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# A display of champions



USA – gold medalists in the Junior Teams



France – winners of the Youngsters Teams



Shengxing 1 – champions of the Girls Teams



China RDFZ Galaxy – gold medal winners in the Kids Teams

A prize-giving ceremony is always a happy occasion, and in Lyon on Wednesday evening there was plenty of joy as 12 teams in four categories – Juniors, Youngsters, Girls and Kids – were presented with the hardware for which they have played for more than a week – gold, silver and bronze medals.

WBF President Emeritus José Damiani congratulated all the competitors gathered in the Vu-graph auditorium for what they are doing for the game of bridge and the world.

“You are our future,” said Damiani, “and our bright future. You are doing something important for the world, which is peace.”

## Notice to Youth players



onships will take place after the prize giving.

The prize-giving ceremony for the Board-a-Match Teams is scheduled for 8 p.m. today in the Vu-graph auditorium at the Convention Center. The closing ceremony for the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships will take place after the prize giving.

## Today's Schedule

10.30	<b>BAM</b> Final session 1
14.00	<b>BAM</b> Final session 2
16.40	<b>BAM</b> Final session 3
20.00	<b>BAM</b> Prize-giving and Closing Ceremony



## JUNIORS

## Final / Play-off

Tbl		Seg1	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
1	<b>USA</b>	46	19	51	48	<b>164</b>
	Japan	14	36	4	26	80
2	<b>Villa Fabbri</b>	50	20	48	42	<b>160</b>
	China RDFZ Synrey	17	34	10	19	80

## YOUNGSTERS

## Final / Play-off

Tbl		Seg1	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
11	<b>France</b>	28	33	22	57	<b>140</b>
	Shengxing Team	32	22	25	41	120
12	<b>China</b>	19	36	46	49	<b>150</b>
	Sweden	71	27	36	3	137

## GIRLS

## Final / Play-off

Tbl		Seg1	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
21	France I Girls	10	21	3	0	34
	<b>Shengxing Team I</b>	66	40	40	0	<b>146</b>
22	<b>Sh Xin Jiangnan Team</b>	45	37	28	46	<b>156</b>
	Chile	37	22	30	49	138

## KIDS

## Final / Play-off

Tbl		Seg1	Seg2	Seg3	Seg4	Total
31	Shengxing Venus	17	47	55	26	145
	<b>China RDFZ Galaxy</b>	55	43	16	34	<b>148</b>
32	France Kids	13	24	29	33	99
	<b>Shengxing Saturn</b>	37	42	48	8	<b>135</b>

B-a-M for Juniors, Youngsters, Girls  
Ranking after 54 rounds

1	Bridge Academy Azsuw	194.00
2	Whitewalkers	180.40
3	Norton	176.20
4	India Juniors	176.00
5	Srbija Vajs	175.00
6	Germany I	174.00
7	France Youngster 2	173.00
8	Egypt	172.80
9	Italy Young	172.60
10	Chile Juniors	168.80
11	United French	157.40
12	China RDFZ Young	156.00
13	Germany 2	155.00
14	Shengxing Team 2	154.00
15	Italia Girls	150.80
16	Brasil	149.00
	Finland	149.00
18	Colombia	148.40
19	China RDFZ Rose	147.40
20	India Girls	147.00
21	Chile Young	144.60
22	France 2 Girls	141.20
23	China RDFZ Girls	140.00
24	Germany	138.00
25	Shengxing Team 3	137.00
26	Shengxing Team 5	113.60
27	Cust	104.80
28	Shengxing Team 4	103.20

B-a-M for Kids  
Ranking after 50 rounds

1	Magic Eyes Thailand	183.80
2	Norway UI6	175.00
3	Shengxing Mars	174.00
4	Chinese Taipei Mlgs	171.00
5	Shengxing Mercury	169.00
6	Shengxing Yellow	164.00
7	China RDFZ Red	161.00
8	China SHJS 2	155.00
9	Poland	154.00
10	Italy	151.20
11	China RDFZ Blue	151.00
12	China RDFZ Hope I	149.00
	China SHJS I	149.00
14	China RDFZ Yellow	147.00
15	Shengxing Red	144.00
	Auvergne Rhone Alpes	144.00
17	Shengxing Jupiter	143.00
18	China SHJS 3	142.00
19	Germany	141.00
20	China RDFZ Hope 3	139.80
21	Shengxing Green	128.00
22	Chile	119.00
23	India	114.00
24	Tj Bridge I	110.00
25	China RDFZ Hope 2	104.00
26	Tj Bridge 2	94.80



