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The beat goes on



Pictured are tournament directors working the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships in Lyon: Yunjian Tang, Jacek Marciniak, Marieke Quant, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Dimitris Ballas and Christian Bordonneau.

All four categories of team play in the Funbridge World Youth Open Teams Championships – Juniors, Youngsters, Girls and Kids – are now playing semifinals to determine the matchups for the championship rounds coming up later this week.

The Youngsters finished their round robin on Monday, the top four finishers moving to the semis. France led the way among the

qualifiers from the round robin. They will be joined in the semis by Shengxing Team, China and Bridge Academy AZSUW.

The ranks of the semifinalists include nine teams from China. Also on the schedule today are the Board-a-Match Teams for the non-qualifiers.

On Wednesday, teams will play finals and playoffs for third.

Notice to Youth players

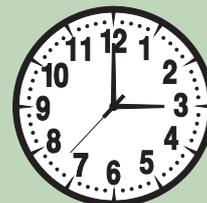
Players in the Board-a-Match Teams on Wednesday are invited to a short informational meeting regarding anti-doping regulations at 9:45 a.m. in the Vu-graph auditorium. The meeting will be led by Bruno Federico of the



WBF Medical and Prevention Commission.

Today's Schedule

- 10.00 J - Y - G - K Semifinal 1
- 10.30 BAM session 4
- 12.20 J - Y - G - K Semifinal 2
- 14.00 BAM session 5
- 15.30 J - Y - G - K Semifinal 3
- 17.20 BAM session 6
- 17.50 J - Y - G - K Semifinal 4



JUNIORS

Quarterfinal

Tbl		Seg1	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
1	USA	52	30	27	45	154
	Norton	16	29	36	62	143
2	China RDFZ Synrey	49	23	27	49	148
	Finland	39	21	29	37	126
3	Villa Fabbriche	30	17	0	63	110
	India	17	28	26	25	96
4	Egypt	16	13	42	47	118
	Japan	36	40	16	50	142



GIRLS

Quarterfinal

Tbl		Seg1	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
1	France 1 Girls	27	28	30	61	146
	China RDFZ	20	21	18	13	72
2	Chile	48	30	19	52	149
	Shengxing Team 5	11	27	5	38	81
3	Shengxing Team 1	6	31	12	62	111
	Shengxing Team 3	21	3	28	5	57
4	Sh Xin Jiangnan Team	56	39	15	63	173
	France 2 Girls	16	31	36	1	84



KIDS

Quarterfinal

Tbl		Seg1	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
1	Shenxing Venus	20	39	25	62	146
	Magic Eyes Thailand	39	6	43	26	114
2	Poland	11	27	14	0	52
	Shengxing Saturn	67	20	74	0	161
3	China RDFZ Galaxy	32	57	33	44	166
	Shengxing Mercury	32	18	16	32	98
4	France Kids	23	43	54	49	169
	China RDFZ Red	41	20	10	7	78

YOUNGSTERS

Round 9

	Match	IMPs	VPs
11	Chile Italy	2 - 23	3.82-16.18
12	Germany 2 Bridge Academy Azsuw	21 - 11	13.43 - 6.57
13	Sweden Germany 1	28 - 21	12.51 - 7.49
14	United French China RDFZ	26 - 34	7.17-12.83
15	Shengxing Team France	23 - 18	11.85 - 8.15
16	France Youngster 2 China	39 - 8	18.00 - 2.00

Round 10

	Match	IMPs	VPs
11	Chile Bridge Academy Azsuw	11 - 43	1.85 - 18.15
12	Italy Sweden	20 - 39	4.25 - 15.75
13	China RDFZ Germany 2	21 - 3	15.52 - 4.48
14	Germany 1 France	28 - 12	15.05 - 4.95
15	China United French	38 - 25	14.28 - 5.72
16	Shengxing Team France Youngster 2	31 - 15	15.05 - 4.95

Round 11

	Match	IMPs	VPs
11	Chile Sweden	22 - 51	2.32 - 17.68
12	Bridge Academy Azsuw China RDFZ	31 - 42	6.28 - 13.72
13	France Italy	18 - 38	4.03 - 15.97
14	Germany 2 China	20 - 3	15.29 - 4.71
15	Germany 1 France Youngster 2	16 - 31	5.20 - 14.80
16	United French Shengxing Team	48 - 12	18.71 - 1.29

