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# TIME FOR STRONG NERVES



### VUGRAPH MATCHES

|                 |         |       |
|-----------------|---------|-------|
| Israel-England  | Juniors | 10.00 |
| to be announced |         | 14.30 |

### SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY 17th July

|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 10.00 | Juniors, Round 22 - Schools, Round 14 |
| 14.30 | Juniors, Round 23 - Schools, Round 15 |



### PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY/ VICTORY BANQUET

The Prize-giving Ceremony and Victory banquet take place today 17th July, starting at 20.30 in the Forum. All those taking part in the Championships are invited at no cost. It is very likely that visitors, i.e. family members, will be able to come - tickets cost £25.00 each. However, it is vital that Hospitality knows the numbers of those who are coming. PLEASE will each captain give total numbers for their teams. Will all Championship staff confirm whether they are coming or not.

Thank You, Hospitality Desk

The Italian Junior team stumbled and are no longer looking quite such certain champions. Italy lost all three matches on the day, 13-17 to Estonia, 11-19 to Scotland and 10-20 to Sweden. In second are France after a mixed day. They lost to Russia 9-21 but defeated Turkey 22-8 and Denmark 20-10. The Danes are right in the thick of things despite a poor day, their other results were a draw against Estonia and a 17-13 victory over Czech Republic. It looks as though the medals will go to three out of Italy, France, Norway, Denmark and Poland.

In the Schools series, Israel defeated Poland on vugraph to narrow the gap at the top to just 5 VPs. The gold and silver medals should be decided between these two teams, though if either falters The Netherlands are only 15 VPs behind Israel, with Norway a further 6 VPs back. The Netherlands had a good day with maximum 25s against Wales and Ireland plus a 16-14 win in the important match against Norway. Wales had their first win, 16-14 over Czech Republic. However, they still lie in last place as Scotland's three losses still added up to more VPs than Wales took from the day. Third from bottom Ireland won two matches out of three, 18-12 against Austria and 16-14 against Scotland.

# JUNIOR TEAMS



## RESULTS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 19

| Match |             | IMP's      |       | VP's |    |
|-------|-------------|------------|-------|------|----|
| 1     | CROATIA     | CZECH REP. | 30 79 | 5    | 25 |
| 2     | HUNGARY     | BELGIUM    | 15 55 | 7    | 23 |
| 3     | GREECE      | NORWAY     | 15 91 | 1    | 25 |
| 4     | GERMANY     | RUSSIA     | 32 30 | 15   | 15 |
| 5     | FRANCE      | DENMARK    | 43 17 | 20   | 10 |
| 6     | ESTONIA     | ITALY      | 57 46 | 17   | 13 |
| 7     | bye         | SWEDEN     | 0 0   | 0    | 18 |
| 8     | ENGLAND     | AUSTRIA    | 50 42 | 16   | 14 |
| 9     | NETHERLANDS | TURKEY     | 58 36 | 20   | 10 |
| 10    | FINLAND     | SPAIN      | 80 17 | 25   | 3  |
| 11    | ISRAEL      | POLAND     | 45 38 | 16   | 14 |
| 12    | SCOTLAND    | bye        | 0 0   | 18   | 0  |

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 22

|    |          |             |
|----|----------|-------------|
| 1  | CROATIA  | TURKEY      |
| 2  | HUNGARY  | SPAIN       |
| 3  | GREECE   | POLAND      |
| 4  | GERMANY  | SWEDEN      |
| 5  | FRANCE   | CZECH REP.  |
| 6  | ESTONIA  | BELGIUM     |
| 7  | SCOTLAND | NORWAY      |
| 8  | ITALY    | RUSSIA      |
| 9  | bye      | AUSTRIA     |
| 10 | FINLAND  | NETHERLANDS |
| 11 | ISRAEL   | ENGLAND     |
| 12 | DENMARK  | bye         |

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 20

| Match |            | IMP's       |       | VP's |    |
|-------|------------|-------------|-------|------|----|
| 1     | BELGIUM    | GREECE      | 41 65 | 10   | 20 |
| 2     | CZECH REP. | HUNGARY     | 47 47 | 15   | 15 |
| 3     | SWEDEN     | CROATIA     | 37 50 | 12   | 18 |
| 4     | POLAND     | bye         | 0 0   | 18   | 0  |
| 5     | SPAIN      | ISRAEL      | 29 46 | 11   | 19 |
| 6     | TURKEY     | FINLAND     | 59 42 | 19   | 11 |
| 7     | AUSTRIA    | NETHERLANDS | 20 23 | 14   | 16 |
| 8     | ITALY      | SCOTLAND    | 25 43 | 11   | 19 |
| 9     | DENMARK    | ESTONIA     | 49 48 | 15   | 15 |
| 10    | RUSSIA     | FRANCE      | 65 38 | 21   | 9  |
| 11    | NORWAY     | GERMANY     | 79 22 | 25   | 4  |
| 12    | bye        | ENGLAND     | 0 0   | 0    | 18 |

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 23

|    |             |          |
|----|-------------|----------|
| 1  | BELGIUM     | SCOTLAND |
| 2  | CZECH REP.  | ESTONIA  |
| 3  | SWEDEN      | FRANCE   |
| 4  | POLAND      | GERMANY  |
| 5  | SPAIN       | GREECE   |
| 6  | TURKEY      | HUNGARY  |
| 7  | AUSTRIA     | CROATIA  |
| 8  | ENGLAND     | bye      |
| 9  | NETHERLANDS | ISRAEL   |
| 10 | RUSSIA      | DENMARK  |
| 11 | NORWAY      | ITALY    |
| 12 | bye         | FINLAND  |

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 21

| Match |          | IMP's       |       | VP's |    |
|-------|----------|-------------|-------|------|----|
| 1     | CROATIA  | FINLAND     | 16 31 | 12   | 18 |
| 2     | HUNGARY  | NETHERLANDS | 38 38 | 15   | 15 |
| 3     | GREECE   | ENGLAND     | 22 33 | 13   | 17 |
| 4     | GERMANY  | AUSTRIA     | 43 55 | 13   | 17 |
| 5     | FRANCE   | TURKEY      | 57 21 | 22   | 8  |
| 6     | ESTONIA  | SPAIN       | 44 28 | 18   | 12 |
| 7     | SCOTLAND | POLAND      | 18 80 | 3    | 25 |
| 8     | ITALY    | SWEDEN      | 24 46 | 10   | 20 |
| 9     | DENMARK  | CZECH REP.  | 42 32 | 17   | 13 |
| 10    | RUSSIA   | BELGIUM     | 47 48 | 15   | 15 |
| 11    | bye      | ISRAEL      | 0 0   | 0    | 18 |
| 12    | NORWAY   | bye         | 0 0   | 18   | 0  |

## Playing Cards



### To all players

At the end of this afternoon's final round, players are welcome to take the playing cards out of the boards to keep as souvenirs if they so wish. But, please, only after the LAST round.

# SCHOOL TEAMS



## RESULTS



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 11

| Match      |             | IMP's |    | VP's |    |
|------------|-------------|-------|----|------|----|
| 13 DENMARK | GERMANY     | 32    | 44 | 13   | 17 |
| 14 NORWAY  | SWEDEN      | 31    | 51 | 11   | 19 |
| 15 IRELAND | NETHERLANDS | 31    | 98 | 2    | 25 |
| 16 POLAND  | AUSTRIA     | 54    | 28 | 20   | 10 |
| 17 ENGLAND | ITALY       | 42    | 27 | 18   | 12 |
| 18 FRANCE  | SCOTLAND    | 84    | 12 | 25   | 2  |
| 19 WALES   | CZECH REP.  | 47    | 44 | 16   | 14 |
| 20 bye     | ISRAEL      | 0     | 0  | 0    | 18 |



### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 14

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| 13 DENMARK    | NETHERLANDS |
| 14 NORWAY     | AUSTRIA     |
| 15 IRELAND    | ITALY       |
| 16 POLAND     | SCOTLAND    |
| 17 ENGLAND    | ISRAEL      |
| 18 CZECH REP. | GERMANY     |
| 19 WALES      | SWEDEN      |
| 20 bye        | FRANCE      |



### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12

| Match          |         | IMP's |    | VP's |    |
|----------------|---------|-------|----|------|----|
| 13 ITALY       | POLAND  | 19    | 42 | 10   | 20 |
| 14 AUSTRIA     | IRELAND | 33    | 48 | 12   | 18 |
| 15 NETHERLANDS | NORWAY  | 28    | 25 | 16   | 14 |
| 16 SWEDEN      | DENMARK | 53    | 32 | 19   | 11 |
| 17 GERMANY     | WALES   | 122   | 46 | 25   | 1  |
| 18 SCOTLAND    | ENGLAND | 36    | 60 | 10   | 20 |
| 19 ISRAEL      | FRANCE  | 47    | 38 | 17   | 13 |
| 20 CZECH REP.  | bye     | 0     | 0  | 18   | 0  |



### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 15

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| 13 ITALY       | FRANCE  |
| 14 AUSTRIA     | ENGLAND |
| 15 NETHERLANDS | POLAND  |
| 16 SWEDEN      | IRELAND |
| 17 GERMANY     | NORWAY  |
| 18 CZECH REP.  | DENMARK |
| 19 SCOTLAND    | ISRAEL  |
| 20 WALES       | bye     |



### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13

| Match          |            | IMP's |    | VP's |    |
|----------------|------------|-------|----|------|----|
| 13 ITALY       | NORWAY     | 30    | 45 | 12   | 18 |
| 14 AUSTRIA     | DENMARK    | 21    | 43 | 10   | 20 |
| 15 NETHERLANDS | WALES      | 107   | 6  | 25   | 0  |
| 16 SWEDEN      | CZECH REP. | 59    | 26 | 22   | 8  |
| 17 SCOTLAND    | IRELAND    | 35    | 42 | 14   | 16 |
| 18 FRANCE      | ENGLAND    | 35    | 8  | 21   | 9  |
| 19 ISRAEL      | POLAND     | 51    | 41 | 17   | 13 |
| 20 GERMANY     | bye        | 0     | 0  | 18   | 0  |



## FOUND



Who has been unable to see his or her hand for the last few days? A pair of spectacles has been sitting on the Hospitality Desk for some time. Please claim them by Wednesday lunchtime.

We also have a cricket bat! Who is the future Nasser Hussain? Again, please collect by lunchtime.

## Sport News



### Football

El Hadji Diouf has reported for duty with Liverpool after completing his £10m transfer from French club Lens. The Senegal striker was put through his paces with his new team-mates at the club's Melwood training ground on Tuesday morning. He has signed a five-year deal with Liverpool and the club will complete the formalities of the transfer by registering him with the FA.



### Rhythmic Gymnastics

Four judges have been expelled for giving excessively high marks to their own country's competitors at the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in New Orleans. Larissa Lukiachenko of Belarus, Brazil's Marcie Louyrenco, Efi Pantazidou of Greece and South Korea's Shin-Ja Choi were removed because of 'serious judging mistakes'. The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) also gave 'yellow card' warnings to two other judges - China's Zaizhen Dao and Damida Verlcheva of Bulgaria. Greece won the gold medals in the Mixed Apparatus section of the Championships.



### Superbikes

World Superbikes champion Troy Bayliss did not have things all his own way at Laguna Seca in California on Sunday. Bayliss, who won the first race of the two races, has been virtually invincible this season. But the Australian hurt his back in a fall during practice and he had to share the spoils with Colin Edwards as the American claimed victory in the second race. Burnley-born Neil Hodgson, on an HM Plant Ducati, was a battling third.



### Cricket

Home team Singapore hit a one-day record 440 for two off 50 overs on Tuesday as they trounced Thailand by 325 runs in the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Trophy tournament. The total is two more than the previous record set by English county side Surrey just a month ago. And it beats the previous international record of 398 for five, made by Sri Lanka against Kenya in 1995/96.



### Cycling

Former world number one Laurent Jalabert will retire from cycling at the end of the season. The 33-year-old CSC-Tiscali team leader made the announcement during the rest day of the Tour de France on Tuesday.



### Formula One

The Arrows Formula One team are battling to make it on to the grid for the second time in successive Grand Prix. Arrows required an extension to the deadline for scrutineering at the British Grand Prix after a dispute with engine suppliers Cosworth over payment. On Tuesday, with the French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours just five days away, Arrows' cars and equipment were still at their Leafield factory in southern England. The deadline for official scrutineering in central France is 1600 BST on Thursday.

## JUNIOR TEAMS

### RANKING AFTER SESSION 21

|    |             |       |
|----|-------------|-------|
| 1  | ITALY       | 396   |
| 2  | FRANCE      | 385   |
| 3  | NORWAY      | 378   |
| 4  | DENMARK     | 373   |
| 4  | POLAND      | 373   |
| 6  | ENGLAND     | 361   |
| 7  | RUSSIA      | 356.5 |
| 8  | ISRAEL      | 355.5 |
| 9  | SWEDEN      | 349.5 |
| 10 | ESTONIA     | 341   |
| 10 | NETHERLANDS | 341   |
| 12 | CZECH REP.  | 328   |
| 13 | CROATIA     | 302   |
| 14 | GERMANY     | 292.5 |
| 15 | TURKEY      | 290   |
| 16 | AUSTRIA     | 282   |
| 17 | BELGIUM     | 280.5 |
| 18 | HUNGARY     | 279.5 |
| 19 | FINLAND     | 274   |
| 20 | GREECE      | 251   |
| 21 | SPAIN       | 211.5 |
| 22 | SCOTLAND    | 195   |

## SCHOOLS TEAMS

### RANKING AFTER SESSION 13

|    |             |     |
|----|-------------|-----|
| 1  | POLAND      | 266 |
| 2  | ISRAEL      | 261 |
| 3  | NETHERLANDS | 246 |
| 4  | NORWAY      | 240 |
| 5  | SWEDEN      | 222 |
| 6  | DENMARK     | 221 |
| 7  | GERMANY     | 220 |
| 8  | ENGLAND     | 205 |
| 9  | ITALY       | 192 |
| 9  | FRANCE      | 192 |
| 11 | AUSTRIA     | 181 |
| 12 | CZECH REP.  | 156 |
| 13 | IRELAND     | 127 |
| 14 | SCOTLAND    | 86  |
| 15 | WALES       | 65  |



# JUNIOR TEAMS SESSION 17

## Norway v Russia

Both teams are in contention for a medal and to qualify for next year's World Junior Teams Championship, likely to be held in Beijing China in early August. This made the match doubly important, as each VP lost was also gained by a major rival. Russia fielded the two pairs who are highest in the datums, benching Mikhail Krasnosselski who is both top of the European Junior Master Point list and a member of Russia's Open Team.

On Board 3, Norway found a Moysian (4-3 fit) 4♠ game which makes while 3NT fails. On Board 4, Russia had conceded 1100 in 3♣ doubled to gain 8 IMPs when their team-mates bid and played well to make a vulnerable 6♠. Thus Russia led 14-12 after four boards.

### Board 5. Dealer North. North/South Vul.

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

| West    | North | East    | South    |
|---------|-------|---------|----------|
| Zaitsev | Harr  | Rudakov | Sundlakk |
|         | Pass  | 1♦      | Pass     |
| 2♠      | Pass  | 3♦      | Pass     |
| 3NT     | Pass  | 4♣      | Pass     |
| 4♦      | Pass  | 4♠      | Pass     |
| 4NT     | Pass  | 6♦      | All Pass |

| West     | North       | East     | South   |
|----------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Joerstad | Romanovitch | Ellestad | Andreev |
|          | Pass        | 1♦       | Pass    |
| 1♠       | Pass        | 3♦       | Pass    |
| 3♥       | Pass        | 5♦       | Pass    |
| 6♦       | All Pass    |          |         |

It might appear that 6♠ is cold but, as we will see, 6♦ is superior. The key bids appear to be Zaitsev's 4♦, Joerstad's 3♥ and Ellestad's 5♦, all of which led to the best strain being found at the right level. Andreev's cunning ♠5 lead went to the ace, so Russia gained 1IMP.

After the match, I overheard some people chatting about how the English declarer had gone down in a frigid 6♠. As is often the case, his line seems to belong in the 'unlucky expert' file:

| West  | North    | East | South   |
|-------|----------|------|---------|
| Hydes | Mraz     | Gold | Szegedi |
|       | Pass     | 1♦   | Pass    |
| 1♠    | Pass     | 3♦   | Pass    |
| 3♠    | Pass     | 4♠   | Pass    |
| 6♠    | All Pass |      |         |

Declarer won the club lead with the ace, and was faced with the problem of having two club losers if ♠K was not taken on the first round. At this level of competition, if declarer crosses to dummy and runs ♠Q, it is routine for North to withhold the king smoothly from ♠Kxx, causing serious problems for declarer.

