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*Captains' Meeting*

## ...AND THEN THERE WERE EIGHT.

We started out with various numbers of teams in the five championships, but now we are down to the same number in each – eight.

The knock-out matches each last for one full day, 4 x 14-board segments to decide who goes through to the next day. Eventually, on Monday evening, only one will be left standing.

There were tight finishes in a number of the races for the last qualifying places. In the U31s, commiserations to Netherlands and to Chinese Taipei, both within 5 VPs of eighth-placed Scotland, and in the U16s to Czech Republic. In the U16 series, USA1 qualified more than two full matches ahead of the rest and must be hot favourites for the title.

A second Dutch team missed out in the U21s, finishing just 1.04 VPs behind eighth-placed England.

Three teams, USA1, Netherlands and Israel, were over two matches clear of the rest in the U26 event, in which commiserations to China and Turkiye, especially China, who lost points on the final board to be overtaken by their direct opponents in the match, Singapore, for the all-important eighth spot. The margin? Just 0.25 VP. China were also to finish ninth and so miss out in the U26W.





### Quarterfinals - U26

1	USA1
	SINGAPORE

2	SWEDEN
	POLAND

3	ISRAEL
	ITALY

4	NETHERLANDS
	GREECE

### Quarterfinals - U21

1	POLAND
	CHINA

2	USA1
	USA2

3	FRANCE
	DENMARK

4	ISRAEL
	ENGLAND

### Quarterfinals - Women U26

1	NORWAY
	HUNGARY

2	ENGLAND
	POLAND

3	ITALY
	NETHERLANDS

4	FRANCE
	DENMARK

### Quarterfinals - U16

1	USA1
	CHINESE TAIPEI

2	ESTONIA
	NORWAY

3	HUNGARY
	POLAND

4	CHINA
	USA2

### Quarterfinals - U31

1	CHINA
	SCOTLAND

2	ISRAEL
	BELGIUM

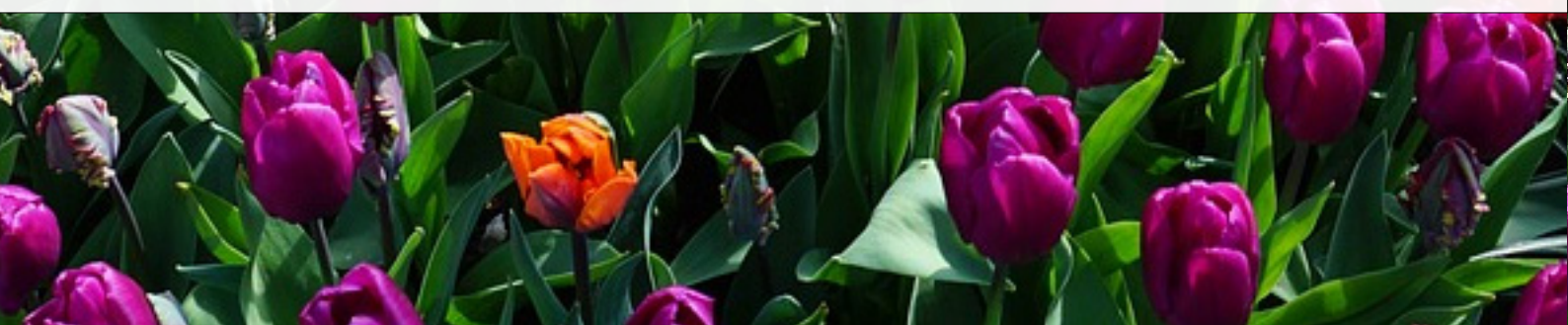
3	POLAND
	FRANCE

4	INDIA
	BULGARIA



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## BBO MATCHES TODAY

Round 1	U26 Teams KO	SWEDEN	POLAND
Round 1	U26 Teams KO	NETHERLANDS	GREECE
Round 1	U21 Teams KO	FRANCE	DENMARK
Round 1	U26W Teams KO	NORWAY	HUNGARY
Round 2	U26 Teams KO	USA1	SINGAPORE
Round 2	U26 Teams KO	ISRAEL	ITALY
Round 2	U21 Teams KO	POLAND	CHINA
Round 2	U31 Teams KO	ISRAEL	BELGIUM

*Remaining Rounds: to be announced*

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has kindly offered free books for all U16 and U21 players participating in this championship.  
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# American Grands

**By Brian Senior**

I had a visit from two American captains on Thursday evening, each with a story about a grand slam deal involving their teams. If they come with as good stories as these, I'd love to be visited by many more captains, or players, over the next few days. You'll find me in Room 23.

## U21 Round 16 – USA1 v New Zealand

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
—	Xu	—	Schireson
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♠	All Pass	



*Olivia SCHIRESON*



*Michael XU*

At the other table, the New Zealand N/S got to 7♦, a good contract, but not the best available as, even with the diamonds onside, the four-one split meant that a heart finesse was required for the thirteenth trick.

For USA, Olivia Schireson opened 1♥ and, mindful of being vulnerable, West passed, just as was the case in the other room. Michael Xu responded 1♠ and Schireson jumped to 3♦, GF. Xu's next bid was the key to the successful auction, repeating the chunky spades rather than supporting diamonds. A good tip is to avoid bidding weak suits on good hands, and there would always be the possibility to get back to diamonds later if it really seemed necessary.

Schireson bid 4♥ and now it was time for Key-card. Schireson showed three, for hearts, then the king of diamonds, and Xu was sure that Seven had to have fair play facing a hand that could force to game opposite a possibly misfitting five- or six-count, so jumped to 7♠.

Seven Spades is, of course, much better than 7♦, as declarer will be able to ruff one or two hearts, according to the trump split, as required to establish a thirteenth trick in the suit.

On the actual deal, USA1 gained 2 IMPs. Apart from this match, there were two more pairs in 7♦ and one in 7NT. Nobody else reached the top spot of 7♠.

Technically, our second exhibit is not an American Grand, in that it was bid by the opposition, but it was a great triumph for the American team.

## U26 Round 15 – USA2 v Poland

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10 2		♠ K 8 6 4
♥ 9 7 3		♥ J
♦ Q 9 8 6 5 2		♦ A 7 4 3
♣ 8 3		♣ K 7 4 2
♠ A Q 7	<div style="border: 2px solid magenta; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	
♥ A K 6 5		
♦ K 10		
♣ A Q J 10		
♠ J 9 5 3		
♥ Q 10 8 4 2		
♦ J		
♣ 9 6 5		

West	North	East	South
–	Wan		Duffie
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dble	2♥	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♦	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
7NT	All Pass		

Cornelius Duffie decided to open very light in third seat and, when the Polish West doubled, Qinqin Wan made a simple raise to 2♥. East jumped to 4♠ and, looking at a mere 23-count, West asked for key-cards, finding two, then for kings, finding one. So East was known to have the two black kings and the ace of diamonds, and West made the fine bid of 7♣ to offer a choice of grand slams.

This auction might well have been an award winner, as East made the obvious choice to leave partner in 7♣, which was quite cold. But now Duffie came back to life with a psychic Lightner Double. What could West think? Clearly South was ruffing something, presumably a spade, so he ran to the hoped for safety of 7NT, only to find that he had been conned.



Starting with 11 top tricks, that is the number that declarer came to, so the contract was down two for –200. that wasn't quite as big a pick-up as it might have been, because in the other room the Polish North opened 3♦ and, after two passes, West overcalled 3NT and played there for +660 and 13 IMPs to USA2.

Elsewhere, two pairs reached 7♠, going down, of course, and two bid and made 7♣. Their auctions were as follows:

## For Turkey v France

West	North	East	South
Gulez		Eker	
–	Pass	1♦	1♥
Dble	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

## For England v Argentina

West	North	East	South
Winter		Anoyrkatis	
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6NT	Pass	7♣	All Pass

Take a bow, Cem Gulez and Muhammed Furkan Eker, and Daniel Winter and Sam Anoyrkatis.





# U26W Round Robin, Round 10

## France v Denmark

By Marshall Lewis (Croatia/USA)

So far at these Championships, I have had the great journalistic fortune to cover two matches in which swings abounded. The first was Monday's U26 (Open) Round 2 encounter France v Croatia, and now this second one which also involves France. In these two 12-board contests, 55 IMPs and 77 IMPs were scored respectively – approximately 4.5/6.5 IMPs per deal. If wild melees of blood-on-the-baize serve as a major turnstile draw, spectators of the two frays are favoured to return as repeat customers.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
A.R. Bune	Bouton	S. Bune	Kurek-B
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Schlumberger	Jacobsen	Belloy	Pedersen
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
Dble	3♦	Dble	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Even the harshest critic could find little to object to with the first three calls in this auction – but that 1♥ option chosen by the Danish West would not meet with universal approval. My personal sympathies are however very much with West – and since I usually detest bidding bad suits on good hands, this is no knee-jerk doctrinaire stance. West has every intention here of ending in 3NT, and it could easily be quite

advantageous to discourage a heart lead. Meanwhile with a take-out double on the right the chances that partner has four hearts AND can bury us in that suit are greatly reduced, so from a tactical perspective 1♥ is a pretty savvy gambit. Imagine the brazen effrontery of East here though, who not only DID show up with four hearts after all, but even put the blade to our throat with a steroidal 3♥. Read the script, partner!

The good news was that E/W were never going to stop in a partial, and no game makes on the layout. The bad news was there are minus scores and minus scores, and things unraveled after the 3♥ raise. Normally one would expect West then to rebid a carefully-prepared 3NT, so her failure to do so suggests that call would have been artificial (I am only speculating here, though, and anyway such a treatment is not very attractive). East would surely have passed a natural 3NT (having already shown a skewed heart orientation) and that would probably lead to one down. Instead, as it was, South had an easy double of 4♥.

OK so the hearts are cruel, bad luck, we just pay the tariff and move on. Ah but no – West seems to have rather lost her nerve and relying on the 3♥ jump to reflect beaucoup round-suit cards, she fled to 5♣. Understandable in a sense – but then, exactly where/how were the threatened E/W heart losers to be disposed of in 5♣?

