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Everyone's a Winner



Regardless of which final you may have qualified for, everyone contesting these Championships can look forward to the future with confidence, secure in the knowledge that the experience gained here in Salsomaggiore will be invaluable.

In the U26/U31 combined event, the top qualifiers in the U26 were France's Pierre Bedouet and Esteban Vallet, Italy's Giovanni Donati and Sebastiano Scata and the Netherlands/Canada alliance of Sibrand van Oosten and Jacob Freeman. India's Sagnik Roy and Sayantan Kushari topped the combined table to head the U31 race, followed by Greece's Ioannis Oikonomopoulos and Dimitrios Konstantinos Ballokas and Australia's Jamie Thompson and Andrew Spooner.

The U21 field was headed by Denmark's Christian Lahrmann and France's Leo Rombaut, Hungary's Zsolt Argay and Mark Kemeny and Norway's Anders Brogeland and Magnus Saetre.

India's Vidhya Kamal Patel and Kalpana Baliram Gurja secured the top spot in the U26 Women's ahead of France's Clara Bouton and Margaux Kurek Beaulieu and Italy's sisters Federica and Valentina Dalpozzo.

The U16's were topped by the USA's Eric and Jeff Xiao ahead of the India/Canada combination of Anshul Bhatt and Darwin Li and Poland's Aleks Bukat and Jan Trojak.

SCHEDULE TODAY

10.00	Session 1:	U26 Open - U21 - U26 Women - U16 - U31 - FB
14.30	Session 2:	U26 Open - U21 - U26 Women - U16 - U31 - FB
17.15	Session 3:	U26 Open - U21 - U26 Women - U16 - U31 - FB

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PLAYING ROOMS TODAY

MORESCO ROOM

PAIRS Under 31, Under 26, Under 26 Women – FINAL A

EUROPA ROOM

PAIRS Under 21 – FINAL A

CARIATIDI ROOM

PAIRS Under 16 – FINAL A&B

COLONNE ROOM

PAIRS Under 31, Under 26, Under 26 Women, Under 21 – FINAL B

MODIFICATION TO THE UNDER 16 TEAMS' FORMAT



Due to the registration of an 11th team, the format was modified as follows:



QUALIFICATION:

The eleven teams will play a Swiss, five matches of nine boards each. At the end, the top four qualify to the KO stage.

KO STAGE:

The winner of the Swiss will chose its opponents between the third and fourth ranked, the other match being automatically determined. The bracket will be the following:

Semifinals – four segments of 12 boards each

Match 1 - 1 (winner of the Round Robin) vs 4 (by choice)

Match 2 - 2 (second ranked) vs 3 (automatically)

Final – four segments of 12 boards each

Match 3 - winner of match 1 vs winner of match 2



TIME SCHEDULE – QUALIFICATION

Thursday August 11th

10.00 – 11.25

11.45 – 13.10

14.30 – 15.55

16.15 – 17.40

18.00 – 19.25



TIME SCHEDULE – KO stage

Friday August 12th

10.00 – 12.00

13.30 – 15.30

16.00 – 18.00

18.20 – 20.20

Saturday August 13th - FINAL

10.00 – 12.00

13.30 – 15.30

16.00 – 18.00

18.20 – 20.20





Ron Tacchi

Pairs Round 3 Under 26/31

The very first deal of the third session of the U26/31 pairs gave rise to a couple of moments of interest. We saw the leaders at the end of the second session defend a low-level contract.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bar</i>	<i>Zhu</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	All Pass		

North was no doubt waiting for South's reopening double, he still is. The next point to notice is that Burns' Law has been broken (and not for the first time at these championships) in that declarer has only six of the thirteen trumps. The next question to be answered is how many of their seven trumps will the defence make. The opening lead of the ♥5 was taken by declarer with his ace. He then took his king of diamonds and when he saw the jack fall under the ♦Q he overtook to lead the ♦10 discarding his losing heart. North ruffed with his small trump and exited with his second heart for declarer to ruff. South ducked the king of clubs, and this turned out to be declarer's last trick as when he continued the suit South took the ace and pushed a heart through declarer who ruffed and was overruffed. Now a defensive crossruff ensued with South ruffing two clubs and North scoring two more overruffs and still had the ace of trumps at the thirteenth trick. Yes, the defence made all seven of their trumps separately and so the contract failed by two tricks giving N/S 67%.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 9 6 4 ♥ J 5 3 ♦ J 5 2 ♣ K 4		♠ A 8 3 ♥ K 10 2 ♦ K Q 4 3 ♣ A 10 2	♠ J 10 5 ♥ 9 8 7 6 4 ♦ 8 7 6 ♣ 9 6
West <i>Bar</i> — 2♥ Dble	North <i>Zhu</i> — Pass All Pass	East <i>Das</i> 1NT 2♠	South <i>Rosenberg</i> Pass 3♣

Having had an above average board, South risked a vulnerable overcall against unlimited opponents. Dummy was somewhat of a disappointment and after the lead of a small diamond declarer was going to be hard-pressed not to lose more than a non-vulnerable game. Declarer took the opening lead with the ♦A and exited with a small spade taken by East's ace. The defence cashed two diamonds before playing two rounds of spades, declarer ruffing the second. The ♣Q was taken by the ♣K and after West exited with his trump declarer still had a heart to lose as he would be stuck in hand. Three down, -800 for a zero, there was also a poor board following but after this hiccup the leaders scored over 65% on the remaining nine boards.

At the other table being broadcast on BBO:

West	North	East	South
<i>Gabriel</i>	<i>Nishino</i>	<i>Skyorova</i>	<i>Umehara</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

I can understand South's Dble (when I was a youth, it was called a 'tiger' double) as he expected North to hold four spades and that he would have plenty of time to establish his clubs, alas it was not to be, but



fortuitously East took fright and retreated to Four Spades. Now North with his powerhouse and trump stack elected to double. He was quickly disabused as declarer could not lose more than three tricks. East must have thought that this would be a complete top but thanks to the other table it was only worth 95%.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Calmanovici</i>	<i>Doermer</i>	<i>Stoekli</i>	<i>Farwig</i>
—	2♦*	4♣*	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

2♣ Multi

Normal methods would suggest that the Four Clubs bid showed clubs as a major. Could West have bid Four Diamonds asking his partner to bid his major? I do not know but West tried the heart suit and was left to play in game, but his reverie was interrupted when South doubled. North led the singleton trump to the ♥10 and king. The king of spades followed overtaken by the ace so as to lead back a diamond to the ace. Declarer now drew all the outstanding trumps and when he then played a club to the jack he was now going to fail as he had to lose two club tricks. He could have avoided this fate had he attacked the clubs before drawing the trumps as this would have allowed him to ruff a losing club if necessary. Failing by one doubled trick gave the opponents 85%.