Final ranking after round 8

1	Sweden	127.96
2	Shengxing Team	127.11
3	China	126.64
4	France	126.51
5	Bridge Academy Azsuw	125.48
6	Italy	117.72
7	Germany 1	111.58
8	France Youngster 2	108.26
9	Germany 2	90.38
10	United French	89.15
11	China RDFZ	88.30
12	Chile	82.43

B-a-M for Juniors, Youngsters, Girls Ranking after round 15

1	Germany	55.20
2	Chile	54.80
3	Whitewalkers	53.00
4	China RDFZ Rose	52.00
5	Srbija Vajs	48.00
6	Shengxing Team 2	46.00
7	Brasil	44.00
8	Colombia	42.00
	Italia	42.00
10	India	39.00
11	CUST	33.80
12	Shengxing Team 4	30.20

B-a-M for Kids Ranking after round 15

1	Shengxing Mars	62.00
2	Norway UI6	55.00
3	Chinese Taipei MLGS	53.00
4	Shengxing Jupiter	52.00
5	Shengxing Yellow	50.00
6	China RDFZ Hope 3	47.00
	China SHJS 1	47.00
	Germany	47.00
9	China SHJS 2	46.00
	Shengxing Red	46.00
11	Chile	44.00
	China RDFZ Blue	44.00
	Shengxing Green	44.00
14	China RDFZ Yellow	43.00
15	China RDFZ Hope 1	42.00
16	Auvergne Rhone Alpes	41.00
17	China SHJS 3	40.00
	Italy	40.00
	Tj Bridge 1	40.00
20	Tj Bridge 2	39.00
21	China RDFZ Hope 2	36.00
22	India	32.00

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 Gianarrigo 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/>



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Suddenly it all exploded

by Micke Melander

The third-round match between USA and Egypt in the Junior Teams looked as though it was going to be a low-scoring affair – at least for a few boards. Things changed quickly, however, as you will see.

a push and board 4, 5 and 6 gave Egypt 1 IMP in each of them to make the score 10-2 after six boards. Then came the explosions.

Board 22. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Naser	Kaplan	Tharwat	Jolly
		1♠	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♣
All Pass			

Kaplan – Jolly put on the brakes in 4♣. When Naser led the ♠4, East won with the ace to shift to the ♣4, whereupon declarer made no mistake. He simply drew the remaining trump, ruffed the last spade and cashed out the three diamonds, eliminating spades and diamonds. When then a heart was played to dummy's king, East was end-played for 11 tricks.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Shaheen	Tebha	Ashraf
		1♠	Pass
INT	Dble	2♠	2NT
3♠	Dble	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

In the closed room, the action was similar, with the difference that South found some strength to bid freely over 2NT, North tried 4♥ on the way to game and played there when everybody passed.

Tebha led the ♠A and ♠K, declarer ruffing the second round, crossed with a diamond to dummy and ran the ♥9 to East's ace. When the ♣Q fell it was 11 tricks and 7 IMPs to Egypt.

USA had won 2 IMPs on the first board of the match that looked to be a real low-scoring one when board three was

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Naser	Kaplan	Tharwat	Jolly
			1♠
Pass	INT	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Naser had no bid in second seat when South had opened with 1♠. When he saw partner bid 2♥ over North's INT, he simply jumped to 3NT. The opening lead of the ♠Q was won by west with the king when South followed low. A heart to the king came next. South played low, but declarer called for the ♥Q, establishing the suit. For reasons not understood, South now cashed the ♣A instead of playing a low spade, which would have defeated the contract with the right sequence of plays: North wins the ♠7, cashes the jack then plays a club to South's ace. The ♠A picks up the 10 for the setting trick and the ♠9 makes it two down. Once the ♣A was cashed, there was no way for the defense to get more than four tricks, so it was +400 to E-W.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Shaheen	Tebha	Ashraf
			1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

In the closed room, Rosenberg became declarer in 2NT. Again, the opening lead was the ♠Q, low from South, ♠K by West. The defense was much more accurate than in the open room, however. When West played a heart to dummy, South won the ace. What should have happened at the other table occurred at this table: low spade to the 7, ♠J,

club to the ace, ♠A and ♠9 for the setting trick. That was 10 IMPs to Egypt to boost their lead to 20-2.