There are very important lessons in this deal: (1) Keep the faith with your original assessment – unless of course later developments call for a radical re-appraisal, and that is surely not the case here; (2) In general, do not flee to a higher level in a vague hope of improving the contract – unless you have already been guessing about degree of fit, which is likewise clearly not the case here. Anyway, 5♣ doubled cost –800, for a 13-IMP calamity when the French E/W pair went quietly one off (–50) in a mundane NT game. To be fair, 4♥ doubled might have been equally expensive, on a spade lead, but also might have cost just –500. Either way, of course, a big loss was certain as soon as 3NT had been bypassed – in practice the irretrievable damage was done earlier in the auction.

Meanwhile, 3NT in the other room was quite an interesting contract, especially on the actual sequence. The defense began with two rounds of diamonds, so declarer was under time pressure to get her nine tricks going. She tried a heart toward KQxx, but that seems somewhat futile given the take-out double on

her right. The opening 1♦ bid showed four-plus cards and the opening leader, who had jump-raised diamonds, surely had exactly five of them, since South clearly had all the absent high cards. That meant that two extra tricks had to be established while yielding only one tempo, since diamonds would not be divided six-three.

The best technical line in context is to play South for both spade honors. Thanks to the club nine, declarer can even cater to a singleton club in the doubler's hand by cashing one high club from KJx then overtaking the other club honor in dummy once North follows to a second round. This move always allows clubs to be run while also securing two dummy entries in the suit, both needed to lead spades twice towards KJx. Obviously, on the actual layout this thoughtful care reaps no reward – alas, another painful life lesson. Anyway, this is how we can be sure we are playing in 'Heat One' (to invoke Zia's famous mojo scale) – we overlook the best play, but it makes no appreciable difference on the scoreboard. OK onward ....

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

		♠ 9 6 4			♠ A J 7 3
		♥ A Q 6 5 2			♥ 10
		♦ Q 8 6			♦ –
		♣ 8 3			♣ AQJ107542
♠ Q 10 8 5 2		♠ K			
♥ J 9 8 7		♥ K 4 3			
♦ J 9		♦ A K 10 7 5 4 3 2			
♣ K 6		♣ 9			

West	North	East	South
A.R. Bune	Bouton	S. Bune	K-Beaulieu
–	–	1♣	4♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Schlumberger	Jacobsen	Belloy	Pedersen
–	–	1♣	1♦
2♣	2♦	4♠	All Pass

On the very next board the Danes got most of those IMPs back when it was a French declarer who did not find a winning line. Denmark reached 5♠ in the Open Room after what seems quite an aggressive 5♦ cuebid, facing a partner who had done nothing until virtually forced to act. Anyway, no harm done since

now West signed off, and had no difficulties after a rather questionable trump lead.

I will confess, though, that holding the West hand I would have been sorely tempted to bid the slam, since: (1) on that sequence by East, dummy is substantially more likely to contain the king of spades alongside the rest of those assets than to be as porous as it actually is; and (2) when we are holding the club king ourselves (not to mention the queen of spades), East will certainly have heart control. Of course, should a trump lead still seem like a good idea to North against slam, that would produce +1010 even opposite the actual East hand – but perhaps one down is a more likely prediction, and is in any case a more charitable one.

Actually, from an a priori perspective, a contract of 5♠ is hardly surprising, since many N/S pairs would bid as high as 5♦, which is in fact cold. As the bidding records here show, however, this did not occur at either table of this match, where the only 5♦ bid was made by the Danish player sitting East. Thus, in the other room, E/W played in spades a level lower, after West appears to have used a gadget showing the majors (though the BBO record lacks an alert/explanation), which had the effect of making East declarer. After ruffing the high diamond lead, she opted to cross to the king of clubs in order to lead queen of spades for a finesse, whereupon the roof fell in when it lost and another diamond followed, shortening her trump holding even further, then spades failed to divide evenly. No doubt she just played too fast, as this is a deal that repays careful planning from the outset. As long as neither defender has a void in a black suit, declarer can afford to go straight after trumps at trick two.





Meanwhile, that precious king of clubs must be retained for communication purposes – if spades are 3/1 (with the king not singleton), the defence might run the East hand out of trumps (via another diamond or else two rounds of hearts) while a trump is still outstanding, and only the king of clubs can provide the vital dummy entry to draw that last trump. The resultant four-trick difference brought 11 IMPs back to the Danish, and the next deal swiftly netted them an additional 10:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
A.R. Bune	Bouton	S. Bune	K-Beaulieu
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	4♠	All Pass

West	North	East	South
Schlumberger	Jacobsen	Belloy	Pedersen
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

- (I) One major-suit  
(II) Pass or correct

Sophie BUNE

In the Open Room the Danish East blasted into 4♠ over an opening 3rd-chair strong NT. This might be a more attractive option under other circumstances, for example, at favorable colours after partner has passed as dealer, but it looks to be ‘swimming against the current’ under the actual conditions here. If partner has enough of the few outstanding HCP for us to get close to making 4♠, then 1NT doubled might be very lucrative – possibly even with game not on our way, or missed by our counterparts over yonder. If the enemy flee to safety, we have time and space to reach 4♠ if partner likes the idea. Meanwhile, it might be South who has all the missing stuff, in which case 4♠ will get hammered for –500, possibly with no game on their way – for example, partner probably needs no more than 10xx of diamonds to stop 3NT, and 4♥ may also be unmakeable. When they CAN make game, the very best way to stop them bidding it without conceding a sizeable penalty is to start with a penalty double of 1NT. Of course, most often the missing points will not be distributed in all-or-nothing fashion, and in that case the probable effect of bidding 4♠ will be to turn a plus score into a minus. A final reflection is that even if we belong in 4♠, it is extremely unlikely that we need to make that bid right now. It is of course difficult to argue with success, and indeed 4♠ did make when the defenders got off to an irretrievably unfortunate start..

A club lead obviously sinks 4♠ straightaway, and indeed there is a strong case for opening the North hand 1♣ rather than 1NT, even playing 15-17. The hand is really too robust, with three aces and a chunky five-card suit. Four Spades also ought to fail after a count-coded diamond lead, which allows North to duck the first round of that suit while she still holds the trump ace – then when spades are played, she wins an early round and cashes the ace of diamonds before safely exiting in a major. Declarer was very lucky to get a heart lead instead, which left North unable to escape the endplay – trumps were attacked immediately, and by the time diamonds got played North had no more major-suit cards as safe exits on winning the ace. Just to be clear, I am not saying double is necessarily correct. The point is rather that, with this hand, East has to decide how good an opportunity it presents for a ‘big-ticket item’, i.e. a substantial swing in. IF she decides to ‘live large’ on the deal, the more flexible double rates to perform better on balance than a highly committal and wholly unilateral 4♠. Indeed, in the Closed Room East contented herself with a mere Multi overcall, simply preferring offense to defense while perhaps assuming her intervention would make it more difficult for N/S to find their own plus score. The biggest problem with 2♦ is not its lack of ambition



but its likely failure to achieve the second objective, i.e. to interfere with the enemy – in fact,  $2\diamond$  is more likely to help than to hurt them: (1) They can slip in with  $2\heartsuit$  on a hand that might have passed 1NT and gone minus (xxx, xxxxx, Kx, QJx, perhaps facing: Ax, Qjxx, Axx, Axxx); (2) They may be able to double with some useful meaning; (3) LHO will very often be able to re-enter the auction over our eventual  $2\spadesuit$  to find a fit for N/S. Anyway, as is so often the case, this was another deal that resulted in a big IMP yield for one team, where the double-digit swing might easily have gone the other way.

The next two boards were somewhat calmer, in that low-level partscores were played at both tables. This did not however stop the steady flow of IMPs, though that current once again changed direction and the amperage diminished somewhat. France scored 7 IMPs and 6 IMPs respectively on numbers four and five. Then a sudden hush fell on the scoreboard, with three consecutive flat boards, so at the two-thirds marker of the match the interim score was a highly competitive 26-21 in favour of France. The final four deals however were an avalanche for France, starting with:

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

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

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

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ A J 5 3  
♥ K Q  
♦ A 9 2  
♣ 9 5 4 3


<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>A.R. Bune</i>	<i>Bouton</i>	<i>S. Bune</i>	<i>K-Beaulieu</i>
<i>Schlumberger</i>	<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Belloy</i>	<i>Pedersen</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Schlumberger</i>	<i>Jacobsen</i>	<i>Belloy</i>	<i>Pedersen</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

the contract. Most likely the causes were stylistic, as the system cards are silent on the implications of the relevant sequence-stem  $1\clubsuit - 1\heartsuit - 1\spadesuit$  (followed by the successful E/W) versus  $1\clubsuit - 1\heartsuit - 1NT$  (in the room where 3NT failed).

When played by the French declarer from the West hand, North made the natural opening lead of a low diamond, and that was effectively that.

In contrast, the Dutch declarer sitting East received a heart lead which gave away nothing, and had to make her own way through the maze. She elected to go straight after spades, leading to the king and back to the jack, and a second heart was returned. Now she cashed the spades, both defenders discarding a diamond, while dummy shed the small heart, and led a club to the ten. North won and persisted with a third heart in this position:

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

Constance BELLOY



Already dummy had been obliged to make a somewhat awkward discard on the last spade, and now it was declarer's turn to make an uncomfortable choice. She let a club go, and the last crucial juncture of the deal had been reached. One can easily see double-dummy that she can succeed via three rounds of diamonds, endplaying North, but all along she had been playing like someone who is banking on split club honours. Accordingly, she crossed to her ace of diamonds and led another club toward dummy, but when the ace showed up in the North hand her goose was cooked. There were other ways to get home on the deal – since communication is a potential issue, burning the spade king early was a doubtful move and it looks better to broach clubs immediately, which retains more flexibility. Really, though, it was the auction that exerted the biggest influence on the outcome.

On the following board it was the Dutch West player who went down in a 3NT that was made in the other room, but here it was readily apparent that she simply either pulled the wrong card or else, as the Brits so often say, 'a cow flew by'. In any case this unfortunate mechanical mishap cost another 13. On Board 11 a further 5 IMPs went to France when the Danes bid

to 5♣ on a deal where no game makes if the best opening lead is found, and 5♣ probably had as good a chance as any alternative but to no avail. When the smoke cleared France had prevailed by a score of 56-21 in a riveting match.