Hydes ruffed a club, crossed to ♥A and ruffed another club. Now he carefully cashed ♦A (this is called 'removing South's flight card'), played ♥K and ruffed a heart before playing ♠A then ♠J. Alas, the player opposite the one with ♠K had a singleton diamond, so down went 6♠. 14 IMPs to Hungary, contributing to their upset 22-8 win over one of the contenders.

If one top diamond were not played, South might have been able to lock declarer in dummy and receive his own diamond ruff upon winning ♠K.

Phil King (author of an excellent series of amusing bridge books and English Schools npc), thinks that Hydes' line may be the best theoretical line of play but, in practice if you play a spade to the queen at trick two, most Souths will take the king from Kxx, and that this factor is enough to make the best practical shot a low spade to the king at trick two. Former World Champion Jason Hackett (English Junior npc) says he thinks Phil is right.

Ten Junior pairs bid 6♠, all but one making. Chris Karapanagiotis for Greece followed exactly the same line as Hydes but, upon winning ♠K, South missed the diamond ruff. For Poland, Adam Skalski won the heart lead with the jack and played a spade to the



Ronny Joerstad

ace then a spade to the queen as a safety play in case spades broke 5-0. Martin Schaltz for Denmark and Peter Marjai for Hungary received red-suit leads but both played ♠Q, having observed that if North has five spades one can run this, and if South has five spades, after ♠Q to the ace, ♠7 is still there for a finesse. At the same time ♠Q increases the chance of the overtrick.

Gonzalo Goded Merino for Spain and Guillaume Grenthe for France were the two declarers who received a club lead and who made what is believed to be the best practical play of conceding a spade to South at trick two.

Five pairs played in 6♦, two in 4♠, two in 3NT and one in 7♦, making.

After three flat boards, Gunnar Harr added some life to the match with a typical Norwegian adventure:

Board 9. Dealer North. East/West Vul.

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

| West    | North    | East    | South     |
|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Zaitsev | Harr     | Rudakov | Sundklakk |
|         | 3♣       | Pass    | Pass      |
| Dble    | Pass     | 3NT     | Pass      |
| 4♥      | All Pass |         |           |

At the 1999 World Junior Championships in Florida, a Norwegian told me that Gunnar Harr is their most solid player. However, his bidding at favourable vulnerability seems to be as aggressive as anyone, judging from this hand. In 3♣ doubled, a heart lead, two rounds of clubs and another heart would force declarer's trumps, producing a 1400 penalty. 4♥ made 11 tricks for 2 IMPs to Russia when 3NT made nine tricks on ♦Q lead at the other table.

Belgium v Denmark

| West    | North        | East        | South        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Schaltz | W van Parijs | Marquardsen | J van Parijs |
|         | Pass         | INT         | Pass         |
| 2♣      | Dble         | Rdbl        | 2♦           |
| Dble    | All Pass     |             |              |

If 2♣ redoubled had made ten tricks, then the score would have been 1560. By going for 1400 in 2♦ doubled, Belgium's Jef van Parijs saved 160 points. Dynamite Danish defence netted 1400, North/South being held to two tricks for the second time in the match (see article in yesterday's Bulletin called DOBTO). The Belgians seem to be hoping that there is a good sports award, as they keep giving us hands where they have had a disaster. Netherlands seems to be their main competition, but I don't think there is any such award.

Schaltz/Marquardsen had a good set for Denmark, their plus scores of 2220, 1700, 1400, 1010 and 800 (and only one minus 1510) contributing to their 25-5 win.

On Board 11, you deal and open 1♠, none vulnerable, on ♠AK10873 ♥A8 ♦- ♣Q9865. LHO bids 5♦, passed to you. What would you call?

Sundklakk chose to double; minus 650 when LHO had ♠- ♥KJ ♦AK10987543 ♣72, dummy providing a highly suitable ♣A and ♦QJ for the pre-emptor. There are nine diamonds in that suit. Andreev bid 5♠, conceding 300 to a 5-0 spade break, but gaining 8 IMPs.

Of the twenty Junior tables, sixteen faced the same decision, seven bidding 5♠, seven doubling, and two passing. One player when doubled ran to 6♣, against which good German defence netted 500, although on different defence it may even have made.

As is often the case, the odd man out was from Netherlands, the only one to go minus on the nine-card suit. He overcalled 2♦. His partner replied 2NT and the opener bid 3♣. Now the Flying Dutchman bid 6♦, one off undoubled. It seems that he thought that a nine-card suit demanded originality, but the idea of not removing their bidding space, then punting wildly once the opponents have had time to diagnose their combined assets, is almost always losing tactics. The talent in the Dutch team must be enormous if they can win a match (as they did, 16-14) with players bidding like that. The 2NT bidder had ♠QJ652 ♥9753 ♦QJ ♣AJ, so even 4NT was cold if the Dutchman really wanted to do something different.

On Board 17, the opponents are in 4♥ and you hold ♥A842. Partner wins an early trick with his singleton king of hearts, and you have ♣AQJ104 over the top of the king. Which heart pip do you play? This was easy for the growing band of top players who give suit preference signals in the trump suit, as ♥2 requests a club from partner. Admittedly, every table in the Juniors got this right, and only one slipped up in the Schools, as the club switch was fairly obvious anyway.

The next hand features complex card play. The Norwegians' attention to detail in the card play was impressive:

Board 19. Dealer South. East-West Vul.

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

| West     | North       | East     | South   |
|----------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Joerstad | Romanovitch | Ellestad | Andreev |
| Pass     | 1♠          | 3♦       | Pass    |
| All Pass |             |          | 4♠      |

The 3♦ weak jump overcall made it quite likely that ♣A was onside. ♥6 was led to the ten, ruffed with ♠4. Leonid Romanovitch cashed ♠A and ♠Q, then exited with ♦K to the ace. East played another heart, which declarer won in dummy (discarding a club) and ruffed a heart. A diamond ruff and another heart ruff was followed by ♦J, covered by the queen. If declarer had discarded a club, Olav Ellesatd would have safely given away a ruff and discard by playing another diamond, stranding declarer with a heart loser at trick thirteen, ♥5 having been just high enough to prevent declarer set-

ting up a heart winner in dummy. Thus Romanovitch simply played for ♣A onside by ruffing the diamond and leading a club up, so the contract failed. It seems to me that he could not have made it, but someone out there with the Deep Finesse computer software may prove me wrong.

| West    | North        | East     | South    |
|---------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Zaitsev | Harr<br>Pass | Rudakov  | Sundlakk |
| Pass    | 1♠           | 2♦       | 3♦       |
| Pass    | 4♠           | All Pass |          |

The decision to overcall 2♦ rather than 3♦ allowed declarer to place the ace of clubs with more accuracy than at the other table. Gunnar Harr ruffed the ♥7 lead to ♥10 with ♠7, just in case ♠4 was needed later as access to dummy. Harr then played a careful ♠8 to the king, and a diamond to the jack and queen. Another heart came back, won in dummy pitching a club from hand, a heart was ruffed, a diamond ruffed and another heart ruffed. By leaving one trump outstanding, Harr had given himself extra chances of defensive error; and this came to pass when Harr exited with ♦J, discarding a club from dummy. Evgeni Rudakov did well to realise that declarer had ♣K so that a diamond was his only safe exit but, when a club was discarded from dummy on East's diamond play, West was perhaps uncertain of the exact layout because 2♦ had promised only five diamonds, so he ruffed with ♠10, over-ruffed. Now declarer had enough trumps; effectively he had drawn West's last trump without using up a trump in dummy. Plus 420 and 10 IMPs to Norway.

On Board 20, the dealer holds ♠Q97 ♥A98 ♦AK82 ♣A83 opposite ♠AK1042 ♥K ♦QJ10 ♣K752. With everything friendly, a flat 2220 in 7NT on combined assets of 33 HCP and just one five-card suit was the impressive result. Of the twenty Junior tables, six reached 7NT, five in 7♠, two in 6NT, five in 6♠, one in 4♠ and one in 3NT. In the Schools, there were two 7NT, two 7♠, two 6NT, seven 6♠ and one 4NT contract. One inexperienced team did exceptionally well to bid to 7NT, but went down when declarer pitched a diamond on the spades.

