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TWO MATCHES WERE SO CLOSE



JUNIORS, GOLD MEDALLISTS – SWEDEN

Ida Grönkvist-Mikael Grönkvist, Simon Hult-Adam Stokka and Mikael Rimstedt-Ola Rimstedt, with Martin Loefgren the non-playing captain and Tom Gards to coach.

The favorites in the three finals, it is surely fair to say, were Sweden (in the Juniors), Israel (in the Youngsters) and China (in the girls).

Could Singapore really pull off a third upset?



YOUNGSTERS, GOLD MEDALLISTS – SWEDEN

Sanna Clementsson, Teo Bodin, Erik Hansson, Castor Mann and Alexander Sandin, with Martin Loefgren as the non-playing captain and Lars Nilsson the coach.

Could Sweden stop the apparent Israeli juggernaut? Could France disappoint the local supporters?

Well, after four of the six sessions, the answers seemed to be: yes (Singapore led Sweden by 6 imps) yes (Sweden were 25 ahead of Israel) and no (China, up by 43, seemed comfortable).



GIRLS, GOLD MEDALLISTS – CHINA

Yijing Cai-Yang Yang, Bo Fu-Xinyi Li, Chengke Hu-Xinyi Ni, with Guoqiang Zhang the non-playing captain and Bing Zhao the coach.

That is how it worked out for China. They won the last two sessions by 87 imps to 45, to capture the world title by 245-160.

In the Youngsters, Israel did fight back. In the penultimate set, they scored 34 imps and held Sweden



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JUNIORS, SILVER MEDALLISTS – SINGAPORE

Ryan Chan-Jazlene Ong, Peter Haw-Yu Chen Liu and Ming Yang Zhou-Xin Chen Zhu, with Yisheng Kelvin Ong the non-playing captain and Choon Chou Loo the coach.



YOUNGSTERS, SILVER MEDALLISTS – ISRAEL

Ilai Ilan Baniri-Nir Khutorsky, Tomer Loonstein-Aviv Zeitak and Gal Matatyahou-Yonatan Sliwicz, with Danny Loonstein the non-playing captain.



GIRLS, SILVER MEDALLISTS – POLAND

Zofia Baldysz-Joanna Zalewska, Hanna Ciunczyk-Anna Zareba and Joanna Kokot-Dominika Ocylok, with Piotr Dybicz as non-playing captain and Zuzanna Moszczynska the coach.

to 1. Israel took an 8-point lead into the last set. That turned out to be very low-scoring. After 11 of the 14 boards, the score was 9-6 to Sweden. On board 12, Sanna Clementsson opened an 11-count and got to a thin four spades. A double-dummy defense would have beaten it, but understandably it made for 10 imps and victory for Sweden by 118 imps to 112.

In the Juniors, Sweden enjoyed a big fifth session, winning it by 38 imps to 19 and taking a 23-point advantage into the concluding 14 boards. Could Singapore stage a third amazing comeback?

There was far more scoring in this match, but in the end, Singapore gained only 8 imps and lost by 5: 206-201.

JOAN GERARD YOUTH AWARDS

These go to players who are judged by non-playing captains, coaches and officials to best exhibit aptitude, fair play and international spirit.



JUNIORS

Juan Felipe Cuervo Lopera
COLOMBIA



GIRLS

Camila Yanez
CHILE



YOUNGSTERS

Giovanni Donati
ITALY



KIDS

Kamryn Menezes
INDIA



JUNIORS, BRONZE MEDALLISTS — NETHERLANDS

Veri Kilian-Luc Tijssen, Guy Mendes de Leon-Thibo Sprinkhuizen and Michel Schols-Ricardo Westerbeek, with Agnes Snellers the non-playing captain and Wubbo de Boer the coach.



YOUNGSTERS, BRONZE MEDALLISTS — FRANCE

Raphael Basler-Luc Bellicaud, Arthur Boulin-Theo Guillemain and Melic Dufrene-Maxence Fragola, with Christophe Oursel the non-playing captain.



GIRLS, BRONZE MEDALLISTS — FRANCE

Sarah Combescure-Mathilde Thuillez, Marie-Valentine Coupel and Beryl Dufrene-Emeline Jounin, with Vanessa Reess as the non-playing captain.

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Ping-Lin Chen, Hsiao-Lan Guo, Hsiao-Tien Huang, Yu-Lun Li, Kai-En Lin and Yungkuang Wang



BAM WINNERS, FINAL B – TEAM NORWAY

Carl-Otto Curran, Arne Osnes Devik, Simen Soerlie Helgeby and Markus Lund



ATTENTION JUNIORS AND NBO'S

An invitation will be sent out in the beginning of November 2018 to all NBOs over the World where the quickest ones will have a really good deal to come to Sweden and participate in the Chairman's Cup 2019 and attend the 25th Swedish Bridge Festival. It will be played as usual in Örebro and the dates are July 26th to August 4th 2019.

Don't miss the chance when we will try to break the new record (from 2018) with 486 pairs in a single session side event over 24 boards!

If you have questions or thoughts contact Micke Melander, mme@svensktbridge.se



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WBF PRESIDENT FAREWELL

Authorities, dear colleagues of the WBF, dear young players, ladies and gentleman, dear friends,

And so the curtain falls. We have come to the end of the Championships, and I am delighted that it has proved to be so successful, even more successful than we had dared to hope or expect.

The Chinese Contract Bridge Association and the Organising Committee have done a sterling job in organizing this event, under the coordination of the WBF Championship Committee, chaired by Ata Aydin and Sevinç Atay. Everything has gone very smoothly from all points of view, and I would like you all to know just how much we appreciate your efficiency, professionalism and dedication.

I think you will all agree that the playing conditions have been splendid and you will all have taken advantage of the services that were provided.

We must, of course, thank the sponsor-friends for their generosity in supporting the Championships. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Hengtong Group, the Arcelik A.S., for their most generous sponsorship of this event, without which none of this would have been possible. We would also like to thank the General Administration of Sport of China, the Chinese Contract Bridge Association, personally its President Mr. Xiang Huaicheng, the Local Organising Committee, the Wujiang District People's Government, the Jiangsu Sports Bureau and the Suzhou Sports Bureau for their support.

I would like to thank my colleagues and friends of the Youth and Kids Committee for their diligence and attention at our meetings, which all took place during the first week of the Championships.

But above all, I would like to thank the entire staff of operators, both Chinese and those who came from all over the world. They worked harmoniously together both before and during these Championships, enabling its success.

I will now call on the various departments of these Championships to please stand so that we can applaud them.

First of all, I would like to thank all the Chinese volunteers, boys and girls: they did a great job!

The Tournament Directors who have worked unstintingly, headed by Maurizio Di Sacco, who was also the Operations Director: Rahmi Iylikci, Marc van Beijsterveldt, Mihaela Balint, Jacek Marciniak, Chen Xiangyang, Zhang Xin; the Systems and Convention Cards overseen by PO Sundelin, who also acted as Reviewer; the Coordinator of Services, Simon Fellus; the Secretariat ran smoothly with Marina Madia and Paolo Clair; the Communications section coordinated by Gilad Ofir, with Mario Chavarria, Cristian Cuchian, Fabio Poleggi, Carlotta Venier and Amaresh Deshpande. Bridgerama was, as usual, very well done by Barry Rigal and his team, and the technical side was headed by Chicco Battistone with Alessandro Madia; the Hospitality & Registration made a superb job of a very difficult task and our sincere appreciation goes to Silvia Valentini and Gildana Caputo; the Medical and Anti Doping Committee of Jaap Stomphorst; the Main Office and Caddies were overseen by Gianni Bertotto with Alessandro Clair; the CCBA Office was run by Lilian Sun; the Daily Bulletin was co-ordinated by Phillip Alder with David Bird, Mark Horton, Jos Jacobs, Micke Melander, Francesca Canali for the lay-out and friendly support from Kees Tammens; the duplication team was led by Monica Gorreri, with Carlo Vecchio, Pan Nanxing and Chen Zhihong; Manolo Eminentini was responsible for the IT Systems, while TMS was managed by Fotis Skoularikis, and Scoring was done by Gianluca Barrese; Traian Chira chaired the BBO broadcastings, while Jérôme Rombauid managed Fun Bridge, both with the capable assistance of Adriana Aguilar, Bas van Beijsterveldt, Eria Franco, Fabio Lopresti, Song Zhuolin and his team.