Wilhelmine SCHLUMBERGER



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# U31 Round Robin, Round 16

## India v Israel

By Brian Senior

When India met Israel in Round 16 of the U31 championship, both teams already looked pretty secure for places in the knock-out stages of the tournament. Eight boards into the 14-board match, it looked as though a quiet set of deals would have little effect on the teams' relative standings and would offer little or no interest to our readers. However, things changed over the remaining six deals, beginning with Board 23.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Ben David	Kushari	Ginossar	Roy
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	7♦
All Pass			



Wrik CHAKRABORTY

West	North	East	South
Chatterjee	Asulin	Chakraborty	Levi
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Dble	Rdbl	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

After identical starts to the two auctions, both Norths raised diamonds which, as discussed in a separate article, looks to be dangerous, committing too soon to a weak suit on a strong hand. This locked both pairs into diamonds, when spades are a significantly better trump suit – 3♠ instead of 4♦, anybody?

At least India's Sayantan Kushari and Sagnik Roy got to Seven and, with the four-one trump split onside, they could be picked up without loss, though a heart finesse was also required to provide the thirteenth trick; +2140.

For Israel, Adi Asulin continued the slam hunt with a 4♠ cuebid over 4♥ and Hila Levi in turn cuebid 5♣ – or at least there is nothing on their CC to suggest that this was other than cuebidding. When 5♣ was doubled and Asulin showed first-round control va a redouble, it was surprising that Levi signed off in 5♦. Asulin raised to Six, but there was no way that Levi was now going to go on to the grand slam. Kushari's use of Key-card made life much easier than Asulin's choice of a cuebidding approach to the slam hunt; +1370 but 13 IMPs to India. Perhaps Asulin was afraid to take control because of her weak trumps?



Hila LEVI and Adi ASULIN

## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

♠ Q 10 5 3  
♥ 10 6 3  
♦ 10 8 3  
♣ A 8 4

♠ A 8 7 6 2  
♥ 8 7 4  
♦ 7  
♣ Q 10 6 2

♠ K J 4  
 ♥ A Q 5  
 ♦ K J 5 2  
 ♣ K 9 7

West	North	East	South
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Roy</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
<i>Chatterjee</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Chakraborty</i>	<i>Levi</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♠
3♠	4♦	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

It looks as though Roy's 2♣ was a transfer, showing diamond support, but Yuval Ben David's pre-emptive spade raise took away any bidding space that the Indian pair might have liked to use to explore the hand. Roy was forced into bidding 3NT, where he played. That was, of course, just fine. Ben David led a spade, Itamar Ginossar winning and continuing with a second spade for the jack and queen. A third spade cleared the suit, and Roy just cashed his nine red winners for +430.

Levi showed diamond support via a  $2\spadesuit$  cuebid. When Swarnashish Chatterjee made a weak spade raise, Asulin competed with  $4\diamond$  to show her extra diamond length, but that committed the partnership to diamonds, and the cold NT game had been missed.

Levi, of course, went on to 5♦, against which Wrik Chakraborty cashed the ace of spades then switched to a low club. That wasn't the right defence on this layout, where passive defence would have netted the defence two club tricks. Now, playing low would make the contract, with a discard already established in the shape of the king of spades. But there weren't a lot of high cards missing, and Chakraborty had overcalled, while Chatterjee had merely made a weak raise, so Asulin called for the king, and that led to her losing three club tricks; down two for -100 and 11 IMPs to India.

## Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

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

♠ 6  
 ♥ K 6 4 3 2  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ K Q 9 8 7 4

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Ben David</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Ginossar</i>	<i>Roy</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Chatterjee</i>	<i>Asulin</i>	<i>Chakraborty</i>	<i>Levi</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Both Wests opened 1NT and opted to play the heart game when partner first transferred to hearts then showed a second suit of clubs.

Kushari led the three of clubs, third and fifth, to the nine, jack and ace. Ben David led the nine of hearts to the king and ace, and Roy returned the ten of spades to the jack and queen. Kushari switched back to clubs, and Ben David was taken in by Roy's play of the jack at trick one. He now put in the seven, losing to the ten, and back came a diamond. Ben David won the ace and led the eight of hearts, Kushari winning the queen, but declarer then having the rest for down one and -100.

Of course, the opening lead could have been from ten-to-four, but that would have been anti-systemic, and by putting in the seven, declarer was only hoping to make his contract if South was ruffing with the queen, else he was down if the suit was breaking four-one.

Asulin led the five of clubs to the nine, ten and ace, and Chatterjee played the jack of hearts and, when Asulin played low, ran it. Levi returned the jack of clubs, but Chatterjee could win the king and lay down the king of hearts, after which there was the ♡10 and a spade to be lost; 10 tricks for +620 and another 12 IMPs to India.



Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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



West	North	East	South
Ben David	Kushari	Ginossar	Roy
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♠
3♥	3NT	Dble	4♣
4♦	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Chatterjee	Asulin	Chakraborty	Levi
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♠
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

Ginossar opened 1♠, Roy cuebid to show hearts and a minor, and Ben David in turn cuebid to show his constructive spade raise. Kushari ventured 3NT but Ginossar doubled that and Roy ran to his second suit. Now Ben David tried 4♦ and there would seem to have been some misunderstanding, his having already shown spade support, because that ended the auction.

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Kushari led his singleton heart to dummy's bare ace, and Ben David led a spade up, winning the ace when Roy discarded a club. He led a heart, ruffed with the ten and over-ruffed with the ace, came to hand with a club ruff, and led another heart. Kushari again ruffed, this time with the jack, and returned the two of diamonds to the four, seven and eight. The next heart ruff passed off peacefully, of course, and now the ace of clubs took care of a spade loser, the ten of clubs was ruffed, and the last heart ruffed. Ben David had two trumps to come, making a total of 10 trick, so just made for +130.

Chakraborty also opened 1♠ and Levi too cuebid to show hearts and another. When Chatterjee now bounced to 4♠, Asulin couldn't resist a penalty double, understandably enough when looking at those trumps and facing a hand that could commit her side to the three level.

Superficially, declarer should have three spade losers plus a diamond, but it is rarely so simple, and so proved to be the case here. Levi led the king of hearts, Chakraborty winning the bare ace, ruffing a club, and leading a heart towards his hand – and Asulin pitched the two of diamonds, so that was the defensive diamond trick gone. There was still work to be done, of course. Chakraborty ruffed the heart and cashed the ace and king of diamonds then led another heart off the dummy. Asulin ruffed with the ten and returned a club, but Chakraborty could ruff that in dummy and lead another heart, Asulin this time discarding a club. Having ruffed the heart, Chakraborty cashed the ace of clubs for a heart discard, and just had to concede two trump tricks; 10 tricks for +590 and 10 IMPs to India.

Israel had picked up a partscore swing on Board 25, but that was all, while these four deals added 46 IMPs to the Indian total. They won the match by 51-12 IMPs, converting to 18.29-1.71 VPs.

# U26 Round Robin, Round 18

## USA1 v Singapore Netherlands v Poland

By Jos Jacobs

Two matches this round on display, involving four teams from the top 10: the two leading teams each playing opponents who could not afford a big defeat considering their position in the current rankings.

Already on the first board, the two leading teams seemed to set the tone for the match.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Z Grossack	Yang	F Kolesnik
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Dble	6♠
All Pass			

This looks a fine auction. N/S first used Drury and then got on board of the last train very nicely; USA 1 +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kristensen	Wu	Rosenberg	Teo
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

The Bergen style auction of the Singaporeans did not offer the same room for exploration and thus, the

slam was missed. Singapore scored +680 but that meant 13 IMPs to USA1 straight away.

In the other room, Thorpe did not want to give any info away.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cichy	Van Oosten	Kopka	Thorpe
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

North's 2♣ also was Drury. Because it implied a spade fit, Thorpe had no further inhibitions and bid the slam out of hand; The Netherlands +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Kedzierski	V.d. Pavard	Krawczyk
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

That the Poles would not think of such an approach could be expected, but their actual auction was rather disappointing. Two underbids don't produce a slam very often.

Poland scored +680 but 13 IMPs to the Netherlands as well.

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## Board 14. Dealer East. None

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



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Z Grossack	Yang	F Kolesnik
–	–	1♣	3♠
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Rdbl	All Pass		

It is difficult to see where South got his double from. It is easy to see where West got his redouble from. Partner, who had opened the bidding, would just need any ace or a decent king. As East happened to hold both assets, an overtrick was inevitable once North decided to lead a club. Singapore achieved the rare score of +1200.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kristensen	Wu	Rosenberg	Teo
–	–	Pass	1♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♥	All Pass

A more quiet auction in the other room led to the same contract but no more than that; USA1 +450 but 13 IMPs to Singapore.

In the Netherlands v Poland match the Poles did get to slam this time. Once again, their timing was wrong.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cichy	Van Oosten	Kopka	Thorpe
–	–	Pass	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Against this optimistic bidding, North led the ♠K and, when this held, tried the ♠Q. That was one down for the Netherlands +50.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Kedzierski	V.d. Paverd	Krawczyk
–	–	1NT	3♠
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

West stayed on firm transfer ground after partner's 10-13 opening 1NT. One overtrick was made; the Netherlands another +450 and 11 IMPs more.

## Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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



## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cichy	Van Oosten	Kopka	Thorpe
–	–	–	2♣
2♥	3♦	3♠	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Once South showed a strong balanced hand with his 3NT rebid, North simply bid another slam; The Netherlands +1370.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Kedzierski	V.d. Paverd	Krawczyk
–	–	–	2NT
Pass	3♠	Dble	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♠	Dble	7NT
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

This time again, the Polish timing was wrong. Where is the club control? East knew where it was and said so, to end the auction. One down, another +200, and 17 IMPs to the Netherlands. They had reached 41-0 in just three boards.

To comfort the poor Poles a little, here are the auctions in the USA1-Singapore match.

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Z Grossack	Yang	F Kolesnik
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	4♣	4♠	4NT
5♠	6♦	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kristensen	Wu	Rosenberg	Teo
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♠	4♠	Pass
Pass	6♦	Pass	7♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

As you can see, in their match the hand was a push in 7♦ off an ace...so nothing is yet lost for the Poles, as we all know from their national anthem.

The next board was one of those boards where game is reasonable enough but may so easily go down. The extra risk is that you can get doubled if the defenders can see that the cards are lying favourably for them.

## Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

In both our matches one E/W pair reached game and the other did not. Both game bidders were doubled for down one. This way, USA1 and the Netherlands scored 8 and 9 more IMPs respectively.