Russia won 35-26 IMPs, 17-13 in VPs to halve the gap by which they trail Norway in the vital battle for European places in the World Championship field.



Evgeni Rudakov



## Israeli 'Kids' Strike Again

As we all know, the Israeli Schools team includes the youngest pair at these Championships - and Israel are doing rather well. In Schools Round 9 Israel blitzed Ireland 25-0. The two youngsters, Lotan Fisher and Eliran Argelazi bid to an optimistic slam on this deal and brought it home for one of many big swings in their favour.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

| West | North             | East     | South             |
|------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
|      | Fisher            |          | Argelazi          |
| Pass | Pass              | Pass     | 1♦                |
| Pass | 1♥                | Pass     | 2NT               |
| Pass | 3♣ <sup>(1)</sup> | Pass     | 3♠                |
| Pass | 4♣ <sup>(2)</sup> | Pass     | 4♦ <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Pass | 6♠                | All Pass |                   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Checkback

<sup>(2)</sup> Cuebid

The 2NT rebid is perhaps a little agricultural but that is what Checkback is for and the Israelis had no trouble in finding the spade fit. The spade slam is not really one you would want to be in, but as my definition of a good slam is one that makes I would be the last person to argue with success.

The Irish West gave declarer a good start by cashing the ace of clubs then switching to his diamond for the queen and ace. Argelazi drew three rounds of trumps, ruffed a club, then played ♦K and a diamond to the jack. Now he ran his black winners. At the end, East was squeezed in the red suits and leading the ♥Q to dummy's ace saw the fall of the king; twelve tricks and +1430.

Of course, declarer could have tested the diamonds and clubs earlier and, on discovering that he needed a second heart trick, guessed which way to take a finesse in the suit, but the squeeze looks much prettier, don't you think?





Nowadays those South cards are a routine 1♥ opener for most top youth players. The problem lies in the subsequent bidding. Playing five-card majors, devotees of the Law of Total Tricks would claim that North should respond 3♥ (or even 3♦) instead of 2♥, in order to convey the nine-card fit to his partner. This would probably not have shut East out of the auction, but it would have helped South find the save.

As it was, the 4♣ bid showed a shapely two-suiter, and Naber, who is a very fast player usually, took a little while to find the double (perhaps 10 to 20 seconds). Whether his partner was doing the ethical thing by ignoring the short pause from the other side of the screen, or as is more likely South was simply trusting North, with South's hand having been shown by the 4♣ bid, the outcome was poor. North's hand looked excellent for defence, but that fourth heart was of 'total tricks' concern.

Italy found the save at the other table, and 590 less 300 provided 7 IMPs to Italy who had taken the lead.

Board 15. Dealer South. North/South Vul.

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

|  |                   |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--|--|
|  | N<br>W     E<br>S |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--|--|

| West      | North | East     | South  |
|-----------|-------|----------|--------|
| Lo Presti | Naber | Mazzadi  | Tihane |
| 2NT       | Dble  | 4♦       | 1♣     |
| Pass      | 4♠    | All Pass | 4♥     |

1♣ was strong and 2NT showed five hearts and five clubs. The meaning of 4♦ is unknown, 4♥ was a cuebid, and it was North who decided that at last someone should make a natural bid, of sorts. He would have preferred to be defending 4♥ doubled, but the bold jump at favourable vulnerability by East seemed to suggest that East/West had at least nine hearts. One almost wonders whether Mazzadi forgot the meaning of 2NT which is clearly shown on their convention card, but I couldn't hear the explanation that he whispered to his screen-mate. Perhaps not, as then he would have saved in 5♦.

The two of hearts was led to the queen and ace, dummy pitching a club. Declarer quickly played ♠J, covered (after a flicker) by Mazzadi, dummy's ace winning, Declarer promptly cashed ♦A, on which Fabio Lo Presti discarded a heart almost without needing to think about it, and on the next low diamond lead West pitched a club as the king won. A third diamond to the queen led to the first pause in the entire hand, as West pondered whether pitching one of his suits might help, and whether partner is more likely to hold ♣Q or ♥J. Eventually he ruffed, cashed ♠Q and exited with a low heart, hoping his partner had the jack. Naber immediately guessed correctly by rising with ♥J, and soon afterwards he claimed 10 tricks.

| West     | North      | East     | South      |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| Matisons | F di Bello | Rubins   | S di Bello |
| 2♠       | Dble       | Pass     | 1♠         |
| Pass     | 3♠         | Pass     | 3♦         |
| Pass     | 4♦         | Pass     | 4♣         |
| Pass     | 4♠         | All Pass | 4♥         |

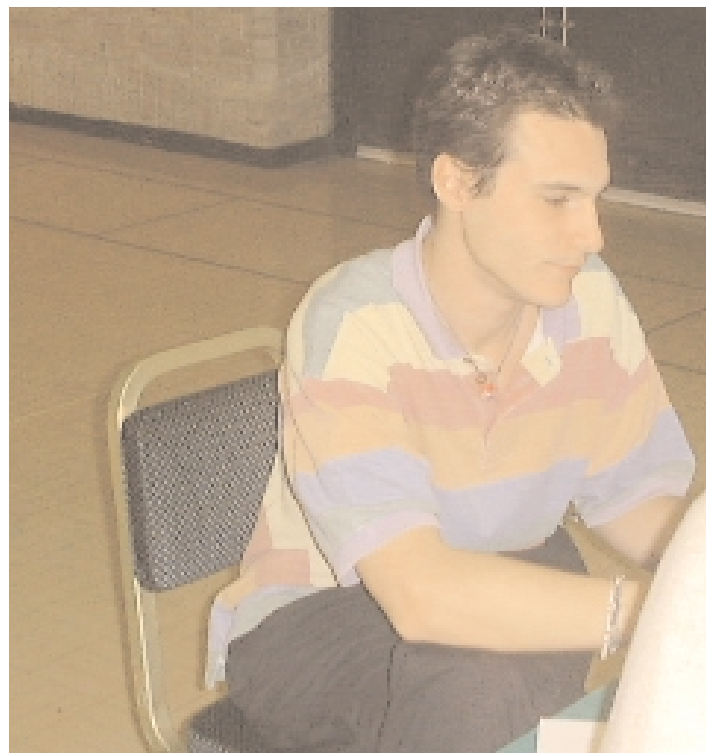
The Italians sensibly looked for slam but stayed low, the 2♠ intervention having warned of possible bad breaks. ♥K lead was ducked in dummy, declarer retaining the major tenace which is often a good idea. Having ruffed ♥K, Stelio di Bello played a spade to the jack and king, and the club switch went to the king. By later ruffing a high diamond and playing another trump the 'Latvian' West was able to restrict declarer to nine tricks. The Italian coach Andrea Pagani tells me that di Bello's line is reasonable because it handles well the hands where West has two spades and one diamond, and that it is only the diamond void that declarer didn't allow for; 12 IMPs to Estonia who were back in front.

Board 18. Dealer East. North/South Vul.

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

|  |                   |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--|--|
|  | N<br>W     E<br>S |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--|--|



Fabio di Bello

| West      | North | East     | South  |
|-----------|-------|----------|--------|
| Lo Presti | Naber | Mazzadi  | Tihane |
|           |       | 1♣       | Dble   |
| Pass      | Pass  | 6♦       | Pass   |
| 7♦        | Dble  | All Pass |        |

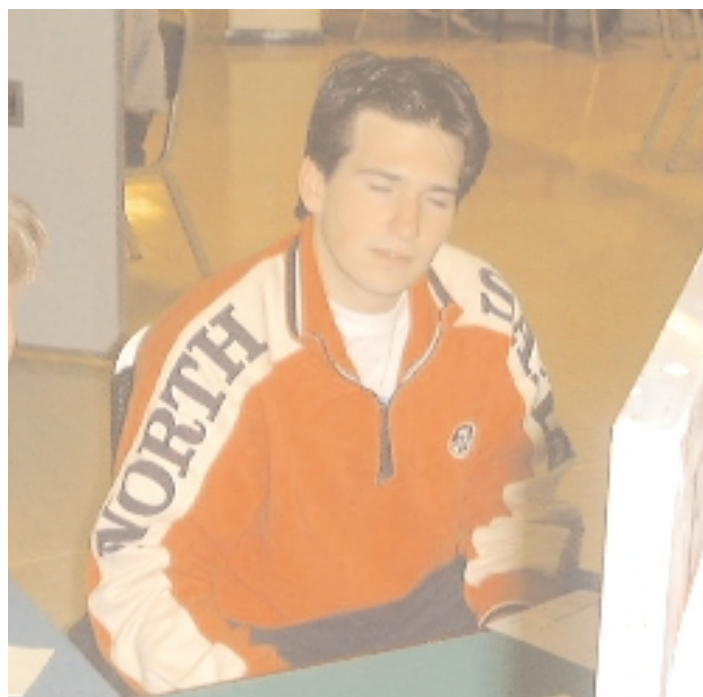
The Italian pair's rapid fire approach to the bidding did not work this time. When one plays a strong club system, skipping past 26 possible calls in order to guess the contract is not a strong show of faith in the partnership's methods. Aivar Tihane's double was CRASH, showing either the black or the red suits. I think West's pass showed less than 7 points, assuming that their control responses are off after competition. 7♦ seems to have been provoked by the thought that unless partner has twelve tricks, he would have gone slowly. East probably bid 6♦ hoping for a favourable lead, and indeed his jump did cause lead problems for South, and if South has the red suits then 6♦ is a reasonable spot, so perhaps East's 6♦ call was not ill-advised.