One E/W pair somehow managed to arrive in 7NT! I cannot imagine what misunderstanding took place, unsurprisingly it was doubled and when the opponents cashed the first seven tricks that was 1700. Another E/W pair reached Five Diamonds, this failed by six tricks, though not doubled but that did not affect the match-point score.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 5 ♥ A K 10 5 2 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ 7 5 3		♠ A 8 6 3 2 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ Q ♣ Q 9 8 6	♠ 9 4 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ A K J 9 6 3 ♣ J 10 ♠ K Q 10 7 ♥ Q 3 ♦ 10 8 2 ♣ A K 4 2
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West	North	East	South
<i>Luba</i>	<i>Bonin</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Guichet</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

This hand is all about the opening lead when the contract is 3NT. Your illustrious editor has written a treatise on this deal elsewhere within this bulletin. The upshot is that a small heart gives the contract immediately but when you lead a top honour the question then shifts to East as to what and how he should signal. All three occasions when the contract was 3NT it succeeded, twice on a small heart lead and once when West elected to try the ace. Success earned 96%.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 7 2 ♥ 9 ♦ A K Q 5 2 ♣ A J 8 6		♠ A Q 10 6 5 ♥ A K 7 4 ♦ 7 ♣ 10 9 3	♠ J 8 4 3 ♥ J 10 8 2 ♦ J 3 ♣ K 4 2 ♠ K ♥ Q 6 5 3 ♦ 10 9 8 6 4 ♣ Q 7 5
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West	North	East	South
<i>Cheung</i>	<i>Fresa</i>	<i>OpenE</i>	<i>Wu</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Looking at the E/W hands, a contract of Six Spades does not look ridiculous. However, at this table game was considered sufficient. The lead was the ten of diamonds taken by dummy's ace. Ace of hearts and a heart ruff was the continuation and declarer then

took the unfortunate view of a spade to his queen and South's singleton king. Another diamond was led, and declarer elected to play small from dummy and ruff in hand. Now declarer cashed the ace of trumps staking all on a 3-2 split. It was not to be declarer now had losers in clubs and hearts and tried to cash his diamonds by crossing to the ace of clubs, but North immediately ruffed in and now declarer was down. Do you see where even at this stage he could have prevailed? When he led a club towards dummy try inserting the ♣8! Now the limelight falls back on South who could have avoided this situation by following the well-known rule of second hand high and inserted his queen.

West	North	East	South
<i>Yamada</i>	<i>Koivu</i>	<i>Yuga</i>	<i>Huhtamaki</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

A very reasonable auction leading to a contract that is not brilliant, but finding North with Kx, Jx(x) or KJ(x) in spades would make the contract viable. Declarer failed as he took a losing spade finesse. When I saw this final hand my finessing friend said the contract could be made. It obviously must be a double dummy solution. Can you see how to make the contract when you can see all four hands? After the diamond lead, the normal continuation is a top heart and heart ruff, follow this with a diamond ruff and then ace of hearts and another heart ruff. Declarer now leads a top diamond from dummy, North must ruff or a club goes away, so declarer overruffs and the prettiest finish is to cash the ace of trumps felling the singleton king. Then a small club towards dummy but South interjects the ♣Q forcing dummy to win with the ace, but now a small club from dummy subjects North to a form of Morton's Fork. If he takes his king then when he exits with a club dummy wins with the jack and declarer has Q10 over North's J8 in trumps. Should he not take his king then declarer wins in hand and exits with a club and North now has to lead into the trump tenace. Whichever decision North makes declarer does not lose a trump trick and only surrenders one club trick.





Mark Horton

Another Last Board

The latest issue of *New in Chess* includes an article by James Altucher entitled *How to beat Kids* in which he reflects on how to beat the youngsters that are omnipresent in tournaments before concluding that it can't be done.

The youngsters playing here are no less capable than their counterparts in the chess world. Look at this deal, the final one from the third session of the U16 pairs:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Hands where one player holds all the aces can be tough. Here is how the Americans coped:

West	North	East	South
<i>Chen</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Zhang</i>	<i>Miozzi</i>
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♥	Dble
7NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

4NT RKCB
5♦ No key cards
5♥ ♠Q?
6♣ ♠Q+♣K

Appreciating the value of his club suit Andrew Chen judged that opposite Brian Zhang's grand slam try of 6♥ he could afford to go 'all in'. South's double meant the score was +1790 which did not affect the matchpoint result as the only other grand slam was the 7♠ reached by Albert Pedmanson and Jasper Vahk.

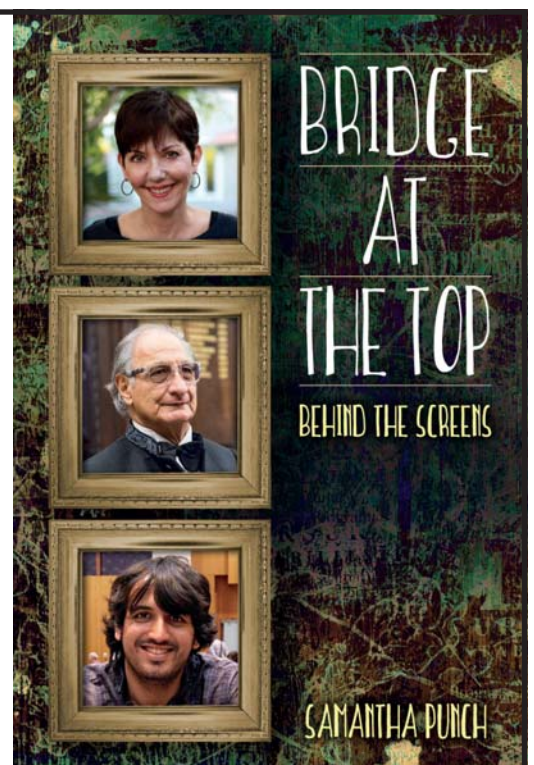
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Jos Jacobs - U26/U31 QUALIFICATION PAIRS SESSION 4

At the end of the first day, a local pair was holding the wooden spoon. Due to the endless Howell movement chosen for this qualification event, they appeared on BBO in the opening round of day 2 and immediately produced two interesting boards.