To all of you, I would like to express my warmest appreciation.

But above all, on behalf of the WBF and personally, I am pleased to congratulate you, the players, the true protagonists, and to express to all of you our gratitude. With your behaviour, creating an unforgettable atmosphere, you guaranteed the success of this event, showing, once again, the values of fair play, friendship, harmony, solidarity and the rejection of any discrimination.

Once again we are especially happy and proud as bridge shows that it is a marvellous sport for young people.

Dear friends, going back home and leaving you, I am a little bit sad, but I will bring with me the memory of this great event, of you, of the old and new friends I met, and the enrichment of another extraordinary experience. And I am confident that you too will share my sentiments.

Thank you. Enjoy this night and have a safe back home.

Un abbraccio to you all.





Mark Horton

TIPS FROM THE TOP

When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth. (If you don't know who said that, you have led a sheltered life.)

The Chairman's Cup, an annual event in Sweden, is one of the best and most popular. On 31 July, they set a new record with 486 pairs playing at the same time!

This deal from the teams final reinforced the opinion expressed by Benito Garozzo that a player who always found the right opening lead would win every honour the game has to offer. I'll let you try it as a problem:

Dealer West. None Vul.

Sitting East, you have these cards:

♠ Q 4 3 2
♥ —
♦ J 5 4
♣ A K 8 6 3 2

This is how the bidding goes:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Malmström	Nordlindh	Säfsten	Ivarsson
1♣	2♥	2NT*	6♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

* Invitational with clubs or bad with diamonds

Facing an opening bid, you can't imagine how your opponents can hope to take 12 tricks. Your lead?

Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 8 5
♥ Q 10 9 6 3 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ 7 4

♠ K J 7
♥ A J
♦ 8 6 3
♣ Q J 10 9 5



♠ A 10 9 6
♥ K 8 7 5 4
♦ A K 10 7
♣ —

♠ Q 4 3 2
♥ —
♦ J 5 4
♣ A K 8 6 3 2

Did you, like East, lead a top club, imagining that opposite an opening bid there would be no rush?

Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a heart, West taking the ace and returning the ♥J. Declarer won with the queen, ruffed a club and played four rounds of diamonds, disposing of his losing spade, plus 1210.

No-one put a gun to South's head and forced him to jump to 6♥. It was a pound to a penny that he must have a distributional hand, and a club void was a live possibility. Once you appreciate that, a spade lead sticks out like a sore thumb.

Let's see what happened at the other table:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Alenfalk	Grönkvist	Kvick	Bergdhal
1♣	Pass	1♥*	2♥
Pass	5♥	6♣	6♥
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

* Transfer

Do you think that it was easier here for West to find a spade lead?

I would say yes, but West tabled the ♣Q. Declarer ruffed and played a heart, West taking the trick with the ace and switching to the ♠7. Declarer took East's queen with the ace, cashed the ♦A and, making the assumption that East had a lot of black cards, played a diamond to dummy's nine. East took that and played a spade for plus 300 and a 17 IMP swing.





Mark Horton

SINGAPORE VS SWEDEN

JUNIORS – FINAL 4

At the halfway point of the Junior Final, Singapore led Sweden 111-107 -- a huge number of imps having been exchanged in just 42 deals.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

		♠ AKQJ105		
		♥ Q6		
		♦ 98		
		♣ J62		
♠ 82	<div>♠ N ♥ W ♦ E ♣ S</div>	♠ 76		
♥ 943		♥ 1087		
♦ A102		♦ K7543		
♣ AK873		♣ Q54		
		♠ 943		
		♥ AKJ52		
		♦ QJ6		
		♣ 109		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
—	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When East led the ♥7, declarer took the first eleven tricks.

Leading a diamond would have been very dangerous, but a club, hoping to find partner with something useful in the suit, would have been a reasonable alternative.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

- 2♣ (3)4+♣ FG or 10-12, 3-card support
- 2♦ Relay
- 2♠ 10-12 with spade support

Here East did lead a club and the defenders cashed out, 7 imps to Singapore.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1♣ 16+

West led the ♦8. Declarer won with the king and played the ♠K, East winning with the ace and returning the ♦3. Declarer won with dummy's ace, pitching a club, and played a spade to the jack, followed by the ♠10. When West discarded, declarer claimed nine tricks, minus 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

2♣ Gazzilli
2♦ 8+

Here West led the ♣3. Declarer took East's queen with the ace, unblocked the ♦K, crossed to dummy

with the ♥A, pitched a club on the ♦A and played a spade to the jack followed by the king of spades. East won and exited with a diamond, declarer ruffing and cashing the heart king. When he went all in with the ♠10, East won, drew the last trump and played a diamond for three down, minus 300 and 5 imps.

3NT does have some chances -- if West decides to lead a club (a diamond, hoping to get help from partner with the ♣K as a potential entry is identical to something I mentioned in an earlier article), declarer wins and returns a club, West winning and switching to a diamond. Declarer wins and can now get home by crossing to dummy with a heart and playing a spade. If East ducks, declarer wins with the jack, cashes three hearts and exits with a club.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
—	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West started with three rounds of spades. East ruffed and switched to the ♣K, West overtaking and forcing dummy with a second club. Declarer came to hand with a diamond, ruffed a club, cashed the ♦A and ruffed a diamond, finishing two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Bidding 3NT depends a little bit on the partnership's style -- but give partner king-to-six clubs and out, and you might still get home on a good day.

The defenders started with three rounds of diamonds, plus 400 and another 5 imps, which

made the score 128-107 to Singapore.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	1♦	2♣*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1♣ 2+♣, 12-14 bal (includes 5♦2♣)
or 11-23 natural

The Swedish pair play a lot of transfers in competition -- it looks as if the combination of 2♣ and 3♦ promised the majors. North led a trump, and declarer took three rounds, then played clubs from the top for twelve tricks, plus 680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	6♦*	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

1♣ 16+
1♥ 8-11, any
4♦ Control-bid
4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 key card
5♦ ♥Q?
6♦ ♥Q + ♦K

Here too declarer received a trump lead, and after

drawing three rounds, he took a time out to plan the play. The BBO commentators considered the options in the club suit, coming down in favour of playing them from the top as opposed to finessing. Declarer left the clubs alone, playing the ace of spades and a spade. North won and returned a diamond, declarer winning in hand and ruffing a third spade, claiming when the suit divided. If spades had been 4-2, there was still time to play on clubs.

That made it 31-0 to Singapore on the set, 141-107 overall.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♣7 and declarer won with the queen and returned the jack, covered and ruffed. After three rounds of trumps, declarer claimed, plus 620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♠3, which was a killer. Declarer took the queen with the ace and cashed dummy's top hearts. When he took the club finesse, South won and cashed the ♦A. North played an encouraging two, but South cashed the ♠K, dropping a trick. Still, plus 200 delivered 13imps.



Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ 6 ♥ A 7 ♦ A K 8 6 4 3 ♣ K 9 8 7	
♠ A 10 7 5 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 10 5 3 2	<div>North-South West-East South</div>	♠ K Q J 9 3 ♥ 8 6 4 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 6 4
	♠ 8 4 2 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ J 10 2 ♣ A Q J	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
—	—	2♠	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

With his balanced hand South elected to defend and he led the ♠2, a sound idea when you know you have the other suits under control.

Declarer won with the jack and drew trumps, South following with the four and eight, North pitching the three and four of diamonds. When declarer played dummy's ♦9, North won with the ace and made the strange play of the ♥A, which cost a defensive trick, declarer now escaping for 500 instead of 800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Liu</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dble*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠*	Pass	4♥*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

1♣ 3+♣, (11)12-13(14) balanced or 11-23 natural

Having limited his hand by passing over 1♠, South happily supported diamonds later. After an exchange of control-bids, North named the contract he hoped he could make, and that gave Sweden another 9imps.

In the second half of the set they had come back to the tune of 29-0, making the score 142-136.

The canny spectators were probably already reserving their seats for the last two sessions.



David Bird

SINGAPORE VS SWEDEN

JUNIORS – FINAL 3

Two great teams, Singapore and Sweden, had battled their way through to the final after many days' play. At the inordinately early time of 8.50 in the morning, UK time, Marc Smith and I took our seats to comment on the third session. The scores were tied at 86-86.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Yuchen	Hult	Haw
—	—	1♦	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Should a change of suit be forcing opposite an overcall? 'Obviously,' say half of the world's players. 'Of course not, constructive but non-forcing,' say the other half and many of the bridge magazines' expert bidding systems.

For Yuchen, 2♠ would have been non-forcing, so he had to cue-bid 2♦. Aware that his partner might be long in a major, Haw marked time with 3♦, rather than leaping skywards in clubs. North was then able to end in 4♠. He won the club lead and played dummies trumps, East winning the second round. Declarer ran the diamond switch to his queen, drew trumps and claimed 680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ong	M.Grönkvist	Chan	I.Grönkvist
—	—	1♦	2♣
2♥	Dble	3♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Here, too, 2♠ would have been non-forcing. North entered with a double, and South then liked the look of 5♣. Declarer won the trump lead in dummy and played the ♠K. East won and switched to the ♦K. After winning with the ♦A, declarer crossed to dummy's second trump and ditched her ♥9 on the ♠Q. She ruffed a heart to hand, drew the last trump and returned to the ♦Q to score two more spades. That was 620 and 2 imps away.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ AK7432	
	♥ 875	
	♦ 62	
	♣ 42	
♠ 108	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ Q65
♥ AKJ42		♥ Q93
♦ 73		♦ AKQ
♣ KJ76		♣ AQ103
	♠ J9	
	♥ 106	
	♦ J109854	
	♣ 985	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Yuchen	Hult	Haw
1♥	2♠	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Hult was able to agree hearts at a low level. West's 3♣ showed a minimum opening and his 3♥ denied a shortage anywhere. West showed his club control, and Hult then thought he had done enough. They stopped safely in 4♥. North led ace, king and another spade, ruffed and overruffed. Declarer then claimed the balance for 650. The bidding of both teams had previously been so disciplined and accurate that a flat board seemed a certainty. Let's see.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ong	M.Grönkvist	Chan	I.Grönkvist
1♥	2♠	Dble	3♠
Pass	Pass	6♥	All Pass

Did I say 'disciplined'? It was an example of commentator's curse. Ida Grönkvist raised to 3♠ on

a doubleton spade, knowing from her partner's weak bid that East-West would have a good contract their way. When this ran to Chan, he assumed that the opponents would hold at least nine spades, leaving his partner with at most one. He leapt to 6♥, and North happily cashed two spade tricks.

Well, how should East have bid it? One solution is a time-honoured raise to 5♥. This would ask partner to bid 6♥ with any sort of spade control. (With first-round control, he would have the option of bidding 5♠). I can see that East was not willing to hope that 4♣, following a negative double, would be read as agreeing hearts. Another option was to bid 3♠ over 2♠. If 2NT would have promised at least four trumps, 3♠ would show three. Whatever you think East should have done, and however much credit you give to South, it was a sad way to lose 13 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

		♠ 9 5 4 2		
		♥ 2		
		♦ K Q 10 7		
		♣ K Q 8 2		
♠ A	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K 8 7 6 3		
♥ 9 7 3		♥ Q J 5		
♦ A J 6 5 4 3 2		♦ 9		
♣ 7 4		♣ A 9 6 5		
		♠ Q J 10		
		♥ A K 10 8 6 4		
		♦ 8		
		♣ J 10 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Yuchen	Hult	Haw
—	—	Pass	1♥
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Dble	All Pass	

With a singleton in partner's suit and half his points in West's suit, Yuchen did well to pass at his first turn. He was rewarded a few seconds later when the bidding had risen to 3♦, which he doubled for penalties.

South won the ♥2 lead with the king, and West false-carded with the ♥7. From the North-South convention card, it seems possible that the ♥2 might have been from 9-3-2. This was unlikely after North's penalty double, but Haw switched to the ♣J rather than persisting with hearts. Stokka ducked the first round and won the second. He then ruffed a club and played the ♦A. After cashing the ♠A, he exited with a trump. North won and was endplayed. Declarer discarded a heart to North's

♣K, forcing him to lead a spade to the king for a second heart discard. It was still a handsome 500 for Singapore.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ong	M.Grönkvist	Chan	I.Grönkvist
—	—	1♠	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West cashed the ♠A and reached his partner's hand with a club. The ♠K and a spade ruff were followed by the ♦A, and that was five tricks to the defenders. Surely East would score a trump trick with his ♥Q-J-5 and that would be one down. Another commentators' prediction flew out of the window. When West led a diamond to the dummy, East ruffed with the ♥5, overruffed with the ♥6, and declarer drew his remaining trumps with the ace-king. It was plus 110 but still 9 imps to Singapore.

Look at the North-South cards on the next deal. How many bids should be used to reach the final contract? Two, would you say, or ten?

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

		♠ Q 9 3		
		♥ A 9 8 2		
		♦ K Q 8 4 2		
		♣ 5		
♠ 10 8 7 2	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J 6 5 4		
♥ J 6 3		♥ K 10 5		
♦ A 9		♦ 7 5 3		
♣ K J 8 7		♣ A 6 4		
		♠ A K		
		♥ Q 7 4		
		♦ J 10 6		
		♣ Q 10 9 3 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Yuchen	Hult	Haw
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

A simple exchange of bids left South in 2NT. West led a spade, and declarer set up the diamonds. Haw won the spade continuation, crossed to a diamond and led a heart. East rose with the ♥K and switched to a low club. The defenders claimed three tricks in the suit, and declarer had his 120.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ong	M.Grönkvist	Chan	I.Grönkvist
—	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The Grönkvists now showed us how the hands should be bid. South made four relay bids to discover North's precise shape. Then, before you have time to blink, she had arrived in 3NT. There were eight tricks once the diamonds were established. 'Where there are eight, there are nine,' players like to say. Well, that may be a sound general guideline, but perhaps not when the East-West pair had reached the World Juniors final.

West led a spade, won the ♦J with the ace and switched to the ♣7. East won and returned the ♣6 to the 10 and jack. West could tell that it would not work well to continue clubs. When he switched to a heart, East won with the king and reverted to clubs, putting the game one down. The first auction may not win any bidding prizes, but it had picked up 5 imps.

