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A First For Bridge



Junior Medalists



Schools Prize Winners

For the first time in a World Championship event that was open to both sexes, we have a winning partnership of two women. Sara Sivelind and Cecilia Rimstedt of Sweden emerged victorious, but it was a close run thing!

In a desperately exciting finish, three pairs entered the final round of four boards of the Junior event separated by less than a top. Two of the pairs who had slugged it out for three sessions at the top of the leaderboard were still there; Jacek Kalita and Krzysztof Kotorowicz, led Cecilia Rimstedt and Sara Sivelind but by only 10 matchpoints. Meanwhile the pair who had been in 12th place before the session started, Marion Michielsen and Vincent de Pagter had closed to within half a top of 2nd place, so any of these three pairs could have won with a good last round.

The Swedes had edged in front with one board to go. On that deal with both sides vulnerable, the Swedes collected +600 in 5♣ for an average plus score, while the Dutch defended 3♠ doubled and collected 800 to close the gap on the chasing pairs. The Poles defended 3♥x, and should have taken 800, but a small slip allowed declarer to escape for -500, giving them a score of 71/140 on the deal, and leaving them second by just 36MP. Had they collected 800 the additional 54MP would have been enough for them to win. The Swedes' winning margin was 36 points over the Poles, with the Dutch third, a further 35 points behind.

In the first ever World Schools event it was a Polish one-two, to make up for the World Cup, perhaps? Igla/Machno edged out the leaders at the start of the day, Bernatowicz/Betley. In third place, by less than a matchpoint, came Franceschetti/Landry of France, denying the Latvian pair of Bethers/Imsa a first ever World Championship medal.

A PRIZE WORTH PLAYING FOR



David Birman has very generously offered a splendid prize to the winners of the Junior Pairs. This is a free accommodation at the Red Sea Festival at Eilat in Israel, from 5-12 November this year.

The tournament consists of three major events, an IMP pairs, Open Pairs and Teams, with prize money in excess of \$15,000.

Schedule

Monday July 3

08:30 - 10:00 Breakfast 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

11:00 – 15:00 Camp Registration18:00 Opening Ceremony

18:30 – 20:00 Dinner

20:00 Individual Tournament

Closing Address by the Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee

Mr Presidents, Dear officials and guests, Dearest Juniors,

This is one of the rare moments which are happy and sad at the same time. Happy, as we are concluding one of the most successful youth bridge events ever held - and sad because the time has come - too soon - to say goodbye to those of you who are leaving tomorrow.

I know that many people had been looking forward to the 6th World Youth Pairs Championships with both pleasure and anxiety.

• One of them was the President of the World Bridge Federation **José Damiani**. A keen supporter of youth bridge, Mr Damiani proved once again his dedication, not only with his continuing support, but also with his physical presence here in Piestany, just a few days after concluding the running of a successful but tiring World Bridge Championships in Verona.

These are not the best times for youth bridge. While most people agree that the youth is the future of our sport, very few of them are prepared to do little or much in order to see the objective being achieved. It takes the full devotion of the rest to keep us going. In Istanbul 2004, Mr Damiani proclaimed that the effort of world bridge should be focused on the youth, as this is the one and only way for bridge to remain alive and attractive in the mid- and long-run. Since then, the President has intensified his efforts to ensure that bridge follows the right course.

 Another person who had been anticipating this championship with anxiety was the President of the Slovak Bridge Association Pavel Mokrán. I met Pavel three years ago when we saw each other in Bratislava and decided that Slovakia should join the European Bridge League and the World Bridge Federation. A systematic and most efficient worker of his organization, Pavel has led the Slovak Bridge Association from success to success. In the three years elapsed since the first discussions, Slovakia joined the EBL and WBF, hosted a regional youth event with the neighbouring countries in Bratislava, took part in the European Youth Championships, and undertook the organization of the World Youth Pairs Championship and Camp. The leaders and governing bodies of many well-developed Federations have indeed a lot to learn from Pavel Mokrán and the 81 members of the Slovak Bridge Association. Pavel, whatever we say, we cannot thank you enough for what you have done for us...

The map of Europe is changing. What was previously the edge of our continent, has now regained its geographical position and become once again the center of Europe. The western civilization was well served here for many centuries, and arts flourished in this wonderful land. For us, this championship was a wonderful opportunity to visit Slovakia, admire its natural beauty and watch its fast development. I am sure that many of us will return again and again to this attractive land.

• The Youth Committee and I were also awaiting this event with anxiety. This is justified because the World Youth Pairs Championship is the most massive event we run. This means that, in this case, we do not only address the elite – as we are often accused of – but the entire mass of young bridge players everywhere. In addition, this year we were happy to split the field in two series, and give both our Juniors and Schools play-

ers the opportunity to compete in a more appropriate environment. But would the split be a success? The answer took some time, but it was clear and loud: Yes! 420 young players from 34 countries and 5 WBF geographical zones – all of you – left no doubt that youth bridge fully deserves what is put into it. Congratulations to you all....

Good things do not happen alone, so we need to thank the numerous people who worked hard to make the 2006 World Youth Pairs Championships a great success.

- o I have already spoken of the indefatigable Pavel Mokrán, but I should also mention the effective on-site co-organizer **Raduz Dula**.
- o The excellent team of Tournament Directors, headed by Antonio Riccardi and Rui Marques, and including Petr Jallinec, Mirek Mecik and Eitan Levy.
- o The Chairman of the Appeals Committee **Patrick Jourdain**, who was happily left unemployed.
- o The impressive Scoring Team of Marc van Beijsterveldt and Harvey Fox.
- o The Daily Bulletin staff, with **Barry Rigal**, **Peter Gill** and **Akis Kanaris** on layout and Internet.
- o The man with the overall technical responsibility, the Operations Director **Dimitri Ballas**.
- o And finally, the many anonymous caddies, assistants and helpers who indeed made the tournament happen.

I should not forget to mention a very special group of people, who always attend the youth events and help you throughout. I am speaking of course, of my closest collaborators, the members of the Youth Committee. Present here are: **Charlotte Blaiss**, **Peter Gill**, **Andrea Pagani**, **Thomas Schoenfeldt** and, of course, the Vice Chairman **Stefan Back**.

As I said at the beginning, this is one of the rare moments which are happy and sad at the same time. We are very happy that we are here tonight all together, celebrating one of the most successful youth bridge events ever held. We are very happy to be sharing these moments with many good old friends and many new ones whom we met here for the first time, but will be seeing again, I am sure, in our forthcoming events. We are very happy that as of tomorrow we will be spending eight days with many good friends during the 7th World Junior Bridge Camp – the second best attended ever held.

However, we are sad that we will miss many of our good friends we have with us tonight, as the Junior Camp could not fit in their plans this year. For them, as well as for the rest of you, and those who could not make it to Piestany, there is the next World Junior Camp which we plan to hold next year in North America. This is to follow the second edition of the World Junior Individual Championship which will be held in the same place. Details should be available towards the end of the year, but I would urge you to start making your plans. Following the great success we had with the first edition in New York, we trust that these events will live up to our expectations, and will be one further step in the direction of making youth bridge accessible to all young people around the globe.

With these thoughts in mind, I would like to thank you all very much for coming to Piestany, wish to those who are leaving tomorrow a safe journey home, and renew our appointment for next year in North America.

