



DAILYBULLETIN

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Into the home stretch



This scene from the Kids Board-a-Match Teams on Tuesday provides a glimpse of the future of bridge. Clockwise, from left: Kexin Fan, Shanghai; Yidi Liu, Beijing; Yuchen Hu, Shanghai, and Zhili Zhuo, Beijing. Each of the young players is 13. Add up the ages and, well... you know.

There are two days left in the Funbridge Youth Open Bridge Championships, with the first prize-giving ceremony tonight and another tomorrow night. The turnout for the championships has delighted the organizers and renewed the hope of bridge lovers that many more years of prosperity are to come. Further, it has been a delight to witness the energy and joy of the young players.

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** Final / Play-off 1

10.30 **BAM** session 7

12.20 **J-Y-G-K** Final / Play-off 2

14.00 **BAM** session 8

15.10 **J-Y-G-K** Final / Play-off 3

16.40 **BAM** session 9

17.30 **J-Y-G-K** Final / Play-off 4

20.00 Prize-giving Ceremony















JUNIORS

Semifinal ТЫ Segl Seg2 Seg3 Seg4 Total **USA** 20 39 31 165 75 China RDFZ Synrey 74 16 26 26 6 53 50 171 26 42 2 Villa Fabbriche 40 23 24 30 117

YOUNGSTERS

Semifinal						
ТЫ		Segl	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
	Sweden	22	32	20	27	101
	France	29	57	10	47	143
2	Shengxing	18	49	30	41	138
2	China	19	51	39	23	132

GIRLS

	Semifinal					
ТЫ		Segl	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
ı	France Girls	23 25	37 44	53 21	30	143
	Chile Sh Xin Jiangnan Team	13	14	22	38	87
2	Shengxing Team I	23	45	53	54	175

KIDS

	Semifinal					
ТЫ		Segl	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
ı	Shengxing Venus Shengxing Saturn	30 31	65 13	59 37	42 60	1 96 141
2	France Kids	8 34	7 63	24 53	0	39 150

B-a-M for Juniors, Youngsters, Girls Ranking after 27 rounds

1	Bridge Academy Azsuw	122.00
		122.00
2	Italy Young	114.60
3	Norton	114.20
4	Srbija Vajs	114.00
5	Germany I	112.00
6	Whitewalkers	111.00
7	Chile Juniors	110.80
8	China RDFZ Young	106.00
9	France Youngster 2	105.00
10	Colombia	104.00
	India Juniors	104.00
12	Brasil	102.00
	China RDFZ Rose	102.00
14	Germany 2	100.00
15	Shengxing Team 2	99.00
	Egypt	99.00
17	Finland	97.00
18	Germany	96.00
18	China RDFZ Girls	96.00
20	United French	94.00
21	Chile Young	93.00
22	Italia Girls	92.80
23	India Girls	92.00
24	France 2 Girls	90.20
25	Shengxing Team 3	89.00
26	Cust	81.80
27	Shengxing Team 5	80.60
28	Shengxing Team 4	65.20

B-a-M for Kids Ranking after 25 rounds

	Magic Eyes Thailand	120.80
2	Shengxing Mars	118.00
3	Chinese Taipei Mlgs	112.00
4	Norway UÍ6	111.00
5	China RDFZ Red	108.00
	Shengxing Mercury	108.00
7	Shengxing Yellow	105.00
8	China SHJS I	99.00
	Poland	99.00
10	Germany	98.00
11	Italy	97.20
12	China SHIS 2	97.00
	China SHÍS 3	97.00
14	China RDFZ Blue	96.00
	China RDFZ Hope I	96.00
	China RDFZ Yellow	96.00
	Shengxing Jupiter	96.00
18	Shengxing Red	95.00
19	Auvergne Rhone Alpes	91.00
20	China RDFZ Hope 3	88.80
21	Shengxing Green	87.00
22	Chile	85.00
23	Tj Bridge I	76.00
24	Tj Bridge 2	69.80
25	China RDFZ Hope 2	67.00
26	India	64.00

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The Executive Council confirmed that:

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The World Girls Teams Championship for the Gianarrigo Rona Tro-

phy 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.