Board 28. Dealer West. N-S Vul.

♠ J 10 9 6 5 ♥ A 6 5 ♦ K Q 3 2 ♣ A	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 3 ♥ Q 8 7 3 ♦ J 10 9 5 ♣ 9 8 5 4	♠ A 7 ♥ 9 4 ♦ A 8 4 ♣ K Q J 6 3 2
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W E						
S						
	♠ K Q 8 4 2 ♥ K J 10 2 ♦ 7 6 ♣ 10 7					

Open room

West	North	East	South
Naser	Kaplan	Tharwat	Jolly
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Another successful 3NT by Naser, who quickly got 11 tricks.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Shaheen	Tebha	Ashraf
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass



Ahmed Naser, team Egypt

East apparently did not believe his partner had a good stopper in hearts, so with two low hearts, he decided to try 4♠ on the 5-2 fit. With spades breaking very badly, it was not the most successful story to tell. A heart was led to South's 10 and declarer's ace. Rosenberg unblocked the ♣A and crossed to dummy's ♠A and cashed the ♣K, pitching a heart from hand. When he then tried the ♣Q, South ruffed and declarer discarded his last heart.

Ashraf continued with the ♥K, declarer ruffed and could have escaped for one down by playing on diamonds, but he tried to draw trumps, South won, cashed the ♠K and played on hearts, forcing declarer to ruff. There was no way to escape two down, so another 11 IMPs went to Egypt, whose lead grew to 31-2 with just two boards to go.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K 10 8 5 ♥ 7 5 ♦ Q J 7 4 ♣ 9 7 5	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A Q J 7 3 2 ♥ A J ♦ K 9 8 3 ♣ 2	♠ 9 ♥ K Q 9 6 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A K Q J 8 3
N						
W E						
S						
	♠ 6 4 ♥ 10 8 4 3 2 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ 10 6 4					

Open room

West	North	East	South
Naser	Kaplan	Tharwat	Jolly
	1♠	2♣	Pass
3♣	3♠	4♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	Dble
All Pass			

East's sacrifice wasn't the best move, especially considering that 4♠ wasn't making. Things didn't go better when Jolly led a spade. North won the ♠J and shifted to a trump, removing chances for declarer to ruff hearts in dummy. Tharwat tried the ♥K, North winning with the ace and returning a diamond to South, who fired back another club. The defense had three tricks and there was no way for declarer to avoid losing another heart and diamond for three down and 800 to USA.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Shaheen	Tebha	Ashraf
	1♠	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

In the closed room, North never bid over 3♣ and West eventually took a shot at 3NT. North led the ♠J: 9, 4, king.

Chances didn't look too good from declarer's perspective. The defense now had five tricks if they would cash out.

Declarer tried what he could by playing a heart towards dummy. North made no mistake, however. He won the ♠A, cashed two spades and played a diamond to his partner's ace. The diamond return was all N/S needed for plus 100. Still, the American team had 800 from the other table, giving them 12 IMPs to make the score 31-14 for Egypt.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K Q J 4 3 2 ♥ A Q 8 7 ♦ 8 ♣ K 7	♠ A 10 ♥ — ♦ A K Q 10 9 4 3 2 ♣ 9 8 4	N W E S	♠ 5 ♥ K J 6 5 4 2 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ Q 10 2
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North made some strange decisions on this deal. First, why 4♦ instead of 5♦? Second, why the double of 4♥? That's a bit on the speculative side, I would say, with approximately one and a half defensive tricks in hand. North led the ♦A and continued with the king, ruffed by declarer. West then crossed to dummy with a heart, played a spade to the king and North's ace. Declarer ruffed the continuation of the ♦Q, cashed the ♥A, the ♠Q and ♠J pitching clubs and just ruffed a spade, drew the last trump from South and gave up a club for 10 tricks and +590.

Closed room

West	North	East	South
Rosenberg	Shaheen	Tebha	Ashraf
4♥	5♦	2♥	Pass
5♥	All Pass	Pass	Pass

At the other table Tebha was declarer 5♥. When Ashraf led a diamond to the queen and North shifted to the ♣4 to South's ace, declarer could not avoid a spade loser for one down. That was another swing to Egypt, who won the match 43-14 or 17.68-2.32 in VPs.