After this spectacular start, the boards decided to give the players some leeway. The Poles recouped a few IMPs but were still 38 IMPs down when this board arrived. In the USA1-Singapore match, the score stood at 25-20 to USA1.

## Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

## USA 1 v Singapore:

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lee	Z Grossack	Yang	F Kolesnik
—	—	2NT	3♠
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

When Lee preferred to play in his longer suit, North had an easy double. Repeated spade leads worked well for the defence so declarer had to go down two for USA1 +500.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kristensen	Wu	Rosenberg	Teo
—	—	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

In the replay, South did not venture an overcall. As so often, this made life much easier for West, who now could transfer and retransfer freely. In spite of the bad trump break, 4♥ was an easy make for USA1+ 620 and 15 IMPs to them to win the match by 40-20 IMPs, or 15.58-4.42 VPs.

The other match ended 63-17 IMPs, or 19.83-0.17 VPs. to the Netherlands.





# U26 Round Robin, Round 20

## Netherlands v Greece Sweden v Croatia

By Jos Jacobs

Two top matches on Friday morning. Greece, in 10th position at the start of the day, and thus fighting for a place among the top eight, against runners-up in the ranking the Netherlands, and Sweden v Croatia, two teams already within the top eight but wanting very much to stay there, one would assume.

In the Open Room of the Netherlands v Greece match, the winners and the runners-up of the recent European Junior Pairs championships (U26) would meet in a direct confrontation on a team-of-four basis. We may get to see the differences, if any, between their styles in either format.

On the opening board of this day, the last day of the Round Robin, Board 13 for a change, Croatia gained their first 3 IMPs when the Swedes took a vulnerable sacrifice for down three, -800, against a vulnerable game. Things like this happen from time to time, nothing to worry about too much.

The next board was more interesting.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bilusic</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Sandin</i>
–	–	1♣	Dble
1♥	2♦	Dble	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After East's support double, West led the now obvious heart. He chose a low heart, the two, but this did not really matter. Declarer won the third round of

the suit and immediately led a club, no doubt hoping for the ♣AK with East. Though this in fact was the case, East still might have defeated the contract by returning a spade rather than a diamond when on lead with the ♣K. West's return of the ♥10, his highest heart left at trick three, should have been a clear indication that a spade shift was needed. East, however, tried a diamond first and that was all declarer needed. He won the ace and simply played another club. East won the ace but now, his spade shift came too late; just made, Sweden +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mann</i>	<i>Ferenca</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Leskovar</i>
–	–	1♣	Dble
1♥(♠)	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

They reached the same contract in the other room but here, declarer first cashed all his diamond tricks after winning the 3rd round of hearts. As a result, East could only return a spade when in with the ♣K. One down, Sweden another +50 and 10 IMPs to them.

Greece also scored 5 IMPs on this board, by defeating 3NT at one table and staying in a partscore at the other.



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The outcome of the next board was more substantial.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skordas	Van Oosten	Kritsalis	Thorpe
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dble	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♣
Dble	3♠	Dble	All Pass

Defending against a doubled partscore, one should lead trumps. This is a general rule. Skordas complied with it and thus led a trump to dummy's nine and partner's ace. A trump came back to the king and declarer played the ♦10 to his ace to continue the ♠10. West won the queen and played a heart away from his king to partner's ace, hoping to get a diamond ruff with his last trump. This obviously did not work: declarer ruffed the ♥A and drew West's last trump. Next, he conceded a diamond to East's king and East exited with a heart. West, on lead with the ♥K, now had only clubs left. Declarer threw a club on this heart. When West returned the ♣2, not wanting to crash partner's singleton honour, it turned out that he had just crashed the defence; the Netherlands +730.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Kapiris	V.d. Paverd	Soumplis
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	1NT	Dble	2♣
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

In the other room, the Greeks ended up in just 2♠, which was made in some comfort for Greece +110 but 12 IMPs to the Netherlands.

With the score at 28-12 to the Netherlands after some partscore exchanges, we jump to Board 21. In the Sweden-Croatia match, the score stood at 10-13 at this point.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skordas	Van Oosten	Kritsalis	Thorpe
—	1♣	Pass	1♦(♥)
Dble	1♥	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

In the Open Room, the Dutch were warned by West's double and thus reached a decent contract, made with two overtricks on the lucky club break.; the Netherlands +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Kapiris	V.d. Paverd	Soumplis
—	1♣	Pass	1♦(♥)
Pass	1♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

In the Closed Room, there were no warning signs given so the Greeks followed the old adage of opening bid + opening bid = game.

When West led a heart, dummy's jack won. Due to the fortunate club break, declarer even emerged with an overtrick for +630 and 10 IMPs to Greece.

In the other match, the Swedes also were in 3NT.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bilusic	Clementsson	Evacic	Sandin
—	1♣	1♠	Dble
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Needless to say that they easily made it, after a heart lead by East and a club to the ten, jack and queen by declarer. East returned a heart, ducked to West's queen, two rounds of diamonds were ducked by declarer but, when the ♣K appeared on time, nine tricks were there after all; Sweden +600.



<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mann</i>	<i>Ferenca</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Leskovar</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♦(♥)
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

The Croatian N/S are adopting a more light opening style and thus managed to stay out of game. On a diamond lead, 1NT was just made when declarer realised he was not declaring 3NT. Croatia scored +90 but 11 IMPs to Sweden.

On Board 22, the Croats had an expensive misunderstanding that cost them 15 IMPs and this was the next board.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

♠ K Q J 6  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ K 10 5  
 ♣ J 7 6 5 4

♠ 10 5  
 ♥ A K 10 8  
 ♦ J 9 8 3  
 ♣ A Q 3

♠ A 9 4  
 ♥ Q 9 7 2  
 ♦ A Q 7 4 2  
 ♣ 10

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## Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Skordas</i>	<i>Van Oosten</i>	<i>Kritsalis</i>	<i>Thorpe</i>
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♦	Dble	2♥
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

In the Open Room, the Greek pairs champions reached a typical matchpoint contract in a strong 4-3 fit. These contracts can often be defeated double dummy but, at the table, defences are another story, as we all know. North led a heart to partner's ace and the  $\diamond 9$  came back. Declarer inserted his  $\diamond 10$  which won the trick and gave up a club. South won and returned a diamond for North to ruff but that was the end of the defence. North returned a club but dummy ruffed and declarer could now draw trumps and cash the diamonds, so Greece +620.

### Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Nijssen</i>	<i>Kapiris</i>	<i>V.d. Paverd</i>	<i>Soumplis</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

In the other room, South's opening bid of 1NT (14-16) silenced the opponents. N/S ended up in 2♥ which went one down for -100 but Greece had still won 11 IMPs to take the lead in the match by 33-28.

In our other match, the Croats also reached 4♠ but they got a much better defence than we had to show above. Please note West's 1♠ overcall to show a good lead (if applicable).

## Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Bilusic</i>	<i>Clementsson</i>	<i>Evacic</i>	<i>Sandin</i>
–	–	–	1♣
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led his singleton diamond to the jack and declarer's king. Because one club ruff was needed to get to 10 tricks, declarer immediately gave up a club. However, South won the queen and gave his partner a diamond ruff. North returned a heart to South's king and then obtained another diamond ruff. The contract now was one down already and later in the play, declarer, not knowing that trumps were 2-2 by now, managed to even lose one other trick to go down two, and +200 to Sweden.

In the other room, the Swedes also ended up in spades.

### Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Mann</i>	<i>Ferenca</i>	<i>Hansson</i>	<i>Leskovar</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	All Pass		



On a trump lead, this modest contract was never in danger, so Sweden another +110 and 7 IMPs to them.

The last board of the set thus would decide about the Netherlands-Greek pairs confrontation.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

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



In a well-established partnership, one has to know on which type of hands partner would bid like this. Well judged by the Greeks, and just made for +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nijssen	Kapiris	V.d. Pavard	Soumplis
1♣	2♠	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

‘Can partner bid like this, missing the ♣AQ?’ The answer is ‘Yes, he can, apparently.’ This lesson cost the Dutch -50 and 10 more IMPs.

The final scores:

Netherlands v Greece 28-43 IMPs, or 5.5414.46 VPs.

Sweden v Croatia 43-13 IMPs or 17.4-2.6 VPs.

As a result of all this, the Greeks had gone up to 9th place, just 5 VPs behind Croatia, who had fallen to 8th. Three more rounds to play, and an interesting finish seemed ahead of us.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skordas	Van Oosten	Kritsalis	Thorpe
1♣	2♠	5♣	All Pass



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# U31 Round Robin, Round 17

## Bulgaria v France

By Brian Senior

Going into the final day of qualifying, Bulgaria and France lay sixth and seventh respectively in the U31 rankings. Both had a bit of a lead over ninth-placed Scotland, so could hope that three sensible results on the final day would be sufficient to secure a top eight spot.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deheeger	Andonov	Bedouet	Pavlov
–	1♥	1NT	Dble
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ferov	Basler	Lazarov	Dufrene
–	2♥	2NT	Pass
3♥	Dble	3♠	All Pass

For France, Raphael Basler opened a weak two-suited 2♥ and Dobromir Lazarov overcalled 2NT. Zahari Ferov transferred to hearts, Basler doubling the transfer, then passed Lazarov's 3♠ completion.

Melic Dufrene led the king of clubs, Basler dropping the queen, and Lazarov won the ace and played three rounds of spades. Dufrene won the ♠Q and there was no difficulty in cashing the five side-suit tricks for down two and –100.

For Bulgaria, Mark Andonov opened at the one level, Pierre Bedouet overcalled 1NT, and Todor Pavlov doubled. Colin Deheeger responded with a 2♥ transfer to the 1NT overcall and Bedouet did as requested. Pavlov's pass of 2♠ was forcing but, when

Andonov bid 3♣, Pavlov converted to 3NT, ending the auction.

Deheeger led a small spade, Bedouet winning the king and switching to the queen of diamonds. Pavlov won dummy's king and led a club to the king then back to the queen, and established five club winners to go with the two red ace-kings; nine tricks for +400 and 7 IMPs to Bulgaria.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deheeger	Andonov	Bedouet	Pavlov
–	–	Pass	2NT
Dble	4♦	Pass	4♥
4♠	All Pass		

West	North	East	South
Ferov	Basler	Lazarov	Dufrene
–	–	Pass	4♥
Dble	All Pass		

Dufrene opened 4♥ and Ferov doubled. Lazarov had nothing to bid so passed and hoped to go plus. Ferov played out the three top spades, Dufrene ruffing the third round and drawing trumps before leading the jack of clubs. Ferov won the queen and returned the queen to dummy's king, so away went a diamond from declarer's hand, not that it mattered. When Dufrene led towards the ♦K, Ferov took his ace for down one and –200.