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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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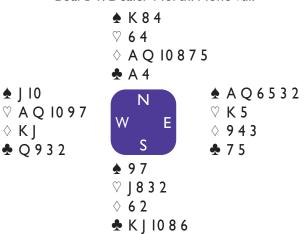
Plenty of action, not much scoring

By Brent Manley

Tuesday's Junior Teams match between USA and China RDFZ Synrey was a clash between the teams that scored the most impressive wins in the quarterfinal round. USA had dispatched the Norton Team 154-143. China topped Finland 148-126.

Playing for USA were Kevin Rosenberg, Anam Tebha and the Grossack brothers, Adam and Zach. Against them, China sent Shiyi Sun, Boyuan Xiong, Yichen Yin and Yi Zhou. In the low-scoring match, the Chinese started the scoring on the first board.

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Xiong	Rosenberg	Sun	Tebha
	1♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3◊	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Tebha led the $\lozenge 2$ to the jack and queen. At trick two, Rosenberg switched to a low spade, which declarer ran to



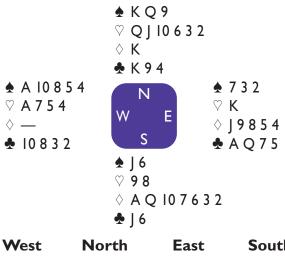
Shiyu Sun, team China RDFZ Synrey

dummy's 10. The ♠J to the queen picked up the suit and Sun later took three heart tricks for plus 140. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Yin	A Grossack	Zhou
	INT	2◊*	Pass
2NT	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Yin started with the ♣A and continued with a club to Zhou's king. Two more tricks went to the defense on the diamond switch. Yin's \$\displays 10\$ was ruffed by declarer, now with only one trump for finessing against North's presumed ♠K. That meant one down for minus 50 and 5 IMPs to China. USA got it back, and then some, on the next board.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



West	North	East	South
Xiong	Rosenberg	Sun	Tebha
		Pass	2◊

All Pass

Xiong did well to pass, and Sun was happy with the contract. Xiong led a low club to Sun's queen. Sun cashed the ♣A and ♡K and played a spade to Xiong's ace. The ♡A followed and a spade went to dummy's queen. Tebha got the bad news about trumps when she played the trump king. At that point, she had nothing but trumps in her hand with no way to shorten the suit. Two down for minus 200 was inevitable. At the other table:

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Yin	A Grossack	Zhou
		Pass	3♦
Dble	All Pass		

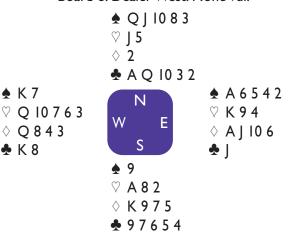
Zhou took the same number of tricks after the opening club lead and similar defense, but was one level higher and doubled. That was minus 800 and 12 IMPs to USA.

After seven boards, the score was 18-5 for USA. China scored again on this deal:



Team China RDFZ Synrey

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Xiong	Rosenberg	Sun	Tebha
Pass	I♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Sun led a low heart, taken by Rosenberg with the ace to play the ♠9 from dummy. Xiong played low and Sun won the $\triangle A$. Sun cashed the $\heartsuit K$, then played the $\diamondsuit A$ and the $\heartsuit 9$, ruffed by Rosenberg, who ruffed his last spade in dummy, felling the king, and played a club to his ace. He claimed plus 110, losing a trick each in clubs, diamonds, hearts and spades. The auction was more spirited at the other table.

