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# THERE IS A LOT OF TIME LEFT



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*The playing area*

The fields are spreading out in each event. In the Juniors, Youngsters and Kids, the difference between first and last is some five matches. In the Girls, though, it is only two-and-a-half.

In the Juniors, USA1 has maintained its undefeated run. France is comfortably second, but you could throw a blanket over the next five teams: India, Singapore, Sweden, Netherlands and Israel.

In the Youngsters, the first three stayed the same: Israel, Poland and Italy. However, each lost one match yesterday.

Canada still leads the Kids division, but after losing twice yesterday, once to France by 38 imps and once to Israel by 2, now Poland, Germany, China 3, USA and Sweden are snapping at their heels.

Last, but most definitely not least, in the Girls flight, the Netherlands have dropped from first to third after losing all three matches, against Poland, France and China. France leads, followed by Poland and, very close behind, Hungary, Norway and China.

# DRAW & VUGRAPH SCHEDULE TODAY

JUNIOR			
FUNBRIDGE	USA 1	vs	FRA
	ENG	vs	IND
	NZL	vs	SGP
	CHN	vs	USA 2
BBO	CAN	vs	ITA
	ISR	vs	BOT
	COL	vs	EGY
	AUS	vs	SWE
BBO+VG	HKG	vs	POL
	TPE	vs	INA
BBO	CHI	vs	NED

ROUND 8 — TIME: 10.00

JUNIOR			
BBO	BOT	vs	EGY
	ITA	vs	NED
	USA 2	vs	POL
	SGP	vs	INA
BBO+VG	IND	vs	SWE
	FRA	vs	TPE
	USA 1	vs	HKG
	ENG	vs	CHI
BBO	AUS	vs	CAN
	CHN	vs	ISR
	NZL	vs	COL

ROUND 9 — TIME: 13.30

JUNIOR			
BBO	CAN	vs	CHN
	ISR	vs	NZL
	COL	vs	ENG
	CHL	vs	USA 1
BBO	HKG	vs	FRA
	TPE	vs	IND
	SWE	vs	SGP
	INA	vs	USA 2
BBO+VG	POL	vs	ITA
	EGY	vs	AUS
	NED	vs	BOT

ROUND 10 — TIME: 15.50

JUNIOR			
BBO	TPE	vs	HKG
	SWE	vs	CHI
	INA	vs	COL
	POL	vs	ISR
BBO+VG	NED	vs	CAN
	EGY	vs	CHN
	BOT	vs	NZL
	ITA	vs	ENG
BBO	USA 2	vs	USA 1
	SGP	vs	FRA
	IND	vs	AUS

ROUND 11 — TIME: 18.10

YOUNGSTERS			
BBO+VG	CAN	vs	BOT
	USA	vs	IND
	THA	vs	TPE
	FIN	vs	BUL
BBO	ENG	vs	GER
	FRA	vs	HKG
	SWE	vs	NOR
	SGP	vs	CHN
BBO+VG	ISR	vs	POL
	NED	vs	JPN
	CHI	vs	ITA

ROUND 8 — TIME: 10.00

YOUNGSTERS			
FUNBRIDGE	HKG	vs	NOR
	GER	vs	ITA
	BUL	vs	POL
	TPE	vs	JPN
BBO+VG	IND	vs	CHN
	BOT	vs	NED
	CAN	vs	ISR
	USA	vs	CHI
BBO	SGP	vs	ENG
	FIN	vs	FRA
	THA	vs	SWE

ROUND 9 — TIME: 13.30

YOUNGSTERS			
BBO+VG	ENG	vs	FIN
	FRA	vs	THA
	SWE	vs	USA
	CHI	vs	CAN
BBO	ISR	vs	BOT
	NED	vs	IND
	CHN	vs	TPE
	JPN	vs	BUL
BBO+VG	POL	vs	GER
	NOR	vs	SGP
	ITA	vs	HKG

ROUND 10 — TIME: 15.50

YOUNGSTERS			
FUNBRIDGE	NED	vs	ISR
	CHN	vs	CHI
	JPN	vs	SWE
	POL	vs	FRA
BBO	ITA	vs	ENG
	NOR	vs	FIN
	HKG	vs	THA
	GER	vs	USA
BBO+VG	BUL	vs	CAN
	TPE	vs	BOT
	IND	vs	SGP

ROUND 11 — TIME: 18.10

GIRLS			
BBO	CHN	vs	TUR
	FRA	vs	CHI
	POL	vs	INA
	HKG	vs	USA
BBO+VG	BRA	vs	NOR
	NED	vs	TPE
	HUN	vs	ENG
	THA	vs	Bye

ROUND 7 — TIME: 10.00

GIRLS			
BBO	CHI	vs	CHN
	INA	vs	FRA
	USA	vs	POL
	NOR	vs	HKG
BBO+VG	ENG	vs	BRA
	TPE	vs	TUR
	THA	vs	NED
	HUN	vs	Bye

ROUND 8 — TIME: 13.30

GIRLS			
FUNBRIDGE	CHN	vs	INA
	FRA	vs	USA
	POL	vs	NOR
	HKG	vs	BRA
BBO	CHI	vs	TPE
	TUR	vs	THA
	NED	vs	HUN
	ENG	vs	Bye

ROUND 9 — TIME: 15.50

KIDS			
BBO	GRE	vs	FRA
	BOT	vs	USA
	TUR	vs	ISR
	CAN	vs	CHN 2
BBO+VG	CHN 1	vs	ENG
	DEN	vs	GER
	CHN 3	vs	POL
	IND	vs	SWE
BBO	NOR	vs	CHI

ROUND 9 — TIME: 10.00

KIDS			
BBO	USA	vs	GRE
	ISR	vs	BOT
	CHN 2	vs	TUR
	ENG	vs	CAN
BBO+VG	SWE	vs	CHN 1
	GER	vs	FRA
	POL	vs	DEN
	IND	vs	CHN 3
BBO	NOR	vs	TPE

ROUND 10 — TIME: 13.30

KIDS			
BBO	GRE	vs	ISR
	BOT	vs	CHN 2
	TUR	vs	ENG
	CAN	vs	CHN 1
BBO+VG	USA	vs	GER
	FRA	vs	POL
	DEN	vs	IND
	CHN 3	vs	NOR
BBO	TPE	vs	SWE

ROUND 11 — TIME: 15.50

KIDS			
BBO	CHN 2	vs	GRE
	ENG	vs	BOT
	CHN 1	vs	TUR
	SWE	vs	CAN
BBO+VG	GER	vs	ISR
	POL	vs	USA
	IND	vs	FRA
	NOR	vs	DEN
BBO	TPE	vs	CHN 3

ROUND 12 — TIME: 18.10



Jos Jacobs

# ISRAEL VS FRANCE

YOUNGSTERS – ROUND 3

After the opening two rounds, Israel were leading the field with a near-maximum score of 38.76 VP. No team in any category had scored more VP in their first two matches. So I decided to have a look at them immediately, hoping for some more good bridge from them, and possibly from France, their next opponents, as well. Both countries, Israel and France, enjoy a long-standing reputation of playing sensible bridge, their national Open Teams finishing as runners-up in the recent European Championships in Ostend and last year's Bermuda Bowl in Lyon, respectively. What about their future hopes in international bridge?