## CERTIFICATE for Players in the Youth Championship

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#### Stop Press

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## WBF Youth Regulations

The Executive Council confirmed that:

The World Junior Teams for the Jaime Ortiz-Patiño Trophy 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 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 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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# Juniors Semi-final third quarter

by David Stern

On Tuesday in the Junior Teams semi-final in the Funbridge World Youth Open Bridge Championships, USA easily took the measure of China RDFZ Synrey 165-74. Their opponents in the Wednesday final would be determined by the outcome of the Japan-Villa Fabbri match. Halfway through that 56-board semi-final battle, Japan (Hino, Imakiire, Kobayashi, Neo, Sonoike and Yamada) had a 79-63 lead over Villa Fabbri (Bakke, Crusizio, Minutti and Shah) (VF). The remaining 28 boards would decide who would compete for the gold medal in the 2017 Junior Teams in the Funbridge World Open Teams Championships.

There was a swing on the first board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ K 4 3 ♥ Q 9 7 5 4 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ K</p>			
♠ A 9 8 7 ♥ A 10 8 3 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ 6	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ Q J 6 2 ♥ 2 ♦ 10 9 3 2 ♣ Q 10 5 4	
	♠ 10 5 ♥ K J 6 ♦ 8 ♣ A J 9 8 7 3 2		
<b>West</b> Shah	<b>North</b> Imakiire	<b>East</b> Bakke	<b>South</b> Kobayashi
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2♦	Pass	4♥
<b>West</b> Sonoike	<b>North</b> Crusizio	<b>East</b> Neo	<b>South</b> Minutti
All Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥

Both tables bid to 4♥, Minutti in the closed room preferring to arrive quickly without mentioning his seven-card club suit. In the open room, East led the ♠Q, won by West with the ace to continue with a low spade. Imakiire won the ♠K, cashed the ♣K, ruffed a spade and tried cashing the ♣A. West ruffed, however, and was overruffed. Declarer then embarked on a cross-ruff and ended up making seven trump tricks to go with one trick each in spades, diamonds and clubs. That was plus 420.

In the closed room, the opening lead was the same. Sonoike won the ♠A and, foreseeing the possibility of a cross-ruff, sacrificed his possible second trump trick by playing the ♥A and another heart. Declarer wound up losing a spade, a heart, and three diamonds (he declined to ruff a diamond with dummy's ♥K) to go two down, -100. That was 11 IMPs for Japan, now ahead led 90-63.



Christian Bakke, team Villa Fabbri

There was more action on the next deal.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.


<p>♠ Q 10 8 4 ♥ K J 4 ♦ 6 2 ♣ Q 10 8 7</p>			
♠ K 5 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ K J 9	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠ A J 9 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K J 3 ♣ A 6 5 3	
	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A 8 6 5 3 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 4 2		
<b>West</b> Shah	<b>North</b> Imakiire	<b>East</b> Bakke	<b>South</b> Kobayashi
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
<b>West</b> Sonoike	<b>North</b> Crusizio	<b>East</b> Neo	<b>South</b> Minutti
INT	Pass	1♦	Pass
All Pass	Pass	3NT	Pass

The difference on this board was West's decision to respond 1♦ in the open room, which made East declarer in 3NT. At the other table, West became declarer in 3NT after responding INT to the 1♣ opening. In the open room, South led the normal heart and the defence wrapped up the first six tricks. At the other table, a heart

lead would likely have been the third choice for North, so nobody could take issue with Crusizio's lead of his fourth-best spade, allowing declarer to put in the jack and claim his 10 tricks for another 11 IMPs to Japan. Japan's lead had grown to 103-63.

The score was 105-63 before VF scored their first swing.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
Shah	Imakiire	Bakke	Kobayashi
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Crusizio	Neo	Minutti
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	1♠	All Pass	

In the open room, Shah was not to be denied the opportunity to show his 5/5 hand when South balanced with 2♣, and won the jackpot when the spade suit was lost to N/S. West in the closed room lost the initiative when he failed to show his second suit and North was "forced" to bid spades in response to his partner's balancing double. Sonoike was offered a second opportunity to show his diamond suit but again he passed. Both contracts were made in comfort for 6 IMPs to VF, reducing the deficit to 34.

There was more bad news for VF, however.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shah	Imakiire	Bakke	Kobayashi
	1♠	Pass	INT
2♦	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			


West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Crusizio	Neo	Minutti
	1♠	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Looking at the N/S cards, one would probably prefer to play a part-score such as 3♣, but youthful exuberance generally precludes that possibility. From the play record, it isn't altogether clear how South managed to go one down in 3NT for -100.