Pavlov had a toy for the South hand, a 2NT opening to show eight-plus tricks in a major. Deheeger doubled and Andonov jumped to 4♦, asking his partner to bid his suit. Pavlov duly did so, and Deheeger bid 4♠, ending the auction. Deheeger ruffed the heart lead

and drew three rounds of trumps then cashed the ace of clubs. The fall of the bare jack was good news, and he continued with the queen then ten. Andonov won the ten with his king and there was just a diamond to be lost, so 11 tricks for +450 and 6 IMPs to France.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Deheeger</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>Bedouet</i>	<i>Pavlov</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>Basler</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Dufrene</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	1♠	Dble	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

There was a distinct difference in evaluation here as both Wests opened 1♦ and rebid 1NT, and Lazarov passed that out while Bedouet raised it to game.

Basler led the six of spades against 1NT and Ferov did not put up dummy's jack, so the ten forced his ace. He played the eight of hearts at trick and ran it, losing to the jack, and back came a spade, ducked to the queen, and the spades were cleared. Basler won declarer's next heart play and cashed the spades then switched to a low diamond. Ferov won the ace and cashed the hearts. On the fourth heart, N/S came down to one diamond in each hand, and this permitted Ferov to play the ten of diamonds and set up his jack for a seventh trick; +90.

Meanwhile, Deheeger was in game, and Andonov too led a spade. However, Deheeger did put up dummy's jack, and he took advantage of the dummy entry to run the nine of clubs, losing to the queen. Andonov got busy now, returning the queen of diamonds, which did declarer no harm at all. Deheeger won the ace and played the ten of diamonds, which

Pavlov won with the king to return a spade. Deheeger won that then led a heart to the king and ran the ten then jack of clubs – yes, South should have covered the third round but had obviously missed a spot card. With three club tricks, and diamonds splitting evenly, Deheeger had an overtrick for +630 and 11 IMPs to France.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
<i>Deheeger</i>	<i>Andonov</i>	<i>Bedouet</i>	<i>Pavlov</i>
–	–	–	–
Pass	1♦	1NT	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ferov</i>	<i>Basler</i>	<i>Lazarov</i>	<i>Dufrene</i>
–	–	–	–
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

The same contract was reached but from different sides of the table.

Played by North, Andonov received a trump lead. He won the king and played the queen of hearts, which was ducked, followed by a second heart. Bedouet won that and played ace and another spade, won in dummy. Andonov drew trumps, pitching a diamond from hand, then played on clubs. When Bedouet won the third club he exited with a heart, so Andonov had two discards for diamonds from dummy and, losing only one trick in that suit, had nine winners for +140.

Played by South, Dufrene received the lead of ace and another diamond from Ferov. Lazarov gave his partner a diamond ruff, won the heart return, cashed the ace of clubs, then played the fourth diamond. Dufrene ruffed high, crossed to dummy to play a spade up and, when that won, crossed to dummy a second time to lead another spade. This held the trump losers to one, but the contract was still down one for –100 and 6 IMPs to Bulgaria.





## Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deheeger	Andonov	Bedouet	Pavlov
–	1♥	1NT	2♣
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ferov	Basler	Lazarov	Dufrene
–	Pass	1NT	2♦
2NT	Pass	3♣	All Pass

Basler passed as dealer so Lazarov opened 1NT and Dufrene overcalled 2♦, showing one long major. Ferov bid 2NT requesting that partner bid 3♣, and Lazarov's 3♣ completion ended the auction.

Dufrene led his singleton trump, Basler winning the ace and switching to his own singleton, the eight of spades. Lazarov played low, so the king won, and a moment later he had conceded a spade ruff. Basler got out with his third club, so Lazarov won in hand and took a heart pitch on the jack of spades. Next, he played ace and ruffed a heart, bringing down the doubleton king. He had a diamond guess for the contract now, but got it wrong by leading low to the ten and queen. The ♦A was the setting trick; –100.

Andonov opened very light at the other table and Bedouet overcalled 1NT. Two Clubs was Pavlov's way to launch a one-suiter, but Deheeger brushed that aside and jumped to 3NT. When that came back round to Pavlov he doubled, based simply on the number of points he expected his side to hold.

Pavlov led a spade, which had the effect of removing the potential late entry to dummy's long clubs. Bedouet ran the spade round to his nine and played jack then another club, both ducked by Andonov. Bedouet played the third club, Andonov winning and returning a low diamond. That went to the ten and queen, and Andonov ducked the diamond return. Bedouet won that and exited with his last diamond, so Andonov won the ace and cashed the thirteenth diamond, then

switched to the jack of hearts to the queen and king. Pavlov was endplayed now, but only to give one trick, and he still had to come to one more so the contract was down two for –500 and 9 IMPs to Bulgaria.

## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Deheeger	Andonov	Bedouet	Pavlov
–	–	3NT	Dble
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

West	North	East	South
Ferov	Basler	Lazarov	Dufrene
–	–	2♣	2♠
Dble	3♠	4♥	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dble	All Pass		

Lazarov opened the east hand with 2♣, Precision-style, and Dufrene overcalled 2♠. Ferov made a negative double and Lazarov bid 4♥ freely over Basler's simple spade raise. Ferov was happy to take the push to 5♥ over Dufrene's 4♠, but when Dufrene came again with 5♠ he doubled, ending the auction.

Ferov led the king of hearts then switched to the jack of clubs. That was two tricks in the bag, but Dufrene could win the next lead and draw trumps, just conceding one diamond for down one and –100.

Bedouet opened a gambling 3NT, long solid minor with little else. Pavlov doubled, and Deheeger jumped to 6♣, a pressure bid which proved to be a spectacular success when, not only did it shut out the opposing spade fit, but when Pavlov doubled again he found that he couldn't beat it. There were seven clubs and five hearts to be won for +1090 and 14 IMPs to France.

That last board won the match for France, who came through by 37-24 IMPs, converting to 13.72-6.28 VPs.

# U26 Round Robin, Round 21

## Türkiye v Poland

By Jos Jacobs

It was sort of a disappointment for me as a reporter to see that in Round 21 the boards were very quiet once again. On a last day of any Round Robin, it is more fun for a journalist to get spectacular boards to write about, even more so when qualification is very much the main issue.

The Croatia-USA1 match, on display through BBO, ended with the score of 12-8 IMPs. So in fact Croatia did well to just beat the leading team and establish a 5 VP lead over the ninth-ranked team.

Our other match on BBO was between the numbers 5 and 9 of the ranking before this match. It should be added, however, that the VP gap between 8th and 9th was less than 0.1 VP...

Any error in judgement can be the reason for a team to fall into this gap. Even a wrongly timed action can produce your downfall quite easily, as we have seen on numerous occasions earlier in the week.

With these considerations in the back of my head, I found two consecutive deals on which the factor 'timing' was crucial once again to reach the top spot in even an uncontested auction.

This was the first:

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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



Here is the Polish auction.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Cichy	Kalayci	Kopka	Coban
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

E/W reached the top spot in a bidding contest, one might think. Non-vulnerable, missing a borderline game is not as serious as when you are vulnerable. It is a priori difficult to see why one should be in game with 7 HCP, including four jacks, opposite a 15-17 NT opening bid. Still, if you look at the actual layout, 4♠ seems quite a reasonable proposition.

This is about exactly what the Turkish E/W thought of it. Their auction was:

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gulez	Kedzierski	Eker	Krawczyk
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

West had shown a non-minimum hand by first launching Stayman so East's jump directly to game looks about justified. Making ten tricks was easy enough, it turned out. Türkiye gained 6 IMPs on the deal.





theme...

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

♠ 6  
♥ Q J 10 9 3  
♦ 3 2  
♣ A Q 9 4 2

♠ Q 9 7  
♥ 5 4 2  
♦ Q 10 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

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

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

♠ A 7 3 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 6 4 3  
♣ J 7 6 4

♠ 9  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ A Q 9 8 5 2  
 ♣ A Q 9 3

## Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Cichy</i>	<i>Kalayci</i>	<i>Kopka</i>	<i>Coban</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	All pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

When South led a trump, it soon became clear that this contract was a trifle too high, resulting in down two; Türkiye +200. Probably, West's raise to 3♥ was just doing too much on his sub-minimum values...

## Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Gulez</i>	<i>Kedzierski</i>	<i>Eker</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	All pass

...as the Turkish E/W showed at the other table. On a club lead by South into declarer's tenace, 10 tricks were quickly there for another 9 IMPs to Türkiye.

A few boards later, another variation on the same

## Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Cichy</i>	<i>Kalayci</i>	<i>Kopka</i>	<i>Coban</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Top tricks are needed in an auction like this. South's raise with only a singleton trump proved well-timed; Türkiye another +420.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gulez</i>	<i>Kedzierski</i>	<i>Eker</i>	<i>Krawczyk</i>
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

A careful pass by South and a score of only +140 by equally careful declarer play (only in 3♠). Poland scored +140 but another 7 IMPs to Türkiye.

Poland recouped IMPs just before the end of the match by means of a double-figure swing on a slight defensive mistake, so they lost the low-scoring match eventually by 31-14 IMPs, or 14.93-5.07 VPs.



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# U26 Round Robin, Round 22

## Italy v Greece Netherlands v Croatia

By Jos Jacobs

Once again, a very quiet round as far as the boards are concerned. At the start of this round, both Greece and Croatia were in danger of having to leave the top eight if they would lose their match in this round. Croatia was still in 8th spot but had to face the Netherlands, Greece would try to improve on their 9th spot by playing Italy, another team well within the top eight.

Both matches were decided on very few boards. I will show you some of them.

Board 15 was a matter of hand valuation.

Board 15. Dealer South/N/S Vul.

		♠ Q 9 5 4			♠ K
		♥ A 5 4 2			♥ K Q 10 7 6 3
		♦ A K Q 6			♦ 5 3
		♣ 2			♣ Q 10 9 3
♠ 10 7 6	<div style="border: 2px solid magenta; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             N W      E S           </div>	♠ A J 8 3 2			
♥ J 9		♥ 8			
♦ 10 9 8 4		♦ J 7 2			
♣ A K J 8		♣ 7 6 5 4			

Making 4♠ is easy enough for N/S but how to get there?