This is what happened on the first of them.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gallo</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Marini</i>	<i>Hung</i>
—	2♦	Dble	4♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

Opening a natural weak two might not have been everybody's choice on the North hand but in Junior land, everything is possible. The same applies for South's pre-emptive raise. So far, so good, as they had managed to keep their opponents out of their spade game, but one diamond less meant one undertrick extra. Down three, E/W +500 and all the matchpoints to the wooden spoon.

And then:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Gallo</i>	<i>Lam</i>	<i>Marini</i>	<i>Hung</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣
1NT	2♠	3NT	Dble
All Pass			

Now this is a remarkable hand, even more so when I checked the scores after the session. I found out that the popular contract was 4♥ by West., made at all tables where it was played. At five tables, East was the declarer in 4♥ but only Japan's Yamada found the winning defence: a club lead. He led the ♣A and another and gave partner a ruff when in again with the ♦A. Needless to say that the ♣K lead by North would also defeat the contract out of hand.

On BBO, North, Hong Kong's Alfred Lam was on lead against 3NT, doubled by partner. Once again, the lead of the unsupported ♣K would defeat 3NT out of hand but North duly led the ♠10, in view of partner's double. Even this way, all would have been well for the defence had they discarded correctly on the run of the hearts. South should throw two clubs, keeping all his diamonds, and North can throw a spade and three diamonds. When declarer, after cashing the hearts, plays a diamond, South rises with the ace to continue spades while North is still holding the ♣K as an entry. If dummy unblocks the ♦K, North's ♦J will promote South's ♦9 and thus defeat the contract.

When this defence proved too difficult, E/W chalked up another complete top, this time for landing in the wrong contract themselves.

A by now obsolete bridge tip turned up two boards later:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Tabata	Wood	Fragola	Koppel
1♠	Dble	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	6♥
Dble	All Pass		

On the previous board, N/S had been one out of 10 pairs to reach the proper slam. Their 6♥ had thus been worth 37 MP. On their next board, they were again hoping for a good score in slam but this time, it must have been a double disappointment for them. Not only had they taken a phantom sacrifice but what is more, 6♥ had gone down three for -800 and just 2 MP. The five-level still seems to belong to the opponents, sometimes...

Two boards later, many were called but few chosen. Game was where they nearly all wanted to be but both 3NT, the majority choice, and 4♥ proved too difficult nearly everywhere. Both contracts were made just once. Here is how Jan Cieslinski got his 10 tricks.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Lee	Cieslinski	Chan	Jankowski
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dble
2♣	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ♠J to the queen and king. Back came a club to East's ace and when East continued another spade, declarer put in dummy's eight. Declarer next tried to cash dummy's ♠A but West ruffed with the ♥8, only to see it overruffed by declarer's queen. A heart to the ten came next, the ♥A was cashed and declarer could now crossruff the rest, the ♥K being the only other trick for the defence. To my surprise, this was worth all the matchpoints.

Two more boards later, it was slam time again. At two tables, they bid and made (!) no less than 7♥.

Apparently, no club was led. This did by no means happen at another table where David Gue was on lead as East against 5♥. He underled his ♣A and declarer fell for it. Two rounds of clubs followed by a diamond left declarer with a losing spade in the end. One down, +100 to Gue-Simpson. The deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	—	1/	Pass
1NT	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

This auction also occurred at one table. Even at a Seniors' event, this auction would not have been very likely, I feel, and even less so if produced (as here) by one of the youngest pairs in the Junior category... N/S +190 was worth no matchpoints, of course...

A few boards later, discipline was required:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Is there any reason for South, even more so in a pairs' contest, to disturb partner's 3NT bid? An interesting problem. If there is the same number of tricks available in both denominations, you should prefer NT but it is quite conceivable that either contract is better. In this case, you had to be in 3NT and not in 4♠ because a heart lead, or even an early heart shift, should set

4♠. Three No-Trumps by North is a much better spot though this contract can be, and in fact at three tables was, defeated too. Club lead and you give up a spade. West plays a heart which you have to duck, so East wins and reverts to clubs. You give up your next spade and the defence clears the clubs while the ♠A is still out, together with the 13th club. Well done by the defenders involved!

To end this report, here is the full confrontation, in the last round before lunch, between some recent European Junior team champions and some runners-up.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K 8 6 3 ♥ — ♦ 10 9 8 6 3 ♣ Q 10 4 2		♠ 10 ♥ A Q 10 3 ♦ Q 7 5 4 2 ♣ K J 9	♠ A Q 9 4 2 ♥ K 8 7 6 ♦ K ♣ A 7 6
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West	North	East	South
Bonin	Scata	Guichet	Donati
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led a heart and Donati made the good move of discarding a club from dummy. East won the ace and continued a diamond to the king and ace. When West played another diamond, the jack, Donati thought he had a clear picture of the hand and played accordingly. He ruffed the return, drew three rounds of trumps ending in dummy and then simply ran the ♠8 through East, discarding a club from hand. Another diamond was covered and ruffed, the ♥K was cashed for a club discard, a heart was ruffed with dummy's last trump and another heart disappeared on the good diamond in dummy. This way, declarer lost only a club in the end. Making 4♠ was worth 40 MP. There were two casualties (1,100 and 800) and two more declarers who made 4♠, among them the leaders after Session 4: India's Roy and Kushari.

On the last board of the session, the French Juniors got their revenge...

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ A Q J 5 4 2 ♦ Q 9 8 5 3 ♣ 5		♠ K Q 9 4 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A 6 3	♠ 10 6 5 2 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ 10 2 ♣ K Q 10 8
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West	North	East	South
Bonin	Scata	Guichet	Donati
3♥	Dble	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

For E/W, 4♥ was the popular contract, made more often than not but 4♠ was reached at no other table so it was no surprise that all the matchpoints went North, geographically speaking, on this board. For E/W, there also was one (nameless) odd pair out. They reached no less than 7NT which they were allowed to play undoubled. This time, N/S were quite right as one cannot score more than 46 MP. on a deal anyway...

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Barry Rigal

QUALIFIER UNDER 26 SET FOUR

Following on from the enjoyable time I had on the previous day I decided to repeat the dose: Kevin Rosenberg and Bo Zhu for the first eight deals, then Harrison Luba and Zach Grossack for the next third, and finally Gianni Donati and Sebastiano Scata for the last few deals.

