double-digit loss.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

		♠ A 9 8 6 5 4	
		♥ 9 3	
		♦ Q 10 3	
		♣ A K	
♠ Q J 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="text-align: center;">N</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> WE </div> <div style="text-align: center;">S</div> </div>	♠ K 10 3	
♥ J 7 6		♥ A K Q 10 8 5 4 2	
♦ A 8 7 6 4 2		♦ 9	
♣ Q		♣ 3	
		♠ 7	
		♥ —	
		♦ K J 5	
		♣ J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 2	

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Nasser	Crusizio	Tharwat
Pass	1♠	4♥	5♣
5♥	6♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

Minutti started with the ♦A, the killing lead. Instead of continuing the suit for his partner to ruff, Minutti tried a heart. After ruffing, Tharwat could claim with 11 trumps between the two hands and the ♠A K in dummy. That was plus 1090 for North-South.

A deeper consideration of the bidding might have led Minutti to right play. The 4♥ overcall was highly likely to have been made on an eight-card suit, and Minutti could see five hearts between his hand and dummy. A black-suit switch is obviously futile, so by process of elimination the diamond continuation is indicated.


Of course, East-West could have made the point moot by bidding 6♥, which goes down only one. At the other table, the auction was quiet by comparison.

West	North	East	South
Shaheen	Bakke	Ashraf	Shivam
Pass	1♠	4♥	5♣
All Pass			

It was over quickly when Shaheen led a heart, declarer losing only to the ♦A. In fact, he could have made 13 tricks. After ruffing the heart, declarer can play a spade to the ace, ruff a spade high, enter dummy with a trump to the ace, picking up the opposing trumps, then ruff a second spade. Declarer can then enter dummy with the ♣K to play three good spades, discarding all of his diamonds for plus 440.

All that aside, the result for Egypt was a 12-IMP gain. Villa Fabbriche delivered a blow on the penultimate board of the set to narrow the gap.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Nasser	Crusizio	Tharwat
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
All Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT

Even a club lead would have not defeated this contract because South can stop the suit. In practice, the opening lead was the ♦7 to the 9 and queen. Tharwat quickly cashed nine tricks in the majors to go with three diamond tricks for plus 490. At the other table:

West	North	East South	
Shaheen	Bakke	Ashraf	Shivam
	1♠	2♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Ashraf's vulnerable overcall would not be endorsed by many experienced players, and the reason why can be seen in the result of the risky action.


Shivam started with the ♦A, switching to a low club at trick two. Declarer took North's ♣10 with the ace and played a heart to Shivam's 8. The ♠K was followed by a spade to Bakke's ace. On the continuation of the ♠Q, Ashraf ruffed with the 8. Shivam overruffed with the ♣9 and played another trump. Declarer won, but could do nothing more than cash his clubs. The recorded score was four down for minus 1100, but the record of the play indicates he took only the top four clubs.

At any rate, it was a 12-IMP swing to Villa Fabbriche, a positive note in a losing match.

Freeman Award goes to Australian youth

The International Bridge Press Association's Richard Freeman Junior Deal of the Year for 2017 has been awarded to Nabil Eddgton of Australia based on an article written by Liam Milne. The award was presented at the IBPA meeting on Sunday in Lyon along with awards for declarer play, defense and bidding. The full slate of awards, including Personality of the Year the Alan Truscott Memorial Award, can be found in the other Daily Bulletin later in the week.

Board 22. Dealer East. EW Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
1♥(2)	2♥	1♣(1)	Pass
Dble(4)	Pass	2♠(3)	3♥
		4♠	All Pass

1. 2+ clubs
2. 4+ spades
3. Minimum opening with 4 spades
4. Game try

Some contracts look pretty good when the dummy comes down. However, four spades, from the 2016 World Youth Teams Bridge Championships, is not one of them. South leads the queen of hearts and continues with the jack of hearts. How should you, as East, play?

There are a number of issues to consider. To start, there are three unavoidable top losers. You can't afford to lose a second trump trick, so you'll need a doubleton ace somewhere. In addition, your side suit needs a bit of love: you need clubs 3-2, and there is the small matter of locating the club queen. Finally, you are in danger of losing trump control: the opponents have led hearts and they'll get in at least once more to shorten the trumps in East.

With his dubious heart holding, the overcaller is more likely to have the trump ace than his partner. If you ruff at trick two, cross to the king of clubs, lead a spade to the queen, then duck a spade to North's ace, he can continue with the ace of hearts to make you ruff again. Having contributed trumps to tricks two through five, you will be out of trumps at this point, while South still holds one and dummy the king-low. If the club queen started life as a doubleton, you will make it home from here by running clubs through South – a trump substitution play. You'll over-ruff South in the dummy and get back to hand in diamonds.