On the next deal it was the turn of the East-West pairs to bid differently from each other.

Board 9. Dealer North. East/West Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Yuchen	Hult	Haw
—	1♦	Dble	1♥
Pass	1♠	1NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Stokka and Hult play an immediate 1NT overcall as 15-18. To bid 1NT via a double must show 19-20. Stokka's jump to 3NT was on the ambitious side but we could see that, with hearts 3-2, the contract might have sneaked home. However, Haw had no intention

of letting anything sneak home. He led the ♠8 to the 10, jack and 4. Spades were continued, and declarer won the third round. When he played the ace and queen of hearts, Haw won the second round and switched to the ♣J. North took his ace and cashed a long spade for one down.

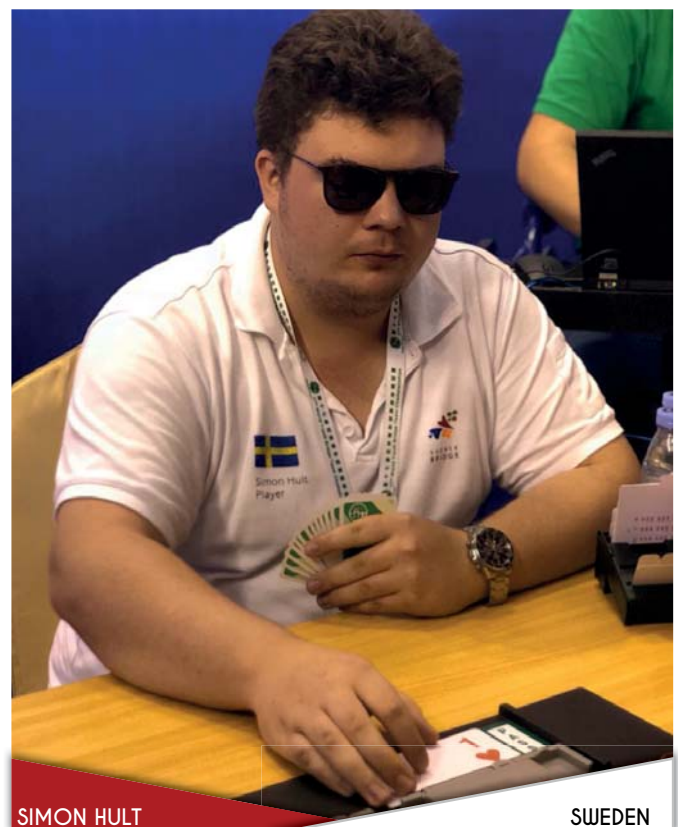
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ong	M.Grönkvist	Chan	I.Grönkvist
—	1♦	Dble	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	All Pass

It seemed at first glance that East had bid more strongly than in the Open Room, but managed to stop in a lower contract. How many points would a 1NT overcall have shown for them? Let me get their convention card. Ah, 1NT would have been Raptor (a convention widely played because of its attractive name). It would have shown a four-card major and a five-card or longer minor. So, East-West had one fewer sequence to describe their values when strong and balanced. 1NT after a double might have been the sort of hand with which others would have overcalled 1NT immediately. 2NT showed a bit more, but not enough for West to raise.

Chan collected 120 and 6 imps. Perhaps we should all give this Raptor convention a second look.

The set had been filled with gentle boards, as you have seen. Singapore scored 25 imps to 21, to lead 111-107 at the halfway stage.



SIMON HULT

SWEDEN



Jérôme Rombaut

CHINA 3 VS. FRANCE

KIDS FINAL

In the first set, this was board 4:

Dlr: West	♠ A J 9 3		
Vul: Both	♥ J 8 4 3 2		
	♦ A		
	♣ K J 8		
♠ 10 5		♠ Q 8 4 2	
♥ Q 10 9 6		♥ A K 7	
♦ 9 5		♦ J 10 7 3	
♣ Q 10 5 3 2		♣ 6 4	
	♠ K 7 6		
	♥ 5		
	♦ K Q 8 6 4 2		
	♣ A 9 7		

West	North	East	South
Dai	Rombaut	Chen	Gallard
Bloch	Cui	Zobel	Liu
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

How do you play on a fourth-highest ♣3 lead?

In the Closed Room, Liu put in the ♣J from dummy, cashed the ♦A, went to hand with the ♣A and cashed two more rounds of diamonds. When the suit broke 4-2, he tried to find his ninth trick in spades by cashing the king and playing low to dummy's jack. When the finesse lost, he was two down, losing one spade, one diamond and four hearts.

In the Open Room, Gallard take the first trick with the ♣K. He was afraid that East might cover the jack with the queen, and he wanted that hand entry. He unblocked the ♦A, played a spade to his king and continued with three rounds of diamonds, discarding two spades and one club from the dummy. Since the defenders could not cash four heart tricks, the contract was home. Very well guessed and 13 imps to France.

After the first set, France led by 38 imps to 32.

China recouped 5 imps in the second set (19-14). There were no big swings; this was our best board.

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

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Dai	Rombaut	Chen	Gallard
1♣ (a)	1♥	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) 16-plus points

South led the ♥6: queen, ace, seven. What should North have done now?

Léo Rombaut found the only return to beat the contract: the ♥8.

If partner had led a singleton, he would have ruffed at no cost to the defenders. But if it was declarer who had started with the loner, a minor-suit return rated to give away the contract.

If North leads a diamond, declarer takes the trick with his queen and plays a spade to the ten. Then he leads the ♥Q. If North covers, East just has to ruff and play another spade. If North ducks, declarer discards a minor, takes a ruff in that minor and leads another spade.

After the ♥8 return, declarer could not manage to make his contract anymore.

Closed Room			
West	North	East	South
Bloch	Cui	Zobel	Liu
1NT (a)	2♦ (b)	2♠	All Pass

(a) 15-17 points

(b) One long major

7 imps to France and still leading by 52-51.



Dlr: North
Vul: E-W

♠ A J 9 7 6
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 10 4 3
♣ Q 3

♠ K 10 2
♥ K 8 5 3
♦ 9 2
♣ 8 7 6 4

♠ 8 3
♥ A Q J 10 4
♦ J 6 5
♣ K J 2

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 6
♦ A K Q 8 7
♣ A 10 9 5

Dlr: South
Vul: E-W

♠ 5 4
♥ K 6 3
♦ Q 10 6 5
♣ A K Q 10

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ J 7
♦ A K
♣ 8 7 6 5 3

♠ A 10 8 3
♥ Q 10 9 5 4
♦ 9 4 2
♣ 4

♠ J 7 6
♥ A 8 2
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ J 9 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Gallard</i>
—	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♥	3♦	All Pass	

3♦ was a bit conservative. With five strong spades, North should have bid 2♠. When he didn't, the possible 4♠ game was missed.

West's heart lead went to the ace, declarer ruffed the ♥Q continuation. The ♠Q was covered by the king and ace. After a diamond to the ace, the ♦K and a low club to dummy's queen, East led another heart, ruffed by declarer. South cashed the ♣A and ran the ♣9, pitching a spade from the dummy. East won with the jack and played the ♦J. At the end, declarer played a spade to the jack, so as not to go down with the doubleton ten in the East hand. 9 tricks, plus 110 for France.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bloch</i>	<i>Cui</i>	<i>Zobel</i>	<i>Liu</i>
—	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Under the ♥A lead, Bloch played the three as a suit-preference signal for clubs (given dummy's singleton). So, East shifted to a club, which ran to declarer's queen. Declarer ruffed a heart, led the ♠Q (king, ace), ruffed his last heart, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club, cashed the ♠J and claimed eleven tricks, losing only one heart and one spade.