On the first deal their Australian opponents bid to 4♠ and found the trump queen missing five with a two way guess (helped perhaps by the fact that Zhu had indiscreetly wandered into the auction as an unpassed hand at the two-level, thus making it more likely he was short in the eventual trump suit). This was the second deal:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10 9 8 7 2		
	♥ 5		
	♦ J 8 6 5 3		
	♣ K 3		
♠ A J 4 3 ♥ K Q J 3 ♦ K 10 ♣ J 10 4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q 5 ♥ A 9 8 7 6 ♦ Q 7 4 ♣ Q 9 7	
	♠ K 6		
	♥ 10 4 2		
	♦ A 9 2		
	♣ A 8 6 5 2		

West	North	East	South
<i>Spooner</i>	<i>Zhu</i>	<i>Thompson</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
—	—	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

No one could seriously criticize the choice of the trump found by Rosenberg. The play boiled down to needing the ♠K onside and declarer's luck was in. +420 was 24/46. For myself, (and this may simply be wise after the event) the ♣A at matchpoints has some attraction. Partner's encouraging three would see me continue the suit and give him a club ruff when in with the ♦A. Yuge/Yamada defeated 4♥ on the club ace lead. Kudos all round, and a clear top for them.

The set got much better for Rosenberg/Zhu on the next two deals. On board three many players were presented with a 2♠ or 3♠ opener, and holding:

♠ A J ♥ A Q 10 6 5 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ A 9 7

Many tables opted for a simple heart overcall rather than doubling. Maybe their partner with

♠ 3 ♥ K J 4 3 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ K Q J 8 5

might have gone past 4♥ anyway, but the majority of the field did not and played game. Zhu could double a Multi 2♦ then bid hearts to show real extras, and now Rosenberg could splinter in spades, after which Zhu was able to drive to slam via keycard. On East's spade lead the diamond loser went away on the diamonds and +1010 was worth 37/46.

The next deal had a similar theme in a way: when to risk the five level. Put yourself in West's seat here, without looking at the other hands:

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

	♠ —		
	♥ A K Q 4 3 2		
	♦ 9 8 4		
	♣ A J 7 3		
♠ Q J 10 7 6 4 ♥ 6 ♦ A K Q 3 ♣ K 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 9 5 3 2 ♥ J ♦ J 10 5 ♣ Q 10 4 2	
	♠ K 8		
	♥ 10 9 8 7 5		
	♦ 7 6 2		
	♣ 9 8 6		

West	North	East	South
<i>Jozkowiak</i>	<i>Zhu</i>	<i>Mackowiak</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
1♠	2♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♥
5♠	All Pass		

4NT 6-4 hand-type

Jozkowiak had a very tough decision over 5♥, but as Terence Reese was so fond of saying "The five-level belongs to the opponents". Maybe East should double 4NT to show a defensive trick and a half? As it was, bidding turned +800 (bar on the ♠A lead) for a possible 44/46, into -100 and 7/46.

On the next exhibit a rather subtle piece of constructive bidding emerged in the post-mortem discussion...

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Myllaeri</i>	<i>Zhu</i>	<i>Vanni</i>	<i>Rosenberg</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

I suspect this auction or one very similar was produced at most tables. The fact that 3NT was a terrible contract and 4♥ a fairly playable one seemed rather hard to diagnose at the table. Maybe, just maybe (assuming like sensible human beings you play Herbert (next-step) negatives following a cuebid by the take-out doubler at his second turn) South could cuebid 2♠ then convert the 3♣ negative to 3NT to show three hearts while a direct 3NT call bars North from converting to 4♥?

Maria Myllaeri led the ♠K against 3NT rather than a club – which would surely have held declarer to seven tricks at best. Rosenberg won and led ♥A and a second heart, planning to duck (though if West had ♥J98 and followed with the jack on the second round...?). Vanni won the ♥J and erred by continuing a low spade, without cashing the heart king. Rosenberg won cheaply and cashed the diamonds then exited with the fourth diamond to force a club play for down one. Escaping for down one was 30/46 for N/S; down two would have been 13 MP.

In 4♥ on the likely spade lead you would doubtless finesse the queen and try to trump a spade to hand; but if West ruffed in you might well misguess the position in trumps by leading to the ♥A? Cieslinski/Jankowski were the only pair to bring home 4♥, after the lead of the ♠J.

At this point I started following Zach Grossack/Harrison Luba. This board proved very hard to analyze both at the table and later on...

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Kikuchi</i>	<i>luba</i>	<i>Hino</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Hino played 2♥ on Grossack's accurate club lead. Declarer rose with the ace, and played a spade to the jack and queen. The defenders can arrange a spade ruff now, but Grossack was after more. He played a second club and declarer ruffed and ran the ♥J, which held. When he played a second heart and the ten appeared he paused for some time before finessing, probably an error in theory as well as practice. Luba won the king. at this stage only a diamond will get the defenders a fourth trick – but Luba assumed the diamond ace and king were switched (and after the club lead one can hardly blame him for that). He returned the third trump, and although Grossack could duck the next spade and win the third to cash a club, declarer had the rest. Of course if the ♦A and ♦K are switched, declarer is cut off from the spades and is held to seven tricks. +140 was worth 35/46 for declarer, but +110 would have been only 16.

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Grossack	Kikuchi	Luba	Hino
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠	3♣	Dble
Pass	5♠*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

5♠ Voidwood

5NT explained by North as 0/3

Hino's reasonable but light 2♥ overcall allowed Kikuchi to set hearts then use Exclusion Blackwood (although there was some disagreement about the responses). Grossack saved in 6♠ and the defenders scored a trick in each suit and a trump promotion for 1100. Was that a good save? It depends on what you mean... E/W collected 26/46 for the save, but, what was the fate of 6♥ against best defense?

Let's switch to Jens Otto Pedersen for his report from the under-21s:

West	North	East	South
Leo	Christian	Rombaut	Lahrmann
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	2♠*	4♣	Pass
4♠	6♥	All Pass	

Lahrmann bid 4♣ for the lead, and Rombaut obediently put the ♣Q on the table. Christian took the lead with the club ace, and continued with the ♦2, cutting declarer's communications. The contract ended -200 and 100% for E/W, and a worthy candidate for defence of the year.