Open room

West	North	East	South
Naser	Kaplan	Tharwat	Jolly
2NT	4♦	2♦*	Pass
4♥	Dble	All Pass	Pass

Junior Teams Qualifying Round 8

by David Stern

So here we are: money time. This is the final qualifying round of the Teams Championships. With eight teams qualifying through to the quarter-finals, here were the standings before this round.

1	USA	96.70
2	Egypt	86.68
3	China RDFZ Synrey	84.42
4	Villa Fabbri	81.74
5	Japan	81.65
6	France	78.01
7	Srbija Vajs	76.76
8	India	73.24
9	Norton	73.09
10	Finland	72.65
11	Avergenrhonealpes2	69.23
12	Chile	68.50
13	Israel	66.68
14	Whitewalkers	57.33
15	Colombia	53.01
16	CUST	47.53
17	Brasil	35.78

Tebha) who, having played second through fifth, meet the sixth team, France (Bernard, Combescure, Su Corail, Lafont, Lierhmann and Sanchez). Being a full match clear of ninth place, the USA was locked into qualifying, but finishing positions would determine choice of opponents going into the quarter-finals.

The first Board, 11, opened the scoring for USA.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 10 9 7 6 3 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A K 8 ♣ J 6 3	♠ A Q 2 ♥ 2 ♦ Q 5 4 3 ♣ K 10 5 4 2	N W E S	♠ J 8 5 ♥ K Q J 10 9 5 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ A
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With just 15 VPs covering 4th to 13th this figured to be a nail biting finish for those in contention.

The 10-board match featured here includes the leaders, USA (Jolly, Kaplan, A Grossack, Z Grossack, Rosenberg and

West <i>Combescure</i>	North <i>A Grossack</i>	East <i>Bernard</i>	South <i>Z Grossack</i>
Pass	1♣	3♥	All Pass

West <i>Jolly</i>	North <i>Sanchez</i>	East <i>Kaplan</i>	South <i>Liehrmann</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	INT
Pass	2♣	2♥	3♣
3♥	All Pass		

In the Closed Room, declarer lost three spades, a heart and a diamond for -50. In the closed room, the defence started with a diamond, won in dummy with the ace. Declarer played a heart to his king and South's ace. South then switched to the ♠K and another spade, allowing declarer to establish spades and discard his losing diamond. That was +140 and 5 IMPs to the USA.

On the next board, more IMPs went to the USA when Adam Grossack picked a bare king the ending.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

West <i>Combescure</i>	North <i>A Grossack</i>	East <i>Bernard</i>	South <i>Z Grossack</i>
<i>Jolly</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Liehrmann</i>
1♣	INT	All Pass	

With the bidding the same in both room, both Easts got off to the same lead, the ♣J, to West's king and declarer's ace. In the closed room, declarer played a low spade from hand, won by East with the jack. Declarer won the low club continuation with the queen and switched his attention to hearts by playing the queen, ducked, a diamond to the ace and a spade finesse. The defenders took two spades, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs for +200 to the USA.

In the open room, declarer won the opening club lead and tried the ♥Q. West won and cleared the club suit for the defence. Declarer then played the ♥K and another heart, establishing the long heart in dummy. The defence cashed their two club winners and played a diamond, ducked to West's king. On West's play of a low spade, declarer played low. East won the ♠J and played a diamond to dummy's ace. Declarer then cashed the winning heart and played a low

spade from dummy. Time for reflection. West had shown up with 5 HCP in hearts and three in clubs and three in diamonds. Declarer must have been suspicious of the diamond play as he now played the ♠A, dropping the bare king and making seven tricks. It is more than likely that declarer in fact picked the position rather than simply minimising his losses and grabbing his 6th trick.

As the advertisement in Australia goes, "But wait, there is more".

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.