In the closed room, North led the singleton ♦J to West's ace. West cashed the ♠A and continued with a low diamond. North discarded a spade, East ruffed and when he later collected the ♣K, declarer was two down for -200. That was 3 IMPs to Japan, now leading by 37 IMPs.

VF kept fighting despite the deficit.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shah	Imakiire	Bakke	Kobayashi
1♦	Pass	1♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass	2♦	Pass


West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Crusizio	Neo	Minutti
		1♣	2♥
3NT	All Pass		

The difference on this deal was straightforward: If you bid your suit, partner will lead your suit. In the open room, South failed to take advantage of the vulnerability to show his suit and passed throughout. The result was that North led from his five-card club suit, allowing declarer to knock out the ♦A and score nine tricks for +600.

In the closed room, North respectfully led a low heart against 3NT. Declarer could not afford to duck this trick, although that would have been the winning action to make nine tricks when both black-suit finesses worked – finding this play would likely win a declarer-play award. Declarer did play well at this point by cashing the ♠A and finessing clubs, hoping for five tricks in that suit to go with three spades (assuming the ♠Q was onside) and a heart. When South showed out on the ♣J, declarer was sunk and went one down after South pitched a heart on the second round of clubs. Minus 100 meant 12 IMPs to VF, reducing the deficit to a manageable 25.

There were some small exchanges over the next three boards. On board 10, each team offered IMPs to the opponents.

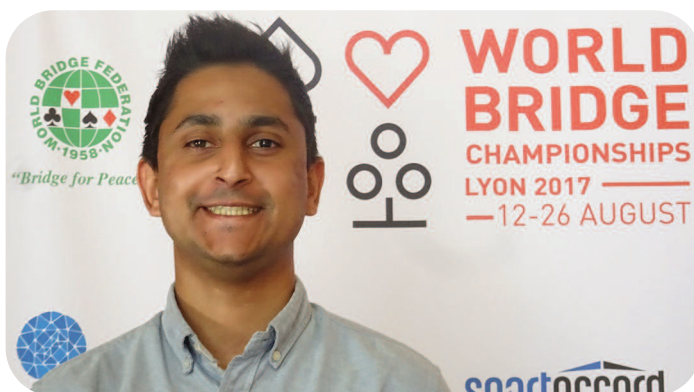
Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shah	Imakiire	Bakke	Kobayashi
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	4♥	All Pass	2♥

West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Crusizio	Neo	Minutti
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	INT
All Pass			2♠

\*2♣ Extras



Shivam Shah, team Villa Fabbrique

In the open room, North appears to have undersold his hand by simply bidding 4♥ over partner's 2♥ response to his 1♠ opener. That said, it isn't clear what sensible auction would get N/S to the sensational small slam, let alone the grand slam, although it is cold. At the other two tables in the Junior semi-finals, no team reached slam.

In the closed room, N/S had an 'oops' after North's 2♣ (Gazilli), opposite South's hand, should have been game forcing. Minutti took 13 tricks, scoring +230 and handing Japan 10 IMPs and a 122-85 lead.

There were three 1-IMP swings, then the final board of the set.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Shah	Imakiire	Bakke	Kobayashi
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♥	3♣	Pass
		All Pass	

West	North	East	South
Sonoike	Crusizio	Neo	Minutti
Pass	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	4♥	3♣	Pass
		All Pass	

The auction in the open room, where N/S held 28 HCP, was very modest. Imakiire took 10 tricks in 3♥ for +170.

In the closed room, declarer faced a problem he probably should have resolved. With East likely having shown a 5/5 in the black suits, declarer must have feared that the opening diamond lead was a singleton. If the ♣A was onside, there would be no problem, so declarer should assume the worst case (the ♣A offside). In that case, East's hand would look something like

♠QJxxx ♥?x ♦x ♣QJxxx.

If that was the layout, declarer can afford to play the ♥A and another heart and could thereafter lose at most two clubs no matter who held the ♥K. At the table, declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and finessed in hearts, losing to the king and the defence then scored two clubs and a diamond ruff for down one and 6 IMPs to Japan, who finished the third session with a 129-87 lead. The Japanese won the final set 171-117 to make it to the final against USA.





# Opportunities Lost

by Micke Melander

After two of the first four 14-board segments of the semi-final in the Youngster Teams, the score between Sweden and France was 86-54 to France. The match continued in the third segment with 2 quick IMPs to Sweden when the French declarer went down one more than he should have in 4♥.