Zach Grossack can normally be relied on to present a 'can you guess the bid' conundrum:

And normally guessing Zach's answer would qualify you for a certificate for a free lobotomy.

His hand of power and quality was;

♠ K Q 7 6 ♥ K 4 ♦ K 7 ♣ Q J 6 5 3

Hearing 1♥ to his left and 1NT to his right, he had to decide whether to bid or pass (not normally much of a decision for our hero). You or I might double, bid 2♣, or even adventurously show spades and another with a 2♥ cuebid. Not our hero: he tried 2♠, after which it is safe to say that developments did not disappoint him. He heard 3♣ to his left, 3♠ from partner and 4♣ to his right, he upped the ante and was delighted to find no one had anything more to say. Partner contributed the ♦A and the ♠J, enough for an 800 penalty. Not all the MP (someone had reached slam in the 3-3 spade fit) but good enough...

At this point I turned to Donati/Scata, just in time to see a very nice deal:

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 9 2
♥ A J 8 5
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K Q 9



♠ K Q 8 6 5 3
♥ 10 3
♦ 6 3
♣ A 6 5

West	North	East	South
Umehara	Scata	Nishino	Donati
—	—	—	2♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♠ 9-13

Scata won the club lead in hand to lead his low spade to the four king and jack, came back to hand with a diamond (the tempo making it clear that West had the ace) and led a low spade,

To the seven on his left. Is it a guess as to what to play from the board? Scata did what I suspect I and many others would do, which is to ignore Restricted Choice and put up the queen. Our argument would be that with AJ or A10 is more likely than J10, West will win the ace more than half the time from a delicate honor-doubleton. This was the full deal.

♠ 9 2
♥ A J 8 5
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K Q 9



♠ A J
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ A 10 7 2
♣ 10 4 2

♠ 10 7 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ J 8 5
♣ J 8 7 3

♠ K Q 8 6 5 3
♥ 10 3
♦ 6 3
♣ A 6 5

After the misguess seven tricks seem to be the limit on the hand; not much return from the +630 you would get from a good guess here. +630 would have been 44MP, -200 was 2MP.

On the next deal Umehara compounded his good

defence with an excellent view in the auction. Holding ♠A873, ♥A104, ♦107632, ♣2 he heard his partner open a strong 1NT and used Stayman then passed the 2♦ response, he caught his partner with a prime 17-count but ♦KJx were over the ♦AQ, the spade finesse lost, and seven tricks were the limit at no-trump with diamonds an easy +110. That discretion was worth 37/46 MP.

Donati-Scata then demonstrated excellent bidding judgment themselves:

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Farwig	Scata	Doermer	Donati
—	—	1♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Farwig's disciplined pass of 1♦ rather than stealing the spade suit let N/S bid accurately to the spade game rather 3NT. After a club lead Scata safety-played spades by finessing on the second round and held himself to 10 tricks but +620 was still 32/46 MP.





Mark Horton

The Theory of Everything

In the evening Salsomaggiore is awash with bridge players eager to discuss the deals of the day. Sitting outside one of the local hostelrys with Barry, Ron & Herman we were approached by Zach Grossack who presented us with this hand:

Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J 5
♥ A K 10 5 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 7 5 3

After a non-descript auction (Pass-1NT-Pass-3NT) you find yourself on lead against 3NT. What should you do?

It looks natural to lead a heart, but which one should you select?

Most partnerships have an agreement about leading from honour combinations and in this situation one option is to use the ♥A to ask for attitude, while the ♥K would ask partner to unblock an honour. Here you can eliminate the latter as your suit is not strong enough. That leaves you a choice between the ♥A and a small card. If you lead the former and partner holds ♥Qx your hopes of defeating the contract have probably vanished. Leading a low card runs the risk (especially at Pairs) of presenting declarer with a cheap trick, and perhaps the contract.

While you are pondering you might also consider what you might do if IMPs is the name of the game.

Alas, I have not had time to get David Bird to run a simulation on his computer but I have a feeling that the machine would select the ♥A, which is what I would have chosen.

This is what you can see:

♠ 9 4
♥ 9 7 4
♦ A K J 9 6 3
♣ J 10

♠ J 5
♥ A K 10 5 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 7 5 3



Suppose partner follows with the six (discouraging) and declarer with the three. As I see it, your best chance now is to continue with the ♥K, hoping that declarer started with ♥Q3. Naturally your partner

will remember to unblock the jack.

Alternatively suppose your partner contributes the ♥J at trick one?

If that is from a doubleton you need to find partner with an entry (and it may be necessary to guess where it is immediately) while if it is from ♥J86 continuing with the ♥K is immediately decisive.

Another possibility (for those using upside down signals) is that partner follows with the ♥8. Is that from ♥86 or ♥J86?

This was the full deal:

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9 4
♥ 9 7 4
♦ A K J 9 6 3
♣ J 10

♠ J 5
♥ A K 10 5 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 7 5 3

♠ A 8 6 3 2
♥ J 8 6
♦ Q
♣ Q 9 8 6

♠ K Q 10 7
♥ Q 3
♦ 10 8 2
♣ A K 4 2

At the table West led the ♥2 at trick one so our discussion, as is frequently the case, was academic.

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Mark Horton

Report from Down Under

Australian Youth Team Captains Will Jenner-O'Shea & Mike Doecke are doing a great job for the folks back home, producing a detailed report of what is happening here in Salsomaggiore. They kindly forwarded a copy of their latest effort to Barry Rigal, who passed it on to me suggesting we take a further look at a deal from their report:

Here was a really well played hand by Under 26 Josh Tomlin who recently moved from Canberra to Adelaide, and promptly won the Youth ANC for South Australia.

Board 15. Dealer North. NS Vul.

♠ J 4 ♥ K 9 7 6 5 ♦ A 2 ♣ K Q 10 6		♠ K 9 8 2 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ Q 9 4 ♣ A 9 7	♠ A 10 7 6 5 3 ♥ A ♦ K 10 6 ♣ 5 4 2
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West	North	East	South
—	Flicker		Tomlin
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Josh received the ♦3 lead (3rd/5th) and immediately won the ♦A, then played a Diamond to the King and then ruffed his losing Diamond. He led the ♠J finessing and lost a trick to the singleton ♠Q. East returned a Heart which Josh won, and hoping for good news, he led the ♠A. Alas, trumps were splitting 4-1 and with West holding the ♠K9, the ♣A missing, and Josh already having lost a trick, things were not looking good.