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

West <i>Combescure</i>	North <i>A Grossack</i>	East <i>Bernard</i>	South <i>Z Grossack</i>
INT	INT	3♦	All Pass

West <i>Jolly</i>	North <i>Sanchez</i>	East <i>Kaplan</i>	South <i>Liehrmann</i>
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥*
3♣	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
	Pass	4♥	All Pass

1♥ Spades



Adam Grossack, team USA

There were quite different approaches to this deal. In the open room, East clearly decided that with a singleton spade it was unlikely that the board would belong to them, so he pre-empted at the first opportunity, ignoring his second suit and that's where he played it, making 11 tricks and +150.

In the closed room, East was clearly determined to show his two suits, winning the jackpot when partner had support and good values. The defence reasonably started with a trump, allowing declarer to score 11 tricks for +450 and 11 IMPs. France would need to score some IMPs to be in contention when they trailed by 23 IMPs and were now running 10th after just three of the 10 boards.

Both tables bid to a 'mama-papa' slam on the next board, one overtrick IMP to France to get them on the board, The next board was flat but there was an opportunity for both sides.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



Zachary Grossack, team USA

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescore</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Z Grossack</i>
<i>Jolly</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Liehrmann</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Yes it's true that the hands fit like gloves, but N/S do have a combined 26 HCP and nobody made any moves towards game. Both tables scored 11 tricks.

Two flat boards were followed by some flirtation with danger.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Combescore</i>	<i>A Grossack</i>	<i>Bernard</i>	<i>Z Grossack</i>
2NT*	3♣	3♥	4♣
4♥	All Pass		

2NT Mixed raise of spades

West	North	East	South
<i>Jolly</i>	<i>Sanchez</i>	<i>Kaplan</i>	<i>Liehrmann</i>
3♥	4♣	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

The 4♥ contract reached in the open room looks like the par spot. E/W made 12 tricks on a singleton spade lead. In the closed room, E/W had the option of collecting 100 or 200 against 5♣ depending on whether they elected to double. As we can see with the benefit of double dummy, 5♥ was safe, but the jump of 3♥ led East into playing 5♠, which can be defeated on club leads. Luckily for the USA, South elected to lead a diamond and declarer lost only a heart and a diamond.

USA certainly stamped their authority on this match, winning 28-1 to dash the French team's hopes of qualifying (they finished 11th). The qualifiers and scores can be found in this issue.



Not a single push!

by Micke Melander

We do know that Junior bridge at times may be wild and crazy, and when the average IMPs per board is at 6 in a match of 14 boards, we know that a lot was going on. Here comes a “short” report on what happened between Synrey RDFZ (China) and Finland in one of the U26 Junior quarterfinals.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ Q 8 7 6 4 3 ♥ A Q 8 4 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ —</p>		<p>♠ K 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ A Q 9 6 3 ♣ A Q J 9</p> <p>♠ 10 9 ♥ 5 3 ♦ J 8 5 ♣ K 8 6 5 3 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Myllaeri</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Vanni</i>	<i>Si</i>
	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	INT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

- 1♣ Strong, artificial
- 1♥ Natural, game forcing

A Precision club auction went overboard already on the first board by the Chinese N-S pair. Why South just didn't finished the bidding off with 3NT, when partner rebid INT is a serious question. 2NT, which must be searching for maybe more, made it understandable that North bid his diamonds. However, it is difficult to understand the bid over 3NT. Even a pass of 4♥ or 4NT would have worked out great. The 5♣ contract was not the right place to be on a 4-3 fit, especially not when one opponent had all six outstanding trumps.

Vanni led the ♠10, which went to the 5, 3 and declarer's king. If trumps had not broken so badly, it would have been an interesting contract, but Yin was soon to know that this wasn't the case when he ran the ♥J to West's queen. Myllaeri shifted to the ♦2, which went to the 3, 8, and dummy's king. The curtain fell when declarer called for the ♣7 and West discarded. Declarer eventually went two down for -100.

At the other table:

West	North	East	South
<i>Xiong</i>	<i>Koivu</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Huhtamaki</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
3♠	3NT	All Pass	

Xiong made life difficult for Koivu sitting North. A practical and nice solution was to retire in 3NT, even though his stopper was quite weak stopper. But when partner showed up with ♠A J 5, it was more than solid!