Plus 450 and 8 imps to China, who won the set by 40 imps to 18 to lead by 91-70.



West

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Gallard</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦ (a)	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

(a) 0-plus diamonds, 11-15 points

The Chinese pair was the only one in the championships (from the four categories) to reach this game. (Editor's note: Not so surprising when they have only 19 high-card points between them! They also had a powerauction to the game.) Plus 620 and 10 imps to China when the French pair stopped in two spades.

Dlr: North
Vul: E-W

♠ Q J 10 4
♥ J 10 8 7 5
♦ 10 7 5 3
♣ —

♠ —
♥ Q 9 4 2
♦ K J 9 4
♣ J 10 8 3 2

♠ A K 5 2
♥ A 6 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 6 5 4

♠ 9 8 7 6 3
♥ K
♦ A Q 6
♣ K Q 9 7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dai</i>	<i>Rombaut</i>	<i>Chen</i>	<i>Gallard</i>
—	Pass	1NT (a)	Pass
Pass	2♦ (b)	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) 15-17 points

(b) Both majors

The Chinese were up 13 with 4 boards to go. Would

France regain some points?

Dai led the ♣3, and the declarer had no chance to make his contract. Two down, minus300.

The balance of 2♣ seems reasonable, and bidding 4♠ also normal with such a suitable-looking hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bloch	Cui	Zobel	Liu
—	Pass	1NT (a)	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

(a) 15-17 points

Bloch decided to risk using Stayman to try to find a heart fit and perhaps even make a vulnerable game. After 2♠, he had to go back to 2NT. On a high-club lead, 2NT was makable, but Liu, even after hearing 2♠ on his right, found the ♠9 lead.

After this lead, *la messe était dite* (The fat lady was singing). 2NT went down 2 and gave 11 imps to China.

The final score was China 3 114 France 87.

The well-played match was unusual in that the same four players faced each other in every set. The third Chinese pair, Lu and Wang, played in the round robin and the last session of the quarterfinal.

The two French pairs had played 336 boards in seven days. That's a lot for 14 and 15-year-olds.



Mark Horton

THE SWEDISH VARIATION

JUNIORS — FINAL 6

No single deal determines the outcome of a bridge match, but many make a vital contribution at a critical moment.

As the last session of the Junior final drew to a close Sweden bid a slam off two aces to lose 13 IMPs, putting Singapore back in the match. This was the next deal:

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Zhou	Hult	Zhu
—	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♦ Any game force or 22-24 balanced

2♥ Relay

South led the ♠4 and when dummy's jack held declarer played on clubs for +630.

Closed Room

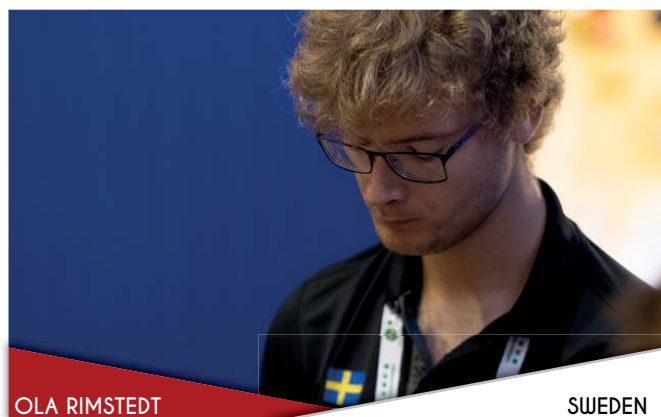
West	North	East	South
Liu	O Rimstedt	Haw	M Rimstedt
—	Pass	1♣*	1♠
Pass	2♣*	3NT	All Pass

1♣ 16+

The Swedish pair play a lot of transfers in competition and it looks as if North chanced his arm by bidding 2♣ to show his diamond suit. It's not without risk - if the final contact were 2♦ doubled the defenders can (and probably should) be able to collect nine tricks for plus 800. 2♠ doubled is no better. There is a lot to be said for East doubling 2♣ and then doubling 2♦ but bidding 3NT is understandable.

If South had led anything but a diamond 3NT would have made and the gap between the two teams would have been just 2 imps, but thanks to North's bravery South tabled the ♦J and declarer could score only eight tricks and 12 vital imps to Sweden.

Was this the deal that sent the title to Scandinavia?



OLA RIMSTEDT

SWEDEN



Mark Horton

Misplay this Hand with Me

GIRLS QF & KIDS FINAL

Early Impression

Everyone knows that the last board of a match can be important, but it is less well-known that the first one is also significant. A good result for your side can affect your opponents' morale, especially if you can induce an indiscretion or an error.

On the first deal of a knockout match, I pick up this modest collection:

♠ J 10 7 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A K J 6

Neither side is vulnerable, and when the player on my left opens 2♥, my partner doubles. I jump to 3♠ and my partner bids 4♥. Clearly he has a strong hand with a heart control, but with nothing to spare for my initial response, I settle for 4♠. However, partner is not finished and he continues with 4NT, asking for key cards. When I respond 5♣ to show one, partner jumps to 6♠, leaving us with this auction:

West	North	East	South
2♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

West leads the ♣2, and dummy is revealed:

♠ A K Q 5 4
♥ A Q J 8
♦ Q 9
♣ 9 7

♠ J 10 7 2
♥ 7 5
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A K J 6

Clearly my partner was out to stamp his authority on the match right from the word go.

Whilst I don't think much of his bidding, it appears to have reaped a huge dividend. East plays the ♣Q, and I win with the ace and cash the ♠AK. When West discards a heart, I come to hand with a spade and quickly dispose of one of dummy's diamonds on the

established clubs. It is only then that I realise to my horror that I have neglected to take the heart finesse before cashing the clubs. Now I am an entry short and have only eleven tricks.

This was the full deal:

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

Post mortem

Having drawn trumps, declarer should take the heart finesse, then cash two clubs to dispose of a diamond, and repeat the heart finesse. The losing heart can be ruffed in hand.

In the other room, they stopped in 5♠, making plus 450. We have made an impression.





Jos Jacobs

ISRAEL V. SWEDEN – SINGAPORE V. SWEDEN

JUNIORS & YOUNGSTERS – FINAL 5

Because there are two teams from Sweden playing in the finals, it seemed a good idea to me to have a look at both these matches simultaneously. They are playing the same set of boards in the two matches, so we might well have a good look at any differences in approach by the teams involved.

To a certain extent, I was unlucky because the boards in this set were rather quiet. Maybe, the fireworks will come in the final session...

With almost nothing in the first four boards, the scorers and I had to wait till board five before anything substantial happened.

As you can see, the diamond layout is very favourable for declarer. With only one loser in the suit, even ten tricks seem possible in hearts. We have to keep in mind, however, that at the table, you usually can't see the opponents' cards. That certainly made all the difference here.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Y Liu</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North did not lead a spade, partner's suit, but tried the effect of a low trump. Dummy won the trick, and declarer immediately led a low diamond off dummy, South winning perforce and shifting to the ♠Q. Declarer played low, and when North overtook with the ♠K, declarer's position had suddenly improved considerably. North returned a club, and South, unsure of the situation, won with the ace and returned the suit, declarer ruffing. A trump went to dummy's king, a spade was successfully won by declarer's ♠10,

trumps were drawn, and when the ♦Q appeared under the ace, declarer suddenly was home for a huge plus 420.