Then a lot was at stake when both tables bid 3NT in a similar auction on this deal!

Board 2. Dealer East. N-S Vul.

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

## Open Room & Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guillemin	Clementsson	Boulin	Sandin
Bodin	Dufrene	Lahrman	Fragola
INT	Pass	1♣	Pass
		3NT	All Pass

And who can blame North for leading a spade? Surely no one, and when it was duplicated in both rooms it was another push when neither found the heart lead – and not a low heart. The killing lead would have to be an honour to keep from blocking the suit. That lead would be very difficult to find by any level of player.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Guillemin	Clementsson	Boulin	Sandin
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♦	All Pass		

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bodin	Dufrene	Lahrman	Fragola
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

In the closed room, West amazingly passed out the 2♣ balancing act by South. Fragola had no problem scoring nine tricks when West led a trump.

Likewise, Guillemin had no problems getting nine tricks in 2♦ when the ♣9 was led in the open room. Guillemin lost two spades, a heart and a club. That was another 6 IMPs to add to the French account.

Board 5. Dealer North. N-S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Guillemin	Clementsson	Boulin	Sandin
2♦	1♠	Pass	INT
4♥	3♣	3♥	4♣
	All Pass		

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bodin	Dufrene	Lahrman	Fragola
Pass	1♠	3♥	Pass
All Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣

Here is another board on which the French outbid their opponents at both tables. In the open room, Clementsson

led the ♠10. Declarer won with the ace and played a heart towards dummy. North won with the king and thought for a while before playing the ♠8. South ruffed and followed partner's advice by returning a diamond. When declarer played the ace and a second round of trumps he had escaped for one down, when he was on the way to be two down after that great opening lead by North.

In the closed room, Dufrene escaped with one down when the defense started with a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff with the ♣K. That was 4 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 6. Dealer East. E-W Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Guillemin	Clementsson	Boulin	Sandin
3NT	All Pass	1♣	3♥

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bodin	Dufrene	Lahrman	Fragola
3NT	All Pass	1♣	1♥

Bodin got the ♥4 lead from North in the closed room and captured South's ♥J with the king to cash the ♣A and finesse in clubs. When South discarded, declarer realised that he had to establish diamonds to be able to get nine tricks – even if the ♠Q was onside. Therefore he called for the ♦K from dummy, North won it with the ace, cashed the ♥A and continued with the ♥10 to South's queen. After South finished cashing his heart, declarer was down two.

In the open room Guillemin could have been rewarded with a brilliancy prize when, after North led the ♥4, Guillemin played low on South's ♥J! South continued with the 2, and if declarer had played low again, the defence wouldn't have stood a chance to defeat the contract because the suit was blocked and South had no entry.

Unfortunately for him, declarer apparently believed that South held a seven-card suit from the pre-empt in the bidding and thought he had blocked the suit when ducking once. When Guillemin played the ♥K at trick two, he was



Theo Guillemin, team France

down in a contract he could have made. It was three lucky IMPs to Sweden.

Both West players had another chance to shine when again declaring 3NT on the very next board.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Guillemin	Clementsson	Boulin	Sandin
1♣	1♠	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
			All Pass

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bodin	Dufrene	Lahrman	Fragola
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All pass

North led a low spade at both tables, and at each table dummy's ♠J held the trick. A club to the king, which held, followed in both rooms. When Bodin then led the ♣6 from his hand, it was all over, South won with the 9 and shifted



to a spade, which effectively set up the spade suit, and when North got in with the  $\diamond A$  declarer was held to eight tricks. Asked why he played clubs as he did, Bodin said that South clearly went into the tank when the  $\clubsuit 10$  was played, so when the king held and North followed with the 2, Bodin believed South had started with a doubleton  $\clubsuit A$ .

What was the chance that both declarers missed the play that could have made them shine after winning the  $\clubsuit K$ ? With the lucky heart distribution, declarer could then have cashed five heart winners to reach a position something like:

	$\spadesuit$ K 10 5 4	
	$\heartsuit$ —	
	$\diamond$ A 8	
	$\clubsuit$ —	
$\spadesuit$ A 9	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;">             N W     E S           </div>	$\spadesuit$ Q 6
$\heartsuit$ —		$\heartsuit$ —
$\diamond$ K 4		$\diamond$ 10 9 5 3
$\clubsuit$ Q 8		$\clubsuit$ —
	$\spadesuit$ 8	
	$\heartsuit$ —	
	$\diamond$ Q J	
	$\clubsuit$ A J 9	

A spade to the ace and another spade would endplay North, who could cash three spades but then would have to lead away from the  $\diamond A$  to give declarer his ninth trick.