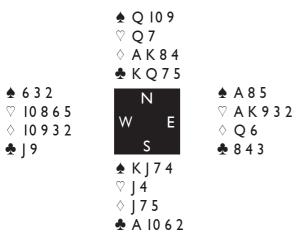
JUNIOR PAIRS

Session 3 - The First Six Boards

by Patrick Jourdain

It was time to find out how Cecilia Rimstedt and Sara Sivelind of Sweden were keeping ahead of the field. By chance they were playing the same three pairs that Bessis and Gaviard had started against in the previous session:

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Tromholt	Sivelind	Sorensen
	INT	2♣ (i)	Dble
Redble	2♦	2♡	2NT
All Pass			

(i) Any single suiter

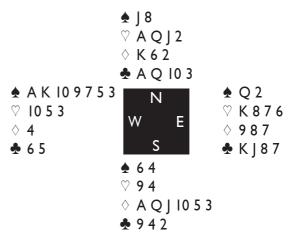
North-South have 26 points but no obvious game, though 44 makes on the favourable lie of the cards. Sivelind came in showing a single suiter and South doubled to show points and



Ceclilia Rimstedt, Sweden

Staymanic. West had to redouble to seek East's suit as passing would show a willingness to play clubs. North volunteered diamonds and East made an intrepid but successful free bid of Two Hearts (it goes only one off, so even if doubled it improves the score). South tried a natural Two Notrumps that North wisely passed. When East led her fifth best heart declarer was home, cashing the clubs and giving up a spade and four hearts. I 20 to N-S, for a 60% result.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



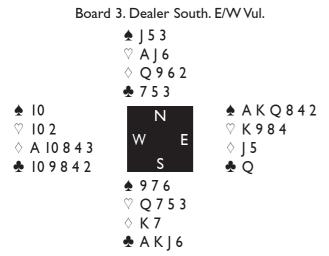
West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Tromholt	Sivelind	Sorensen
		Pass	2♢ (i)
2♠	2NT (ii)	Pass	3♢ (iii)
Pass	3NT!	Dble	Pass
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

- (i) Weak
- (ii) Enquiry
- (iii) Minimum points, good suit

Sorensen opened a weak Two Diamonds and Rimstedt made a natural overcall. Tromholt enquired and found his partner had a good suit, though minimum points. He could envisage running six diamonds and had three outside tricks, so Three Notrumps looked the obvious game apart from a small defect... the lack of a stop in the enemy suit. When Sivelind doubled one can assume North would have run away, but Rimstedt ran first.

North's double of Four Spades was sound, but his defence was not. He intelligently led the king of diamonds, which held the trick, but ignored the sight of dummy, screaming for a heart switch.

When North led a second diamond he had missed his chance to beat the contract. Rimstedt ruffed, drew trumps, led a club to the jack, ruffed a diamond back to hand, and led a second club. It made no difference what North did now. Declarer later led towards the king of hearts to claim 590 and 90% of the matchpoints for E/W. Had North switched at trick two to ace and queen of hearts, he would have had four winners to make when in with the ace of clubs and N/S would have had the 90% result. The girls now moved to meet Peter Marjai & Gabor Minaryk of Hungary:



West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Minaryk	Sivelind	Marjai
			INT
Pass	Pass	2♦ (i)	All Pass

(i) Both majors

South's weak notrump was passed round to Sivelind who had a choice between bidding Two Clubs to show a one-suiter, or Two Diamonds to show both majors. She chose Two Diamonds and must have been disappointed that this ended the auction.

South led the ace of clubs and realising East had a singleton, switched to a low trump. Sivelind played low from dummy, and was rewarded when North also played low. She was able to win the jack, cash three spades throwing dummy's hearts, ruff a heart, ruff a club and ruff a heart. The ace of trumps was her eighth trick to score up 90. But this would not be enough against those scoring 110 in Two Spades – the latter would have been close to an everage.

Note that if North rises with the queen of diamonds at trick two and plays a second trump declarer still makes the contract. She can draw a third trump and play four rounds of spades ditching clubs from dummy. North ruffs but East still has the king of hearts for a trick. East would lose only two clubs, two trumps and a heart.



Gabor Minaryk, Hungary

Boa	rd 4. Dealer We	st. All Vul.
	♠ 108762	
	♡ J 6	
	♦ A 10 9 8	
	♣ A Q	
♠ Q	Ν	4 4
♡ A Q 5 2		♡ K 8 4
♦ KQJ5	W E	\Diamond 76432
♣ K J 8 3	S	9762
	♠ AKJ953	3
	♡ 10973	
	♦ None	
	♣ 10 5 4	

West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Minaryk	Sivelind	Marjai
l ♣ (i)	l♡ (ii)	Pass	♠!
Dble (iii)	Pass	2♦	2♠!!
Pass	Pass	3♣	3♠
4◊	Dble	All Pass	

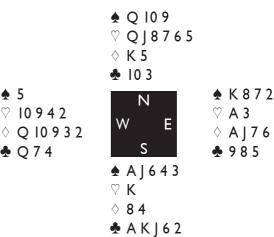
- (i) 17+
- (ii) Either spades or both minors
- (iii) Take-out

Rimstedt opened a Strong Club and North bid One Heart showing either spades or both minors. South initially expected this to be the minors but they should have a principle that allows him to bid something like Three Clubs to show willingness to play in that contract or at least Three Spades. Anyway, when West made a take-out double of One Spade and North passed it was now clear that they had a massive fit.

Perhaps South thought he could engineer a doubled spade contract, because he now bid spades at the lowest possible level on each round. This policy backfired when his partner, who was in the dark about the strength of South's spades, doubled Four Diamonds. Marjai now had to decide whether he could make Four Spades (actually Five is cold). He gave it a long look but eventually passed Four Diamonds Doubled. In defence they took one spade, two clubs and two diamonds to score +500, but it was not as good as the 650 (or more, if doubled) available in spades. 650 would have led an average for N/S here.

The girls met a Croatian pair next:

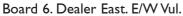
Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

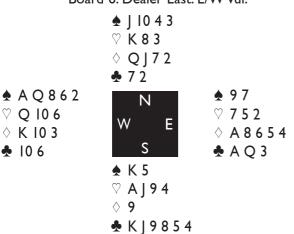


West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Stanicic	Sivelind	Martinovic
	Pass	I ♦ (i)	I♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

(i) Precision

Slavica Martinovic overcalled One Spade and, when raised, went straight to a sensible game. Rimstedt led a diamond and Sivelind cashed two tricks in the suit and switched to a club. Declarer won and played the king of hearts. Sivelind, seeing partner's signal, took this at once and led a second club. Declarer won with the king, reached dummy with a club ruff, and successfully ran the queen and ten of spades. But when West showed out there was no way to pick up East's trump king as South had one trump too many. She played winning hearts, but Sivelind simply refused to ruff. Eventually declarer was forced to trump her winner in hand and concede a trick to East's king of spades for one off and an 87% score for E/W.





West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Stanicic	Sivelind	Martinovic
		Pass	♣
I♠	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2♦	2♡
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

This was a typical partscore battle with East ending in Three Diamonds. South led the king of spades and Sivelind won and took a losing finesse in clubs. South played a second spade won in dummy, and declarer quite reasonably cashed the kingace of trumps before ruffing the club in dummy. North overruffed and forced declarer with the third spade. Sivelind ruffed, and led a heart to the ten. North won, laid down his winning trump, and forced out declarer's last trump with the fourth spade. South was left with a winning heart and a club to cash, so declarer went two off for 100 to North-South, and a great board for them. Even a best play of the trump suit declarer has to go one down. 100 would have been worth about an average score for N/S.