To defeat the contract, the defenders had to set up a spade at trick three, then revert to hearts to kill the ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Zhou</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Xin Zhu</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the other room, the Singaporeans wisely stopped in a partscore. When North did lead partner's suit, the contract might have even gone down, had the diamonds been distributed differently. South's ♠J won the first trick and a trump came back. Declarer then played ♠A and ruffed his last spade with the king before leading a low club off dummy. When South played low, North won with his king and could do no harm. Declarer lost a spade, a diamond and a club for plus 170, but still 6 imps to Sweden.

Over now to the youngsters' match. At both tables, they stopped in a partscore but one declarer actually managed to go down. How did this happen?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mann</i>	<i>Baniri</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Khutorsky</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Spade lead, ducked by declarer, ♠A and a spade ruff. ♥K and a low club to North, who returned a diamond, wrongly ducked to South's king. Back came a spade, promoting North's ♥10, and when declarer later led the ♦J, hoping to pin the ♦10, he lost a trick to the ♦Q as well. He was thus one down after all, for plus 50 to Israel.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Loonstein</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Zeitak</i>	<i>Sandin</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	Dble	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the replay, the Israeli declarer made an overtrick in a very peculiar way. He won the spade lead and immediately led a club, losing to South's jack. A trump came back to dummy's jack, and another club was led, declarer shedding a diamond when South played low. North won with the king and returned a diamond, but dummy won with the ace and led another club, declarer ruffing when South played the ace. With dummy's last club established, declarer simply crossed to the ♥K and threw his last diamond loser on that ♣Q for an overtrick. Plus 170 and 6 imps to Israel.

Back now to the Juniors' final.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Y Liu</i>
—	—	1♦	2♣
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

When South was not afraid of making an overcall on his wonderful eight-loser hand, the Swedes were soon overboard a little. One down, Singapore plus 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Zhou</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Xin Zhu</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	All Pass

No overcall, not even at the second attempt (which some might argue would have been less inhibiting and more dangerous), so the Singaporeans added another 110 when 1♠ made with an overtrick. Their combined efforts were worth 5 imps.

In the Youngsters' match, both Souths entered the auction, as one would have expected ...

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mann</i>	<i>Baniri</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Khutorsky</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When everybody passed, Israel collected plus 90.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Loonstein</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Zeitak</i>	<i>Sandin</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
Dble	Pass	2♦	All Pass

When Loonstein did not sell out to 2♣, Zeitak found himself back in 2♦, a contract in which eight tricks were also there. Israel another plus 90 and 5 imps.

On the next board, Singapore missed a slam.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Y Liu</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	3♣	Dble
4♣	4♠	All Pass	

To me, 4♠ looked like an underbid, and so it proved. Singapore a mere plus 680.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Zhou</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Xin Zhu</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	3♣	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Less fierce intervention gave the Swedes an easy road to the easy slam. Their plus 1430 was worth the usual 13 imps.

A curious swing occurred two boards later.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Y Liu</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	2♦	2♠	All Pass

South led the ♦J and continued the suit. When declarer elected to ruff the 3rd round of diamonds high in dummy, he had managed to promote a trump trick for the defence...One down, plus 100 to Singapore.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Zhou</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Xin Zhu</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

When North shifted to ♥A and another after winning with his ♦Q at trick two, declarer could hardly go wrong any more. Just made, Singapore plus 110 and 5 imps back to them.

Israel v. Sweden (youngsters):

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mann</i>	<i>Baniri</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Khutorsky</i>
—	1NT	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Once again, we saw the effect of the weak NT opening. When East-West were no longer able to

investigate properly, and the spade fit was missed. Strangely enough, the contract only went one down on a diamond lead to declarer's king. Still, Singapore could add plus 100 to their credit.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Loonstein</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Zeitak</i>	<i>Sandin</i>
—	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The transfer overcalls worked well for Israel and steered them into the proper contract. When declarer ruffed the third diamond low in dummy, he was home for another plus 100 and 5 imps to Israel.

Back to the Juniors final again.

On board 11, both teams were in game, but with a difference of three tricks in the play.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Y Liu</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♥	Dble
3♥	Dble	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When West led the ♣J, and East ducked, declarer had no chance unless he could see through the backs of the cards. He won with the ♣K and took a losing spade finesse. He lost a trump, a heart, two clubs, and West scored an overruff. Down two for plus 100 to Sweden.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Zhou</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Xin Zhu</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
3♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♥A and accurately switched to the ♣J all right, but East now won with the ace and returned the suit. Declarer won with the ♣10, and when he went on to play trumps from the top, he even made an overtrick. Sweden plus 450 and 11 imps to them.

On the next board, the Swedes won the auction at both tables:

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Y Liu</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
1♠	Pass	2♦	2♠
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

When South played low to a club led from dummy, declarer managed to make two overtricks. Sweden plus 150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>M Zhou</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Xin Zhu</i>	<i>Stokka</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♦	Pass	3♦	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Stokka showed more courage than his Singaporean counterpart. He was rewarded rather nicely when the defence failed to defeat the contract. The lead of the ♦A and another gave declarer an easy ride to his required nine tricks. Sweden plus 140 and 7 imps.

The score with 14 boards to play: 174-161 to Sweden.

Over again to Israel v. Sweden, the youngsters' match:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mann</i>	<i>Baniri</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Khutorsky</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
1♠	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

A remarkable final contract here, easily(!) made when West led a diamond to declarer's king, thus presenting him with his eighth trick. Israel plus 120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Loonstein</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Zeitak</i>	<i>Sandin</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♦	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

A more-normal auction at the other table resulted in another good partscore contract for Israel. Two overtricks here as well, Israel plus 150 and 7 imps to them.

The score in this match with 14 boards to go: 106-98 to Israel. We were looking forward to a close finish.

BRIDGE PLAYERS HAVE NOT ONLY A MIND, BUT ALSO A HEART

A couple of days ago, three Greeks heard a desperate meow while walking from the Dyna Sun hotel to the championship venue. They looked around, but since it was dark, no cat was seen. The next day, while passing the spot again, the Greeks saw a tiny cat trapped in an electricity transformer box. When they went back to the hotel for help, the people at the reception just laughed.

Two days later, the Greeks noticed that someone else had tried to help, but that the tiny cat was still trapped. They tried to use a branch of a tree to see if the cat could climb out of the transformer box, which was about half a meter high. But the kitten was just too weak and too scared. They then gave it food and water, and soon enough the tiny cat had enough energy to climb on the branch and out of the transformer.

The three Greeks were:

John Virvidakis (U16)

Jason Hercules Papaspyrou (U16)

Vasileios Virvidakis (coach)



David Bird

SINGAPORE VS SWEDEN

JUNIORS – FINAL 6

The Final Curtain

This great tournament drew to a close with two excellent teams contesting a final worthy of the occasion. Not one of the first four sets was won by more than 5 imps. The last set of 14 boards started with Sweden leading by 13 imps. On with the action!

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Zhou	Hult	Zhu
—	—	—	1♥
2♦	2♥	4♠	All Pass

South claimed two tricks in hearts and switched to the ♣J. All would depend on the trump guess. Marc Smith and I, the BBO voice commentators, could see no reason for declarer to get this right.

Hult won with the ace and played a spade to the ace. Since returning to dummy with a diamond would have involved some risk of a ruff in that suit, we were even more confident that he would play for the drop. No, Hult led a diamond, South rising with the ace. A second club was followed by the ♠6. Declarer then sat thinking for a while. It seemed he must have decided to finesse; otherwise, why cross to dummy? Eventually, he did finesse and that was plus 620. A splendid reading of the cards!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yuchen	O.Rimstedt	Haw	M.Rimstedt
—	—	—	1♥
2♦	3♥	4♠	All Pass

Board 7. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Zhou	Hult	Zhu
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	2♥	3♦	3♥
Dble	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West's double was described as 'asking partner to bid 3NT with a heart stopper'. Was West worth such a move, with a minimum and no spade stopper either? East bid 3♠, only showing four at this stage, and had to find a bid over 4♣. It seemed to me that 4♠ was best, showing 5=6 in his two long suits. Since he had not bid spades first, this would have shown a good hand.