On the opening board of the match, the French were definitely unlucky.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boulin	Baniri	Guillemin	Khutorsky
	Pass	1♣	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Even more so in view of South's overcall, I feel sympathy for West's idea of giving it a second try. At the bridge table, however, sympathy does not count; it's inspiration that really matters. So full marks to Baniri, who did not even need any help from his partner to find the lead of the ♦A and another for a quick one down. Partner no doubt would have helped effectively by winning with his ♠A at the first attempt and continuing his diamond ... Israel plus 50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Loonstein	Fragola	Zeitak	Dufrene
	Pass	1♣	2♥
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Loonstein's approach after the same start to the auction was much more to the point. He made the excellent choice of 4♣ at his second turn, enabling partner to deny any red-suit control thus enabling him to call it a day at a safe level. Just made, Israel plus 420 and 10 imps to open their account.

Two boards later, there was a serious accident.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boulin	Baniri	Guillemin	Khutorsky
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

The Israeli pair, with help of Gazzilli's 2♣ complex, found a neat way to 6♦, which proved an easy contract. Israel plus 920. With the ♦J in West, you might even make all 13 tricks, but that was not the issue at this table.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Loonstein	Fragola	Zeitak	Dufrene
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	All Pass	

To South, the 3♦ transfer to hearts suggested much better hearts than North actually held.

Down three, Israel another plus 150 and 14 more imps to lead 24-0 after just 3 boards.

On the next board, the combined E/W hands were nowhere near a slam:

### Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boulin	Baniri	Guillemin	Khutorsky
1♠	Dble	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Maybe also warned by North's first-round take-out double, the French E/W settled for game and were rewarded with two overtricks when Boulin called for dummy's king on North's lead of a low club. Dummy continued with a club to South's queen, and when a diamond came back, declarer had the rest. France plus 680.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Loonstein	Fragola	Zeitak	Dufrene
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

After East's heart cue-bid agreeing spades (West having shown five of them), North led a low diamond. When declarer misguessed in clubs, he could no longer make the contract and eventually went down two by a slightly careless misplay. France another plus 200 and 13 imps back to them.

The next board was intriguing but neither team came anywhere near the proper contract.

### Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boulin	Baniri	Guillemin	Khutorsky
	1♣	4♥	4♠
5♥	5♠	All Pass	

With the clubs 4-3, nine tricks are cold for E/W in 3NT, but who can blame East for simply overcalling 4♥? When South, West and even North accepted the ensuing challenges, the Israelis were lucky that nobody caught them for speeding. Down two, France plus 200.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Loonstein	Fragola	Zeitak	Dufrene
	1♦	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

Again, all players involved accepted the challenges, albeit at a lower level. 4♠ went just one down, of course, so Israel scored plus 100 but France gained 3 imps.

The next board was another slam.



## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boulin	Baniri	Guillemin	Khutorsky
		1♦	1♥
Dble	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	5♣	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

When the French came nowhere near the slam, they had to be content with down four and plus 800.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Loonstein	Fragola	Zeitak	Dufrene
		1♦	1♥
1♠	4♥	Dble	5♥
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

At the other table, par was reached when the French sacrificed at the six-level. One more undertrick for an extra 300 points to Israel, good for 7 more imps.

Two boards later, both North players reached a cold contract (on double-dummy basis), but how should you play it, especially when an opponent has been unfriendly enough to double you?



ARTHUR BOULIN

FRANCE

## Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boulin	Baniri	Guillemin	Khutorsky
1♣	1♥	1♠ (a)	2♥
3♣	4♥	All Pass	

(a) Transfer to 1NT

West won partner's low-club lead and returned his singleton diamond into dummy's tenace, but this was not good enough. Dummy continued a low trump, on which West jumped in with his ♥A to return a spade. Declarer was not to be taken in, however: he went up with the ace, cashed the ♥K, on which both of the outstanding trumps appeared, crossed to dummy's ♦Q and ran the ♠10 to East's jack. When the ♠K put in appearance perforce on declarer's next spade lead, the contact was home. Israel plus 420.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Loonstein	Fragola	Zeitak	Dufrene
1♣	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Dble	4♥	Dble	All Pass

When East heard his right-hand opponent bid spades, he thought he could afford a double. He led a club to partner's jack and a spade came back. Can you blame declarer now for not going up with the ♠A and continuing a top trump – the only winning line?

When declarer finessed the ♠Q, East won his king and tried another club, ruffed by declarer. Even at this point, a top trump from hand would still have worked, but declarer took a winning diamond finesse instead. Next came a spade to the ace and a spade ruff, bringing down East's ♠K. When dummy finally continued with a low trump, West jumped in with his

♥A and led his last spade to give partner the chance to ruff in front of dummy with his ♠J. Indeed, West got a diamond ruff in return, for an unexpected two down, another plus 300 and 12 imps to Israel. Nicely done.

With the score at 50-16 to Israel, this was the penultimate board:

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Boulin	Baniri	Guillemin	Khutorsky
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

On a natural low club lead by South, nine tricks were easy with such a good spade suit in dummy. France plus 600.

Closed Room

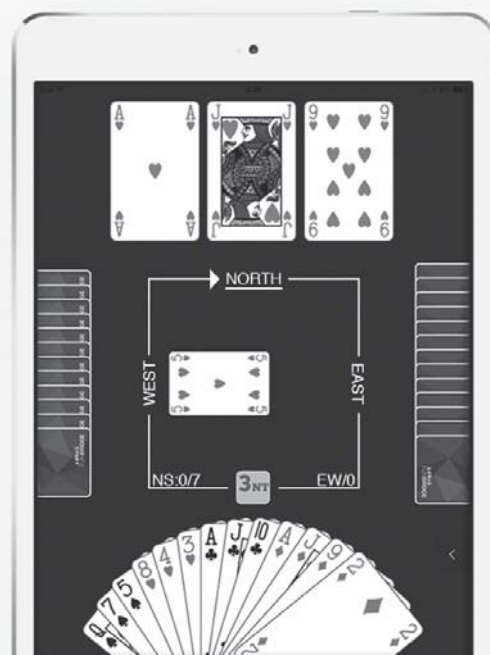
West	North	East	South
Loonstein	Fragola	Zeitak	Dufrene
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

When East saw no clear source of tricks over partner's jump rebid, he cautiously passed and thus had to be content with just plus 140, for a loss of 10 imps. This way, the final score became 50-26 to Israel, 16.03-3.97 VP.