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skordas	Scata	Kritsalis	Gaiotti
–	–	–	Pass
1NT	Dble	4♥	All Pass

In the Open Room, West created a nasty problem for his opponents by opening a downgraded 10-13 HCP 1NT. North showed points but when East jumped straight to 4♥, South lacked courage; down two for Italy +100.

In the Closed Room, West had only a systemic pass available.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Kapiris	Porta	Soumplis
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

Given a free run, N/S were quickly in 4♠ for a score of +650, worth 11 IMPs to Greece.

Three boards later, another game decision had to be made. Before that, an answer had to be found on the question: 'What is a weak hand?'

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

		♠ J 7 3 2			♠ 9 4
		♥ 5			♥ J 10 9 6
		♦ K 10 9 6			♦ J 5 3
		♣ 9 8 4 2			♣ Q 7 6 3
♠ A 8	<div style="border: 2px solid magenta; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             N W      E S           </div>	♠ K Q 10 6 5			
♥ Q 8 4 3		♥ A K 7 2			
♦ A Q 7 4 2		♦ 8			
♣ K 5		♣ A J 10			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Skordas	Scata	Kritsalis	Gaiotti
–	–	Pass	1♠
1NT	3♠	All Pass	

Given the fact that a raise to 3♠ should promise four trumps, what is wrong with South going on to 4♠? One overtrick later the score was Italy +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Donati	Kapiris	Porta	Soumplis
–	–	Pass	1♠
Dble	2♠	Pass	4♦
Dble	4♠	All Pass	

After a not so weak raise by Kapiris, South even tried an autosplinter to explore a slam. North quickly signed off (we think) but the spade game itself came



home easily enough. Greece +620 and 10 more IMPs to them.

One board later, we saw the biggest swing in the Netherlands v. Croatia match. The Dutch had registered a game swing on Board 15 (shown above) when the Croatians also missed the spade game. The board below produced the only other swing of any importance in that match.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



In the Open Room, Oscar Nijssen as South had had little trouble in bringing home his 3NT when West led a spade into his tenace. At the other table, Leskovar

for Croatia was also in 3NT without any adverse bidding, but there Stefan Thorpe led the ♣7 as West. Dummy was instructed to play the jack, East won the ace and...shifted to a low diamond. This not only blew up the diamond suit but, more important, it also had an immediate impact on declarer's communications.

Declarer ran the low diamond to West's jack and dummy's king and then had a problem. He was in dummy possibly for the last time so taking a useful finesse would be urgent. He thus went for the ♦10 from dummy as his next play, covered by East with the queen. He won the ♦A and next played the ♥K. West was quite awake and immediately put up his ace and returned the suit, locking declarer again in his hand. Declarer cashed his remaining two diamonds but then, unsure about the club situation because the ♣7 could have been anything, chose to exit with the ♠J, about the only possibly wrong choice. East won the queen and returned the suit. When declarer misguessed again, by inserting the nine from hand, West won the ten and thus, a makeable contract had gone down. Do not tell me, please, that he might have won the AK and exited with his last spade to West's ♠10. The Netherlands thus scored another +50 and 10 more IMPs to win the match by 25-5 IMPs, or 15.58-4.42 VPs.



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## U26 RANKING

1	USA1	331.24
2	NETHERLANDS	329.49
3	ISRAEL	323.04
4	SWEDEN	278.67
5	POLAND	274.94
6	GREECE	262.26
7	ITALY	259.62
8	SINGAPORE	250.85
9	CHINA	250.60
10	TURKIYE	246.42
11	CROATIA	244.15
12	FRANCE	242.74
13	USA2	222.29
14	GERMANY	219.64
15	CHINESE TAIPEI	218.35
16	JAPAN	217.69
17	CANADA	202.16
18	ENGLAND	202.09
19	AUSTRALIA	200.17
20	INDIA	189.02
21	HONG KONG CHINA	185.46
22	ESTONIA	173.49
23	ARGENTINA	170.65
24	BARBADOS	16.47

## U16 RANKING

1	USA1	286.94
2	CHINA	245.62
3	ESTONIA	240.52
4	HUNGARY	237.10
5	POLAND	227.83
6	NORWAY	218.14
7	CHINESE TAIPEI	216.75
8	USA2	204.42
9	CZECH REPUBLIC	195.37
10	HONG KONG CHINA	190.07
11	ISRAEL	187.44
12	TURKIYE	185.13
13	THAILAND	177.48
14	GREECE	174.49
15	FRANCE	172.19
16	ENGLAND	169.81
17	CANADA	146.70
18	DENMARK	111.53
19	NETHERLANDS	104.37
20	INDIA	103.60

## WOMEN U26 RANKING

1	NORWAY	259.65
2	FRANCE	255.13
3	ITALY	251.47
4	ENGLAND	242.40
5	POLAND	239.44
6	HUNGARY	230.36
7	NETHERLANDS	227.96
8	DENMARK	220.92
9	CHINA	216.87
10	USA1	179.27
11	THAILAND	155.17
12	USA2	154.36

## U31 RANKING

1	CHINA	269.05
2	INDIA	253.79
3	ISRAEL	253.67
4	POLAND	251.85
5	FRANCE	226.48
6	BELGIUM	206.28
7	BULGARIA	202.03
8	SCOTLAND	201.01
9	NETHERLANDS	197.02
10	CHINESE TAIPEI	196.90
11	CROATIA	178.77
12	HONG KONG CHINA	176.49
13	USA1	168.17
14	SINGAPORE	165.51
15	TURKIYE	157.53
16	LATVIA	154.59
17	ROMANIA	143.33
18	SLOVENIA	140.19
19	GERMANY	130.90
20	SERBIA	107.70

## U21 RANKING

1	POLAND	266.17
2	ISRAEL	257.59
3	FRANCE	240.72
4	USA1	239.13
5	USA2	234.38
6	DENMARK	234.33
7	CHINA	234.28
8	ENGLAND	224.40
9	NETHERLANDS	223.36
10	AUSTRALIA	207.07
11	HUNGARY	202.67
12	JAPAN	195.89
13	NORWAY	187.80
14	HONG KONG CHINA	187.40
15	NEW ZEALAND	170.50
16	CANADA	163.67
17	INDIA	122.20
18	GERMANY	103.56
19	SINGAPORE	74.11
20	IRELAND	26.57

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CARIS Youp	DUPONT Pim	1.19	144	Netherlands
LOONSTEIN Tomer	BANIRI Ilai Ilan	1.09	180	Israel
ZEITAK Aviv	KHUTORSKY Nir	1.07	180	Israel
LIN Amber	WAN Qinqin	1.07	60	U.S.A.
GROSSACK Zachary	KOLESNIK Finn	1.01	216	U.S.A.
ROSENBERG Kevin	KRISTENSEN Benjamin	0.99	204	U.S.A.
NIJSSEN Oscar	VAN DE PAVERD Tim	0.88	240	Netherlands
GU Sijia	MIAO Benjie	0.87	204	China
TOLEDANO Oren	ZAMIR Ami	0.86	192	Israel
JIANG Baozhuo	WEN Yuqi	0.86	228	China
DONATI Giovanni	PORTA Federico	0.85	216	Italy
HANSSON Erik	MANN Castor	0.77	216	Sweden
APTEKER Noah Thomas	KOLESNIK Emma	0.73	132	U.S.A.
VAN OOSTEN Sibrand	THORPE Stefan	0.59	168	Netherlands
KIELBASA Tomasz	BAZYLAK Jakub	0.49	168	Poland
KOPKA Kacper	CICHY Krzysztof	0.43	191	Poland
KAPIRIS Dimitrios	SOUMPLIS Michail	0.43	192	Greece
KRAWCZYK Blazej	KEDZIERSKI Maciej	0.38	192	Poland
PAPASPYROU Iasonas-iraklis	POLLATOU Ioanna-Aikaterini	0.37	120	Greece
XU Nuoyi	GAO Heng	0.33	72	Singapore
LICHTENSTEIN Ivar	HJORTH WARLENIUS Harry	0.30	132	Sweden
BOULIN Arthur	GUILLEMIN Theo	0.30	191	France
YANG Bryan	LEE Linus	0.28	228	Singapore
DOERMER Felix	FARWIG Sven Niklas	0.27	156	Germany
EVACIC Emanuel	BILUSIC Ivan	0.24	276	Croatia
SARI Tugrul Utku	KUSCU Hakan	0.24	180	Turkiye
FERENCA Matko	LESKOVAR Viktor	0.22	276	Croatia
KRITSALIS Filippas	SKORDAS Panagiotis	0.20	239	Greece
LIN Yu Chih	YE Wei Ting	0.17	192	Chinese Taipei
SANDIN Alexander	CLEMENTSSON Sanna	0.14	204	Sweden
SONG Yihan	YAMAMOTO Naoya	0.13	216	Japan
BONIN Louis	GUICHET Thomas	0.13	168	France
GULEZ Cem Barkin	EKER Muhammed Furkan	0.12	168	Turkiye
NAKAMUTA Makoto	NISHITA Fumiharu	0.11	192	Japan
CHEUNG Wai Lam	CHAN Lok Hin Enoch	0.08	204	Hong Kong China
FRAGOLA Maxence	TABATA Nao	0.06	192	France
WU Timothy Jian Zhong	TEO Xue Heng	0.06	252	Singapore
YANG Cheng Ru	CHEN Fei	0.04	202	Chinese Taipei
VORNKAHL Leonard	JESSE Stig	0.02	180	Germany
JENG Richard	XIAO Brent	0.01	204	U.S.A.
COBAN Hamza	KALAYCI Metecan	0.00	204	Turkiye
WINTER Daniel	ANOYRKATIS Samuel	-0.08	192	England
LAMOUREUX Victor	FREEMAN Jacob	-0.11	180	Canada
SANDERSON Liam	HUTTON Aaron	-0.13	192	England
ZHAO Martin	HAVENS Connor	-0.14	108	Canada
MADDEN Harry	CLARK Joseph	-0.15	168	England
GUE David	TOMLIN Joshua	-0.23	192	Australia
SCATA Sebastiano	GAJOTTI Alvaro	-0.29	156	Italy
LIBMAN Tomer	LANGDON-MACMILLAN Sebastian	-0.31	180	Australia
PRAKASH Anirudh	ACHARYA SHUBHAM	-0.31	192	India
PABST Philipp	LITTERST Maximilian	-0.36	204	Germany
MAIDE Rasmus	KAASIK Jaan Kristjan	-0.39	191	Estonia
ETCHEPAREBORDA Baltazar	GUERRA Francisco	-0.42	180	Argentina
FLICKER Damon	WRIGHT Seb	-0.44	180	Australia
POPOWSKY Tomas	FEINTUCH Clara	-0.47	180	Argentina
LIN Xuan-da	CHANG Kuan Wei	-0.48	156	Chinese Taipei
GIUBILO Gianmarco	GIUBILO Gabriele	-0.49	156	Italy
PATEL Vidhya	BALIRAM GURJAR Kalpana	-0.50	168	India
SARKAR Soham	BASU Subhashree	-0.51	192	India
PIIRISILD Riko	LUHAORG Raigo	-0.52	180	Estonia
HUI Cheuk Lun Aron	POON Yin Ki	-0.54	216	Hong Kong China
NUNEZ Ramiro	SEMBEROIZ Santiago	-0.64	192	Argentina
WAN Qinqin	DUFFIE Cornelius	-0.70	132	U.S.A.
LIAO Yufan	LI Ziyu	-0.70	120	China
LIN Amber	DUFFIE Cornelius	-0.73	84	U.S.A.
ZVOROVSKI Rao	TOOM Reti	-0.84	180	Estonia
LAUFER Olivia	LI Darwin	-0.88	144	Canada
KONDO Rentaro	YONEKURA Haruki	-0.94	144	Japan
TSE Yuet Sum	CHUNG Yu Kai	-1.07	120	Hong Kong China
NICHOLLS Peter	LORDE Rakem	-2.48	276	Barbados
EDWARDS Emar	PARSONS Justin	-2.57	276	Barbados