The Lightner double for the spade lead gave South an opening lead problem. If partner has a void in spades the contract will surely go down anyway, as the opponents will have deep spade losers. The worry therefore is if partner has a heart void, or even ♥A. Perhaps North has lots of black cards and passed in case South has the red suits. Therefore Tihane led a heart, giving North mild heartburn until many diamonds had been run off and the inevitable 300 had been collected.

| West     | North      | East   | South      |
|----------|------------|--------|------------|
| Matisons | F di Bello | Rubins | S di Bello |
|          |            | 1♣     | 2♣         |
| Pass     | 2♥         | 3♥     | Pass       |
| 3NT      | Pass       | 5♦     | All Pass   |

Over Karlis Rubins strong club, Stelio's 2♣ was natural, and Marlis Matison's 3NT bid told Rubins that most of West's small point count was in hearts, the pass of 2♣ having been negative. 400 plus 300 was 12 IMPs to Estonia.

Thus Estonia had defeated the might of Italy 17-13, with Italy having played their top two pairs.



Stelio di Bello



## The Sunday Boat Trip and Barbecue

While the weather here in Torquay has been pretty poor for much of the week, we have been very fortunate to have sunshine on the two days off, Thursday and Sunday, when it was most needed.

Sunday evening saw the Boat Trip, which attracted some 220 players and officials - not bad as Margaret Curtis was worrying earlier in the week whether there would be the minimum 20 people needed to justify running the trip! Everyone I have spoken to about the two-hour trip around the surrounding area thoroughly enjoyed it. Of course, we have photographic evidence of the fact that some of you are not getting enough bridge at these Championships (sorry about that, maybe in two years time we can play six 20-board matches a day and save you all from needing to check into a hotel) and were playing cards on the boat rather than enjoying the scenery.

The Barbecue was also very popular and the singing, accompanied by Greek guitar music, went on for many hours (as see today's front page).

## The 8th Red Sea Bridge Festival

The 8th Red Sea Bridge Festival will be held at the Royal Beach International Conference Centre, Eilat, Israel, from November 10th to 17th 2002.

The programme includes Open Pairs, Teams, IMP Pairs, and a heat of the National Simultaneous Pairs. There is also an Invitational Masters Tournament.

Total prize Money is in excess of US\$10,000.

There is a range of attractive hotel packages available.

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The organisers wish to extend an invitation to the winners of these Junior Championships.

The winning team in the 2002 European Junior Team Championship is offered full hospitality in Eilat, with free hotel accommodation, meals and entry to the bridge.

## World Junior Camp (set 2)

by Peter Gill

Once upon a time the current Danish coach Lars Walter Petersen was himself a Junior, and attended several World Junior Camps. During one of the evening sessions of bridge at a Camp, he played against one of his Danish friends, and when they finished their two boards early, they made a bet about which of them could form the best team of four from all the players at the Camp, for a challenge match of 8 hands after play finished that night.

The news spread, and at the coffee bar at 11pm, his friend had eight players in his team, so Lars willingly agreed to find seven players to join Lars in Lars' team, and to increase the match to 12 hands. By the time the match started at midnight, the informal two team match, which had grown to four teams, had now grown to an all night Swiss Teams competition involving 24 teams, finishing at 5am, run by the players themselves. The only problem was that Panos's team of organisers were not very impressed when hardly any turned up to the 10 am bridge activities the following morning.

The organisers have subsequently solved the problem. Nowadays, the 10am activities are usually outdoor sports, which very few people are prepared to miss, and the most important parts of the Camp, which is the bridge sessions and the bridge lectures, do not begin until the afternoon.

Games similar to bridge such as Duplicate Barbu are becoming popular. Barry Rigal is the man to see about having Duplicate Laus sessions at next year's Camp. The third and final episode in this series will be in this evening's Final Bulletin. Ta-ta for now.



## Spanish Team 'Profilation'

As you all know, 'SPAIN IS DIFFERENT', let's see how:

**Gari Truchado, Ana:** This 25-year old girl has already finished her business studies. We couldn't enjoy her company at the start of the tournament because she was working. Fortunately, she arrived on Friday to improve our image (I'm not talking about bridge - just look at her!).

**Goded Merino, Gonzalo:** He has played bridge since he was 13, which is surprising in Spain, and now at the age of 22 he is our 'vedette', as the Belgian captain says. The problem is that this is not the 'Moulin Rouge'.

**Malagrid Rakosnik, Sergio:** 23 years old, single, handsome, 1.90 metres, 78 kg, and looking for an Austrian, Croatian, Swedish, Finnish, Israeli, Greek, etc, etc, girl for a true relationship and bridge 'Fantasia'. malagrida@hotmail.com P.P. Industrial Engineering, specialised in management.

**Mansilla Lobet, Maria:** 25 years old. She cannot remember 150 numbers in five minutes like the Israeli kid but is a clever mathematician who can count to 13 tricks on almost all hands.

**Masia Nebot, Santiago:** 24 years old, he is the one who has to dance with our 'vedette' in most of the matches. His feet are as big as his mind. He studies psychology and loves musicals.

**Perez Calisteo, Jordi:** He is our heavyweight player and is still trying to recover from the Austrian match. Like Maria, a mathematician, who has played since 1999, having had some good results in local tournaments.

**Malla Abello, Luis:** Unfortunately, I am too old (28 this Wednesday) to be a Junior, so I've become captain. My team players do 'their best' to avoid my anger but what they usually do is drive me crazy. However, they are the best players any captain could have (unbelievable, isn't it). I work as a physiotherapist and the girl players on my team think I have magic hands (ha, hah, ha). P.P. I will accept for my birthday presents from any of you - thanks in advance.

## Swedish Squeeze

We often see squeeze play by declarer, but much more rare is a defensive squeeze. The Swedish Schools pair of Daniel Salomonsson and Sara Sivelind came across this rare beast during Sweden's 19-11 victory over perennial rivals, Norway in Round 11.

Board 16. Dealer West. East/West Vul.

|   |  |   |         |   |   |   |
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| <p>♠ 8 7<br/>♥ K J 4<br/>♦ A Q J 9<br/>♣ Q J 10 2</p> | <table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W     E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table> | N | W     E | S | <p>♠ J 10 5<br/>♥ 5 2<br/>♦ K 5 3 2<br/>♣ A K 6 5</p> | <p>♠ Q 6 4 2<br/>♥ 9 8 6<br/>♦ 10 7 6 4<br/>♣ 8 4</p> |
| N   |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| W     E   |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| S   |  |   |         |   |   |   |
| <p>♠ A K 9 3<br/>♥ A Q 10 7 3<br/>♦ 8<br/>♣ 9 7 3</p> |  |   |         |   |   |   |

| West      | North       | East   | South    |
|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Lindqvist | Salomonsson | E Eide | Sivelind |
| INT       | Pass        | Pass   | Dble     |
| All Pass  |             |        |          |

When Espen Lindqvist's weak no trump came around, Sara Sivelind doubled, ending the auction. Daniel Salomonsson led a top club and Sivelind discouraged with the nine. Salomonsson switched to the ♠J for the queen and king and Sara went back to clubs, Salomonsson ducking declarer's jack. Lindqvist now tried to force a dummy entry to allow him to lead up to the heart honours. He led the ♦J, followed by ♦A and ♦Q. However, Salomonsson refused to cover either the jack or queen.