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Yin	A Grossack	Zhou
ΙŸ	2♡	2♠	4 ♦
Pass	4♠	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♡	Dble
All Pass			

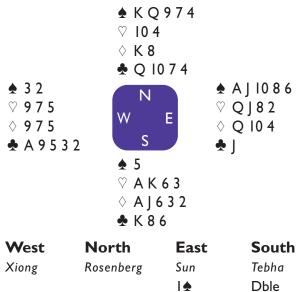
Zhou was obviously exited by his partner's Michaels cuebid, describing a hand with 5-5 or better in spades and a minor. Zhou was headed for at least one down at 54, but the 5° bid by Adam Grossack gave the Chinese a chance for a plus.

Yin started with his singleton diamond. Zach Grossack went up with the $\Diamond A$ and played a low heart from dummy. Zhou played the trump ace, cashed the $\Diamond K$ and gave his

partner a ruff. The ♠Q went to declarer's king. Zach then pulled trumps and began playing the suit. This put pressure on North, who no doubt was envisioning a three-trick set. Near the end. North was squeezed in the black suits, forcing to unguard spades or come down to a singleton &A. The result was two down, minus 300 instead of 500. Still, it was a 5-IMP gain for China.

The final board of the set featured more doubling, this time at both tables.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



All Pass

After her partner converted her takeout double to penalty, Tebha led her singleton spade to the queen and 6 from declarer. At trick two, Rosenberg played the $\Diamond K$, then the ♥10 to the queen and Tebha's king. On the club switch, Sun went up with dummy's ace and played a diamond to the South hand. Tebha then gave her partner a diamond ruff, took the heart return with the ace and gave her partner a heart ruff. Declarer ended up with six tricks for one down and minus 100.

At the other table, there was some danger the players would run out of red cards.

West	North	East	South
Z Grossack	Yin	A Grossack	Zhou
		I♠	Dble
INT	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

As Tebha had done, Zhou started with his singleton trump, but Adam Grossack won the opening lead instead of ducking. At trick two, he played the 🌢 from hand, ducked by Yin. Grossack then played the $\lozenge 4$ to dummy's 9 and Yin's king. The $\lozenge 8$ went to the queen and Zhou's ace. He cashed the $\heartsuit A$ and $\heartsuit K$ and continued with a heart. Yin declined to ruff and Grossack won the $\heartsuit J$ in hand. At that point, he conceded two down for minus 300. The final swing to China was the same as the first: 5 IMPs. The set ended with USA ahead 20-16.



India comes from behind

By David Stern

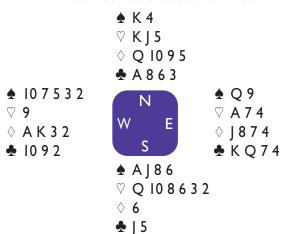
Halfway through the scheduled 56-board quarter-final, Ville Fabbriche (Minutti, Shah, Bakke and Crusizio - VF) led India (Das, Kar, Kushari and Roy) 47-45, with India having recovered 11 IMPs of their 13-IMP deficit on the previous 14 boards.

The match started off quietly with

- •Bd I VF two down (-100) in INT while their teammates bid and made 3♣ for a push.
- Bd 2Both tables bid and made a good 4♠ contract.

The first exchange of IMPs occurred on the next boards.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

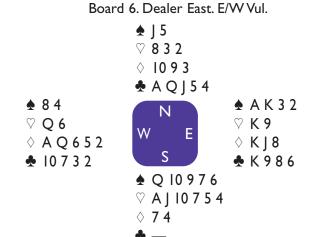


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West	North	East	South
Roy	Crusizio	Kar	Minutti
			Pass
Pass	I♦	Pass	Ι♡
Pass	Pass	INT	2♡
2♠	All Pass		
West	North	East	South
Shah	Kushari	Bakke	Das
			Pass
Pass	I ♦	Pass	$I \heartsuit$
Pass	INT	Pass	2♡
All Pass			

In the open room, North's pass of his partner's passed-hand I^{\heartsuit} response, certainly played a part in encouraging East to bid a balancing INT and get his side to $2 \stackrel{\bullet}{\bullet}$, where declarer lost four spades, a diamond a club for one down and -100.