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David Bird

# POLAND VS ENGLAND

JUNIOR – ROUND 3

The Great Dealer favoured us with plenty of high contracts in this match. In the Closed Room, the lowest contract was 3NT, until the spell was broke on the final board, when they stopped in one diamond. Right, let's see some action.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	Marcinowski	Natt	Sobczak
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	7♦

South's Polish 1♣ covers many hand types and his 1♠ rebid was forcing for one round. The subsequent 2♠ showed an 18-plus hand, and the diamond fit was then found. When Mateusz Sobczak heard of two aces opposite, the odds looked good to him for a grand slam. Dummy had nothing to spare, as it turned out, and contract required some play.

Shahzaad Natt led the ♥Q, warning declarer of a bad heart break. Piotr Marcinowski won with dummy's king and immediately played three top spades, throwing his club losers. When he continued with a fourth spade, West produced the jack and declarer had to ruff with the ♦10. Good news arrived when East could not overruff. Declarer played the ♦A and ♣A, ruffing the ♣J with the ♦9. It remained only

to draw trumps and claim the established long spade for his 13th trick. The grand slam was against the required odds, but the bidding had been brave and the play was wonderful.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawada	Alishaw	Madcher	Kennedy
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	5NT

After a strong-club opening and recognizable bidding up to 5♥, Stephen Kennedy did not jump to 7♦. He bid 5NT to ask for the ♣K and stopped in 6♦ when partner denied the card. East led ♣7 and 12 tricks were made, Poland gaining 11 imps.

Board 4. Dealer West. Game all.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	Marcinowski	Natt	Sobczak
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Ben Norton made no attempt to investigate a 'perfect cards opposite' slam. He won the diamond lead, drew trumps and led the ♣10. North claimed his two aces and that was plus 650.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawada	Alishaw	Madcher	Kennedy
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

East bid more strongly at this table, and West must have been disappointed to hear of no aces opposite. He slammed on the brakes, and North led his singleton trump. Declarer won and drew a second round, North showing out. West then played three top diamonds, ditching dummy's ♥7. When he ran the ♣10, South won with the ♣Q and returned a heart to the king and ace, ruffed in the dummy. North won the next club and led the ♦J, South overruffing the dummy for two down since there was still a heart to lose.

Poland's good fortune on the diamond grand slam had been balanced by going down on this one. England collected 13 imps.

## Board 5. Dealer North. N/S game.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	Marcinowski	Natt	Sobczak
1♣	1♥	1♠	
2♣	2♠	4♥	All Pass

I always enjoy watching BBO deals that feature a battle between the major suits. Here Natt opted to overcall at the one-level. Even though North's 1♣ opening was Polish, not promising clubs, East-West knew that Norton's 2♣ showed a sound heart raise. The auction ended in 4♥, and South led the ♠2 to the queen and ace. Declarer was just short of the dummy entries needed to establish a spade discard on the diamonds and went one down. What would happen at the other table?

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawada	Alishaw	Madcher	Kennedy
	1♣	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

East's 4♥ overcall worked well in a way. South bid 4♠ and this was destined to fail on a diamond ruff. However, West could hardly be blamed for raising the hearts and this went two down doubled for a loss of 6 imps.

The next board was splendidly bid at both tables:

## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W game.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	Marcinowski	Natt	Sobczak
1♠	4♥	1♦	1♥
6♦	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	6♥

Natt found a minimum take-out double of North's 4♥, and Norton did excellently to bid 6♦ instead of 5♦. He could judge that partner would not have wasted values in the heart suit. South then found the good sacrifice in 6♥, convinced by the confident East-West bidding that 6♦ would be made. It was a fine auction and East-West took all of their tricks to exact a penalty of 1100, still a worthwhile save against the likely 1390 the other way.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawada	Alishaw	Madcher	Kennedy
		1♦	1♥
Dble	4♥	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	6♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass



Jakub Zawada's double promised spades, and Arkadiusz Majcher did well to find a 5♦ bid. West raised to 6♦, and Kennedy then found the required sacrifice. At both tables it was bidding worthy of any championship. The penalty was again 1100 and no imps changed hands.

England missed a chance at both tables of this deal:

Board 8. Dealer West. Love all.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Norton	Marcinowski	Natt	Sobczak
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♥
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♥
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, after explaining that the 1♠ bid showed at least four clubs, carried the bidding to 4♣. With the favourable lie of both black suits, it seemed that this

might be made. Declarer won the ♥K lead and played a diamond to the king and ace. North won the heart return and continued with the ace and another spade. It was clear to finesse the ♠J, the kibitzers thought. How could the contract be made otherwise? When the jack wins, declarer can lead the ♣10, unblocking the 8 or 7, and continue with the ♣9. Whether South covers or not, the entries will be present for a ruffing finesse in diamonds, followed by a discard of the last spade.

Apparently still unhappy with the 1♠ bid, we were told, declarer called for the ♠K and went two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zawada	Alishaw	Madcher	Kennedy
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♥
3♣	4♥	Dble	All Pass

East's 1♠ denied spades, and North ended in 4♥ doubled. Madcher led the ♣9, overtaken by the jack, and Zawada then returned the ♦6 into dummy's tenace. If declarer had read this as a singleton, he could have succeeded by playing trumps next and guessing to ruff out the ♠K from the East hand. This would have been a bit double-dummy, and Alishaw preferred to finesse the ♠Q. East won and delivered a diamond ruff. The ♥A was still to come, so that was one down.

England lost 5 imps when they might have gained quite a few. The general bidding and play had been of a high standard, and Poland won by 29 imps to 20 (11.87 vps to 8.13).

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Kees Tammens

## BEWARE OF THE DUTCH GIRLS (PART 2)

Part one of this story appeared in 2007 during the European Championships in Jesolo, when I tried to issue a warning to an unsuspecting world, especially the male half – usually in vain – that there were two good-looking Dutch girls on the loose, Meike and Marion, who would develop into top-level players. Junior girls from the Netherlands were a force to be reckoned in 2016 and 2017. But even girls can surpass the junior age limit. Here in Wujiang, the new Dutch team started well in the first three rounds, much to the delight of their captain Anneke Simons, winner of the 2000 Venice Cup in her own right. Let me describe how the Dutch girls of 2018 performed during the first day of this championship.