Lindqvist exited with a spade (a club would have been much better) and Salomonsson won the ten and cashed the ♦K. Meanwhile, Sivelind had pitched three of her small hearts on the diamonds. Salomonsson played his last spade and Sivelind won and cashed the last spade. Lindqvist had to find a discard from ♥KJ and ♣Q10. A defensive squeeze from two 20-year olds!

The squeeze was for the third undertrick and meant +800 to Sweden. Nicely defended - note that it was essential that Sivelind kept her small club to keep communications open to her partner's hand.



Sara Sivelind



# The All-Time Bridge Greats

## 9. Rixi Markus

Rixi Markus (1910-1992) was born in Romania but moved to Austria where she first made her name at the bridge table. In 1938 she fled Austria and made her home in London where she remained for the rest of her life.

Generally recognised as the top European lady player to date and a great personality, Rixi was the first woman to become a WBF Grand Master and was the leading woman in the WBF masterpoint rankings from their inception in 1974 until 1980.

Rixi won more international titles than any other woman, a total of fourteen. For Austria in the thirties there were two European Women's Teams and one World Women's Teams. Later, representing Great Britain, she won seven European Team titles, one World Women's Teams, one World Mixed Teams and two World Women's Pairs. She also had second places including both the World Mixed and Ladies Pairs in 1970.

For Great Britain, her favourite partner was Fritz Gordon. 'Rixi and Fritz' were as fearsome a combination as the women's game has seen with a strong table presence to add to their technical expertise.

Rixi was named International Bridge Press Association Personality of the Year in 1974 and was awarded the MBE for contributions to bridge a year later by Queen Elizabeth. For many years she organised a match between the two Houses of the British parliament.

Rixi contributed to many magazines and wrote seven books, mostly collections of well played hands by expert players at tournaments around the world. She was also bridge columnist of the London Evening Standard from 1975 to 1980 and bridge editor of The Guardian newspaper from 1955 to 1992, enabling her to involve The Guardian in sponsoring a regular series of important English tournaments.

Rixi was never afraid to bid and some of the bids she found were imaginative to say the least. The title of one of her books, Bid Boldly, Play Safe reflects her approach to the game. Perhaps she became such a fine dummy player because her bidding forced her to do so.

This hand comes from rubber bridge and the score was Game All with North/South also having a 60 partscore. This sort of score often tempts each side to compete a little too much, though in this case the contract was played at the two level.

|             |                |              |              |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| ♠ -         |                |              |              |
| ♥ A Q 8 5 3 |                |              |              |
| ♦ A 10 5    |                |              |              |
| ♣ K Q 6 5 3 |                |              |              |
| ♠ K 6       |                | ♠ A Q J 5 3  |              |
| ♥ K J 10 6  |                | ♥ 9 7        |              |
| ♦ K 9 8 4 2 |                | ♦ Q          |              |
| ♣ 8 4       |                | ♣ A J 10 9 2 |              |
|             | ♠ 10 9 8 7 4 2 |              |              |
|             | ♥ 4 2          |              |              |
|             | ♦ J 7 6 3      |              |              |
|             | ♣ 7            |              |              |
| <b>West</b> | <b>North</b>   | <b>East</b>  | <b>South</b> |
| -           | 1♥             | 1♠           | Pass         |
| INT         | 2♣             | Dble         | 2♦           |
| Dble        | All Pass       |              |              |

You may have guessed that Rixi was sitting South. The 2♦ bid was brave and did not have to work anywhere near as well as it did. It seemed that North must be very short in spades and, with no help at all in a heart or club contract, Rixi decided to hope to find her partner with some diamonds. A truly inspired decision, as we shall see.

West led ♠K and declarer ruffed in dummy and led ♣K to the ace. East returned the ♦Q to dummy's ace and Rixi paused to take stock. The obvious move was to pitch a heart on the ♣Q but after doing that declarer can only take two heart ruffs and is a trick short. Instead, she ruffed a club to hand, ignoring the established queen, and took the heart finesse which, remember, was heavy favorite to succeed because of the INT bid. She continued with the ace and ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade and ruffed another heart and that was eight tricks - one diamond, two hearts, three ruffs in hand and two in dummy. Not a bad result with East/West cold for 3NT.



## Everybody Not So Happy!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

| West  | North     | East     | South     |
|-------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Flynn | Zielinski | Carrigan | Karkowicz |
| Pass  | Pass      | 1♣       | Pass      |
| 2♣    | Pass      | 5♣       | Pass      |
| Pass  | Pass      | Dble     | All Pass  |

We need to make a correction to a story from Monday's Bulletin. We received the original story from the Irish team and the auction given was as above. Perhaps the fact that East had doubled his own contract might have tipped us off to the fact that something wasn't quite right. Of course, as the text suggested, it was North who doubled the final contract. However, this was somewhat less of a gamble than we suggested as the other thing wrong with the published auction was that South had actually overcalled 1♠.

Clearly, partner's overcall affects the likely success of North's double, so our apologies to Piotr Zielinski, who had already suffered enough when he conceded a doubled over-trick without being also accused of taking a wild gamble.





# Irish Eyes Are Smiling



Ireland were one of the three Schools teams from the British Isles to score zero VPs in their Monday morning match. The inexperienced Irish team may be struggling near the wrong end of the rankings, but they are enjoying these Championships and the experience gained will be of great benefit in the future. They lost again in the afternoon but put up a much better fight against the useful French side before going down by 10-20 VPs. Ireland had two big gains in the match.

few seconds later North had jumped to 6♥. While East's double may appear to be obvious, what will it actually achieve? Is it not more likely to aid the opposition than to help partner?

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

| West                         | North                    | East                                | South                        |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Flynn<br>3♦<br>All Pass      | Faure<br>4♦              | Carrigan<br>Pass                    | Ancelin<br>4♥                |
| West                         | North                    | East                                | South                        |
| Moreau<br>3♦<br>Pass<br>Dble | Davis<br>4♦<br>4NT<br>6♥ | Raynaud<br>Dble<br>Dble<br>All Pass | O'Muircheartaigh<br>4♥<br>5♦ |

Both Norths cuebid to show their two-suiter. The Irish East, Andrew Carrigan, passed and David Ancelin had a useful hand, perhaps a borderline slam try. He took the cautious route, being concerned by his lack of a heart honour on a deal where there were likely to be bad breaks. The two diamond losers were enough to prevent Cedric Faure from going on so 4♥ became the final contract; +710 after a club lead.

Francois Raynaud doubled the 4♦ cuebid and perhaps that made Cian O'Muircheartaigh's free 4♥ bid sound a little stronger. Whatever the reason, Emmett Davis went on with the North hand, checking for key cards then bidding the small slam; +1430 after a diamond lead and 12 IMPs to Ireland.

Incidentally, there were many tables at which slam was missed, and many where it was bid. We heard of a number at which East's decision to double 4♦ helped North/South to get to the slam. For example, the English Junior pairing of Probst/Handley-Pritchard had the agreement that a redouble from South now guaranteed a diamond control as well as some reasonable values. The borderline hand had been provided with an easy way to express itself and a

Board 19. Dealer South. East/West Vul.

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

| West                 | North             | East                  | South                             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Flynn<br>Pass<br>3♥  | Faure<br>Pass     | Carrigan<br>1♥<br>3NT | Ancelin<br>Pass<br>3♦<br>All Pass |
| West                 | North             | East                  | South                             |
| Moreau<br>Pass<br>3♥ | Davis<br>All Pass | Raynaud<br>Dble       | O'Muircheartaigh<br>3♦<br>Pass    |

O'Muircheartaigh opened the routine 3♦ as South and that ran around to Raynaud who doubled for take-out and Josephine Moreau responded 3♥, where she played. The defence began with a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff but there was just one club to lose from there; +170.

Raynaud was not the only player in the tournament to choose a take-out double but it does seem to be an odd choice. OK, 3NT doesn't have to succeed, but it is simply the correct bid when holding a strong no trump including a stopper in the opponents' suit. I could be sold on the idea of passing, at least I could if the vulnerability were different, but once you take a positive action there is only one possibility, surely?