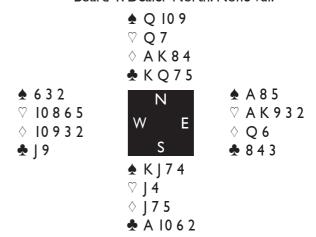


Partscore Success

by Patrick Jourdain

Stanislav Miklik and Robert Lukotka of the host country Slovakia were one of the few pairs in the field to solve the bidding problem presented by the first board of the third session. The story was provided by spectator Christer Andersson:

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



West	North	East	South
	Miklik		Lukotka
	INT	2♡	3♡ (i)
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

(i) Lebensohl showing four spades without a heart stop



Stanislav Miklik, Slovakia

Miklik opened a strong notrump. At the tables where East passed the final contract was usually 3NT, and even with a low heart lead declarer is held to eight tricks. But at the Slovakian table East came in with Two Hearts and South, Lukotka, was able to show game values with four spades but no heart stop.

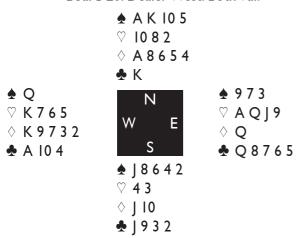
Warned of the flaw in 3NT, Miklik removed to his lowest suit. In turn Lukotka realised they were missing the top hearts and almost certainly some other trick, and so passed. With the diamond queen falling Four Clubs made for the loss of two hearts and a spade. +130 was worth 90/140 for N/S.

A Chance for Glory

by Barry Rigal

Sara Sivelind was confronted with a challenging declarer play hand here, on an auction where her opponents had not given her any help in the auction.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul.



West	North	East	South
Rimstedt	Jonsdottir	Sivelind	Davidsdottir
I ◊(i)	Pass	I♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♡	All Pass		

(i) Precision

The opening diamond bid kept Hrefna Jonsdottir out of the auction, though a $1 \triangleq$ overcall in the modern style would not have been absurd; but she did flicker, which may well have suggested to both East and West that she had the values for an action. As a result of her silence, a natural auction saw Sivelind declarer $4 \heartsuit$ on Elva Davidsdottir's lead of the $4 \diamondsuit 2$ (3rd and low) to the 4 ኑ 6K for a shift to the 4 ի 6A and another diamond, declarer pitching a spade. When the 4 ի 6J-1 hJ-1 hJ-



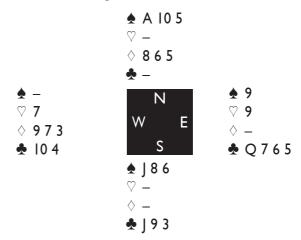
Hrefna Jonsdottir, Iceland



Elva Diana Davidsdottir, Iceland

which made the chance of a bad split in either hearts or clubs quite high. There is something to be said for crossing to hand with a trump and running the ♣8, I suppose; but as the cards lie that would fail. North can win and return a diamond, and declarer has to ruff in hand and now cannot unscramble the clubs until she has drawn trumps, when the 4-1 split in clubs will prove too much.

Sivelind actually drew three rounds of trumps, and when it was Jonsdottir who turned up with three trumps, the 4-1 club split was a near certainty. At this point Sivelind was in deep trouble, but she actually advanced the \$8, and when South ducked without concern, she guessed to go up with the \$A, playing North for precisely her holding of the singleton \$K\$. This was the ending she had reached.



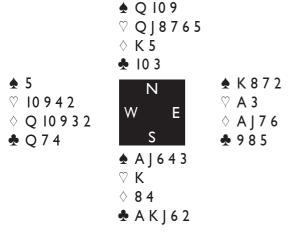
The only winning line now is for declarer to cash the ⋄9, and she has to pitch a spade not a club from hand. Then she ruffs a diamond to hand, cashing South in a non-material squeeze. She has to pitch a spade on the first diamond, and another spade on the second diamond. Now declarer ruffs a spade to dummy, extracting South's last exit card, and passes the ♣10 to South. That player can take the ♣J, but is then endplayed to lead away from her club tenace, and declarer has the rest. Incidentally, one down was a dead average.

Testing the LAW at the Two-Level

by Peter Gill

Two consecutive hands from Session 3 tested the players' part-score bidding decisions:





West	North	East	South
Handley-Pritchard	Grue	Burgess	Kranyak
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♡
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

 2^{\lozenge} was the Multi – apparently even the Americans play it nowadays, and 2^{\heartsuit} was "pass or correct". Ollie Burgess thought that 2NT was natural whereas Ben Handley-Pritchard thought it was Lebensohl, to show a weak hand. This sort of problem afflicts top players who are not regular partnerships. Perhaps the solution is that when discussing system one should say: "Lebensohl, applying after all our doubles of two level auctions and all their overcalls of our INT openings and overcalls" rather than just simply 'Lebensohl'.

Anyway, Ben won the $\heartsuit Q$ lead with the ace and hoped for a singleton $\lozenge K$. When he played $\lozenge A$ and another diamond, Grue won and switched accurately to the $\clubsuit Q$, having worked out from the card play thus far that partner had only three red cards and thus lots of black cards. Down four for minus 200 was worth only 69% to N/S; their optimal contract is $4\clubsuit$ by North, to protect the $\lozenge K-I$ doubt many pairs found it!

Not all tables managed to bid with the E/W cards:

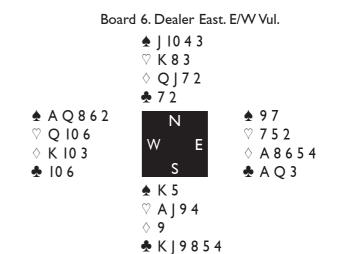
West	North	East	South
Michielsen		de Pagter	
Pass	2♦	Dble	2♡
All Pass			

Yet another Multi, a Polish one this time. Marion Michielsen led her singleton spade to dummy's nine, Vincent de Pagter playing $\clubsuit 2$. De Pagter correctly rose with $\heartsuit A$ on the first heart, but returned a club, the best return if partner had two or more spades. The Polish N/S thus scored 49% for plus 140. Two ruffs to hold $2\heartsuit$ to 110 would have been 40% for N/S.

These auctions raise a number of theoretical questions. Some top experts refuse to open a major-suit pre-empt, especially vulnerable, with three to an honour or more in the

other major, due to the danger of missing a 5-3 fit. The danger is greater when playing a Multi 2° . For example on the above board, if North opens a weak 2° and South responds a natural 2^{\bullet} , the best N/S contract in spades can be reached, but this is not possible after a Multi 2° . And finally, should E/W compete over 2° ? Yes, especially when not vulnerable at Pairs, bidding to 3° over 2° is worthwhile, barring bidding accidents.

The next deal also featured a two-level opening, and decisions as to whether to compete for the other side.



West	North	East	South
Handley-Pritchard	Grue	Burgess	Kranyak
		Pass	2♣

All Pass

2♣ was Precision, showing five clubs and a four card major or six plus clubs, and Grue gave some thought to responding to 2♣. Ben Handley-Pritchard led ♣6 to Ollie Burgess's ace. When Burgess switched to ♠9, Kranyak smoothly played the king in tempo, but E/W were not lulled into thinking that ♠K was a singleton. The third spade (♠2) was ruffed with ♠Q, on which Kranyak discarded his diamond. A low diamond was ruffed, trumps drawn, and a heart conceded for +90. nicely done, but the Americans scored only 56% because many E/W pairs scored -100 or -200.