What if the clubs aren't so generously laid out for you? If a defender holds the queen-third of clubs, drawing trumps straight away is not going to work because of the continuing heart tap. If South holds the protected lady, the key move will be to finesse the ten of clubs at trick two. Drawing trumps (through East) will work fine after the clubs are set up. However, if North holds Her Majesty, things are more difficult. North holding the queen-third of clubs is inconvenient because it seems to require too many entries to the dummy. After ruffing at trick two and crossing to the king of clubs, if you lead trumps, you won't be able to take a finesse in clubs through North – there is no convenient way back to the dummy. You could try crossing to the king of clubs and leading the club ten. If you run it and it wins, you are back in the money by leading trumps. Your clubs are good and the trump substitute play works here as well.

However, if North does have a doubleton queen of clubs, you will be in your hand without having drawn any trumps and in the wrong hand to do so. South might have the doubleton spade ace instead of North, which would allow you to succeed by drawing trumps the other way, but this can't be the most likely layout.

At the table, declarer was not content with guessing whether the queen of clubs was doubleton or third and found a different line: after he ruffed the second heart, he played a club to the king, a spade to the queen, the ace of clubs and then another club, ruffing it in the dummy (South discarding a heart). After playing a diamond to his king, declarer was left with:

♠ A		
♥ A 8 7		
♦ A 5		
♣ —		
♠ K 6		♠ 9 8
♥ K		♥ —
♦ Q 9 8		♦ 6
♣ —		♣ J 9 5
	♠ N	
	W S E	
	♠ J 3	
	♥ 10	
	♦ J 10 3	
	♣ —	

Declarer could no longer play trumps – North would win and tap out the last trump in the East hand. Then, the hearts would be good after dummy over-ruffed South on the run of the clubs. Instead, declarer started the trump substitution by running clubs through South, being careful to discard the same suit from dummy as South discarded, to prevent an eventual promotion of the jack of spades. Declarer lost one spade, one heart and one diamond.

Could the defence have prevailed? Yes. The defence had two chances. East could have risen with the ace of spades and continued the force; that would have made life too difficult for declarer, but was not an obvious play. The real chance was missed at trick six, when declarer ruffed his third club; South discarded a heart, but had he thrown a diamond instead, he would have been ahead in the trump promotion race. Eventually, he'd have made a trick with the

jack of spades (after following to the king of diamonds with his second and discarding a third diamond on the fourth round of clubs as North ruffed with his ace of spades). The ace of diamonds and another diamond from North would then have allowed South to make his jack of spades.

Declarer's line avoided taking a club finesse, so that as well as retaining the chance of the club queen doubleton in either hand, he had the very real chance of coming home after the club queen turned out to be protected. Had South held the queen-third of clubs, he would have succeeded and, with North holding the queen-third, he needed a not-so-obvious defensive error. Note that, after South's heart discard, North could no longer defeat four spades. Assuming South discards his last heart, dummy lets go the king of hearts and North ruffs with the ace of spades. Now, no matter which red ace North plays, South plays his six of diamonds and gets home by surrounding South's trumps.

Well done to Nabil Edgtton (who gently guided this deal home for 12 IMPs to Australia in the World Juniors last year). Nabil used a bit of imagination to find the trumps lying well, a bit of intuition to decide to ruff out the clubs, then a touch of technique at the end to execute the unusual trump substitution play with both opponents still holding trumps.



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Free app helps kids take tricks

Five years ago, Amaresh Deshpande started working on an application to help young bridge players learn the essence of the game of bridge – taking tricks.



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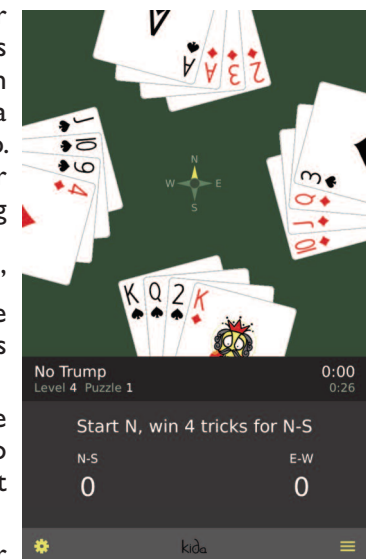
Deshpande calls his app *Kida*. The app has received favorable reviews from the American Contract Bridge League's Bridge Bulletin and, best of all, it is free – with no ads.