In the closed room, North's INT opposite his passed partner's 1% response effectively kept the opponents out of the auction. The hands fit well and declarer made 10 tricks for 170. That was 2 IMPs to India to level the match. India took a 48-47 lead after an overtrick on board 4, the first time in the match that they had been in front, and held on to that lead on board five when both tables bid and made a solid game.

That lead would increase on the next board.



Closed room

		-		
West		North	East	South
Shah		Kushari	Bakke	Das
			INT	2♣*
Pass		2♡	Pass	3♡
Dble		All Pass		
2♣	Majors			
Wes	st	North	East	South
Roy		Crusizio	Kar	Minutti
			INT	2♣*
3NT		All Pass		
2♣	Majors			

The "real" action took place in the closed room, where West passed South's 24, which showed the majors. When 3° came back to him he was somewhat fixed, so he tried a penalty double without holding any trumps of note. VF paid the price when the opponents made 10 tricks on East's club lead, which allowed declarer to discard dummy's two diamond losers. In a sense, West could have been a hero if partner had led a diamond and they had defeated the contract by a trick, but that was not to be. The result was minus 630 for East-West.

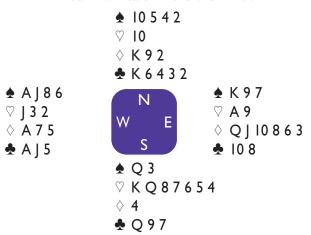
In the closed room, West had no interest in doubling the opponents for penalty, so he bid what he thought his partner could make. South chose well for his opening lead: the ♠10. Declarer had seven top tricks and could create one in hearts, but when he played a club from his hand, he was on the road to down two for minus 200. Even with the loss, India won 10 IMPs to take a 58-47 lead.





Two uninteresting games followed, while board 9 demonstrated an element of fearlessness.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

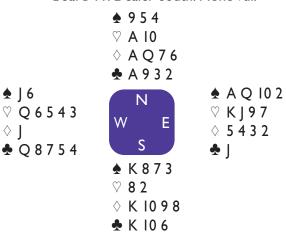


West	North	East	South
Roy	Crusizio	Kar	Minutti
		Pass	2◊ 2♡
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
West	North	East	South
West Shah	North Kushari	East Bakke	South Das
	1 1 0 1 0 1 1		

To parphrase a famous quote from the classic film, The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, "Who needs stoppers? We don't need no stinking stoppers!" At both tables, East opted for a high-quality weak $2\lozenge$. In the open room, Kar tried to keep things low and overcalled $2\heartsuit$ while his counterpart in the closed room, Bakke, raised the stakes with $3\heartsuit$. In both cases, West said, " \heartsuit J 3 2: that looks like a stopper to me." Anyway, who are we to argue — making I I tricks for a flat board when partner provided an excellent hand not to mention a heart stopper! It was indeed fortunate for the declarers that North, due to get in with the \lozenge K, started with just one heart.

After a flat game board, there came another swing to India.

Board II. Dealer South. None Vul.



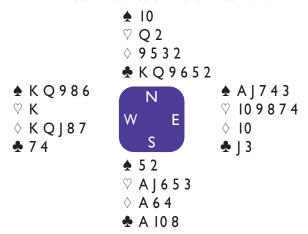
West	North	East	South
Roy	Crusizio	Kar	Minutti
			Pass
Pass	♣	Dble	l ♠
2♡	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2NT	All Pass	
West	North	East	South
West Shah	North Kushari	East Bakke	South Das
			-
			Das
Shah	Kushari	Bakke	Das Pass
Shah Pass	Kushari I♦	Bakke I♠	Das Pass 2♣

In the open room, N/S limped into 2NT. East led the \heartsuit 7, effectively blocking the suit for the defence. Declarer was, however, in good shape, able to gather one spade, one heart, four diamonds and two clubs for eight tricks.