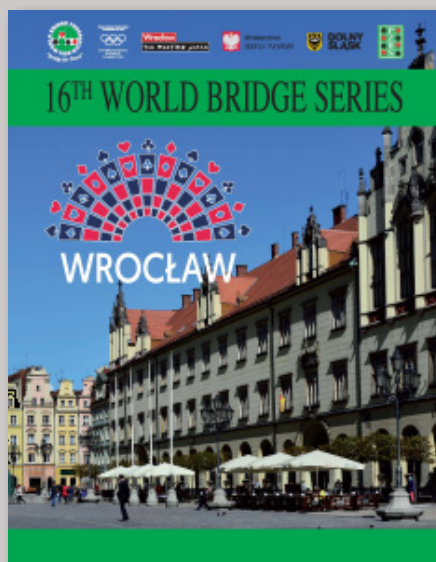
## U21 BUTLER RANKING

SABBAH Ofek	SLIWOWICZ Yonatan	1.38	210	Israel
ROSE Henry	FURNESS Tom	1.34	181	England
CIBOROWSKA Lucja	CIBOROWSKI Konrad	1.12	154	Poland
GOOR Ronald	FRIESEN Xavier	1.01	266	Netherlands
LAHRMANN Christian	TYLVAD Daniel	0.98	224	Denmark
BLOCH Romain	VALLET Esteban	0.98	252	France
NIU Yuanzhe	WANG Zhongtian	0.91	182	China
KUFLOWSKI Kacper	OKRZESIK Wojciech	0.77	224	Poland
XIAO Rory	YUE Jonathan	0.73	181	U.S.A.
XU Michael	SCHIRESON Olivia	0.68	196	U.S.A.
KURLIT Franciszek	BAK Wojciech	0.61	154	Poland
HAAS Michael	PAHK Samuel	0.55	154	U.S.A.
HU Michael	ZHOU Arthur	0.54	196	U.S.A.
BARTLEY George	LUKE - PAREDI Jack	0.50	168	Australia
MSIKA Daniel	MOSKOVITZ Ido	0.40	196	Israel
BROGELAND Anders	SAETRE Magnus	0.40	182	Norway
DEZSO Kende	ZABRADI Benjamin	0.36	154	Hungary
WANG Ziao	MA Hanxi	0.35	196	China
GONG Nathan	GONG Arthur	0.35	98	U.S.A.
MORGAN Gilbert	GOSS Alex	0.31	182	Australia
INAMURA Yuka	MIURA Yugo	0.26	140	Japan
TYLVAD Aron	HAMMELEV Nikolaj	0.24	126	Denmark
JOHNSEN Christian Fredrik	TOESSE Thomas	0.24	182	Norway
ROMBAUT Leo	GALLARD Aurele	0.22	251	France
ZHU Bo Han	LUBA Harrison Anders	0.20	238	U.S.A.
TAKIZAWA Ken	INOUE Yoshitake	0.16	238	Japan
ARGAY Zsolt	KEMENY Mark	0.15	252	Hungary
FRIESEN Gabor	ESSINK Jorn	0.14	126	Netherlands
ZUR Snir	MANZUR Or	0.14	126	Israel
SETO Alex	TO Leo	0.13	196	Hong Kong China
XIONG Jasmine	YANG Katherine	0.13	168	Canada
INAMI Terushi	HASEGAWA Kitora	0.10	153	Japan
FEGARTY Jamie	FEGARTY Liam	0.08	168	England
CHIANG Jeffrey	KO Dave	0.08	223	Hong Kong China
CAI Hanyu	CHEN Jingfan	0.03	154	China
JANOSIK Mate	MARKI-ZAY Janos	-0.06	126	Hungary
YAN Zachary Hongxuan	SONG Ryan	-0.07	238	New Zealand
MEIER Leon	QUENNELL Ramon	-0.12	126	New Zealand
ROLF-LARSEN Andreas	ZEEBERG Nikolaj Alexander	-0.21	140	Denmark
MEIER Leon	DRAVITZKI Alice	-0.27	126	New Zealand
COPE Andrew	GARDNER Thomas	-0.31	182	England
CHEN Quan	LIU Garrett	-0.34	210	Canada
HE Cindy	CHENG Ziyu (Max)	-0.43	154	Canada
GOOR Martijn	KLARENBECK Wout	-0.51	140	Netherlands
PINTO Johann Jose	CHOWDHURY Tilakraj	-0.56	154	India
NANDU Vineet	CHHEDA Kunj	-0.57	168	India
LANGER Emil	BAUMGART Charlotte	-0.63	140	Germany
PRAJJWAL -	VIGNESHWARAN .	-0.64	84	India
YIP Tsz Shing	KUNG Ka Chun	-0.73	112	Hong Kong China
AUSTAD Marius Dalemark	HEIBERG-EVENSTAD Nicolai	-0.86	168	Norway
OH Li Wei	PONG Yi Zhen	-0.95	153	Singapore
PRAJJWAL -	CHOWDHURY Tilakraj	-1.01	70	India
AREND Remo	DOERDELMANN Bruno	-1.08	182	Germany
TIOH Jing Kai	SIEW Russell	-1.32	195	Singapore
OH Li Wei	GOH You Yi	-1.47	70	Singapore
HOYNE David	KINGSTON Phedra	-1.51	168	Ireland
KOERNER Benedikt Philip	RIDOU Solveig	-2.11	140	Germany
CONNELL Eve	FLANAGAN Klara	-2.55	154	Ireland



## WOMEN U26 BUTLER RANKING

TOTH Andrea	HEGEDUS Julia	1.06	96	Hungary
SIGSGAARD Julie Marina	ROSTHOEJ Ella	0.80	192	Denmark
SJODAL Sofie Grasholt	HAUGE Thea Hove	0.78	180	Norway
OCYLOK Dominika	MORAWSKA EWA	0.77	226	Poland
BOUTON Clara	KUREK BEAULIEU Margaux	0.65	216	France
BENS Ninon	BONIN Eulalie	0.54	132	France
ZHANG Chen Ge	SHAO Yaqi	0.51	239	China
HUDSON Kimberley Rachel	NORMAN Lucy	0.42	203	England
BREKKE Kaja	KJENSLI Agnethe Hansen	0.40	192	Norway
LAJOS Hanka	SZUCS Villo	0.38	264	Hungary
LA CHAPELLE Imogen	BEDFORD Charlotte	0.35	192	England
DALPOZZO Valentina	DALPOZZO Federica	0.34	216	Italy
CAPOBIANCO Sophia	DALPOZZO Eleonora	0.33	203	Italy
CHRISTENSEN Malene Holm	BEEKMAN Fleur	0.20	216	Netherlands
CHOW Helen	QIAN Nicole	0.17	180	U.S.A.
LEJEUNE Mette	SPRINKHUIZEN Malou	0.08	120	Netherlands
COLEY Dido Mari Mirabelle	KEARNEY Lily	-0.12	132	England
KRAIKITRAT Anutida	PHONGPHA Woranittha	-0.13	156	Thailand
JOHNSTONE Morgan	UDOMSRIRUNGRUANG Jessica	-0.13	168	U.S.A.
ZALEWSKA Joanna	NIKLAUS Maria	-0.15	216	Poland
INDREBO Thea Lucia	OEBERG Ida Marie	-0.17	156	Norway
DE WIJS Lotte	DE WIJS Sarah	-0.23	192	Netherlands
GE Can	MA Ruo Fei	-0.29	240	China
JACOBSEN Leah Thrane	PEDERSEN Clara Brun	-0.33	156	Denmark
BUNE Sophie	BUNE Amalie Rosa	-0.37	180	Denmark
BEKO Zsuzsanna	TOTH Andrea	-0.39	72	Hungary
SCHLUMBERGER Wilhelmine	BELLOU Constance	-0.39	180	France
DONNELLAN Margot	DONNELLAN Ava	-0.52	168	U.S.A.
RIMNONG ANG Thanaporn	KEDSAKUN Wanida	-0.53	203	Thailand
BRUSOTTI Cristina	DAVIDE Zaira	-0.55	108	Italy
HWANG Katherine	EHRlichMAN Cecilia	-0.56	204	U.S.A.
KAPALA Magdalena	GRYZLO Milena	-0.58	84	Poland
HSIEH Helena	CAI Yichen	-0.61	180	U.S.A.
BEKO Zsuzsanna	HEGEDUS Julia	-0.85	96	Hungary
CHOEICHUENKLIN Bunyawee	MAJAN Penpiccha	-0.91	168	Thailand
JOHNSTONE Morgan	SULLIVAN Katie	-0.98	60	U.S.A.
TRAN NGUYEN Phuong	SULLIVAN Katie	-1.90	72	U.S.A.