Should E/W compete over $2\clubsuit$? At Teams, bidding $2\spadesuit$ would be very dangerous at this vulnerability opposite a passed hand, but at Pairs, $2\spadesuit$ would produce 2NT from partner (natural, this time) which would probably make eight tricks on a club lead, with declarer playing the diamonds optimally by leading low to \Diamond K then taking a diamond finesse. It might be even more attractive for East to balance with $2\diamondsuit$; as a passed hand partner won't expect the earth. On this auction, even if South finds the lead of the \clubsuit K declarer will surely come to eight tricks?

West	North	East	South
Michielsen		de Pagter	
		Pass	2♣
Pass All Pass	2◊	Pass	2♡

2♣ was Polish Club, showing II-14 points with five clubs and a four card major or six plus clubs. I had been wondering what Grue was thinking about at the other table, but the Polish North showed me when he enquired with $2\lozenge$. The Dutch pair defended very neatly to $2\heartsuit$. Marion Michielsen led a diamond to the ace, Vincent de Pagter switched to spades, Michaelsen took ♠A and ♠Q then played a suit preference ♠8 for a ruff and overruff. With little else to do, South played a

heart to the king and led a club up, taken by de Pagter's ace. On the diamond return declarer was running out of trumps so he discarded a club. Michielsen won $\Diamond K$ and played $\clubsuit 6$, ruffed and overruffed. Declarer cashed the $\heartsuit A$ and $\clubsuit K$ and ruffed a club, but had to concede the last two tricks to Michielsen's last trump and the two of spades. Two down was worth only I 5% for N/S. If declarer could have found a way to go one down, he would have scored 40%.

The Beginning of the End

by Patrick Jourdain

JUNIOR PAIRS

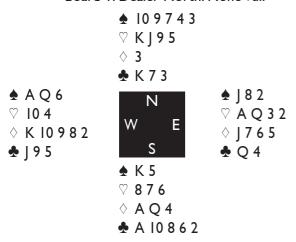
Session 4 - The First Six Boards

Well actually, it wasn't exactly Boards I-6 as Section D played Boards 7-8 before 5-6.

We had featured the leading three pairs already so I sought out the pair lying fourth, Joao Barbosa and Antonio Palma of Portugal. One opponent wanted to know why they were being followed, and I explained: "Session 4, we feature the pair lying fourth. How many sessions before we feature you?" "Next month" would have been the accurate reply.

Their first opponents were Dennis Stuurman and Ralf Walgemoet of the Netherlands and the boards on the table were 3 and 4, so to keep the boards in order let's go to their second round against Ollie Burgess and Ben Handley-Pritchard of England:

Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.



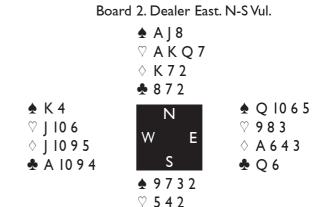
West	North	East	South
Palma	Burgess	Barbosa	H-P
	Pass	Pass	♣
I ♦	♠	Dble (i)	INT
Pass	2♡	3♦	All Pass

(i) Competitive, implying diamond support and four hearts

The Brits were playing a strong notrump, so West had an easy route into the auction with the diamond overcall that would probably not have been available against the weak notrumpers.

East's competitive double implied bad news for N-S and they would not have had a comfortable ride in Two Hearts or Two Spades. But that proved academic when Barbosa sensibly opted for the diamond partscore. A spade lead to the king

and ace cleared up that suit, Palma reached dummy by taking the heart finesse, and then led the trump jack. The defence could take only their three top winners before Palma took another trump finesse to claim 10 tricks for +130 and 74% of the matchpoints.



♦ Q 8

♣ K | 5 3

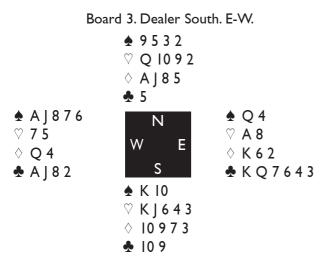
West	North	East	South
Palma	Burgess	Barbosa	H-P
		Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	



Antonio Palma, Portugal

Burgess opened a 15-17 notrump to end the auction. The spade lead went to the king and ace. Burgess finessed the jack of clubs and, after some thought Palma let this hold. Burgess now ducked a club to East's queen and East exited passively with a heart to the ten and ace. Burgess now led a diamond to the queen. When that held he cashed the rest of the hearts (on the last the other three hands threw diamonds) and then exited with the jack of spades to East. Barbosa could cash two spades and the ace of diamonds, and then accurately exited to dummy's nine of spades to allow West to make his ace of clubs at the end. +120 was worth 62% for the England pair.

So back to the first round now, for Boards 3 and 4 against the Dutch:



West	North	East	South
Palma	Stuurman	Barbosa	Walgemoet
			Pass
♠	Pass	2♣ (i)	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

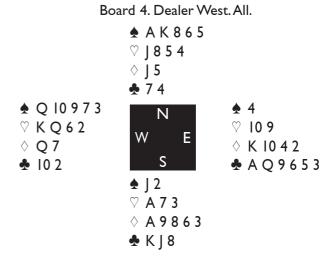
(i) Artificial game force

Top score East-West would go to Six Clubs. Those in 3NT facing a heart lead could only make nine tricks. The Portugese, with an artificial club response were not likely to reach that suit but did the next best thing by getting to Four Spades. Palma won the heart lead and led the queen of spades, cov-



Joao Barbosa, Portugal

ered by king and ace. The jack dropped the ten and when North won the nine the defence could only take three tricks before declarer had the rest. Indeed they did well to avoid the temptation of trying to punch declarer with a heart and thereby miss taking their ace of diamonds. +620 was exactly average.



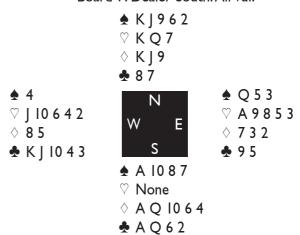
West	North	East	South
Palma	Stuurman	Barbosa	Walgemoet
2 ◊(i)	Pass	2♡	Dble
Pass	Pass	3♣	Dble
All Pass			

(i) Weak with both majors

Palma opened what is called the Norwegian Two Diamonds, and the Dutch seemed familiar with the idea of when to take a penalty. No-one can make a contract higher than Two Clubs, so Three Clubs doubled down one scored well for the Dutch who took the obvious five tricks for an 85% score.

The Portugese now moved to the table with Patrik Johansson and Mans Berg of Sweden, and played Boards 7-8:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



West	North	East	South
Palma	Johansson	Barbosa	Berg
			I♦
Pass	I♠	Pass	4 ♡ (i)
Pass	4NT (ii)	Pass	5≎ (iii)
Pass	5♡ (iv)	Pass	5 ♠ (v)
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

- (i) Void with spade raise
- (iv) Trump queen?