Here is the position that Josh was in:

♠ — ♥ K 9 7 ♦ — ♣ K Q 10 6		♠ K 9 ♥ J 8 ♦ — ♣ A 9 7	♠ 10 7 6 5 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 5 4 2
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Josh led a Club to the King, and East's Ace. East would have done better to return a Club in this position, but played a Heart back. Josh ruffed the Heart in hand, then finessed a Club to the Ten, and ruffed another Heart. Fortunately, everyone followed suit when a third round of Clubs was led to Dummy, and now with only a few cards remaining Josh led another Heart from Dummy. East had the ♠K9 but had to play in front of Josh's ♠107, allowing Declarer to only lose one more trick, make his game, and earn a very handy 80%.

Well played Josh!

Eagle eyed readers will have observed that West can thwart declarer's plan by exiting with a club rather than a heart. East can win and exit with a club, preventing the trump promotion. However, if declarer overtakes dummy's ♠J with the ace, cashes the ♥A and plays a club to the king East is helpless. If he wins and exits with a club declarer win in dummy, ruffs a heart, goes to dummy with a club, ruffs another heart and exits with a spade while ducking the ace of clubs sees declarer pitch a club on the ♥K, ruff a heart and exit with a club. East can win but declarer must get two more trump tricks. Editor.




Mark Horton

Brief Encounters

In the second session of day 2 the deals did not strike me as being exciting, despite, as everyone knows, that every one of them is a potential minefield.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
<i>Kukuljan</i>	<i>Oikonomopoulos</i>	<i>Rus</i>	<i>Balokas</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Dble*	1NT	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Holding two aces North did not hesitate to double 2♠ and South was happy to convert it. Shakespearean students may have anticipated my next line: ‘The plays the thing, wherein I’ll catch the conscience of the king’. It proved to be particularly appropriate.

North led the ♦10 and declarer went up with dummy’s ace and advanced the ♠J. When South followed with the three, declarer let it run, drew trumps, and played the ♦Q. South ducked, so declarer exited with the ♣6. North went up with the queen and continued with the ♣A. As Hamlet almost said, ‘The rest was silence’, +470 and 0/46.

The common result on the NS cards was to score nine tricks in hearts, +140 collecting 25/21.

Board 4. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Drnousek</i>	<i>Grossack</i>	<i>Stiglic</i>	<i>Luba</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	Rdbl	1♠	2♣
Pass	2♠*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

West led the ♦8 and declarer won in dummy and played the ♣J for the king and ace. When declarer continued with the ♣9 West won with the queen and switched to the ♠6. East took the ace and switched to ♥6 handing declarer a useful overtrick,



Zach Grossack

+150 and 37/9. A modest +130 would have scored 27/19.

A couple of things occurred to me; East might have bid 2♠ in response to his partner's double and West might have switched to the ♠K.

Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Mann	Gue	Hansson	Simpson
1♥	Pass	3♥	4♣*
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

South's 4♣ was clearly intended to show clubs and spades, but was North aware of that?

Five hearts had to go one down, but as you can see NS can take 11 tricks in spades. -100 was worth 21/25 while 5♠ scored 33/13. The pairs who were doubled for +850 were rewarded with 40/6.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

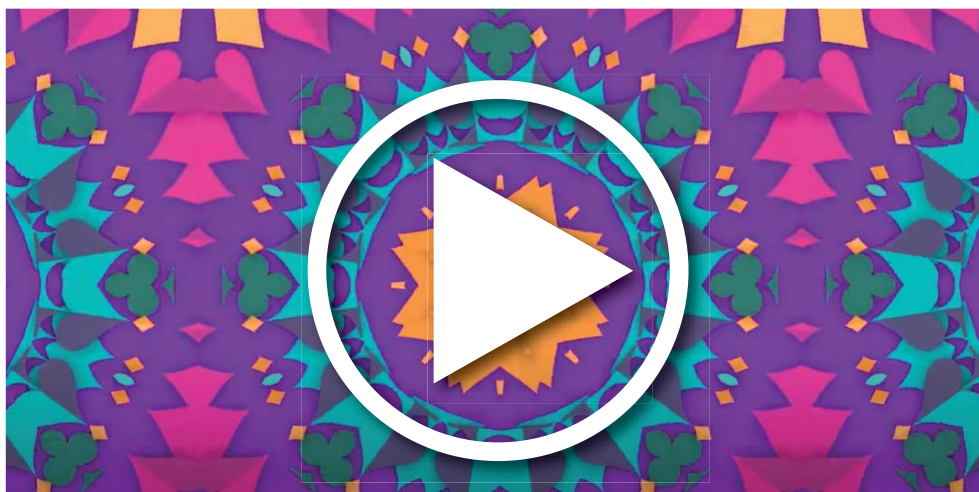
West	North	East	South
Giubilo	Chan	Gaiotti	Lee
—	—	1♦	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♣6 for the queen and ace and declarer cashed the diamonds, crossed to dummy's ♣K, played a spade to the king and cashed the ♣J discarding dummy's ♥K. South, who was being squeezed had already discarded a spade, so +720 and 11/35.

Three pairs bid a slam, the palm going to Roy and Kushari who reached the excellent 6NT with West as declarer. It's hard for North not to give that on the lead and when the ♥3 was ducked declarer was +1470 for 0/46.

On four occasions South led the ♥Q against 3NT. When declarer played low from dummy three defenders cashed the ♥A which meant they lost 660 – but they scored 42-4. At the other table South continued with the ♥J and when declarer withheld dummy's king +600 delivered the dreaded zero.