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## U16 BUTLER RANKING

MICHALSKI Jakub	KISIELEWSKI Kacper	1.73	108	Poland
ZHANG Brian	CHEN Andrew	1.60	144	U.S.A.
PEDMANSON Albert	VAHK Jasper	1.40	228	Estonia
CHEN Sirui	YUAN Zixuan	0.97	156	China
TOKES Denes	KOVACS Artur	0.97	144	Hungary
GE Kayden	CHEN Charlie	0.93	156	U.S.A.
SILVERSTEIN Avery	BOGE Jack	0.79	216	U.S.A.
CHAN Chih-Ling	CHENG Yu-Han	0.77	132	Chinese Taipei
WANG Haoran	YU Haoxuan	0.66	144	China
ZABRADI Zsolia	SZABO Georgina	0.65	156	Hungary
XIAO Eric	XIAO Jeff	0.64	156	U.S.A.
OSIN Einar	AUSTAD Kristian Dalemak	0.61	216	Norway
ZHANG Ziqi	TANG Xuchen	0.58	156	China
DUTERTE Gregoire	ROULLE Xavier	0.43	156	France
KATSAKIORIS Dimitrios	BELIGIANNI Adamantia (Mandy)	0.42	132	Greece
ALTUN Tuana	TORT Zeynep	0.33	204	Turkiye
SAISITH Chinnathee	SAENG TUEN Siraphob	0.32	216	Thailand
LUCZECZKO Jan	GRABALA Szymon	0.32	156	Poland
LU Chun-Po	PENG Che-Hsing	0.24	192	Chinese Taipei
KARLIK Petr	KUBAT Frantisek	0.22	192	Czech Republic
ZAIDENBERG GATT Aviv	HERBST Itamar	0.22	156	Israel
MOE Markus Hansen	MATHISEN Ida Kristine	0.22	120	Norway
BIBORKA Bernadett	JUHASZ-MOLNAR Mirko	0.21	156	Hungary
RECICAROVA Karolina	SLOVAKOVA Pavla	0.19	180	Czech Republic
CHEN Ding-Ting	LAI Zi-Ming	0.17	132	Chinese Taipei
FUNG Kyle	CHUNG Henderson	0.14	155	Hong Kong China
BREKKE Jonas	LILLEJORD Sebastian	0.13	120	Norway
GISIN Eitan	SHOR Yoav	0.08	192	Israel
SATISH Saikritick	ZODYPACHE Adhiyaman	0.08	132	India
BIRDSALL Aleks	BLICHARZ Maksymilian	0.04	156	England
YANG Michelle	XIAO Terry	-0.02	192	Canada
BUKAT Aleks	KLIMIUK Milena	-0.07	192	Poland
MAK Kelvin	CAI Manson	-0.09	156	Hong Kong China
SKOURTSIDIS Konstantinos	BEN GUIGUI Costa Theodore	-0.26	132	Greece
YILDIRIM Bilge Suheda	DALDAL Ceren	-0.27	216	Turkiye
BALOF Daniel	DERMAN Ethan	-0.27	204	U.S.A.
PAREKH Aman	BATTERSBY William	-0.29	156	England
CAYLA Mathilde	EXBRAYAT Theo	-0.34	132	France
JITTARIYAPONG Siripatsorn	JANWONGKIT Suriwipha	-0.41	96	Thailand
BRADKIN Thomas	CORK Harriet	-0.42	144	England
ORMA Elelis	ALLAS Stella Brita	-0.43	192	Estonia
HUI Ricky	KWOK Jack	-0.43	144	Hong Kong China
GALLARD Silvere	SUEUR Zelig	-0.46	168	France
VISSER Karlijn	BLOMSTEEL Thom	-0.49	144	Netherlands
ZAIDENBERG GATT Sophie	VINEVICH Hadasa	-0.62	108	Israel
LARSEN Mathias Moeller	HAMMELEV Phillip	-0.64	228	Denmark
PILAT Marek	DROZD Jonas	-0.66	83	Czech Republic
VELLIOS Theofanis	OIKONOMOU Thomas	-0.81	96	Greece
ROEKDEETAWEKON Taptep	JITTARIYAPONG Siripatsorn	-0.87	84	Thailand
VAN ZANDBEEK Richard	KLOPPERT Coen	-1.01	156	Netherlands
XING Honjar	XING Honwell	-1.08	120	Canada
ZEEBERG Frederik	ZEEBERG Christian	-1.12	228	Denmark
LU Eric	QIAN Vera	-1.14	144	Canada
JAHAGIRDAR Rashi	GOYAL Paavan	-1.17	144	India
INTHAWONG Chiwanon	JANWONGKIT Suriwipha	-1.22	60	Thailand
TER MAAT Pelle	HAKVOORT Luca	-1.53	156	Netherlands
CHOWDHURY Tirtharaj	MUTHUSWAMY Nachiketa	-1.61	132	India



## U31 BUTLER RANKING

ROY Sagnik	KUSHARI Sayantan	1.23	224	India
YOU Minghao	HUANG Minghao	1.21	167	China
SOBCZAK Mateusz	PATREUHA Jakub	0.87	98	Poland
URMAN Lior	EZION Amir	0.83	196	Israel
CHAKRABORTY Wrik	CHATTERJEE Swarnashish	0.75	154	India
DUFRENE Melic	BASLER Raphael	0.75	168	France
LIU Yizhou	YUAN Zhijie	0.71	168	China
FREIMANIS Gints	FALCONER Glen	0.65	238	Scotland
GINOSSAR Itamar	BEN DAVID Yuval	0.64	196	Israel
KAZMIERCZAK Wojciech	CHODACKI Maksymilian	0.59	168	Poland
MAJCHER Arkadiusz	PATREUHA Patryk	0.58	126	Poland
JIN Kai	ZHU Chenyu	0.55	196	China
BAHBOUT Sam	DEHAYE Clovis	0.42	182	Belgium
CHIANG Chia-fan	LI Shuo	0.40	98	Chinese Taipei
BELICAUD Luc	GUTH Romaric	0.40	182	France
LIN Kai-En	GUO Hsiao-Lan	0.32	84	Chinese Taipei
SCHOLS Michel	COPPENS Pim	0.31	237	Netherlands
VANDEWIELE Emiel	DE WIT Dennis	0.30	182	Belgium
LAZAROV Dobromir	FEROV Zahari	0.27	266	Bulgaria
PATREUHA Jakub	PATREUHA Patryk	0.26	84	Poland
CHIANG Chia-fan	LIN Chien-Ya	0.25	84	Chinese Taipei
DJILOVIC Josko	MIJIC Ante	0.24	182	Croatia
MILNE Abigail	MILNE Jake	0.21	70	Scotland
WAN Tsz Tin	MOO Eric Pok Chung	0.20	196	Hong Kong China
GUO Hsiao-Lan	HUANG Hsiao-Tien	0.14	98	Chinese Taipei
TSENG Sam	MAN Niko	0.13	223	Hong Kong China
LEVI Hila	ASULIN Adi	0.10	140	Israel
LU Danning	ROWBERG Andrew	0.06	182	U.S.A.
LI Lan	LOW Siok Hui	0.02	168	Singapore
ONG Jazlene	TEO Sean	0.00	182	Singapore
ANDONOV Mark	PAVLOV Todor	-0.05	266	Bulgaria
VAN OVERMEIRE Jens	KHOMIAKOV Robert	-0.08	168	Belgium
MAASIK Martin	PRUUL Karl-Markus	-0.09	266	Latvia
SCHWARTZ Jeffrey	KOMPA Benjamin	-0.11	168	U.S.A.
LIN Kai-En	HUANG Hsiao-Tien	-0.13	84	Chinese Taipei
DEHEEGER Colin	BEDOUET Pierre	-0.15	182	France
FARWIG Ole	BOHNSACK Sandro	-0.22	196	Germany
STEFANEC Kristijan	ZUFIC Ivan	-0.24	168	Croatia
RUS Gregor	DRNOVSEK Tina	-0.25	126	Slovenia
DRNOVSEK Tina	KUKULJAN Teo	-0.25	139	Slovenia
AYDIN Fatih	AKBIYIK Ahmet Onur	-0.30	140	Turkiye
COENEN Joost	LUCASSEN Adriaan	-0.30	266	Netherlands
OTTO Viktor	BAUER Andreas	-0.31	182	Germany
DIKBAS Merih	BASBUG Cahit Yigit	-0.32	140	Turkiye
INAN Levent Nedim	AGA Cem Yigit	-0.35	196	Turkiye
GUZVICA Slobodan	SIMIC Mihailo	-0.38	112	Serbia
RETZLER Rainer	ORDOG Akos	-0.39	266	Romania
KAR Souvik	DAS Pritam	-0.40	154	India
GRGURIC Matea	VIDOVIC Toni	-0.40	181	Croatia
TRNAVAC Vuk	SIMIC Mihailo	-0.44	70	Serbia
ILZINS Janis	BALODIS Martins	-0.44	266	Latvia
PIROI Andrei	CALIPETRE David Cristian	-0.44	266	Romania
NAKAMARU-PINDER Jun	MILNE Abigail	-0.50	126	Scotland
NAKAMARU-PINDER Jun	MILNE Jake	-0.53	70	Scotland
ROCKOFF Kyle	WEISS Daniel	-0.58	182	U.S.A.
KUKULJAN Teo	RUS Hana	-0.63	126	Slovenia
LEE Derek Cheng Feng	SIEW Kheng Hun	-0.69	182	Singapore
RUS Gregor	RUS Hana	-0.71	140	Slovenia
VAZIC Stojan	KOSTIC Jelena	-0.91	181	Serbia
NG Shuk Man	FUNG Lydia Wai Yee	-1.04	111	Hong Kong China
GUENDEL Marius	SCHWALBACH Kathrin	-1.06	140	Germany
LIN Chien-Ya	LI Shuo	-1.12	84	Chinese Taipei
TRNAVAC Vuk	VELICKOVIC Bogdan	-1.31	84	Serbia