Maybe this is the French style but I am convinced that it is losing bridge not to pre-empt with a hand like South's, and I would bet that most juniors (who rather like pre-empting from what I have seen) would agree with me. Ancelin passed and that gave Carrigan an opportunity to open 1♥ in fourth seat. Now Ancelin came in with 3♦ but it was too late. Flynn had an easy 3♥ bid and Carrigan tried 3NT on the way to 4♥. Flynn had a useful diamond card so was happy to pass 3NT. The low diamond lead ran round to declarer's ten. Carrigan ran the ♠J then played a spade to the ace followed by a heart to his eight. Conceding a diamond established a tenth trick for +630 and 10 IMPs to Ireland.





# Two to remember

by Stefan Back



Two remarkable slams bid by the German Schools team decided the match against the Dutch team in Round 10.

### Dennis and the menace

Board 5. Dealer North. North/South Vul.

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

In the Closed Room the Netherlands had bid 3♠ - 6♣ and declarer went one off when South led ♦A and switched to a club. Declarer discarded a heart on the ♦K and rested his hopes on hearts being 3-3 to get rid of the club loser later on. As it wasn't to be, Germany scored +100.

At the other table Dennis Kraemer wanted to protect his ♦K:

| West    | North    | East    | South |
|---------|----------|---------|-------|
| Kraemer | Pass     | Smirnov | Pass  |
| 6NT     | All Pass | 3♠      |       |

Here North led a heart to the queen and ace and declarer set the stage by playing a diamond to the queen and ace. When South, understandably, continued with ♦J (a club would have doomed the contract), Dennis was in full control. He correctly cashed ♥A and rattled off all his spades to reach the following ending:

|       |        |      |
|-------|--------|------|
|       | ♠ -    |      |
|       | ♥ J    |      |
|       | ♦ -    |      |
|       | ♣ K 10 |      |
| ♠ -   | N      | ♠ 6  |
| ♥ -   | W      | ♥ 10 |
| ♦ 9   | E      | ♦ -  |
| ♣ A J | S      | ♣ 9  |
|       | ♠ -    |      |
|       | ♥ -    |      |
|       | ♦ 10   |      |
|       | ♣ Q 7  |      |

When declarer led dummy's last trump, South had to let go ♣7 and now declarer threw the ♦9, but North was left without a good discard; Germany +990 and 14 IMPs.

### Janko's 'Grand' Coup

'Showtime!' Janko Katerbau must have thought, when he undertook a bold adventure just a couple of boards later:

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

The bidding in the Open Room was short. West opened 1♣, North bid 4♥ and East 4♠. This was passed around to North, whose 5♦ bid ended the auction.

At the other table Maria Wuermseer took her partner more seriously and raised 5♦ to six. When West decided that it was now time to bid 6♠, an exciting plan came to Janko's mind. Who would lead a spade if he bid 7♦ now? So he did and the bidding was soon over:

| West | North    | East | South     |
|------|----------|------|-----------|
|      | Katerbau |      | Wuermseer |
| 1♣   | 4♥       | 4♠   | Pass      |
| Pass | 5♦       | Pass | 6♦        |
| 6♠   | 7♦       | Pass | Pass      |
| Dble | All Pass |      |           |

Of course, you already guessed what happened next. Poor West led a club, Janko ruffed, drew the outstanding trumps and discarded all the spades on the good hearts; Germany +1630 and another 15 IMPs that helped the German Team to outscore their opponents by 11 IMPs to win the match by 43-32 IMPs, 17-13 VPs.

## Lost and Found

Martin Bateman of the Scottish Junior team lost a set of keys at Sunday evening's barbecue. There are two Yale keys (one with a green covering) on a white key ring bearing the number 3. If anyone found these keys, please give them to either Martin or the Hospitality Desk. Thank You.

## More True or False

As before, two statements about each personality are true and one is false. Which do you believe to be the false one?

### Steen Moller

1. Played in an Open European Championship against Harrison-Gray.
2. Has crossed the new bridge between Denmark and Norway.
3. Was able to swim 50 metres under water.

### John Pyner

1. Travelled on every single Scottish railway route in a single week.
2. Has a degree in archaeology.
3. Has appeared in quiz programmes on both TV and radio.

### Christer Andersson

1. Has held a private lecture for the Royal Highnesses, King Karl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden.
2. Has been invited to dine at the Royal Palace in Bangkok with the Royal Highness Queen Sirikit of Thailand.
3. Has played cards with Queen Margrethe of Denmark.

### Nick Doe

1. Has a Law Degree from Oxford University
2. Has performed - in public - a barbershop version of 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic'.
3. Always names new conventions after evil dictators.

### Michael Rosenblum

1. Once drove a car from Moscow to Amsterdam and back.
2. Plays with his partner a bidding system which is not otherwise used in Russia by any pair but is still described by The Polish Bridge Encyclopaedia as 'The Russian Standard System'.
3. Provided a lot of entries to the book of translations of limericks into Russian.

### Kees Tammens

1. Never exaggerates and always keeps smiling when one of the juniors explains his pre-emptive bidding.
2. Prefers the Blues, playing it all day long, and hates anything that prevents him from going to Ajax.
3. At least has a wife who wins World and European titles.



## The Polish Junior Team

**Jakub 'Zizou' Kotorowicz (22):** If you hear someone describing his marvellous play and bidding, it must be him who is speaking. Together with his younger brother, **Krzysztof**, they form a long-lasting and quite successful partnership. It is said that this is based on permanent disputes conducted by Jakub while Krzysztof listens to music rather than to his brother. Their bidding system is so strange that often their opponents really don't know what is going on - and this is it!

One of the greatest achievements of the family pairing was the gold medal in Antalya in the Schools competition. Another member of that winning team was **Konrad 'Playmate' Araskiewicz (21)**. The real 'dog' for girls wandering around (if you could only understand his descriptions they are like high-class literature!) Actually, in Poland he usually plays with a woman, but here he has to be satisfied with **Pawel 'Megapata' Wittenbeck (22)**. As for Pawel, this is the first time he has played on the national team so he is the first person to be blamed for everything - good weather, bad weather, bad score of the match he played in, didn't play in, etc. Anyway, we hope he is not going to resign and will play with us in years to come.

The last pair is the most experienced, **Jacek 'Lamb' Baranowski** and the eldest, **Adam 'Professor' Skalski**. The former is an almost graduated engineer and happy father of two-year old Juliet. The latter has graduated as a mathematician/physicist and is the happy husband of ....-year old Joanne. They appear to have all the features of a serious and stable pair but, from time to time, someone at their table falls off his chair (occasionally it is an opponent, frequently it is partner). They both won bronze medals in the Schools event in Vienna four years ago, though in different partnerships.

Finally there comes the npc, **Wlodek 'Veteran' Krzysztofczyk**. He has previously been in charge of two medal-winning teams in Schools - Antalya and Vienna - and is aiming for his first medal in Juniors (we hope we can provide him with it). And the coach, **Jurek 'Rookie' Gres**, who is debuting at this tournament but doing very, very well (if only he could do something about these breakfasts...).

**See you at the table!**

## Sleepy Hydes



Alex Hydes and his partner are coming second in the dautums, but anyone can fall asleep at the bridge table. A couple of days ago, Alex started writing 'Passed In' on his score-sheet. Then his RHO led. As he put his 11 HCP dummy down, he had to ask the rather embarrassing question "What's trumps?" so that he could put them on the right. He hadn't seen partner's 1♠ opening bid from the other side of the screen. 1♠ made comfortably, a handy pickup as the whole field, including England's opponents, had bid to 3NT which has to fail as the cards lie.

## Duplicate Barbu Online

Barbu is a card game which was apparently invented by some bridge players from France. Some hands are like bridge; other Barbu hands are variations of bridge such as avoiding winning the last two tricks. Neil Trentham of Cambridge University in England is planning to start up Duplicate Barbu on the Internet. If you are interested in Barbu and might like to join in such games, Neil can be contacted at [trentham@ast.cam.ac.uk](mailto:trentham@ast.cam.ac.uk).