Dlr: East	♠ 8 4		
Vul: E-W	♥ A Q J 6 3		
	♦ --		
	♣ Q 10 9 6 5 4		
♠ A Q J 2		♠ K 7 3	
♥ K 10 9 2		♥ 8 7 5 4	
♦ A Q J 6		♦ 5 3	
♣ 8		♣ A K 7 2	
	♠ 10 9 6 5		
	♥ --		
	♦ K 10 9 8 7 4 2		
	♣ J 3		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Kolen</i>		<i>Visser</i>
		Pass	Pass
1♦	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The defense was up to the task. Sandra Kolen (West) led a trump, and Esther Visser (East) cashed the ♣ K and ♣ K. After that, three rounds of spades tapped the dummy. Declarer could not make more than four clubs and two hearts to go three down ('fifty a piece') and a good investment against the cold vulnerable 3NT. The bidding had some flaws, I agree. That was how it had

seemed at first glance, but life in bridge can bring many unexpected happenings.

West	North	East	South
	<i>Wackwitz</i>		<i>Holm</i>
		Pass	4♦
Dble	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The fearless 4♦ opening drove East-West to 4♥. With the bad trump break, the contract ended up three down and gave 10 imps to the Netherlands, who went on to win the match by 45-22 in imps (15.85-4.15 in vps).

As a longtime visitor to junior championships, I look forward to the adventures, heroics and masterpieces of the young contenders. I am convinced that there will be a lot to write about. When the opportunity arises, I will describe deals with excellent defensive plays in 'Kees for the Defense'. 'The Dinosaur' refers to boards where a team scores 17 or more imps by adding two big plus scores, usually five-level contracts doubled and made in both directions. And there is always the 'Big Bear Award for the Best Bid Deal'. Don't hesitate to tell Phillip, our bulletin editor, or me about any of these exploits by yourself, your partners, teammates or your opponents.

The next board produced brilliancy prizes in declarer-play and defense. In the bulletin room we were curious about who had made 4♥ under his own steam, and which Norths had defeated 4♥. It turned out that Dutchies were on the giving and receiving end here.



Dlr: East      ♠ K Q 10 9 2  
 Vul: Both    ♥ Q 7  
                  ♦ 10 6 4 3  
                  ♣ J 9

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

♠ 7 5 3  
 ♥ 10 6 3  
 ♦ A Q 9 5  
 ♣ Q 6 4

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

As North, you lead ♠K and must lead again to the second trick when your lead holds the trick. If you continue with the ♠Q, you give declarer a sporting chance: ♠A and a spade ruffed, heart to the ♥A and a heart to the ♥Q and ♥K. Declarer now draws the last trump with the jack. After ♣A and ♣K, she endplays South with the third club, and that player has to give declarer the ♦K. We all wanted to know which declarer had played like that and which North shifted to a diamond at trick two (each of whom might be candidate for an award)? It turned out that Brad Johnston from New Zealand found the killing diamond shift at trick two, when Dutch declarer Thibo Sprinkhuizen as West ducked the top spade lead; that simply served to flatten the board since the game was much easier to defeat when declared by East in the other room – but well done anyway!

Even better, Aarnout Helmich, coach of the Dutch girls (and a junior world champion in 2011 and 2012), announced proudly that after the defense of repeated

spade leads Juliet Berwald had executed this very neat endplay here, in her debut in international bridge. When her partner Fleur Beekman in the same match brought home a vulnerable 4♠ on a hand where the opponents had gone down in 3♠, this resulted in a second win: 57-18 (18.29-1.71) for the Netherlands. Then came the third match of the first day:

Dlr: North      ♠ Q 8 3  
 Vul: N-S        ♥ 9 5  
                  ♦ K Q 8 7  
                  ♣ K Q 8 2

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

♠ K 10 9 6 4 2  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ 10 4 2  
 ♣ A J 5

West	North	East	South
	1♦	3♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Dble	All Pass	

After a spade lead for ♠A, declarer, Esther Visser, took ♥K, played a diamond to ♦A and led a low diamond from dummy, North hopping up with the ♦K, and East ruffing. A heart to ♥A was followed by the ♦J, which was covered by the ♦Q, ruffed high by East, and South had to contribute the ♦10. With ♥6 as a precious dummy entry, East having kept a low heart, declarer came home with eleven tricks, good for the third win of the day and the lead in the overall rankings.

It is still unclear how the Dutch girls will do over the course of the next week, but at least this day was a memorable one.







Phillip Alder

# CHINA VS INDONESIA

JUNIORS ROUND 5

Prior to this match, Indonesia was eleventh and China thirteenth, so each team was hoping for a good win.

Both North-South pairs misdefended on the first board.

Dlr: North	♠ 10		
Vul: None	♥ J 9 2		
	♦ K Q 8 5		
	♣ Q J 10 9 8		
♠ 6			♠ AKJ97543
♥ A K 10 7 6 5 3			♥ 4
♦ 10 2			♦ 9 4 3
♣ K 7 4			♣ 3
	♠ Q 8 2		
	♥ Q 8		
	♦ A J 7 6		
	♣ A 6 5 2		

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Solihin	Wang	Santoso	Jin
	Pass	4♦ (a)	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Good four-spade opening

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Miao	Satriawan	Gu	Febriyanto
	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The defenders can take one club, two diamonds and one spade.

In the Open Room, North surprisingly led the club queen instead of the diamond king. South won with the ace and cashed the diamond ace, under which North encouraged with the eight. Here, the king would have worked much better, but he could not be sure he could afford that card.

When South shifted to the heart eight, declarer pitched one diamond on the club king and another on the second high heart to lose only one spade, one diamond and one club.

At the other table, South led the heart queen, not immediately fatal. Declarer shook his club loser on

the heart king, then played a diamond. North ought to have split his honors and shifted to his trump, but he played low. Then South missed the defense's last chance. He won with the jack and cashed the ace instead of leading a low diamond to his partner.

This was the second board:

Dlr: East	♠ J 8 3		
Vul: N-S	♥ K		
	♦ A Q 9 7 6 5		
	♣ 10 8 2		
♠ Q			♠ A 9 6 5
♥ A Q 10 9 7 5 4			♥ J 6
♦ 4			♦ K J 10 8 3 2
♣ J 9 6 5			♣ Q
	♠ K 10 7 4 2		
	♥ 8 3 2		
	♦ --		
	♣ A K 7 4 3		

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Solihin	Wang	Santoso	Jin
		1♦	1♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Miao	Satriawan	Gu	Febriyanto
		Pass	1♠
4♥	4♠	Dble	All Pass

In the Closed Room, four spades had to fail by a trick.

Against four hearts, North led the spade three. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played the club queen, which South took with the king. When South shifted to a trump, declarer understandably played low. North won and led the spade jack. Declarer ruffed, trumped a club, ruffed another spade, drew trumps and, a moment later, guessed the clubs, leading the jack to pin North's ten. That was also down one and 6 imps to China.