At present, Deshpande is working on incorporating suggestions and other feedback from students and teachers "from around the world" for a new version of the app. He is also looking for funding to keep working for bridge.

"I'm a math teacher," he says, "and I use the app to open people's minds."

He is hoping to use the app to appeal to poker players to attract them to bridge.

The app is available for download at the Google Play Store. He says Apple smartphone users should search for "Bridge card puzzles" to download the app to their iPhones.



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Fast learner

by Brent Manley



This deal, from the first round of the Junior Teams in the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships may be an indication that the young hero – Noah Apteker – might be on the wrong team at this tournament. It was reported by Rob Stephens of the South African Bermuda Bowl squad. Noah, playing for the Norton team against a squad from Finland, was East.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
INT	2♦	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led the ♠8 and Noah played low. North won the ♠Q and played the ♣K and another club to the queen and ace. South exited with a club to the 7, the ♥7 from North and the ♥10 from declarer.

Noah then played a heart to the ace, cashed the ♥K and the ♠A and ran trumps. This was the four-card ending:

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

On the last heart, South had to discard a diamond to keep the ♣10 from becoming good. Noah discarded the ♣10 from dummy and it was North's turn to squirm. A spade discard would make declarer's jack good, so North also had to let go of a diamond. Thanks to the double squeeze, dummy's ♦4 became trick number 10 for the 16-year-old declarer. It was a 8-IMP swing for his team (his teammates were minus 100 at the other table) on their way to a 37-0 victory.



Junior Teams qualifying – Round 6

by David Stern

Coming into the sixth of eight rounds of the Junior Teams Qualifying, the leading scores were.

1	CHINA RDFZ SYNREY	74.41
2	EGYPT	66.96
3	VILLA FABBRICHE	64.24
4	USA	60.86

China RDFZ (Si, Sun, Wei, Xiong, Yin and Zhou) were drawn to play Villa Fabbri (Bakke, Crusizio, Minutti and Shah) ("VF") over the 10-board match.

On the first board (21) there was an exchange of IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Sun	Crusizio	Wei
	1♣	Pass	1♠*
Dble	2♦	2♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Yin	Bakke	Si	Shah
	1♦	Pass	1NT
Dble	All Pass		

In the open room, West opted for a light takeout double of South's artificial spade response, resulting in E/W playing 2♠. South led the ♦Q and followed with what would prove to be the fatal spade switch, which ended up costing the defence the setting trick which they held in that suit when declarer scored two spade tricks, four heart tricks and two club tricks for +110.

In the closed room, declarer scored the obvious seven tricks for +180 to start proceedings with China RDFZ leading VF 7-0.



The lead changed hands on Board 23.

Board 23. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Sun	Crusizio	Wei
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
Rdbl	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Yin	Bakke	Si	Shah
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the Open Room Minutti, West, ducked the diamond lead to the queen and played a heart toward dummy, won immediately by North continue with a diamond. Declarer played a club to the king and proceeded to cash hearts, on which North threw his second club. With seven tricks in and the ♠A to come, declarer played a spade towards hand in this fascinating position.

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

When declarer plays the ♠2 from dummy the defence is helpless. If South plays low, declarer simply plays the ♠9. When North wins the trick, declarer has a choice of who to endplay for his ninth trick. The ♠Q allows West to win and throw South in end-playing South in clubs. If North however, exits with a low spade, declarer wins South's king with the ace and throws North in with a spade to score a diamond trick. Well done to Yin, who picked this ending to make the contract.

In the closed room, encouraged by the partner's negative double and the ownership of a 4-4 spade fit, over West's simple preference for partner's hearts, North ventured 2♠. I'm not sure that one could ascribe much blame on West for expressing his views on the final contract by doubling, but in this case it was less than successful. Declarer won the opening heart lead and tried a club to the 10 and king. West continued hearts, won by East, who shifted to a low spade won by dummy's 10. On the lead of a club to the ace and ♦8 by declarer, saw failed to split his honours. Declarer ended up making five trump tricks and a trick each in the other suits for +670 to go with the +600 in the Closed Room and 15 IMPs to China RDFZ, now leading 15-7.