(ii) RKCB

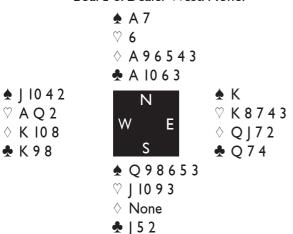
- (v) No
- (iii) 0 or 3 of 5 keys

The Swedish pair handled this very well. Crucial was that North knew Four Hearts showed a void rather than a singleton. Johansson rightly relied on South to have a club control. If the spade queen had been present they would have bid the

As it was Six Spades proved nerve-wracking, for Barbosa accurately led the nine of clubs. Johansson put on the ace and played ace and another spade. When West showed out he put on the king and ran the diamonds. When East followed to the third diamond Johansson allowed himself a smile of relief. The fourth diamond took care of the losing club and the defence could take only their trump trick.

That was an excellent result for the Swedes (74%), but they returned the matchpoints with interest on our last board:

Board 8. Dealer West. None.



West	North	East	South
Palma	Johansson	Barbosa	Berg
INT	2NT! (i)	Dble	3♣
Dble	All Pass		

The Portugese pair play the weak notrump and here it hit the jackpot when North, unable, no doubt, to bid a natural Two Diamonds, tried a speculative effort for the minors. When Three Clubs was doubled he considered running to Three Diamonds which would not have received any applause from his partner!

Palma led a trump against Three Clubs doubled. East won the queen and played a second trump to the king and ace. If Berg takes his diamond ruff at once he can get back to dummy with a spade, dropping East's king, draw trumps and claim seven tricks which would at least beat any East-West's who made game. However, after winning the second trump Berg laid down the ace of spades and was surprised to see East contribute the king.

He tried a second spade and Barbosa, not wanting to ruff thin air, threw away. Berg misread this as meaning East had no trumps left so he somewhat carelessly ruffed a spade with the six of trumps. Ouch! East over-ruffed with the seven and put West in with a heart to play a third trump on which declarer had to play two winners together. A case of trump demotion by declarer, which cost two tricks. The Portugese scored +800 and all the matchpoints.

Boldness Be My Friend

Slavica Martinowicz dropped by to tell me of the exploits of her Croatian team-mates, Vjekoslav Zepic, and Matej Ivancic. Zepic was West and Ivancic East on the following deal, and it is important to bear in mind that it was their last board of what been a long day.

Board 20. Dealer West. Both Vul. **★** | 7 4 2 ♥ K Q 10 6 4 ♦ Q J **\$** 10.8 ♠ A K 10 5 ♥ A J 7 ♦ AK96532

5
Q 9 6 3
5 3 2
1074
964

♡ 98

♣ A Q J 7 5 3

♦ 8

West	North	East	South
Zepic		Ivanacic	
		I ♦	Pass
l ♠ (!)	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♡	Dble	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♡	Pass
6♣	Pass	6◊	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

Zepic's response of one spade was based on his believing he had 5-5 in the black-suits, until the spade three turned into a club. Over 30 he decided to probe for 3NT. The rebid by his partner promised the &K, so now West decided to look for a club slam. When his partner failed to get the picture (surprise, surprise!) and converted 6♣ to 60, West took the slight gamble that his side might be off an ace, and converted to 7. When North, on lead to the Grand Slam, asked what was going on, East responded "Your guess is as good as mine!"

But West had the last laugh. On the top heart lead declarer could ruff two spades in dummy and pitch the heart loser on the top diamonds. With trumps 3-2 there were 13 tricks and a clear top.

Monday

Those attending the Camp need to register on Monday afternoon.

Before the Camp's Opening Ceremony at 6pm, you may have some spare time.

If you decide to go out to visit the town of Piestany and need a taxi to get back to the venue, the phone number of taxis is 7622207 or +421 3376 22207. The phone number of the Hotel Sorea Slnava is +421 3377 26071.

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Lost Opportunities

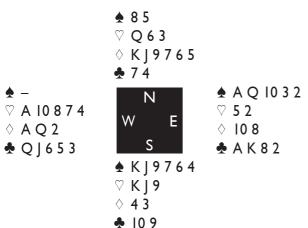
by Christer Andersson

(We are very happy to receive contributions from spectators; please bear in mind that we do not censor our journalists - so comparisons to wild animals are all the work of the authors, not the editor!)

Being a bridge journalist at a pairs championships is not an easy task. You look at the starting list, identify candidates to be on the podium at the prize giving ceremony, and sit down behind their shoulders to be charmed by their play. However, because it is pairs, these usually sound and calculating players have become infected by the pairs virus and behave like rabies-infected wolfs.

As a result, there will be very few brilliancies to report, but many lost opportunities. Here are some from Saturday.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

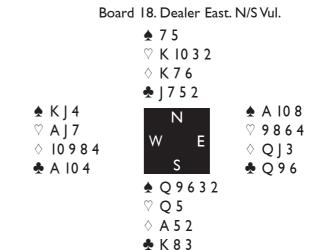


West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Byrne	Sivelind	Morris
10	3♦	3♠	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

Not being a clairvoyant Michael Byrne led the ♣7, and Rimstedt could count eight tricks without much hope of developing tricks in diamonds or spades, and thus had to rely on hearts. However, the suit has to be played in such a way that South is not allowed to get on lead and play diamonds through her too many times. The best way to play seems to be to bank on an even break and to lead through South, starting with a low card from dummy to the eight. So Rimstedt won the club lead with the ace and played a heart. However, Alex Morris was wide awake and put in his king. Rimstedt had to allow that to hold and stick to her plan of finding hearts 3-3. Morris played his highest diamond and Rimstedt was put to the test. If she finesses and allows Byrne to shift to a spade, she has to finesse again, allowing South to win and sink declarer with another diamond. The way to play the hand is to win the $\Diamond A$, enter dummy in clubs, finesse in hearts. North can win and cash a diamond but declarer has the rest.

Well, this did not happen. Rimstedt ducked the first diamond and Byrne could win and be put to the test. He shifted to... a club. Back on track, Rimstedt made no mistake. She won in dummy and finessed hearts for one overtrick, and 72% of the matchpoints.

On the following round, there came another missed opportunity against a good Czech pair:



West	North	East	South
C. Rimstedt	Mala	Sivelind	Vondrackova
		Pass	Pass
INT	Pass	2NT	All Pass

North lead a third/fifth best 3 round to partner's queen and declarer's ace. As diamonds had to be established, Rimstedt continued with a diamond to the queen and ace. A heart followed, Rimstedt ducking from her \heartsuit Jx and Radka Mala winning the ten to exit with the $\heartsuit K$ and her lowest heart. Lucie Vondrackova discarded two spades on the hearts, and declarer a club. Dummy's $\heartsuit 9$ scored, and declarer now continued the attack on diamonds. Mala took the king to play a club, on which South played low without flickering. Had she played the king it would have been obvious for Rimstedt to win the ace and follow up with the ten. As it was, Rimstedt got her eighth trick with the ♣10. She cashed the spade king and played the thirteenth diamond at this situation to try to squeeze specifically Mala, as she was sure North led the club king: better perhaps would have been to play South for the ♠Q given North's apparent heart and club length, plus three diamonds; that would have given 66% instead of 41% to declarer.

When Duncan Happer was West he too declared 2NT (having opened a strong no-trump!) and got a spade lead. He won in hand and led a diamond to the jack and ace, won the spade return in dummy and led the $\heartsuit 9$ from dummy to the $\heartsuit Q$ and $\heartsuit A$. Now when he played the $\diamondsuit 9$ from hand North ducked. That meant he got endplayed with the third diamond, and with no pointed suits left, and being unwilling to lead a heart, he had to try a low club. Happer won this cheaply in hand when South correctly ducked, and now he cashed the last diamond and his top spade (North pitching a heart and a club) before exiting with the $\heartsuit J$. North won and could cash the $\heartsuit I O$ but had to lead a club at trick I O O, letting declarer finish up with nine tricks.