Five boards later, the score was 7-6 to China.





Then:

Dlr: West	♠ J 8 7 5 4		
Vul: None	♥ 4		
	♦ 10 9 4 2		
	♣ Q 10 8		
♠ 10 3			♠ Q 6 2
♥ A K Q J 7 6 5			♥ 8
♦ 8			♦ A 5
♣ J 7 6			♣ A K 9 5 4 3 2
	♠ A K 9		
	♥ 10 9 3 2		
	♦ K Q J 7 6 3		
	♣ --		

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Solihin</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Santoso</i>	<i>Jin</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♣	3♦
4♦	5♦	6♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Miao</i>	<i>Satriawan</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Febriyanto</i>
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

When did you last see such diverse auctions?

Benjie Miao made the practical four-heart opening, and South decided against competing with five diamonds, unwisely as it turned out.

The double-dummy lead would have been the club eight. Declarer would surely have read that as a singleton and put up dummy's king, with fatal consequences.

When North led a low spade, declarer played low from the dummy. South won with the king, cashed the ace and switched to the diamond king. When both defenders followed to the first round of trumps, West claimed an overtrick.

Six clubs doubled went down two, declarer losing two spades and one club.

In theory, this was a good save, because five diamonds was makable, but declarer might not(!) have got the spade suit right.

Plus 300 and plus 450 gave China 13 imps.

China gained 2 more imps when a fit-showing double of an intervening one-notrump overcall did not work well. Then another 6 when the South players in second seat with both sides vulnerable held...

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

Hendrik Febriyanto opened four spades, and Kai Jin chose three spades.

It was a good day to be cautious because partner had a spade void. Nine tricks were the limit.

Board 11 was very interesting.

Dlr: South	♠ Q		
Vul: None	♥ K 6 3		
	♦ A K Q 8		
	♣ A Q 10 8 7		
♠ A J 9 6 4			♠ 10 8 5
♥ J 9 8 2			♥ 10 5
♦ J 9 2			♦ 6 5 4 3
♣ 6			♣ K J 9 5
	♠ K 7 3 2		
	♥ A Q 7 4		
	♦ 10 7		
	♣ 4 3 2		

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Solihin</i>	<i>Wang</i>	<i>Santoso</i>	<i>Jin</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble (a)	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

(a) Support Double

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
<i>Miao</i>	<i>Satriawan</i>	<i>Gu</i>	<i>Febriyanto</i>
Pass	1♣ (a)	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♣	Pass	1♠ (b)
Pass	3♦	Pass	2♦ (c)
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

(a) Precision

(b) 8-plus balanced

(c) Minimum

What should the declarers have done after taking the first trick with the spade queen?

They had eight winners: one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and one club. Maybe the hearts were 3-3 or the club finesse was winning, but there was another possibility.

In the Open Room, Jin immediately crossed to his hand in hearts and took the club finesse to go a fast down one.

Febriyanto did much better, cashing dummy's three top diamonds first. When the nine and jack conveniently dropped, he had his ninth trick and 10 imps.

If the diamonds had not been so obliging, I expect he would have tested the hearts, then, if they were 4-2, resorted to the club finesse. But as Barry Rigal

pointed out, the club finesse is a mirage.

After testing diamonds and finding them unfriendly, cash the club ace! Then play on hearts.

If they split, fine. If West turns up with four, endplay him in the suit to give you a trick with the spade king at the end (assuming he also holds the club king). If East has four hearts, lead a club toward the queen.

Next came:

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Solihin	Wang	Santoso	Jin
Pass	1♥	2♦	2NT (a)
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Four-plus hearts, at least game-invitational

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Miao	Satriawan	Gu	Febriyanto
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♣ (a)
Pass	3♦ (b)	Pass	3♠ (c)
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

(a) Mixed or limit raise

(b) Inquiry

(c) Maximum with a spade control

If North knows partner has four-card support and game-invitational values, he should just bid four hearts. Yes, he has a seven-loser hand, but he has a singleton, good controls and it is imp scoring.

In the Open Room, Muhammad Wisolus Solihin was certainly brave in bidding three spades; and he must have been delighted when it was passed out.

North led his singleton. South took the second trick with the spade king, cashed the diamond king and gave his partner a ruff. Two hearts and the spade ace left the contract down two.

At the other table, Gu surprisingly passed over one heart.

East led the spade queen. If declarer had drawn trumps, he probably would have made the contract, losing only one diamond and two clubs. However, at trick two, he

led his diamond to the king and ace. West shifted to the club nine and two clubs and a ruff later, the contract was down one, giving China a lucky 5 imps.

On the penultimate board, both Easts had a chance to make their game contracts of three notrump and four hearts, but both failed, giving Indonesia 3 imps for one fewer vulnerable undertrick.

This was the final deal:

Dlr: East	♠ A 8 6	
Vul: None	♥ A J 10 6	
	♦ 10 9 7 4	
	♣ 6 5	
♠ K Q J 4	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10 5 3
♥ -		♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ Q J 8 5		♦ 6 3 2
♣ A Q J 10 9		♣ 8 7 4
	♠ 9 7 2	
	♥ K 9 8 5 3	
	♦ A K	
	♣ K 3 2	

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Solihin	Wang	Santoso	Jin
Dble	3♦ (a)	Pass	4♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Limit raise

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Miao	Satriawan	Gu	Febriyanto
		Pass	1♥
Dble	2♦ (a)	Pass	2♥
Dble	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) Mixed raise with three or more hearts

In the Open Room, the bidding told South that West was short in hearts and had a very strong hand that surely included the club ace. So South should have escaped for down one. However, Jin dropped a trick to go down two.

At the other table, Muhammad Satriawan was cautious in calling his hand a mixed raise, given that he had two aces. However, his partner was limited to 15 high-card points.

Against four clubs, the defenders kept plugging away at hearts to cause declarer to run out of trumps and go down one.

That was 8 imps to Indonesia and a final score of 33-27 to China, or 11.87-8.13 in victory points.



Mark Horton

## TIPS FROM THE TOP

### In the Master's Footsteps

Most defensive plays are well-known and well-documented. For example, if you as a defender have ♠K10x in the trump suit and declarer takes a ruff with the ♠Q or ♠J, it is best not to overruff – that way you get two trump tricks instead of one.

However, some plays are less well-known and counter-intuitive, unless you have seen the concept before.

Here's a deal from the recent GNT quarter-finals:

Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Blanchard	Martel	Berkowitz
		1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

- 1♣ Two-plus clubs
- 1♦ Transfer
- 2♣ Forcing

Recognising that if there was a weakness it had to be in spades, North led the ♠Q, followed with the king and switched to a diamond, but declarer was soon claiming nine tricks, Plus 600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nistor	Kaplan	Barrington	Rosenberg
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North led the ♠K and followed with the queen. South overtook it and returned the ♠6 for North to ruff. How did South know to do that?