VIDEO CORNER



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBSBTpnDlu8>



PAIRS - UNDER 26 / UNDER 31

1	ROY Sagnik	KUSHARI Sayantan	IND - IND	60.50
2	BEDOUET Pierre	VALLET Esteban	FRA - FRA	60.25
3	DONATI Giovanni	SCATA Sebastiano	ITA - ITA	59.82
4	VAN OOSTEN Sibbrand	FREEMAN Jacob	NED - CAN	57.77
5	BOULIN Arthur	GUILLEMIN Theo	FRA - FRA	56.40
6	ROSENBERG Kevin	ZHU Bo Han	USA - CAN	56.24
7	HANSSON Erik	MANN Castor	SWE - SWE	56.12
8	GROSSACK Zachary	LUBA Harrison Anders	USA - USA	54.94
9	EVACIC Emanuel	BILUSIC Ivan	CRO - CRO	54.89
10	ZEITAK Aviv	KHUTORSKY Nir	ISR - ISR	54.16
11	OIKONOMOPOULOS Ioannis	BALOKAS Dimitrios Konstantinos	GRE - GRE	53.65
12	FRAGOLA Maxence	TABATA Nao	FRA - FRA	53.20
13	THOMPSON Jamie	SPOONER Andrew	AUS - AUS	53.14
14	KIKUCHI Tadahiro	HINO Takayuki	JPN - JPN	52.36
15	MYLLAERI Maria	VANNI Ilona	FIN - FIN	52.05
16	DOERMER Felix	FARWIG Sven Niklas	GER - GER	51.95
17	PABST Philipp	LITTERST Maximilian	GER - GER	51.43
18	PIEPER Jonathan	STEPPER Maximilian Niklas	GER - GER	51.40
19	YUGE Hirokana	YAMADA Ryoichi	JPN - JPN	51.28
20	DAS Shouvik	BAR Surajit	IND - IND	51.19
21	BELLICAUD Luc	GUTH Romaric	FRA - FRA	51.06
22	GUE David	SIMPSON Jamie	AUS - AUS	49.67
23	MACKOWIAK Karol	JOZKOWIAK Lukasz	POL - POL	49.59
24	BONIN Louis	GUICHET Thomas	FRA - FRA	49.48
25	GHOSH Soumadeep	CHAKRABORTY Arya	IND - IND	49.43
26	CIESLINSKI Jan	JANKOWSKI Mikolaj	POL - POL	49.31
27	RUS Gregor	KUKULJAN Teo	SLO - SLO	49.28
28	KOPPEL Samuel Reese	WOOD Ethan	USA - USA	49.13
29	TOMLIN Joshua	FLICKER Damon	AUS - AUS	49.05
30	TOMIS Zdenek	DOLANSKA Veronika	CZE - CZE	48.96
31	SONG Yihan	YAMAZAKI Nana	JPN - JPN	48.69
32	KAR Souvik	DAS Pritam	IND - IND	48.68
33	RODRIGUES Taral Emmanuel Lazarus	SARKAR Soham	IND - IND	48.56
34	GAIOTTI Alvaro	GIUBILO Gabriele	ITA - ITA	47.92
35	WU Michael	CHEUNG Wai Lam	HKG - HKG	47.35
36	STOECKLI Jeremie	CALMANOVICI Alessandro	SUI - SUI	47.23
37	FRESA Vincenzo Beniamino	LOPREVITE Andrea	ITA - ITA	47.20
38	KOIVU Oskari	HUHTAMAKI Hermanni	FIN - FIN	46.19
39	INOUE Yoshitake	YAGISHITA Kotaro	JPN - JPN	45.16
40	CHAN Ki Hang	LEE Sheung Him	HKG - HKG	44.65
41	DRAGHI Luca	COTTONE Marco Giuseppe	ITA - ITA	43.18
42	LAM Alfred	HUNG Tsz Fung Harry	HKG - HKG	43.09
43	PINTO Johann Jose	SELVARAJ Dinesh Babu	IND - IND	43.03
44	UMEHARA Nagisa	NISHINO Kenta	JPN - JPN	42.87
45	DRNOVSEK Tina	STIGLIC Mihaela	SLO - SLO	42.55
46	MARINI Valerio	GALLO Francesco	ITA - ITA	42.28
47	GABRIEL Richard	SYKOROVA Emilia	SVK - SVK	42.26
48	INAMI Terushi	SAITO Tatsunosuke	JPN - JPN	41.34

PAIRS - WOMEN UNDER 26

1	KAMAL PATEL Vidhya	BALIRAM GURJAR Kalpana	IND - IND	55.82
2	BOUTON Clara	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	FRA - FRA	55.77
3	DALPOZZO Valentina	DALPOZZO Federica	ITA - ITA	54.34
4	INDREBO Thea Lucia	BREKKE Kaja	NOR - NOR	54.32
5	SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	BELLOY Constance	FRA - FRA	54.28
6	DONNELLAN Margot	DONNELLAN Ava	USA - USA	53.88
7	BRUSOTTI Cristina	DAVIDE Zaira	ITA - ITA	53.02
8	YEN Shao-Ting	CHENG Yung-Yun	TPE - TPE	52.97
9	KJENSLI Agnethe Hansen	STATLE Mia Eline	NOR - NOR	51.41
10	CAPOBIANCO Sophia	DALPOZZO Eleonora	ITA - ITA	49.97
11	PELAGGI Maddalena	PELAGGI Annachiara	ITA - ITA	47.57
12	BHIMANAİK Rekha	BASU Subhashree	IND - IND	47.20
13	TONELLI Magda	MONTESANTI Albertica	ITA - ITA	46.41
14	LORENZINI Virginia	ZACCARO Alessia	ITA - ITA	45.14
15	YANG Hsin-Jung	CHEN Wei-Shou	TPE - TPE	45.11
16	CHANG An-Chi	CHUANG Ho-Chuan	TPE - TPE	41.87
17	DI MAURO Roberta	ROTOLICO Alessia	ITA - ITA	40.93