East led the ♠10: 5, 8, king. Koivu then ran the ♥J, and it held! Another heart followed to the 10 and West's queen. West couldn't see any future in returning a spade and therefore paid attention to the diamonds. The ♦7 went to the 3, 5 and dummy's king. Declarer cleared the heart suit, won the diamond return with the ace, crossed to dummy in spades to cash out the two last hearts and claimed 10 tricks. That was 11 IMPs to Finland, but China had an immediate response.

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

<p>♠ 9 5 ♥ J 6 5 4 ♦ 9 8 5 ♣ A 8 7 6</p>		<p>♠ A 10 6 ♥ A 7 ♦ K Q 10 7 ♣ K Q J 4</p> <p>♠ K Q 8 3 ♥ 10 9 3 ♦ A J 4 3 ♣ 9 3</p> <p>♠ J 7 4 2 ♥ K Q 8 2 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 10 5 2</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Myllaeri</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Vanni</i>	<i>Si</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

In the open room, Yin decided to upgrade his hand a little and opened with 2NT. South checked for majors and when there weren't any he simply bid 3NT. When East, instead of kicking off with a passive heart, chose an aggressive lead of the ♠3, it gave declarer a cheap trick with the ♠10. Declarer played two rounds of clubs, West ducking first round. East won a second round of spades with the queen when declarer played low from hand. When East then decided that a diamond shift was the right thing to do, declarer simply claimed nine tricks, even though it would have been 10 very often if he had just continued to play. Then again, why waste the energy?

West <i>Xiong</i>	North <i>Koivu</i>	East <i>Sun</i>	South <i>Huhtamaki</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	Pass
Pass	3NT	1♠	Dble
		All Pass	

At the other table, East found an interesting overcall of 1♠, which got the Finnish declarer to 3NT from the North seat. Sun led the ♥10, declarer won with the ace and, as in the open room, went to set up clubs by playing the queen first. Again, West ducked at first, winning the second round with his ace. Xiong continued with a second heart, removing declarer's transportation in the suit. Declarer tried a diamond to the 10 and East's jack, a third heart was played to dummy's queen and North was trapped in a discard problem... when he finally decided to keep his spades, he was down because he pitched a good diamond. However, it wasn't obvious to see that the ♦7 would be good. It might even actually have been the last trick of the board for just made.

Now the defense played ping-pong with declarer, who had to concede a diamond and a spade to East in the end for one down. That was 12 IMPs back to China.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Myllaeri</i>	North <i>Yin</i>	East <i>Vanni</i>	South <i>Si</i>
INT	All Pass		

With N-S cold for 2NT, it wasn't a feast to be declarer in INT, being vulnerable on top of it. When North kicked off with a spade, declarer wasn't left with more than four tricks in the end for three down and 300 to N-S.

Closed Room

West <i>Xiong</i>	North <i>Koivu</i>	East <i>Sun</i>	South <i>Huhtamaki</i>
INT	All Pass		

This is why bridge sometimes is so strange and maybe that's why we love the sport as we do. Also in the closed room West got to declare the hopeless contract. Again an aggressive Finnish lead was to be seen with the ♦5, which

2, queen and declarer's king. Declarer immediately played the ♥2, which went to the 7, 9 and South's. South then played the ♦9 to North's ace when declarer covered with the jack. A third diamond cleared the suit for North and put declarer back into play. Xiong ducked another heart to South's queen. Why South didn't capture his only realistic chance to bring the contract down and return a club at this point is simply not understandable. Instead, a spade was led back and declarer just went up with the ace, to cash out three rounds of hearts and the ♠K for seven tricks.

Amazing how different things can be sometimes. Plus 90 gave the Chinese team another 9 IMPs to their account.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

Open Room

West <i>Myllaeri</i>	North <i>Yin</i>	East <i>Vanni</i>	South <i>Si</i>
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
Pass	1♥	INT	Dble
All Pass	Pass	2♦	2♥

At first glance, it looks as though declarer must lose one spade, three hearts and two diamond. Declarer's hope is to establish, finesse right or, one way or another, do something with the club suit.