When West retreated to 4♣, East surprised us with his 5NT 'pick a slam' bid. I think he must have placed West with a stronger hand for his double of 3♥. After a heart to the ace, South switched to a spade, and the slam was one down.

Since even 5♣ would succumb to a heart lead and a trump return, Sweden supporters had some hopes of a flat board. Not that this would have represented

justice in any way.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yuchen</i>	<i>O.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M.Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West began with a Precision 2♣, usually described as a weak spot in strong-club systems. East's sequence of 2NT followed by 3♠ showed spades and diamonds. Splendid! South ruffed the second heart and played trumps, North winning the second round. Declarer won the diamond return, drew the last trump and claimed an overtrick. On a club return, of course, he could have drawn the last trump with the ♠J and run the clubs.

So, for once in a while, justice had been done. It was 13 imps to Singapore.

There were some hair-raising exchanges on board 11. (Not that this affected me unduly.)

Board 11. Dealer South. Neither Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Stokka</i>	<i>Zhou</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Zhu</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

North's penalty double of 3♠ had the whiff of a matchpoint game, as I see it. But perhaps he had correctly assessed the state of the match. However, would the double assist declarer in the play? We shall see.

Zhou found the best lead of the ♥J, Declarer won with the ace and led the ♦Q, which North won. The diamonds, which declarer hoped to use for a heart

discard, were now blocked. A heart continuation would have beaten the contract, but North first cashed his ♣A. Only then did he play a heart, declarer winning with the ♥K, unblocking the ♦K and returning to the ♣K.

Stokka discarded his heart loser on the ♦J and now needed to ruff sufficient hearts and clubs to be able to endplay North in the trump suit. He ruffed a club, which left him still on track. He crossed to the ♠A (now we see why it was wrong for North to take his ♣A, setting up the ♣K as a quick entry). On this trick, North was caught in a one-suit squeeze. He chose to follow with the ♠7, retaining his three top trumps. Declarer could now have ruffed a heart and, in the three-card ending, exited with a trump to North's K-J-10, scoring the ♠Q as his ninth trick. If instead, North had unblocked the ♠10, to promote South's ♠9. Declarer would have exited with the ♠Q, pinning the ♠9 and scoring the ♠8 as his ninth trick.

Such splendours did not come to pass. Stokka played a club instead and was overruffed by North, who could then exit safely in hearts. One down and North-South (their hearts still pounding) entered 100 in their scorecards.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yuchen</i>	<i>O.Rimstedt</i>	<i>Haw</i>	<i>M.Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

If doubling 3♠ at the other table was dubious, what can I say about the double of 2♠? I'd better play safe and say nothing. You can probably think of a more appropriate adjective than I would dare to use here!

Presumably South knew that his partner's double was for penalties, but he did not think six defensive tricks were likely. He pulled to 2NT, which was alerted (although we were not told the meaning), and East doubled to end the auction. Declarer won the ♦K lead in dummy and played the ♦10 to the queen. West switched to the ♣10, drawing the jack and partner's king. Back came another club to the ace, and declarer cleared the diamonds.

At this stage, East needed to switch to hearts to collect 300 for two down. He would have established the thirteenth heart before his ♠A was removed. When he played a club instead, South cashed his minor-suit 9s and finessed the ♠10, escaping for one down instead of conceding 2♠ doubled and made. A good piece of work by Mikael Rimstedt, whether you agree with his 2NT or not!

That was 5 imps to Singapore, down by 20 with only three boards to go.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Stokka	Zhou	Hult	Zhu
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

A trump lead could have defeated this game, as it happened, but Stokka led the ♦4. Zhu won and continued with ace and another heart, aiming to ruff two hearts in his hand. He won the next diamond in

dummy, ruffed a heart, crossed to the ♠Q and ruffed another heart with the ♠8. He then drew trumps and had his 620. Why am I including this mundane board in my report, you may be wondering? Well, perhaps something different will happen at the other table ...

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Yuchen	O.Rimstedt	Haw	M.Rimstedt
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

South's 1♥ showed spades, and they subsequently decided to play in 3NT. West led a heart, and declarer soon conceded one down. It was a surprise 12 imps to Singapore, giving them some hope with two boards to be played.

Sweden held on to win by 5 imps. Both sides can be well pleased with their adventure in China. It was a great tournament and a huge incentive for young players around the world. Many thanks to all of the VuGraph operators, the sponsors, the backroom staff and, of course, the players!



Phillip Alder

BRIDGE FOR EVERYONE QUIZZES

Here are two problems that initially appeared on my website, bridgeforeveryone.com.

1.	North (Dummy)		
Dlr: North	♠ A K 6 4 3		
Vul: Both	♥ J 8 4		
	♦ A Q J		
	♣ A 5		
Opening lead: ♥ 10	<div>North South West East</div>		
	South (Declarer)		
	♠ Q 9		
	♥ K 6 5		
	♦ 10 9 7 5 4		
	♣ Q J 10		
West	North	East	South
—	<i>Dummy</i>		<i>Declarer</i>
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West leads the heart ten: four, three, king. How should declarer continue?

2.	North (Dummy)			
Dlr: North	♠ Q J 8 7 6 5			♠ A K 9 4
Vul: Both	♥ J			♥ 10 6 2
	♦ Q 10 7			♦ A J 8 6 3
	♣ A 8 3			♣ J
	<div>North WestEast South</div>			
West	North	East	South	
—	Dummy		Declarer	
—	1♠	2♦	2♥	
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

North judged his hand to be too strong for a weak-two opening -- which it would be for many pairs these days.



West leads the diamond nine, and declarer covers with dummy's queen. How should East plan the defense?

Answers on the next page.

RESULTS

JUNIOR TEAMS

FINALS

	C/O	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Tot
 SINGAPORE	0	51	51	35	86	25	111	31	142	19	161	40	201
 SWEDEN	0	46	46	40	86	21	107	29	136	38	174	32	206

YOUNGSTER TEAMS

FINALS

	C/O	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Tot
 ISRAEL	0	15	15	6	21	15	36	36	72	34	106	6	112
 SWEDEN	0	17	17	44	61	23	84	13	97	1	98	20	118

























GIRLS TEAMS

FINALS

	C/O	1	Tot	2	Tot	3	Tot	4	Tot	5	Tot	6	Tot
 CHINA	0	43	43	25	68	28	96	62	158	40	198	47	245
 POLAND	0	34	34	20	54	13	67	48	115	16	131	29	160

Bridge for Everyone Quiz Answers

by Phillip Alder

1.				2.			
Dlr: North				Dlr: North			
Vul: Both				Vul: Both			
<p>  7 5  Q 10 9 7  K 6 3 2  9 4 2 </p>				<p>  A K 6 4 3  J 8 4  A Q J  A 5 </p>			
<p>  J 10 8 2  A 3 2  8  K 8 7 6 3 </p>				<p>  10 3  9 8 4 3  9 2  K Q 9 6 5 </p>			
<p>  Q 9  K 6 5  10 9 7 5 4  Q J 10 </p>				<p>  2  A K Q 7 5  K 5 4  10 7 4 2 </p>			
West	North	East	South	West	North	East	South
—	<i>Dummy</i>		<i>Declarer</i>	—	1♠	2♦	2♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
	3NT	All Pass		Pass	Pass	Pass	

Here is perhaps the best technical declarer-play Zia ever made. Test your bits and bytes by forming a plan in three notrump after West leads the heart ten: four, three, king.