Well, he might have been aware of this deal from the 2017 Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams:

Dealer West. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zhao	Smith	Liu	Kriegel
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
2♦	2♠	3♦	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

\* Forcing

I confess I see little merit in bidding on the West hand – 'for the lead, partner'.

East led the seven of diamonds. Declarer won, unblocked the king of clubs, ruffed a diamond, cashed the ace of clubs (pitching a heart) and ran the queen of spades. Although that lost, the contract was safe, Plus 420.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woolsey	Shen	Bramley	Shao
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ Precision

1♦ Negative

East led the four of hearts. West won with the ace and returned the queen. To defeat the contract East must overtake and give his partner a ruff. How could he know that was required?

Here is the original and famous precedent, from a match between the legendary Blue Team and the Dallas Aces, as reported by Victor Mollo in Bridge Magazine:

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



In both rooms the contract was four hearts by North, East-West remaining silent throughout the auction. The play to the first three tricks was the same. East led the king of clubs, saw West's two, and switched to the king of spades. West encouraged with the nine of spades, and the queen of spades followed. Thereafter, in the closed room, Belladonna was in command, dummy's diamonds taking care of the three losing spades.

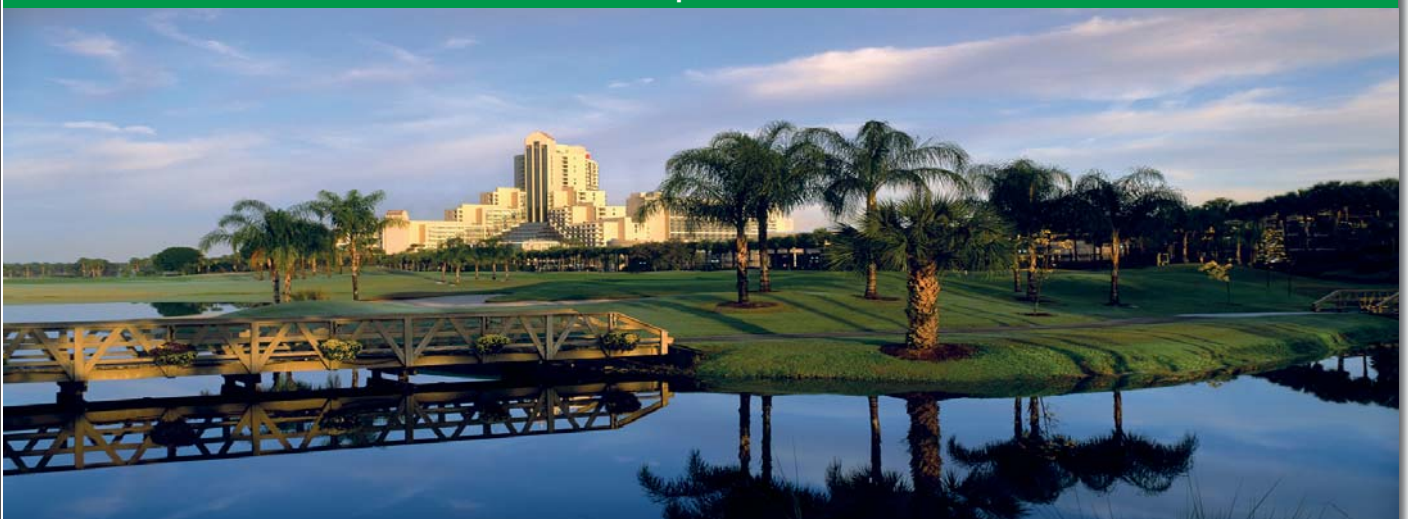
With the spades blocked, could the result be any different in the open room?

Commentators and audience alike expected a flat board. Forquet took his time before playing to that third trick. Then, making up his mind, he overtook the queen of spades and gave Garozzo a ruff!

Forquet reasoned that, since Garozzo knew the club position after seeing the two, he would have cashed his ace of clubs had there been room for declarer to have another club. So, somehow, the defence had to take three tricks in spades, and it was significant that Garozzo, knowing that Forquet had the ace of spades, led the queen of spades at trick three and not a low one. Maybe, of course, he had the jack of spades too. But, maybe he had started with a doubleton. It was a chance and Pietro Forquet was quick to seize it.

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Micke Melander

# ENGLAND VS USA 1

JUNIORS – ROUND 6

## The great, the bad and the unlucky

USA1 was well ahead in the junior standings after five matches. How would they cope with England in round six? Only two imps were shared in the first three boards, then came the first big swing of the match:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Alishaw	Kriegel	Kennedy
Pass	Pass	1♦	Dble
Redble	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Why South didn't bid a second time when partner freely bid 2♠ remain a mystery. Maybe he didn't want to push East-West into a game in diamonds that might have been making, and as we all know 4-4-4-1 isn't the best distribution you can have when declaring; rather the opposite. Three diamonds didn't present any problem to declarer Oren Kriegel, who lost the expected club, spade and two hearts for plus 110. (Editor's note. Normally, after an opening bid, a take-out double and a redouble, fourth hand is assumed to be very weak. The advancer may jump with very few points and a five- or six-card suit. That North hand was far stronger than South would have ever anticipated. To show surprising strength, I was taught to pass first, then to act aggressively on the next round.)

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Norton	Kaplan	Natt	Jolly
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
5♦	5♠	All Pass	

The Closed Room auction went to a far higher level when West jumped straight to game, and Adam Kaplan competed with 5♠. The nine of clubs was led. Declarer won and successfully finessed in trumps. He drew trumps, cashed the clubs and exited in diamonds. East took that trick and facilitated the play by shifting to the heart jack. 13 imps to USA1.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Alishaw	Kriegel	Kennedy
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Norton	Kaplan	Natt	Jolly
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Open Room, South led the five of spades: eight, nine, ace. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's ten, driving out the ace. East shifted to the heart six, East's nine losing to South's ace. South exited with a diamond. Declarer would have done best to cash the ace of clubs, but he tried a low club to the queen, so took only nine tricks.

In the Closed Room, a "successful" 2♦ Multi opening left South declaring in 3♥, when neither East nor West got into the auction. Three down, vulnerable, was minus 300 and another 3 imps to USA. Norton and Natt are probably still wondering why they didn't compete or double the contract.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Alishaw	Kriegel	Kennedy
		Pass	2♦
3NT!	Pass	Pass	Pass

This deal was a Zach Grossack special. First, over South's Multi opening, showing a weak two in either major, Zach just shut his eyes and bid three notrump.