## JUNIOR TEAMS

### BUTLER AFTER SESSION 20

|    |     |                             |     |       |
|----|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1  | ITA | Mazzadi - lo Presti         | 320 | 0.95  |
| 2  | NOR | Hakkebo - Kvangraven        | 200 | 0.93  |
| 3  | FRA | O. Bessis - de Tessieres    | 220 | 0.86  |
| 4  | ENG | Gold - Hydes                | 340 | 0.73  |
| 5  | ISR | Hoffman - Lellouche         | 280 | 0.67  |
| 6  | DEN | Gjaldbaek - Henriksen       | 300 | 0.61  |
| 7  | RUS | Rudakov - Zaitsev           | 280 | 0.58  |
| 8  | EST | Matisons - Rubins           | 360 | 0.58  |
| 9  | NOR | Ellestad - Joerstad         | 260 | 0.58  |
| 10 | RUS | Andreev - Romanovitch       | 220 | 0.56  |
| 11 | FRA | T. Bessis - Gaviard         | 300 | 0.55  |
| 12 | TUR | Basaran - Ucan              | 120 | 0.53  |
| 13 | POL | Araskiewicz - Wittenbeck    | 160 | 0.52  |
| 14 | SWE | Cullin - Upmark             | 320 | 0.47  |
| 15 | POL | Kotorowicz - Kotorowicz     | 340 | 0.43  |
| 16 | CRO | Kazalicki - Praljak         | 180 | 0.41  |
| 17 | ITA | di Bello - di Bello         | 300 | 0.41  |
| 18 | NOR | Harr - Sundklakk            | 260 | 0.32  |
| 19 | DEN | Marquardsen - Schalz        | 300 | 0.32  |
| 20 | ISR | Ginossar - Reshef           | 300 | 0.31  |
| 21 | AUT | Grumm - Kummel              | 300 | 0.27  |
| 22 | FRA | Grenthe - Grenthe           | 180 | 0.24  |
| 23 | NED | Drijver - Schollaardt       | 300 | 0.23  |
| 24 | CZE | Pulkrab - Vozabal           | 260 | 0.14  |
| 25 | CZE | Macura - Vrkoc              | 120 | 0.09  |
| 26 | SWE | Larsson - Linerudt          | 200 | 0.08  |
| 27 | CRO | Brguljan - Zoric            | 320 | 0.03  |
| 28 | GER | Sauter - Schueller          | 260 | 0.02  |
| 29 | ENG | Birdsall - Burgess          | 260 | 0.01  |
| 30 | CZE | Jellinek - Martinek         | 300 | -0.01 |
| 31 | NED | Brink - Kuivenhoven         | 140 | -0.02 |
| 32 | POL | Baranowski - Skalski        | 220 | -0.03 |
| 33 | NED | Bruggeman - De Groot        | 280 | -0.05 |
| 34 | DEN | Houmoller - Houmoller       | 160 | -0.05 |
| 35 | ENG | Handley-Prichard - Probst   | 160 | -0.07 |
| 36 | ITA | Guariglia - Uccello         | 100 | -0.07 |
| 37 | HUN | Mrasz - Szegedi             | 280 | -0.11 |
| 38 | EST | Naber - Tihane              | 360 | -0.13 |
| 39 | BEL | P.Van Parijs - Vandevelde   | 220 | -0.16 |
| 40 | TUR | Sakrak - Suicmez            | 340 | -0.18 |
| 41 | BEL | J.Van Parijs - W.Van Parijs | 240 | -0.21 |
| 42 | RUS | Krasnoselski - Malinovski   | 220 | -0.21 |
| 43 | ISR | Tal - Tal                   | 180 | -0.23 |
| 44 | FIN | Ahonen - Nurmi              | 380 | -0.25 |
| 45 | HUN | Hegedus - Marjai            | 260 | -0.25 |
| 46 | AUT | Gogoman - Gogoman           | 260 | -0.26 |
| 47 | HUN | Minarik - Suranyi           | 180 | -0.27 |
| 48 | GRE | Karapanagiotis - Katsaris   | 220 | -0.28 |
| 49 | GER | Ewald - Stoszek             | 160 | -0.30 |
| 50 | ESP | Goded Merino - Masia        | 300 | -0.35 |
| 51 | FIN | Airaksinen - Heikkinen      | 380 | -0.36 |
| 52 | SWE | Ericsson - Sivelind         | 200 | -0.36 |
| 53 | SCO | Bergson - McCrossan         | 320 | -0.38 |
| 54 | BEL | Cornelis - Peeters          | 260 | -0.46 |
| 55 | GER | Bokholt - Kornek            | 180 | -0.47 |
| 56 | GRE | Labrou - Mylona             | 280 | -0.50 |
| 57 | CRO | Kulovic - Scepanovic        | 220 | -0.58 |
| 58 | GRE | Dialynas - Dialynas         | 220 | -0.79 |
| 59 | SCO | Gaffin - Sinclair           | 180 | -0.86 |
| 60 | ESP | Mansilla - Perez Calisteo   | 280 | -0.94 |
| 61 | GER | Schueller - Kornek          | 80  | -0.96 |
| 62 | AUT | Steiner - Winkler           | 200 | -0.97 |
| 63 | TUR | Basaran - Kesikbas          | 200 | -1.03 |
| 64 | SCO | Bateman - Coyle             | 220 | -1.76 |
| 65 | ESP | Malagrida - Truchado        | 80  | -1.94 |

## SCHOOLS TEAMS

### BUTLER AFTER SESSION 12

|    |     |                             |     |       |
|----|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1  | ISR | Argelasi - Fisher           | 80  | 1.44  |
| 2  | POL | Nawrocki - Niziol           | 120 | 1.30  |
| 3  | NED | Drijver - De Pagter         | 180 | 1.19  |
| 4  | ISR | O.Assaraf - Ofir            | 200 | 1.11  |
| 5  | POL | Karkowicz - Zielinski       | 140 | 1.09  |
| 6  | SWE | Salomonsson - Sivelind      | 200 | 0.93  |
| 7  | NOR | E. Eide - Lindqvist         | 220 | 0.92  |
| 8  | GER | Kraemer - Smirnov           | 240 | 0.74  |
| 9  | POL | Kalita - Sikora             | 180 | 0.71  |
| 10 | ENG | Brown - Moss                | 140 | 0.65  |
| 11 | NOR | P.Eide - Livgerd            | 220 | 0.64  |
| 12 | DEN | A.S. Houlberg - S. Houlberg | 220 | 0.62  |
| 13 | ITA | Piasini - Pisano            | 120 | 0.50  |
| 14 | ISR | E. Assaraf - Grunbaum       | 160 | 0.41  |
| 15 | NED | Heeres - Hop                | 100 | 0.37  |
| 16 | NED | Molenaar - Verbeek          | 160 | 0.35  |
| 17 | CZE | Janacek - Sidlova           | 140 | 0.34  |
| 18 | GER | Katerbau - Wurmseet         | 240 | 0.23  |
| 19 | AUT | Duy - Gruber                | 220 | 0.18  |
| 20 | ENG | Happer - Stockdale          | 120 | 0.17  |
| 21 | ITA | E. Mistretta - Piasini      | 80  | 0.09  |
| 22 | ITA | Boldrini - Sangiorgio       | 220 | 0.03  |
| 23 | DEN | Nielsen - Pedersen Moeller  | 220 | 0.00  |
| 24 | FRA | Raynaud - Moreau            | 140 | 0.00  |
| 25 | ENG | Atthey - Green              | 180 | -0.04 |
| 26 | SWE | Andersson - Emvall          | 80  | -0.09 |
| 27 | ITA | Mistretta - Mistretta       | 20  | -0.10 |
| 28 | FRA | Ancelin - Faure             | 140 | -0.14 |
| 29 | FRA | Grias - Tembouret           | 200 | -0.17 |
| 30 | AUT | Anzengruber - Eglseer       | 220 | -0.18 |
| 31 | SWE | Ryman - Thalén              | 160 | -0.31 |
| 32 | CZE | Hlavac - Hradil             | 180 | -0.42 |
| 33 | WAL | Cl. Evans - Backer          | 40  | -0.50 |
| 34 | IRE | Davis - O'Muicheartaigh     | 160 | -0.63 |
| 35 | WAL | Ca. Evans - Sharp           | 240 | -1.09 |
| 36 | IRE | Chan - Scannell             | 140 | -1.15 |
| 37 | CZE | Falta - Vlachova            | 120 | -1.32 |
| 38 | IRE | Carrigan - Flynn            | 140 | -1.34 |
| 39 | SCO | Ellison - Hodge             | 160 | -1.54 |
| 40 | SCO | Aitken - Maitland           | 120 | -1.79 |
| 41 | SCO | Pearson - Wallace           | 160 | -1.86 |
| 42 | WAL | Cl. Evans - Reed            | 100 | -1.94 |
| 43 | WAL | Backer - Brown              | 100 | -2.38 |



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