At first, Zia, after deciding he had to find hearts 4-3, not 5-2, thought he had nine easy tricks: three spades, one heart, four diamonds and one club. So, he started with a diamond to dummy's jack. When the finesse won, Zia was just about to continue with dummy's diamond ace when he wondered what would happen if the diamonds split 4-1. Here, West would duck the third diamond, leaving Zia needing a 3-3 spade break. Surely there was something better.

Suddenly Zia spotted the perfect play. At trick three, he called for dummy's diamond queen. If West took this trick, Zia had those nine tricks. But when West ducked, Zia played four rounds of spades, getting home via four spades, one heart, three diamonds and one club.

Do you think someone will ever write a computer program that could find this sparkling line?

West leads the diamond nine, and declarer covers with dummy's queen. How should East plan the defense?

This deal occurred in a battle between teams from New Zealand and England during a tournament in Japan.

If Martin Reid from New Zealand (East) had played low at trick one, declarer would have cashed the heart jack and led a diamond toward his king to get home. So, East won the first trick.

If he had shifted to the club ten, he would have been allowed to take the trick.

If East had continued with a low diamond at trick two (or trick three, after the club ten), declarer would have run that around to dummy's ten, cashed the heart jack and taken five hearts, two diamonds and one club.

A heart shift at trick two would have been successful, but Reid found a much prettier play: He led back the diamond jack. This Deschappelles Coup dislodged declarer's entry to his hearts.



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Xuzhou Museum



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Preliminary Schedule

The Championship is to be held on 25th-28th October 2018.

A preliminary schedule is set as follows:

	Time	Activity	Location	Participant
10.23	All day	registration	hotel	teams
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10.24	15:30	Technical meeting	hotel	LOC members, team leaders, referees, coaches
	17:00	Opening ceremony	XUT	teams
	18:30	Welcome reception	XUT	teams
10.25	9:00-12:00	competitio	Hotel or XUT	teams
	15:00-18:00	competitio	Hotel or XUT	teams
10.26	9:00-12:00	competitio	Hotel or XUT	teams
	15:00-18:00	competitio	Hotel or XUT	teams
10.27	9:00-12:00	competitio	Hotel or XUT	teams
	14:00-18:00	Cultural tour	XZ	teams
10.28	9:00-12:00	competitio	Hotel or XUT	teams
	14:00-17:00	competitio	Hotel or XUT	teams
10.29	18:00	Closing ceremony	XUT	teams
	All day	departure		teams



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Dotted with mountains, lakes and rivers here and there, Xuzhou is a city endowed with both historical, cultural depth and modern vitality, and a city with both rough northern character and gentle southern character.

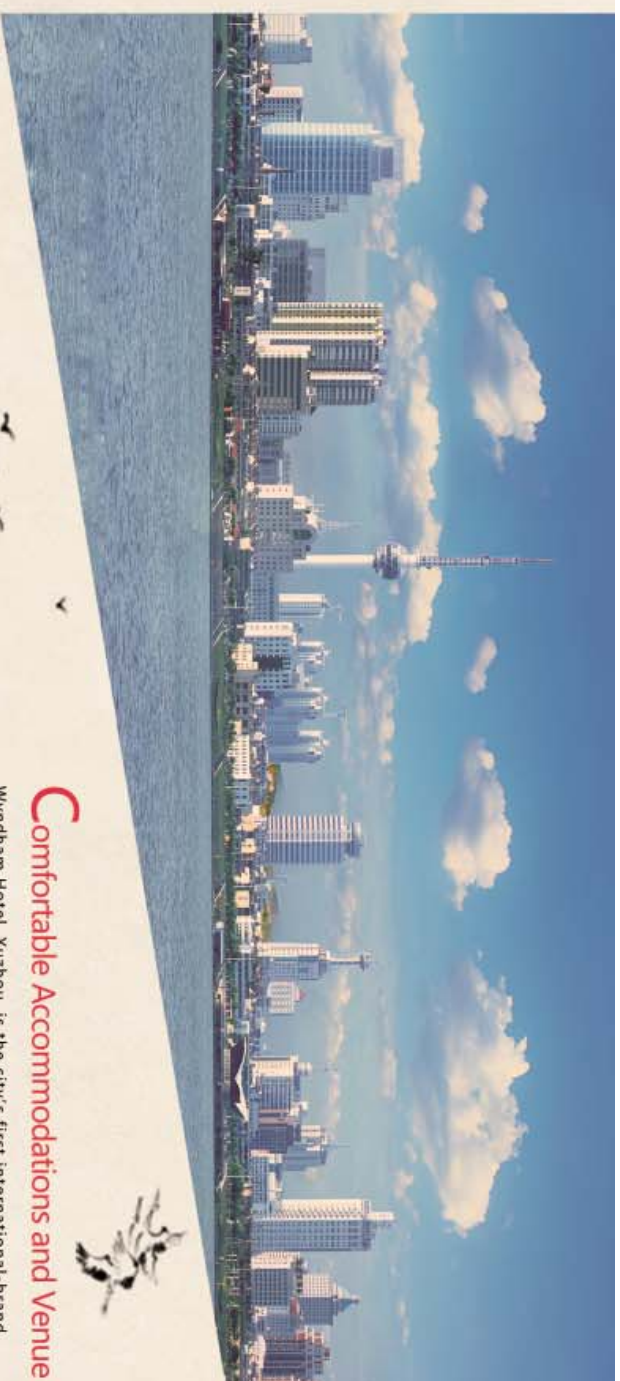
Walking along the streets of the city, one can easily feel the clash between the historical thickness and the modern splendor. Today's Xuzhou is home to a population of nearly 10 million, ten colleges and universities, and approximately 140 thousand of college students.

"Friends are coming from afar", Xuzhou will open its arms to entertain its guests with utmost hospitality, sincerity and efficiency. Please trust us, with the supervision of FISU, support of Federation of University Sports of China and relevant authorities, we will strictly follow the requirement of FISU Regulations, and we are confident we will host a successful Championship in 2018 and made our contributions to the world university bridge movement.

Host University Overview

—Xuzhou University of Technology

Xuzhou University of Technology is an application-oriented undergraduate university specializing in engineering subjects, supplemented by the coordinated development of the subjects of science, humanities, economics, management, pedagogy, and sports science. The university now has a total enrollment of about 23 thousand students. Currently it has established cooperation programs with 20 universities or institutions from 13 countries or regions like the U.S., Russia, and Germany.



Convenient Traffic



Xuzhou is located at the northwest of Jiangsu Province, with an area of 11,258 square kilometers. Commonly known as the "thoroughfare

of five provinces", the city sits at the very junction of Jiangsu, Shandong, Henan, and Anhui provinces. Xuzhou is the crossroad of Beijing-Shanghai Railway and Longhai Railway, and of some of the country's major expressways, and Xuzhou's Guanyin Airport has now grown to a modern regional international airport.

With all these traffic facilities, Xuzhou now has become one of China's important hubs of transportation and economic relations.



Comfortable Accommodations and Venue

Wyndham Hotel, Xuzhou, is the city's first international-brand five-star hotel. The hotel has about 340 rooms, all comfortable and equipped with first-class facilities, and of course first-class service.



Sports Venues information

The venue will be set in Wyndham hotel and this will save the trouble of transportation and allow more rest time for the athletes.