North kicked off with the queen of spades, which ran to West's king. Declarer cashed his hearts, then took the club finesse, which lost. North cashed his ace of diamonds before playing another spade. But South took that trick and returned a diamond, forgetting that one leads king from ace-king after trick one.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Norton	Kaplan	Natt	Jolly
		Pass	2♦
Dbl	2♥	Pass	2♠
Dbl	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Another 2♦ Multi from Kaplan-Jolly. Norton-Natt, who had learned the lesson from the previous board, entered the auction this time. When the king of clubs was offside, five clubs was just made. Well bid and well judged, but they still lost 1 imp to USA1.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

At both tables, South opened one spade, and North made a three-spade mixed raise. In the Open Room, Kriegel overcalled with four hearts, which was passed out. At the other table, Natt bid four clubs, non-Leaping Michaels, showing at least 5-5 in clubs and either major, over which West advanced with four hearts, pass or correct. Against Kriegel, South led a low spade. Declarer took that trick, played a heart to dummy's king and returned a heart to his jack. The defenders had two minor-suit aces to come, but the contract was home.

In the other room, Kaplan led his singleton. Jolly won with his ace and returned a suit-preference eight of clubs. North ruffed, put partner in with the ace of spades, got a second ruff and cashed the ace of diamonds for down two. 13 imps to USA1.

A few boards later was one of the most interesting in this match so far. It could very well be titled "the great,

the bad and the unlucky".

Board 12. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room:

West	North	East	South
Grossack	Alishaw	Kriegel	Kennedy
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Grossack-Kriegel had a very nice bidding sequence to arrive in 5♦. The key bid was 3♠, which alerted East that they probably had a very weak club suit and maybe not even a stopper there. East had few problems rejecting the slam proposal from West, because he knew partner was a passed hand. He was confident that Santa Claus had not come early.

As you can see, slam was all on the heart finesse, which was losing.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Norton	Kaplan	Natt	Jolly
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Identical bidding to the point where East showed his three-card support in hearts. When West suggested 3NT, it became the final contract. Clearly very bad if North led clubs, as was to be expected from the auction. Kaplan kicked off with the four of clubs, which went to the jack and king, ducked by declarer. Jolly led back the five of clubs, which ran to the eight, ten and a spade discard from dummy. Now Kaplan erred, having missed a club spot. He led back the six of clubs – blocking the suit! That was the "bad" part. Declarer won with his ace and immediately fired a spade towards dummy, North won and cashed the queen of clubs. But game over for the defense since declarer now had his nine tricks and could claim when South had the last club. Very "unlucky" to score only a push with that result from the Open Room.

When the smoked had cleared the match finished 13-36 to USA1 (4.15-15.85), who maintained their big lead in the junior series.

# RESULTS

## JUNIOR TEAMS

### ROUND 5

SINGAPORE	USA 2	35	44	7.29	12.71
INDIA	ITALY	60	18	18.65	1.35
AUSTRALIA	CHILE	30	25	11.58	8.42
USA 1	EGYPT	55	15	18.41	1.59
ENGLAND	NETHERLANDS	21	50	3.12	16.88
NEW ZEALAND	POLAND	36	39	9.03	10.97
CHINA	INDONESIA	33	27	11.87	8.13
CANADA	SWEDEN	30	58	3.28	16.72
ISRAEL	CHINESE TAIPEI	55	25	17.04	2.96
COLOMBIA	CHINA HONG KONG	31	43	6.52	13.48
FRANCE	BOTSWANA	110	10	20.00	0.00

### ROUND 6

ENGLAND	USA 1	13	36	4.15	15.85
NEW ZEALAND	FRANCE	0	81	0.00	20.00
CHINA	INDIA	50	42	12.44	7.56
CANADA	SINGAPORE	18	38	4.74	15.26
ISRAEL	USA 2	27	36	7.29	12.71
AUSTRALIA	INDONESIA	30	29	10.33	9.67
CHILE	BOTSWANA	103	3	20.00	0.00
CHINA HONG KONG	EGYPT	29	52	4.15	15.85
CHINESE TAIPEI	NETHERLANDS	49	38	13.23	6.77
SWEDEN	POLAND	27	34	7.84	12.16
COLOMBIA	ITALY	31	51	4.74	15.26

### ROUND 7

INDONESIA	SWEDEN	28	39	6.77	13.23
POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	50	19	17.19	2.81
NETHERLANDS	CHINA HONG KONG	44	24	15.26	4.74
EGYPT	CHILE	19	40	4.54	15.46
BOTSWANA	COLOMBIA	6	59	0.26	19.74
ITALY	ISRAEL	17	38	4.54	15.46
USA 1	AUSTRALIA	35	7	16.72	3.28
SINGAPORE	CHINA	42	5	18.04	1.96
INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	37	42	8.42	11.58
FRANCE	ENGLAND	29	11	14.85	5.15
USA 2	CANADA	43	7	17.91	2.09

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 7

1		USA 1	120.30	7		ISRAEL	89.53	15		COLOMBIA	58.74
2		FRANCE	104.99	8		POLAND	78.41	16		ITALY	56.56
3		INDIA	95.04	9		USA 2	75.58	17		ENGLAND	54.13
4		SINGAPORE	94.81	10		CHILE	73.61	18		EGYPT	51.81
5		SWEDEN	94.17	11		AUSTRALIA	72.89	19		CANADA	45.17
6		NETHERLANDS	90.05	12		INDONESIA	64.37	20		CHINA HONG KONG	41.33
				13		CHINESE TAIPEI	63.90	21		NEW ZEALAND	31.52
				14		CHINA	61.85	22		BOTSWANA	21.24

## YOUNGSTER TEAMS

### ROUND 5

CHINESE TAIPEI	BULGARIA	45	16	16.88	3.12
INDIA	GERMANY	23	57	2.37	17.63
SINGAPORE	CHILE	58	16	18.65	1.35
CANADA	NORWAY	24	22	10.66	9.34
USA	ITALY	24	55	2.81	17.19
THAILAND	POLAND	29	54	3.79	16.21
FINLAND	JAPAN	41	19	15.66	4.34
ENGLAND	CHINA	41	39	10.66	9.34
FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	31	49	5.15	14.85
SWEDEN	ISRAEL	46	30	14.42	5.58
BOTSWANA	CHINA HONG KONG	16	66	0.53	19.47

### ROUND 6

USA	CANADA	34	14	15.26	4.74
THAILAND	BOTSWANA	78	12	20.00	0.00
FINLAND	INDIA	47	31	14.42	5.58
ENGLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	43	37	11.87	8.13
FRANCE	BULGARIA	14	37	4.15	15.85
SINGAPORE	JAPAN	43	48	8.42	11.58
CHILE	CHINA HONG KONG	5	55	0.53	19.47
ISRAEL	NORWAY	72	7	20.00	0.00
NETHERLANDS	ITALY	25	37	6.52	13.48
CHINA	POLAND	32	23	12.71	7.29
SWEDEN	GERMANY	32	34	9.34	10.66