View from the Open Room

In the open room, Yin got a diamond to West's 10, which held the trick. It must have been a very surprised declarer when the $\diamond 4$ went to the 2, 9 and dummy's jack! Nothing could now stop declarer from winning eight tricks when he played trumps as soon as he could and even got a helpful club switch from East at one point to set up that suit. Plus 110 to N-S after another aggressive Finnish opening lead that didn't work out so well.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xiong</i>	<i>Koivu</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Huhtamaki</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

In the closed room, North balanced in fourth seat with 2♥, which was passed out. East kicked off with the ♠Q, taken by declarer won with the ace to immediately play a club to the ace and make the losing finesse in clubs. That was literally to put all eggs in one basket, and when it didn't work declarer was one down. Another 5 IMPs to China and the standing of the match was at this point 31-11.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

♠ J 10 4 3	
♥ 10 8 2	
♦ K Q 2	
♣ K Q 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Myllaeri</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Vanni</i>	<i>Si</i>
		Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

This is probably a board that will cause Si to lose some sleep. It looks rock solid and it is, if declarer doesn't do what Si did. West led the $\diamond 10$. Si won with the queen and played a heart to the king, which held. A heart to the 10 was also a winner, West pitching the ♠8. Declarer tried the spade finesse, losing to the king. When East forgot to cash out the ♥A, it was one down when he returned a diamond through declarer.

To make the contract, declarer must duck the opening lead and hope East has the ♥A.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xiong</i>	<i>Koivu</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Huhtamaki</i>
		Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

If we had seen aggressive leads in this match it was nothing to compare with what Sun did on this board: His opening lead was the ♠K! Declarer won, established hearts and was allowed to score a diamond and then just claimed 12 tricks for 490 and 11 IMPs back to Finland.

Finland actually also won the next three boards with 1 IMP on each. At that point, the score was 31-25 for China.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

♠ 4	
♥ A K J 8 5	
♦ A J 10 3	
♣ K 4 3	

Open Room & Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Myllaeri</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Vanni</i>	<i>Si</i>
<i>Xiong</i>	<i>Koivu</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Huhtamaki</i>
		2♠	Dble
All Pass			

Identical bidding in both rooms. But would they find how to defeat it?

In the open room Vanni, got the ♥A lead from South. The ♥K followed, whereupon declarer ruffed to play a club to dummy's 10 then the ♠10 finesse first with the ten of clubs in dummy and then a spade to his 10. When both held, declarer cashed the ♠A, tried to run the jack of clubs, but South covered with the king to dummy's ace. The queen of clubs followed and when declarer played the ♣8, North ruffed and declarer pitched one of his losing diamonds. There was now no way to keep declarer from scoring at least two more trump tricks for plus 670.

In the closed room, the play went on the same way for the first four tricks. Declarer repeated the club finesse, ruffed a heart, played a club to the ace and called for dummy's last club, ruffed. With seven tricks in the bag he could just exit with diamonds and wait to score two tricks with the ♠A and ♠Q for plus 870. So 5 more IMPs to China.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Myllaeri</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Vanni</i>	<i>Si</i>
	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

An inspired opening bid by North made life easy for the Chinese team in the open room, but it wasn't so easy to play when nothing split as it should. On Vanni's lead of the ♦2, declarer went up with the 9, which held. Yin now tried what he could by playing a decisive heart to his 10. After winning the ♥K, East shifted with a spade to West's ace. The ♠10 was returned, ending declarer's chances to make the contract. Down one meant plus 100 for Finland.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xiong</i>	<i>Koivu</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Huhtamaki</i>
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

North reasoning for not wanting to play in 3NT should be discussed with his partner, who, considering his bid, obviously was loaded in clubs.

The defenders led and continued hearts and declarer finished four down for minus 400 and a costly 7 IMPs to the Chinese, now leading 49-30 with one board to go.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Myllaeri</i>	<i>Yin</i>	<i>Vanni</i>	<i>Si</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	INT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT was a bit on the ambitious side and declarer was not lucky enough to have the ♦A in the West hand after West led the ♠A. The jack followed and when East had the ♦A as an entry to collect the last spades, declarer was two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Xiong</i>	<i>Koivu</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Huhtamaki</i>
		Pass	INT
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South no doubt made a gamble in converting his partner's double to penalty, but right he was since both the declarer and dummy, with the exception of their aces, more or less held only bus tickets rather than anything that might produce a trick or two. It was no way for declarer to get more than five spades and the ♦A for two down and 300 out. That was 9 IMPs to Finland, which brought the final score to 49-39 in first segment to the Chinese "Synrey RDFZ" team.



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