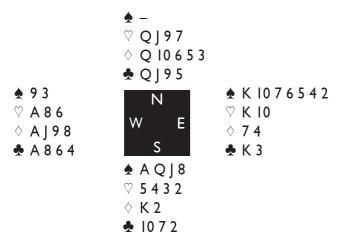
The defence can hold West to eight tricks, but only by never leading clubs.

Americans Charge Towards Lead

by Peter Gill

Josh Donn and Jason Feldman had moved to within a whisker of the lead in the middle of the last session. At this point they played against 13 year old Shivam Shah from England and Adolfo Andres Madala from Argentina.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

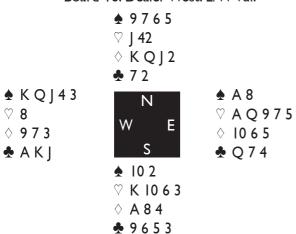


West	North	East	South
Shah	Donn	Madala	Feldman
		Pass	Pass
♣	Pass	I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

 $\heartsuit 3$ was led to the jack and king. Madala decided to try to sneak a diamond to the jack, but Donn won the queen and returned a diamond. Declarer tried to ruff a diamond, and when it was overruffed he won the club return and played a spade. Down two, minus 300, 126 out of 140 to the Americans for their equal top.

Madala said that if the diamond ruff was successful, he had good chance of making his contract on an endplay. Deep Finesse says that only 9 tricks can be made. Fleetingly the Americans had probably moved into the lead. On Board 16 however, a practical bid by Madala stopped the Americans' charge.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



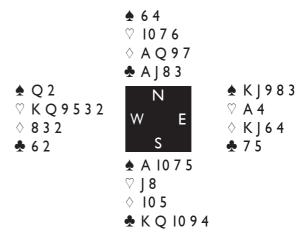
West	North	East	South
Shah	Donn	Madala	Feldman
I♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With 3-3 in the minors being attractive for no trumps, Madala threw the dice with his 3NT response and his action had a happy outcome when South led a heart. American expert Kit Woolsey recently did a study, which showed that leads from AJxx, KI0xx, Q9xx and J8xx against no trumps tend to turn out poorly, so maybe Woolsey would have argued for the club lead here. Madala claimed II tricks at Trick One, giving the Americans a measly 7 out of 140.

Titanic Clash

Joe Grue – John Kranyak and Krzysztof Kotorowicz – Jacek Kalita last met in the Grand Final of the 2005 World Junior Teams Championship in Sydney. They met again in Session 4.

Board 14. Dealer East. Nil Vul.



West	North	East	South
Kalita	Grue	Kotorowicz	Kranyak
		I♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♡	All Pass		

America's card player extraordinaire Joe Grue led ♦7! Kotorowicz won the jack, drew trumps and played ♠2 to the Jack. Kranyak cashed ♠K, and had his ♣Q overtaken by Grue's ace. The diabolical Grue continued with the ♦Q!! Kotorowicz gave this a very long look, but eventually remembered all the card play coups which Grue pulled off in Sydney last year and thus rose with ♦K to score plus 140, worth 107 out of 140 matchpoints.

Could N/S have done any better? Well, the most attractive vulnerability to enter the auction at Pairs is Nil Vul, because a penalty of 50 or 100 may be a cheap save against the other side's making part score. Grue might have doubled INT despite the poor heart holding, or Kranyak might have balanced with 3♣ I suppose. Such actions would not be recommended at Teams, only at Pairs at suitable vulnerability.

JUNIOR PAIRS

Final Standings (After 4 Sessions)

Rank		Names	Countries	Total
I	Cecilia RIMSTEDT	Sara SIVELIND	SWE - SWE	60.04
2	Jacek KALITA	Krzysztof KOTOROWICZ	POL - POL	59.81
3	Vincent De PAGTER	Marion MICHIELSEN	NED - NED	59.59
4	Joshua DONN	Jason FELDMAN	USA - USA	58.97
5	Bob DRIJVER	Bas TAMMENS	NED - NED	58.75
6	Michal GORSKI	Jakub KASPERZAK	POL - POL	58.63
7	Sverre Johan AAL	Espen LINDQVIST	NOR - NOR	58.47
8	Petter EIDE	Allan LIVGARD	NOR - NOR	58.19
9	Michal NOWOSADZKI	Jan SIKORA	POL - POL	57.71
10	Thomas BESSIS	Julien GAVIARD	FRA - FRA	57.52
П	Steve DE ROOS	Eldad GINOSSAR	BEL - ISR	57.37
12	Joe GRUE	John KRANYAK	USA - USA	57.26
13	Artur GULA	Mikolaj TACZEWSKI	POL - POL	56.98
14	Johan FASTENAKELS	Rutger VAN MECHELEN	BEL - BEL	56.95
15	Janko KATERBAU	Martin REHDER	GER - GER	56.83
16	Jacco HOP	TimVERBEEK	NED - NED	56.74
17	Eliran ARGELAZI	Alon BIRMAN	ISR - ISR	56.06
18	Merijn GROENENBOOM	Danny MOLENAAR	NED - NED	56.04
19	Joao BARBOSA	Antonio PALMA	POR - POR	56.03
20	Matej IVANCIC	Vjekosav ZEPIC	CRO - CRO	55.98
21	Arrigo FRANCHI	Matteo MONTANARI	ITA - ITA	55.94
22	Yotam BAR-YOSSEF	Yuval YENER	ISR - ISR	55.46
23	Andrea BOLDRINI	Matteo SBARIGIA	ITA - ITA	55.43
24	Oliver BURGESS	HANDLEY-PRITCHARD B	ENG - ENG	55.39
25	Paul GOSNEY	Michael WHIBLEY	AUS - NZL	55.19
26	Piotr OWCZAREK	Dieter SCHULZ	AUT - AUT	55.19
27	Michal KOPECKY	Milan MACURA	CZE - CZE	55.14
28	Giuseppe DELLE CAVE	Robin FELLUS	ITA - ITA	55.13
29	Marcin MALESA	Filip NIZIOL	POL - POL	55.03
30	Eric ARVIDSSON	Karl ASPLUND	SWE - SWE	54.92
31	Radoslaw KOZLOWSKI	Bartosz MER	POL - POL	54.91
32	Daniel GOTTANKA	Maria WUERMSEER	GER - GER	54.85
33	Quentin LEVOY	YannickVALO	FRA - FRA	54.53
34	Andres HONYEK	Csaba SZABO	HUN - HUN	54.44
35	Sandra RIMSTEDT	Emma SJOBERG	SWE - SWE	54.24
36	Denis DOBRIN	Anton OSIPOV	RUS - RUS	54.23
37	Miltos KARAMANLIS	Vassilis VROUSTIS	GRE - GRE	54.22
38	Paul SEGUINEAU	Adrien VINAY	FRA - FRA	54.21
39	PIOTROVVSKI P	Piotr WIANKOWSKI	POL - POL	54.07
40	Francesco FERRARI	Alberto SANGIORGIO	ITA - ITA	53.93
41	Filip BIENKOWSKI	Jan GORCZYCA	POL - POL	53.89
42	Daniel LAVEE	Dror PADON	CAN - ISR	53.77
43	Dennis KRAEMER	Alexander SMIRNOV	GER - GER	53.66
44	Ben GREEN	Duncan HAPPER	ENG - ENG	53.54
45	David BANH	Ari GREENBERG	USA - USA	53.10
46	Andrew SINCLAIR	Alexander WILKINSON	SCO - SCO	53.03
47	Peter MARJAI	Gabor MINARIK	HUN - HUN	52.95
48	KARLOWICZW	Jan MAZURKIEWICZ	POL - POL	52.50
49	Dennis STUURMAN	RalfWALGEMOET	NED - NED	52.36
50	Jared FOURNIER	Jeremy FOURNIER	USA - USA	52.34
51	Antonio BORZI	Giuseppe MISTRETTA	ITA - ITA	52.15
52	Nuno DAMASO	Pedro PRATAS	POR - POR	52.12