In the closed room, where East had overcalled in spades, West led a club rather than his partner's suit. This seems to be a case of believing the opponents rather than partner. Declarer cashed diamonds, finessed the ♣9 and played a spade to the king to make nine tricks while a heart lead would have defeated the contract. That was +400 and -120 to India and 7 IMPs and a 63-47 lead over VF.

There was one more swing in the match.

Board 13. Dealer North. Both Vul.



West	North	East	South
Roy	Crusizio	Kar	Minutti
	Pass	Pass	I♡
2♡	Pass	2♠	All Pass
West	North	East	South
West Shah	North Kushari	East Bakke	South Das

In the open room, Kar bid a modest 2♠ and made +140. In the closed room, Bakke went with the "Law" (total tricks) and bid 4♠, knowing his side had a 10-card fit. He lost four tricks, however, for -100 and 6 IMPs to India, who finished the session 71-47, having scored 29 unanswered IMPs.



Difficult slam to reach?

By Micke Melander

In Round 7 of the U26 qualifier for the World Open Junior Teams, E-W held the following cards on the very first board of the match, with none vulnerable and neither of the opponents interfering they had to find way to their final destination.

♠ AQJ962	★ K 7
♡ —	♡ A J 10 4 3
♦ 7 2	♦ A K J 3
♣ K 10 6 3 2	♣ A J

How would the bidding go with your favorite partner?

If we look at the four fields we had in Lyon, the results were as follows:

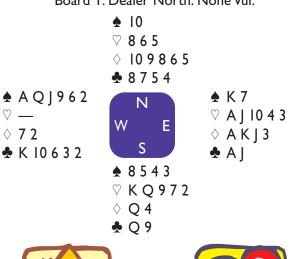
Junio 16 ta		Girl 14 tab		Young 12 ta		Kid 26 ta	
6NT	4	7♠	2	7♠	2	7♠	2
6♠	8	6NT	2	6NT	3	7♣	I
5◊	1	6♠	5	6♠	5	6♠	15
4♠	2	4♠	4	6♣	I	4♠	3
3NT	1	3NT	1	4NT	I	3NT	5

When only six out of 68 reach the grand slam in spades, it must be a very difficult board to bid, and in fact almost one-third of the field did not even reach the small slam, which must be considered as almost 100% with so many possibilities to make 12 or 13 tricks!

The 100% thesis was also proved when checking the scores since almost none went down in anything they attempted to play. Except for the two declarers in $7\clubsuit$ and $5\diamondsuit$ then...

So let's have a look at what happened in the U26 between Villa Fabbriche and USA to see what they were up to:

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Jolly	Bakke	Kaplan	Shah
	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass

Close but no, East probably didn't have a clue about the quality of West's spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Minutti	Z. Grossack	Crusizio	A. Grossack
	Pass	Ι♡	Pass
I♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◊*	Pass	3◊	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

A very natural auction with a Gazilli twist didn't help either. Maybe West should have tried 6% on the way to $6\clubsuit$ to see if partner could bid one level higher?

Curious over how difficult this hand seemed to be I went back to the cold Daily Bulletin room to find the editor of the big bulletin (you are now reading the small one) in Lyon, chatting with the world-famous coordinator. I decided to put them up to the test to see what they would achieve without agreements.

Bulletin Room - Attempt I

West	North	East	South
The Editor		The Coor	dinator
	Pass	I 🛇	Pass
I ♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	7NT	All Pass

The Coordinator jumped to 7NT claiming they must have a chance to do it all over again, since he had misread the ♣J to be the 3... and therefore he had miscalculated his HCPs. So here they go again:

Bulletin Room – Attempt 2

West	North	East	South
The Editor		The Coor	dinator
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
60	Pass	7♠	All Pass

I'm curious over that 5♠ bid, it must have been made on a lot of unauthorized information, but no TD was called...