### ROUND 7

JAPAN	CHINA	18	32	6.04	13.96
POLAND	NETHERLANDS	32	19	13.72	6.28
ITALY	ISRAEL	16	38	4.34	15.66
NORWAY	CHILE	33	29	11.28	8.72
CHINA HONG KONG	SWEDEN	22	52	2.96	17.04
GERMANY	FRANCE	38	25	13.72	6.28
CANADA	SINGAPORE	19	36	5.36	14.64
CHINESE TAIPEI	FINLAND	60	11	19.38	0.62
INDIA	THAILAND	15	60	1.02	18.98
BOTSWANA	USA	6	56	0.53	19.47
BULGARIA	ENGLAND	41	24	14.64	5.36

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 7

1		ISRAEL	112.91	7		BULGARIA	83.62	15		CHINESE TAIPEI	60.58
2		POLAND	107.33	8		USA	80.63	16		JAPAN	60.02
3		ITALY	104.86	9		ENGLAND	71.76	17		NORWAY	59.83
4		SWEDEN	99.98	10		NETHERLANDS	71.61	18		FRANCE	57.93
5		GERMANY	95.38	11		CHINA HONG KONG	69.68	19		FINLAND	51.88
6		SINGAPORE	85.49	12		CHINA	68.18	20		CHILE	35.46
				13		CANADA	66.50	21		INDIA	25.99
				14		THAILAND	66.04	22		BOTSWANA	4.34

## GIRLS TEAMS

### ROUND 4

HUNGARY	CHINA	52	45	12.16	7.84
NETHERLANDS	POLAND	26	33	7.84	12.16
TURKEY	CHINA HONG KONG	44	43	10.33	9.67
CHILE	BRAZIL	33	29	11.28	8.72
INDONESIA	NORWAY	19	44	3.79	16.21
ENGLAND	USA	33	36	9.03	10.97
CHINESE TAIPEI	THAILAND	31	41	7.03	12.97
FRANCE	Bye	0	0	12	0.00















### ROUND 5

FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	48	33	14.19	5.81
POLAND	TURKEY	46	39	12.16	7.84
CHINA HONG KONG	CHILE	30	37	7.84	12.16
BRAZIL	INDONESIA	45	54	7.29	12.71
NORWAY	USA	20	8	13.48	6.52
HUNGARY	CHINESE TAIPEI	24	16	12.44	7.56
THAILAND	ENGLAND	50	28	15.66	4.34
CHINA	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

### ROUND 6

NETHERLANDS	CHINA	19	22	9.03	10.97
TURKEY	FRANCE	41	51	7.03	12.97
CHILE	POLAND	21	51	2.96	17.04
INDONESIA	CHINA HONG KONG	24	12	13.48	6.52
USA	BRAZIL	46	17	16.88	3.12
ENGLAND	NORWAY	23	33	7.03	12.97
THAILAND	HUNGARY	21	36	5.81	14.19
CHINESE TAIPEI	Bye	0	0	12	0.00

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 6

1		FRANCE	87.65	4		HUNGARY	73.46	10		INDONESIA	60.23
2		POLAND	77.67	5		NORWAY	72.51	11		THAILAND	49.57
3		NETHERLANDS	74.86	6		CHINA	72.09	12		CHILE	40.43
				7		TURKEY	68.18	13		CHINA HONG KONG	39.01
				8		USA	64.99	14		BRAZIL	36.29
				9		ENGLAND	61.47	15		CHINESE TAIPEI	33.59

## KIDS TEAMS

### ROUND 5

GREECE	NORWAY	12	21	7.10	12.90
BOTSWANA	CHINESE TAIPEI	7	54	0.46	19.54
TURKEY	CHINA 3	18	61	0.87	19.13
CANADA	DENMARK	47	30	14.93	5.07
CHINA 1	FRANCE	70	15	20.00	0.00
ENGLAND	USA	21	44	3.82	16.18
CHINA 2	ISRAEL	23	15	12.61	7.39
INDIA	GERMANY	13	87	0.00	20.00
POLAND	SWEDEN	7	20	6.03	13.97

### ROUND 6

CHINESE TAIPEI	GREECE	41	47	7.99	12.01
CHINA 3	BOTSWANA	71	12	20.00	0.00
DENMARK	TURKEY	26	40	5.78	14.22
FRANCE	CANADA	52	14	18.54	1.46
USA	CHINA 1	62	19	19.13	0.87
ISRAEL	ENGLAND	4	31	3.09	16.91
SWEDEN	CHINA 2	33	20	13.97	6.03
GERMANY	NORWAY	55	30	16.55	3.45
POLAND	INDIA	72	7	20.00	0.00



















### ROUND 7

GREECE	CHINA 3	5	56	0.08	19.92
BOTSWANA	DENMARK	8	47	1.34	18.66
TURKEY	FRANCE	21	35	5.78	14.22
CANADA	USA	39	15	16.37	3.63
CHINA 1	ISRAEL	20	22	9.29	10.71
ENGLAND	CHINA 2	25	34	7.10	12.90
CHINESE TAIPEI	GERMANY	29	37	7.39	12.61
NORWAY	POLAND	15	19	8.62	11.38
INDIA	SWEDEN	17	26	7.10	12.90

### ROUND 8

DENMARK	GREECE	18	61	0.87	19.13
FRANCE	BOTSWANA	69	9	20.00	0.00
USA	TURKEY	48	9	18.66	1.34
ISRAEL	CANADA	21	19	10.71	9.29
CHINA 2	CHINA 1	21	29	7.39	12.61
SWEDEN	ENGLAND	29	16	13.97	6.03
GERMANY	CHINA 3	9	31	4.01	15.99
POLAND	CHINESE TAIPEI	65	8	20.00	0.00
INDIA	NORWAY	20	62	0.98	19.02

### RANKING AFTER ROUND 8

1		CANADA	113.44	5		USA	99.95	12		DENMARK	73.53
2		POLAND	107.02	6		SWEDEN	99.74	13		ENGLAND	72.38
3		GERMANY	106.39	7		NORWAY	94.47	14		TURKEY	71.16
4		CHINA 3	103.05	8		FRANCE	88.54	15		ISRAEL	67.13
				9		CHINA 1	81.98	16		CHINESE TAIPEI	64.31
				10		CHINA 2	77.04	17		INDIA	41.13
				11		GREECE	76.18	18		BOTSWANA	2.56

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