53	David ANCELIN	Marion CANONNE	FRA - FRA	52.10
54	Mans BERG	Patrik JOHANSSON	SWE - SWE	52.07
55	Rosalien BARENDREGT	Astrid DEKKER	NED - NED	51.98
56	Lubomir IGNATOV	Stefan SKORCHEV	BUL - BUL	51.88
57	Nicolas CHAUVELOT	Thibault MALARME	FRA - FRA	51.85
58	Ewa GRABOWSKA	Piotr NAWROCKI	POL - POL	51.85
59	Gyles ELLISON	Myles ELLISON	SCO - SCO	51.67
60	Olivier BESSIS	, Romain TEMBOURET	FRA - FRA	51.64
61	Mads KROGSGAARD	Joachim LARSEN	DEN - DEN	51.46
62	Przemyslaw MIKA	Jakub NARUSZEVVICZ	POL - POL	51.29
63	Philippe MOLINA	Frederic VOLCKER	FRA - FRA	51.29
64	Jenny EWALD	Alexandra SCHWERDT	GER - GER	51.26
65	Michael BYRNE	Alex MORRIS	ENG - ENG	51.21
66	Mihaela BALINT	Catalin-Lucian LAZAR	ROM - ROM	51.20
67	Adam EDGTTON	Nicholas RODWELL	AUS - AUS	51.10
68	Ari ARASON	Ottar Ingi ODDSSON	ISL - ISL	50.99
69	Chun King LEE	Tin Yau Felix WONG	HKG - HKG	50.97
70	Simon COPE	Stuart HARING	ENG - ENG	50.95
70 71	Robyn DOWER	Mark REEVE	ENG - ENG	50.93
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72 72	Janis BETHERS	Martins LORENCS	LAT - LAT	50.90
73 74	Simon BECH	Bjorn SORLING	SWE - SWE	50.88
74 75	Jefri ISLAM	Philipp STIGLEITNER	AUT - AUT	50.63
75 74	Simon HOULBERG	NIELSEN L	DEN - DEN	50.48
76 	Tine DOBBELS	Dirk de HERTOG	BEL - BEL	50.34
77	Pavla HODEROVA	Jana JANKOVA	CZE - CZE	50.31
78	Victor CHUBUKOV	Jennifer LIN	USA - USA	50.30
79	Lorenzo CAMERINI	Aldo PAPARO	ITA - ITA	50.28
80	Marta MAJ	Kamila SZCZEPANSKA	POL - POL	49.86
81	Eric MAYEFSKY	Dan RECHT	USA - USA	49.80
82	Susan STOCKDALE	Meike WORTEL	ENG - NED	49.55
83	Adolfo Andres MADALA	Shivam SHAH	ARG - ENG	49.36
84	Mikolaj ALBRYCHT	Marcin MLODZKI	POL - POL	49.23
85	SiccoVERVVER	Marten WORTEL	NED - NED	48.97
86	DEWILJES J	Thomas GOTARD	GER - GER	48.95
87	Philip ANDREWS	Michael GRAHAM	ENG - ENG	48.86
88	Simone PISANO	Omero SIMONE	ITA - ITA	48.45
89	Owen FEEHAN	Brian SHARKEY	IRL - IRL	48.3 I
90	Luka DONDIVIC	Tomislav GRACIN	CRO - CRO	48.27
91	Richard BOYD	Emmet DAVIS	IRL - IRL	47.92
92	Radu NISTOR	Cosmin MINDRUTA	ROM - ROM	47.92
93	Jamie MARTIN	Ronan McMAUGH	IRL - IRL	47.81
94	Benoit GUIOT	Els TOUTENEL	BEL - BEL	47.80
95	Gabor MARJAI	Gabriella NYARADI	HUN - HUN	47.77
96	Martina MANDIC	Lara RUSO	CRO - CRO	47.75
97	Mario BAKARCIC	Zorana ZORIC	CRO - CRO	47.70
98	Adele GOGOMAN	Anna GOGOMAN	AUT - AUT	47.59
99	Indrek KUUSK	Pihel SARV	EST - EST	47.49
100	DOXIADIS K	KONTOMITROS K	GRE - GRE	47.24
101	MOLLER PEDERSEN L	Lars Moller SORENSEN	DEN - DEN	47.12
102	Balazs KARANCSI	Alexandra VEGH	HUN - HUN	47.11
103	Matias ROHRBERG	Anne-Mette SCHALTZ	DEN - DEN	46.83
104	Kristian SENTIC	Gordan VALJAK	CRO - CRO	46.76
105	Jane LIIVAK	Triinu VIILUP	EST - EST	46.59
105	Slavica MARTINOVIC	Ognjen STANICIC	CRO - CRO	46.46
106	Francesca CANALI	Camilla PAOLINI	ITA - ITA	46.42
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108		•	ISR - ISR	
1109	Eyal BEN-ZVI	Dan ISRAELI		46.39
110	Robert BRADY	Eric SIEG	USA - USA	46.21
111	Radka MALA	Lucie VONDRACKOVA	CZE - CZE	46.20

112	Sidsel GOLTERMANN	Anne Juhl SORENSEN	DEN - DEN	46.01
113	Romain BRISSON	RICHARD C	FRA - FRA	46.01
114	Giorgia BOTTA	Elena RUSCALLA	ITA - ITA	46.00
115	Tomasz LASOTA	Maciej STASINSKI	POL - POL	45.99
116	Niclas Raulund EGE	Troels KRISTENSEN	DEN - DEN	45.50
117	Rawad HADAD	Staffan HED	SWE - SWE	45.46
118	Bence BOZZAI	Levente KADERJAK	HUN - HUN	45.29
119	Andres KUUSK	Tuul SARV	EST - EST	44.76
120	Argenta PRICE	Randall RUBINSTEIN	USA - USA	44.57
121	Tadeusz CZEKALSKI	Iwo ZABLOCKI	POL - POL	44.45
122	Robert LUKOTKA	Stanislav MIKLIK	SVK - SVK	43.87
123	Krisztina ORMAY	Orsolya RETTEGHY	HUN - HUN	43.77
124	Erki METSANURK	Kalvi NOU	EST - EST	43.61
125	Angela COLLURA	George TRIGEORGIS	USA - USA	43.56
126	lize ANDERSONE	Dace CIMOKA	LAT - LAT	43.11
127	Simon GRANATH	Sofia OLOFSSON	SWE - SWE	43.01
128	BJORNSDOTTIR I	Grimur KRISTINSSON	ISL - ISL	42.90
129	Moa PETERSEN	Sofia RYMAN	SWE - SWE	42.76
130	Gabor PAPP	Tamas SZABO (2)	HUN - HUN	42.73
131	Lars JANSSON	Magnus MELIN	SWE - SWE	42.47
132	Gudjon HAUKSSON	Johann SIGURDARSON	ISL - ISL	42.29
133	James CORRY	Katrina LOMAS	IRL - IRL	41.83
134	Martin HRINAK	Andrej LOBOTKA	SVK - SVK	41.20
135	SORENSEN M	Thomas TROMHOLT	DEN - DEN	40.08
136	DAVIDSDOTTIR E	Hrefna JONSDOTTIR	ISL - ISL	39.42
137	Mirto ATHANASATOU	Christina SIKIOTI	GRE - GRE	39.32
138	Lukas SIDOR	Lubos KIANICA	SVK - SVK	38.3 l
139	KJAER C	Eva Lynge KJELDSEN	DEN - DEN	35.99
140	Olafur HANNESSON	KRISTBERGSSON E	ISL - ISL	34.38
141	Christian BRUNO	Rasmus Lybech JENSEN	DEN - DEN	34.30
142	Kimberly FORD	Aurelio MAUGERI	USA - ITA	28.72
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SCHOOLS PAIRS