PAIRS - UNDER 21

1	LAHRMANN Christian	ROMBAUT Leo	DEN - FRA	60.93
2	ARGAY Zsolt	KEMENY Mark	HUN - HUN	60.87
3	BROGELAND Anders	SAETRE Magnus	NOR - NOR	59.38
4	XU Michael	KOLESNIK Finn	USA - USA	58.80
5	PETELKO Lia	RETTOR Koren	ISR - ISR	58.46
6	ABRAGI Andreas	HEIBERG-EVENSTAD Nicolai	SWE - NOR	57.04
7	ROCHES Maxence	BENS Clement	FRA - FRA	56.90
8	AUSTAD Marius Dalemark	OEBERG Ida Marie	NOR - NOR	56.89
9	SABBAH Ofek	SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	ISR - ISR	56.53
10	CARLETTI Alessandro	LOMBARDI Matteo	ITA - ITA	56.51
11	SOUMPLIS Michail	PAPASPYROU Iasonas-iraklis	GRE - GRE	56.48
12	ROSE Henry	LA CHAPELLE Imogen	ENG - ENG	55.23
13	GOOR Ronald	FRIESEN Xavier	NED - NED	54.45
14	LICHTENSTEIN Ivar	HJORTH WARLENIUS Harry	SWE - SWE	54.15
15	BEDFORD Charlotte	ANOYRKATIS Venetia	ENG - ENG	54.12
16	TOPPER Lara	ROSE Jacob	AUS - AUS	53.61
17	GE Brandon	SCHIRESON Olivia	USA - USA	53.53
18	FARWIG Ole	FAUPEL Jonas	GER - GER	53.39
19	KURLIT Franciszek	KUFLOWSKI Kacper	POL - POL	53.15
20	FU Ryan	WU Han	USA - CAN	53.13
21	CRONE Luca	O'FARRELL Matthew	IRL - IRL	52.04
22	GUENDEL Marius	SCHWALBACH Kathrin	GER - GER	51.98
23	BORTAK Peter	KENTOS Simon	SVK - SVK	51.83
24	MSIKA Daniel	MOSKOVITZ Ido	ISR - ISR	51.41
25	ZABRADI Benjamin	SELMENCI David	HUN - HUN	51.20
26	PRAJJWAL -	CHOWDHURY Tilakraj	IND - IND	51.11
27	GRAS Szymon	PILAT Jakub	POL - POL	51.07
28	SYU Pin Yao	SYU Liang Yu	TPE - TPE	50.84
29	MORGAN Gilbert	LUKE - PAREDI Jack	AUS - AUS	50.50
30	SINCLAIR Theodore Cosmo	CATER James	ENG - ENG	50.20
31	LOMBARDI Antonio	GARDENGHI Oslo	ITA - ITA	50.17
32	FEGARTY Jamie	FEGARTY Liam	ENG - ENG	49.85
33	STASIK Michal	BAK Wojciech	POL - POL	49.63
34	HE Cindy	CHENG Ziyu (Max)	CAN - CAN	49.50
35	LIN Xuan-da	CHEN Cian-Han	TPE - TPE	49.49
36	TOESSE Thomas	LANDSVIK Are Borgar	NOR - NOR	49.32
37	PYSZKO Adam	LYSEK Matyas	CZE - CZE	49.11
38	SINCLAIR Raffy	BARNETT Rufus	ENG - ENG	48.88
39	FRIESEN Gabor	ESSINK Jorn	NED - NED	48.45
40	NORMAN Lucy	FURNESS Tom	ENG - ENG	48.25
41	KAPIRIS Dimitrios	SKORDAS Panagiotis	GRE - GRE	47.90
42	KRASA Mikulas	ROMANOWSKI Cenek	CZE - CZE	46.72
43	NAWROCKI Jakub	CHALUPNICZAK Wiktor	POL - POL	46.63
44	RAMAZZOTTI Giacomo	SANMARTINO Filippo	ITA - ITA	45.37
45	VACHTARCIKOVA Nikol	DROZD Matej	CZE - CZE	44.72
46	HUANG Ya Hsuan	WU Ruo Xin	TPE - TPE	44.46
47	BOREVKOVIC Vlatko	MIKEC Marko	CRO - CRO	44.22
48	XIAO Yuqi	SHIMADA Kentaro	JPN - JPN	44.10
49	ABE Ryusuke	KAYAMA Yu	JPN - JPN	42.08
50	GARCIA Silvia	ARREAGA ESTEVEZ Maria Raphaela	ECU - ECU	42.02
51	PACELAT Martin	KURYGIN Konstantin	CRO - CRO	40.97
52	SOTORP Nicolai	SERRANO SOTOMAYOR Renata	ECU - ECU	39.91
53	OLMER Adam	VASICKOVA Barbora	CZE - CZE	39.12
54	CHEN Quan	JIANG Kevin	CAN - USA	38.27
55	LIU Garrett	CHIANG Donnie	CAN - CAN	34.84
56	PERALTA Denisse	SALAZAR MACIAS Andres	ECU - ECU	29.36

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1	XIAO Eric	XIAO Jeff	USA - USA	63.60
2	BHATT ANSHUL	LI Darwin	IND - CAN	63.26
3	BUKAT Aleks	TROJAK Jan	POL - POL	62.47
4	GOOR Martijn	KLARENBEEK Wout	NED - NED	61.42
5	PAREKH Aman	BATTERSBY William	ENG - ENG	58.04
6	OSEN Einar	AUSTAD Kristian Dalemark	NOR - NOR	57.70
7	PEDMANSON Albert	VAHK Jasper	EST - EST	57.58
8	STEZALA Franciszek	MICHALSKI Jakub	POL - POL	57.55
9	KLIMIUK Milena	KISIELEWSKI Kacper	POL - POL	56.30
10	ZHANG Brian	CHEN Andrew	USA - USA	55.18
11	BEN GUIGUI Costa Theodore	KUBAT Frantisek	GRE - CZE	53.19
12	BRADKIN Thomas	BRADKIN Andrew	ENG - ENG	52.55
13	ZAIDENBERG GATT Aviv Leonardo	ZAIDENBERG GATT Sophie	ISR - ISR	52.06
14	GE Kayden	CHEN Charlie	USA - USA	51.84
15	CHOWDHURY Tirtharaj	MUTHUSWAMY Nachiketa	IND - IND	50.52
16	RECICAROVA Karolina	VACHTARCIK Lukas	CZE - CZE	49.37
17	KOTEWICZ Ignacy	WOJTOWICZ Antoni	POL - POL	48.22
18	TARANTO Roberto Domenico	DE ANGELIS Matteo	ITA - ITA	47.09
19	AGUILAR Christopher Omar	BALLERINO LEIGH Sofia	ECU - ECU	45.05
20	PILAT Marek	DROZD Jonas	CZE - CZE	44.29
21	DUTERTE Gregoire	ROULLE Xavier	FRA - FRA	41.03
22	PACE Gabriele	MIOZZI Emanuele Massimo	ITA - ITA	40.47
23	JAHAGIRDAR Rashi	GOYAL Paavan	IND - IND	39.06
24	CHAN Vivian Sze-Ching	CHAN Cindy Sze-Wing	ECU - ECU	38.54
25	SUEUR Zelie	CAYLA Lucile	FRA - FRA	35.95
26	ZUNIGA URQUIZA Chiara	JARAMILLO BALSECA Emily Sofia	ECU - ECU	34.60
27	BERNAL Isabela	BERNAL Daniela	ECU - ECU	32.81