On the next deal, VF bid game in both rooms.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A 8 5
 ♥ 7 5 4 3
 ♦ J 9 8 7
 ♣ Q 8

♠ K 2
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ A K 10 7 6 2

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

♠ Q 10 9 6 4 3
 ♥ K J 8 2
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ 4

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West	North	East	South
<i>Minutti</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Crusizio</i>	<i>Wei</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	2♦
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Yin</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Si</i>	<i>Shah</i>
INT	Pass	Pass	2♦Alert
3♣	3♥ Alert	3NT	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

In the open room, North led the ♠A and another spade, holding declarer to just eight tricks. We must admire Wei,



South, for his foresight in the following ending where he is yet to discard on the last club:

♠ —
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ —

♠ 5
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ —

♠ —
 ♥ A Q 10
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ —

♠ Q 9 6
 ♥ K J
 ♦ A
 ♣ —

Foreshadowing being thrown in with the $\diamond A$ to cash spades and lead a heart into the $\heartsuit AQ$, South cunningly bared to $\heartsuit K$ and was rewarded when declarer finessed the hearts for his ninth trick. Two down and +100 to China RDFZ.

In the closed room, 4♠ lost one trick in each suit when declarer correctly picked hearts after West exited with the ♥9 upon winning the ♠K. That was +100 to China RDFZ, who picked up 5 IMPs and led 20-7.

VF recovered 7 IMPs on Board 25 when China RDFZ played 2♣ (four down, -400) in a 3-1 club fit with their teammates played 3♣ (making +110) the other way.

Board 27 had some interest when both tables missed a good game.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K 3
♥ A 5
♦ J 10 5
♣ K Q 10 9 4 2

♠ Q 5 2
♥ Q 10 7 6 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ A 7

N
W E
S

♠ 9 6
♥ J 9 4 3
♦ K 9 8 7 4
♣ 5 3

♠ A J 10 8 7 4
♥ K 8
♦ 6 2
♣ J 8 6

West <i>Minutti</i>	North <i>Sun</i>	East <i>Crusizio</i>	South <i>Wei</i>
I♥	2♣	Dble	Pass Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Yin</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Si</i>	<i>Shah</i>
			Pass
1♥	2♣	Dble	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

In the open room, by virtue of the negative double by East after North's 2♣ overcall, the spade suit went MIA. It is hard to blame East for not bidding on in the hope that partner was a maximum but, assuming declarer can engineer a club ruff in dummy, 4♠ is a very solid proposition.

In the closed room where the spade suit was shown, perhaps West could have invited with 3♠ on the basis that he was maximum, held three trumps – making 11 tricks. Three Boards to go and it was China RDFZ 21, VF 17.

The last three boards were full of action and 29 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Sun	Crusizio	Wei
1♣	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Yin	Bakke	Si	Shah
1♦	1♠	Dble	2♦
3♣	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

In the open room, South was absolutely maximum for his spade raise and one might argue that North was maximum for his spade jump shift. Anyway, an easy 10 tricks are available when the opponents are unable to establish their diamond suit before declarer sets up a heart to discard the losing diamond. At the table, East led the ♣A and, foreseeing the possibility of hearts being established, switched to the thoughtful but regrettably unsuccessful ♦J.

In the closed room, E/W took a reasonable sacrifice over 4♠ - reasonable, that is, had his teammates bid it in the other room. Although not overly important to the net IMP score, the defence managed to score a diamond ruff after spade lead, ♥K switch won by declarer, a diamond to the 10, jack and queen, diamond to the ace, heart 10 overtaken and a diamond ruff. That was -800 and 12 IMPs to VF, who took the lead 29-21.



Board 29. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Sun	Crusizio	Wei
4♠	All Pass	1♠	2♥

West	North	East	South
Yin	Bakke	Si	Shah
	3♦	All Pass	

The bidding in the open room was straightforward and, with the ♣A onside, declarer scored the expected 10 tricks. 3♦ by North at the other table was passed out for +130 to N/S.

On the last board, China RDFZ bid a failing 3NT on a combined 21 count while their opponents bid and made 3♦ and gaining 5 IMPs. The final score was 47-21 for VF.

WBF Youth Regulations

The Executive Council confirmed that:

The World Junior Teams for the Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy. This Championship is for junior players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1993 on.

The World Girls Teams Championship for the Gianarri-go Rona Trophy and this Championship is also for players who must not have achieved their 25th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1993 on.

The World Youngsters teams for the José Damiani Cup. This Championship is for players who must not have achieved their 20th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 1998 on.

The World Kids Teams Championship for the Koç University Trophy, and this championship is for players who must not have achieved their 15th birthday by 31st December 2017 and so born from 1st January 2003 on.

In addition Article 6 of the Eligibility Regulations concerning Youth Players was amended to reflect the decision that youth players are not subject to the Eligibility Regulations contained in Sections 1.4, 1.5, 2 and 3 of the WBF Eligibility Code.

The revised Eligibility Code can be found at : <http://www.worldbridge.org/rules-regulations/competitions/eligibility-regulations/>