Final Standings (After 4 Sessions)

Rank		Names	Countries	Total
1	Bartlomiej IGLA	Artur MACHNO	POL - POL	59.28
2	Andrzej BERNATOWICZ	Jan BETLEY	POL - POL	58.95
3	Pierre FRANCESCHETTI	Andrea LANDRY	FRA - FRA	58.52
4	Peteris BETHERS	Adrians IMSA	LAT - LAT	58.52
5	Tom DESSAIN	Joseph MELA	ENG - ENG	58.23
6	Dennis BILDE	Lars TOFTE	DEN - DEN	57.83
7	Joanna KRAWCZYK	Artur WASIAK	POL - POL	57.38
8	Kevin DWYER	Owen LIEN	USA - USA	57.38
9	Pawel JASSEM	Pawel MALECKI	POL - POL	57.35
10	Piotr JASSEM	Michal STEFANOW	POL - POL	55.86
11	RikVERBEEK	Ernst WACKWITZ JR	NED - NED	55.04
12	Mateusz MAGDON	Piotr TUCZYNSKI	POL - POL	54.98
13	Emil JEPSEN	Maria Dam MORTENSEN	DEN - DEN	54.83
14	Daniel SMAZA	Ilia SZPUNTOW	POL - BLR	54.71
15	Alexandre KILANI	Quentin ROBERT	FRA - FRA	54.54
16	Aris ANASTASATOS	Michalis SOFIOS	GRE - GRE	54.53
17	Damian BARCEWICZ	Marek JAROSZ	POL - POL	54.40

18	Simon POULAT	Vincent VIDALAT	FRA - FRA	54.24
19	Aarnout HELMICH	Gerbrand HOP	NED - NED	53.90
20	Edward JONES	David ROGERS	ENG - ENG	53.82
21	Jurijs BALASOVS	Lauris LAUKS	LAT - LAT	53.34
22	Piotr BUTRYN	Maciej SIKORA	POL - POL	53.17
23	Karol GALAZKA	Piotr KRUSZEVVSKI	POL - POL	52.94
24	Kamila WESOLOWSKA	Justyna ZMUDA	POL - POL	52.93
25	Tamas HOFFMANN	Peter SINKOVICZ	HUN - HUN	52.89
26	Jamilla SPANGENBERG	Sigrid SPANGENBERG	NED - NED	52.87
27	Vaclav FRANK	Matej PETRASEK	CZE - CZE	52.81
28	Gabor KISS	Robert TORMA	HUN - HUN	52.77
29	Natalia SAKOWSKA	Maria ZADROZNA	POL - POL	52.54
30	Wojciech KAZMIERCZAK	Arkadiusz MAJCHER	POL - POL	52.26
31	, Dominik GOERTZEN	Felix ZIMMERMANN	GER - GER	52.22
32	Michal KANIA	Konrad STAWSKI	POL - POL	51.55
33	Aymeric LEBATTEUX	Nicolas LHUISSIER	FRA - FRA	51.12
34	, Harald EIDE	Mats EIDE	NOR - NOR	50.94
35	Fredrik SIMONSEN	Erlend SKJETNE	NOR - NOR	50.86
36	Leonardo FRUSCOLONI	Giancarlo TRIMARCHI	ITA - ITA	50.36
37	Marie EGGELING	Cristina GIAMPIETRO	GER - GER	50.31
38	Elzbieta DLUTOWSKA	TYSZKIEWICZ K	POL - POL	49.68
39	Vincent BROERSEN	Rens PHILIPSEN	NED - NED	49.55
40	Pawel KALETA	Kacper WILCZAK	POL - POL	48.93
41	Wojciech RACZ	Aleksander KRYCH	POL - POL	48.70
42	, Jessie CARBONNEAUX	Carole PUILLET	FRA - FRA	48.51
43	Malwina DABROWSKA	Maciej DABROWSKI	POL - POL	48.20
44	Ewa MAKSYMIUK	, Monika MAKSYMIUK	POL - POL	48.17
45	Tomothee BOEKHORST	Antoine PAMELARD	FRA - FRA	47.50
46	Ciprian NITA	Diana VASILE	ROM - ROM	47.44
47	Arthur COHEN	Oscar COHEN	FRA - FRA	47.27
48	Aleksandra GORSKA	Danuta KAZMUCHA	POL - POL	47.23
49	Anna Christa EGE	Amalie KOCH-PALMUND	DEN - DEN	47.01
50	Tomasz GOGACZ	Jacub PIOTROWSKI	POL - POL	46.96
51	Nabil EDGTTON	Luke GARDINER	AUS - NZL	46.72
52	Anne HEIM	Anna-Marie ROWOLD	GER - GER	46.70
53	Pasquale LANNI	Erica TURIN	ITA - ITA	46.69
54	Aleksy GEMBICKI	PIELASZKIEWICZ M	POL - POL	45.88
55	Filip DOMAGALSKI	Michal MORYSON	POL - POL	45.68
56	Aliaksei BYTSKEVICH	KARBANOVICH S	BLR - BLR	45.49
57	Andrew DUBAY	Matthew STAHLMAN	USA - USA	45.26
58	Ian W B JONES	Wayne SOMERVILLE	IRL - IRL	44.52
59	Ruth CONNOLLY	Kerri NASH	IRL - IRL	44.01
60	Signe BUUS THOMSEN	Julie HALD NIELSEN	DEN - DEN	43.98
61	Bronagh CONSIDINE	David SYNNOTT	IRL - IRL	43.92
62	BEIJSTERVELDT B	Vincent NAB	NED - NED	43.06
63	Zuzana GOGOVA	Tomas KIJAC	SVK - SVK	42.88
64	Michal SHIKRA	Michal TOTH	SVK - SVK	40.79
65	Adam FINNSON	Gabriel GISLASON	ISL - ISL	40.02
66	Kornel LAZAR	Akos UHRIN	HUN - HUN	36.04
67	Matt CORY	Andrew LUKE	USA - USA	34.47
68	Demie CHENG	Charles TAM	USA - USA	26.98