

International Junior team Tournament Amsterdam 2005-04-13

Every team still has a chance to become the overall winner of the Carrousel Cup. After seven round number 1 will play number 8 in the quarter finals. 2-7 and so on.

As the tournament continued on the second day where the teams would play three matches of twenty boards the juniors really had a good feeling about staying in Amsterdam and playing some nice bridge.

What is the most frequent asked question by a junior at the start of a training session?

Usually the players enter the playing area with an urgent question. ‘When are we going to eat?’.

Giovanni Falavigna, the founder of the ‘Twee Klaveren’ bridge en schaakcafe where the Amsterdam Internationals take place, works all day long in the kitchen and prepares some great food, completely satisfying the wishes of the juniors.

Emil Jepsen en Dennis Bilde of Denmark bid to a nice 4♥ in 5-2 fit and Emil did very well in the play.

East/none	NORTH	
	♠ A 6 2	
	♥ K 9	
	♦ Q 10 6 5 4	
	♣ A 8 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ K Q 8 7 4		♠ J 10 9
♥ 10 6 3		♥ 8 5 4
♦ K 9		♦ J 8 7 2
♣ K 10 7		♣ Q 5 3
	SOUTH	
	♠ 5 3	
	♥ A Q J 7 2	
	♦ A 3	
	♣ J 9 6 4	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♦	pass	2 ♥
pass	2 ♠	pass	3 ♣
pass	3 NT	pass	pass
pass			

North refused to bid 3NT with only one stopper and settled for 4♥. After a spade lead for ♠A declarer at once played diamond. ♦A and a diamond for ♦K in west who took en spade and played a third spade ruffed by south. Now declarer was at crossroads. Were diamonds three-three than he could draw four rounds of trumps, if necessary and cross to ♣A for the diamonds. But with diamonds 4-2 this line would fail. With diamonds 4-2 and trumps 3-3 there was also, and the winning, a plan. The Danish junior chose for the latter. He played ♥A, heart to ♥K. Then he ruffed a diamond and played ♥Q to draw the last trumps. ♣A still – and

west could have prevented that by playing a club after talking one trick in spades - was in the dummy as an entry to the diamonds.

And was 3NT impossible to make? After a spade lead, declarer ducks twice and takes the third spade with ♠A. Then five rounds of hearts follow. On the fifth heart west has to discard.

	NORTH	
	♠ --	
	♥ --	
	♦ Q 10 6 5	
	♣ A 8	
WEST		EAST
♠ K Q		♠ --
♥ --		♥ --
♦ K 9		♦ J 8 7
♣ Q 5		♣ K 10 7
	SOUTH	
	♠ --	
	♥ Q	
	♦ A 3	
	♣ J 9 4	

On ♥Q west has to keep two spades, he cannot bare ♦K so he has to throw ♣5. Declarer plays ♣A and a club and makes ♣J as the ninth trick.

QUIZ:

Danny Molenaar of the Netherlands had a fine moment with an ordinary 6-6:

♠ A K 10 9 3 2 ♥ -- ♦ A 9 8 5 4 2 ♣ 7

He opened 1♠ and rebid 3♦ after partner answered 1NT. Partner raised to 4♦ and now the Dutch junior took things in hand by bidding 6♦.

After the lead of ♣Q he had the task of making twelve tricks.

NORTH

♠ 6 5
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A K 9 5

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 9 3 2
♥ --
♦ A 9 8 5 4 2
♣ 7

How do you play 6♦ with the lead of ♣Q?

Tine Dobbels of Belgium defended well against 4♠ in the match against the Netherlands.

North/north-south

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	pass	3 ♦
4 ♥	4 ♠	pass	pass
Pass			

East led ♥Q, and west, Johan Fastenakels, played a discouraging ♥8. Tine understood it perfectly and switched tot ♣10 for two down.
At the other table the Dutch west had a slight moment of hope.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 ♠	3 ♦	4 ♠
5 ♥	pass	pass	pass

Against 5♥ north led ♠K and switched to a trump! Declarer took ♥A, crossed to ♥Q and played ♣Q from dummy. Maybe it was better to play south for ♣K-doubleton but this was south was put under pressure. Alas, the Belgium south passed the test and did not cover so 5♥ was down one,

Answer to the quiz:

NORTH

♠ 6 5

♥ 10 9 8 7

♦ Q 10 7

♣ A K 9 5

WEST

♠ Q 8 7

♥ A J 5 3

♦ 3

♣ Q J 8 6 4

EAST

♠ J 4

♥ K Q 6 4 2

♦ K J 6

♣ 10 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 9 3 2

♥ --

♦ A 9 8 5 4 2

♣ 7

Danny took ♣Q and went on with ♦Q; certainly the right move when east covered it with ♦K. ♦A, ♠A, ♠K and a spade ruffed with ♦10 was the winning play.

Round 3

Norway – Netherlands A 10 – 20 England – Netherlands B 18 – 12

Denmark – Poland 8 – 22 Germany – Belgium 15 – 15

Round 4

Netherlands A – Belgium 23 – 7 Poland – Germany 25 – 5

Netherlands B – Denmark 5 – 25 Norway – England 18 – 12

Round 5

England – Netherlands A 10 – 20 Denmark – Norway 14 – 16

Germany – Netherlands B 14 – 16 Belgium – Poland 9 – 21

Round Robin

Ranking after 5 rounds

1: Netherlands A	107
2: Poland	93
3: Norway	85
4: England	74
5: Denmark	71
6: Belgium	63
7: Germany	61
8: Netherlands B	46