More opportunities were lost on the next board.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	$\spadesuit$ K J 10 6 3	
	$\heartsuit$ A 8 3 2	
	$\diamond$ A	
	$\clubsuit$ A 7 5	
$\spadesuit$ 7 5	<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;">             N W     E S           </div>	$\spadesuit$ 9 8 4 2
$\heartsuit$ J 9		$\heartsuit$ Q 7
$\diamond$ Q 9 7 5 2		$\diamond$ K J 10 8 6
$\clubsuit$ Q 10 4 2		$\clubsuit$ K 3
	$\spadesuit$ A Q	
	$\heartsuit$ K 10 6 5 4	
	$\diamond$ 4 3	
	$\clubsuit$ J 9 8 6	

### Open room

West	North	East	South
Guillemin	Clementsson	Boulin	Sandin
		Pass	Pass
Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass	INT
Pass	2 $\clubsuit^*$	Pass	2 $\diamond^*$
Pass	2 $\heartsuit^*$	Pass	2 $\spadesuit^*$
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3 $\heartsuit$
Pass	3 $\spadesuit^*$	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4 $\clubsuit^*$	Pass	4 $\heartsuit$
All Pass			

- 2 $\clubsuit$  Häxan, a Swedish Gazzilli version. Any 16+ with spades or just  $\spadesuit \spadesuit$
- 2 $\diamond$  Game forcing relay opposite 16+
- 2 $\heartsuit$  16+ with 5+ $\spadesuit$ / 3+ $\heartsuit$
- 2 $\spadesuit$  Relay
- 2NT Four-card heart suit
- 3 $\heartsuit$  Setting trump
- 3 $\spadesuit$  Kind of interested in slam, but limited values
- 3NT Spade cuebid
- 4 $\clubsuit$  Club cuebid

A very long auction where N-S never got to understand how good South's spades matched with North and that slam just was about cold if hearts split 2-2 or if a club was not led. From North's perspective, 3NT could have been bid on a singleton... As it was now it was South who got all essential information when it was North who could count tricks more easily.

### Closed room

West	North	East	South
Bodin	Dufrene	Lahrman	Frangola
	Pass	Pass	
Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\diamond$	2 $\heartsuit$
4 $\diamond$	4 $\heartsuit$	All Pass	

In the closed room they weren't even close to getting higher than game unless E/W pushed them there. When that wasn't the case, it was another push as both tables easily scored 13 tricks.

When checking all the youth semi-finals, we could see the following: Juniors, all stopped in game; Youngsters, one team bid slam; Girls, two teams bid slam, and Kids, three teams bid slam. So, six out of 16 bid slam and all six were Chinese, including one pair who bid a grand.



Arthur Boulin, team France

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

		♠ K Q 7		
		♥ A K J 7 3 2		
		♦ J		
		♣ A Q 8		
♠ 6		<div style="background-color: #006400; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 10 8	
♥ 6 5			♥ Q 9 8 4	
♦ A K Q 10 7 4			♦ 9 6 3	
♣ K 10 4 3			♣ J 7 2	
		♠ J 9 5 4 3 2		
		♥ 10		
		♦ 8 5 2		
		♣ 9 6 5		

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Guillemin	Clementsson	Boulin	Sandin
1♦	Dble	1♥	Pass
2♣	4♠	All Pass	1♠

Great actions taken by the European U21 champions from Samorin, Slovakia, earlier this summer. West kicked off with the ♦A and shifted to a trump when he saw dummy. The ♠6 went to the 7, 10 and declarer's jack. Sandin then ruffed a diamond and called for the ♠K. East won with ace but declarer was in control, losing only two diamonds and the trump ace to go with a successful finesse in clubs. That was plus 420 to N/S.



Alexander Sandin, team Sweden

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bodin	Dufrene	Lahrmann	Fragola
1♦	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♣	3♥	All Pass	1♠

East led a diamond, taken by West with the queen to shift to his singleton spade. East won the ♠A and gave West his ruff. With some missteps by the defenders, declarer got off with two down for -100, so Sweden scored 11 IMPs, the last of the session because the final three deals ended in pushes.

The session ended with France in front 96-74 with 14 boards to play. The final score of 143-101 put France in the final against Shengxing (China).



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