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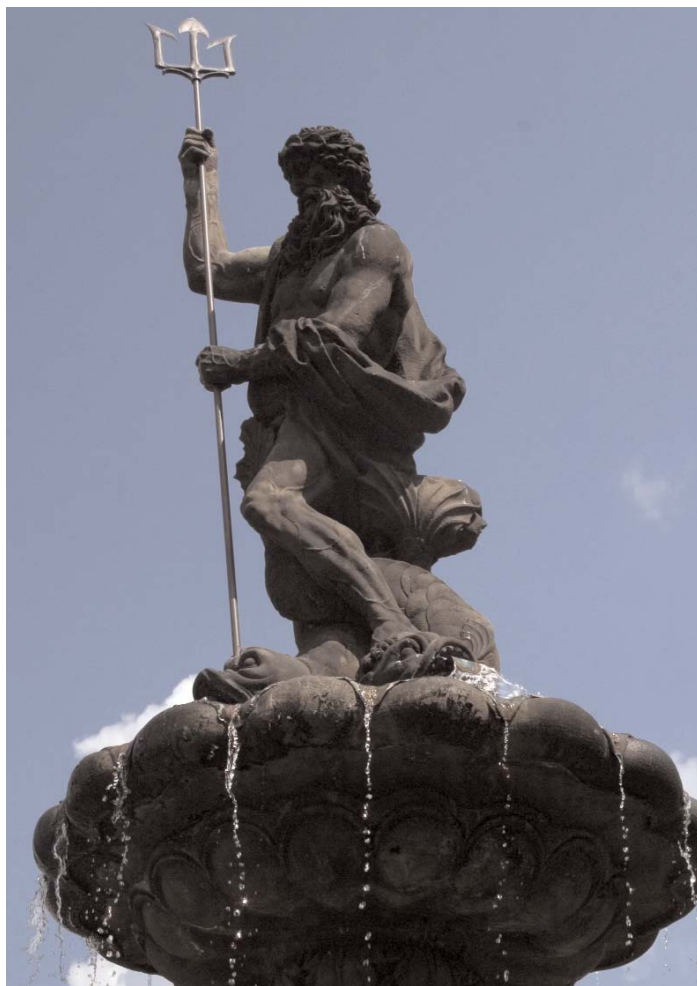
19th European Youth Team Bridge Championships

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NORWAY (JUNIORS), AUSTRIA (GIRLS) STILL LEAD



King Neptune's Fountain - Just Across The Road

Norway still lead the Junior Championship with an increased lead of 9 VPs over France, with Italy and Netherlands close behind. It was a day that belonged to The Netherlands, who scored a maximum 75 VPs to move up from joint 13th to joint 3rd in the rankings. It is early days in this competition and I would not like to predict the eventual winners just yet. What is certain is that there will be fierce competition for both the title and the remaining places at next year's World Championships in Sydney, Australia.

In the Girls Championship, leaders Austria scored 67 VPs out of 75 on the day, one less than second-placed Poland managed. Austria lead the Poles by 16 VPs while Sweden are a further 16 VPs back in third place. With only four rounds to go, the title will surely go to one of the two leaders, while Netherlands and possibly Italy and Czech Republic are the only other contenders for a medal.

Please inform the Hospitality Desk by Friday afternoon how many of you are going to participate in Sunday's outing.

Programme: 14.00 Lunch
15.00 / 17.00 boat trip with snack and music
17.15 / 19.00 Prague Castle visit
19.15 Dinner in usual dining room
Guides who speak three different languages are joining us.



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Finland v Germany (Juniors)	10.00
Denmark v Belgium (Juniors)	14.30
Hungary v Croatia (Juniors)	19.00

Badges

Would all players, captains and coaches please wear their badges at all times. It is important that people can recognise you and it greatly aids in the smooth running of the tournament if all participants can be readily identified.

JUNIOR TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

Match		IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA LITHUANIA	66 52	17 12
2	FINLAND POLAND	50 14	22 8
3	ISRAEL SERBIA & MONT.	53 20	21.5 7.5
4	ROMANIA FRANCE	32 65	8 22
5	ITALY SCOTLAND	65 64	15 15
6	NETHERLANDS AUSTRIA	74 25	25 5
7	GREECE BELGIUM	35 61	10 20
8	NORWAY TURKEY	64 5	25 4
9	SPAIN HUNGARY	21 50	9 21
10	ENGLAND CZECH REP.	29 41	13 17
11	DENMARK SWEDEN	70 27	24 6
12	CROATIA GERMANY	63 42	19 11
13	SLOVAKIA PORTUGAL	30 62	8 20

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6

1	SLOVAKIA RUSSIA	35 106	2 25
2	PORTUGAL CROATIA	27 64	7 23
3	GERMANY DENMARK	56 38	19 11
4	SWEDEN ENGLAND	59 56	16 14
5	CZECH REP. SPAIN	39 75	8 22
6	HUNGARY NORWAY	59 50	17 13
7	TURKEY GREECE	79 28	25 5
8	BELGIUM NETHERLANDS	32 82	5 25
9	AUSTRIA ITALY	41 38	16 14
10	SCOTLAND ROMANIA	14 73	4 25
11	FRANCE ISRAEL	32 47	12 18
12	SERBIA & MONT. FINLAND	15 87	1.8 25
13	POLAND LITHUANIA	123 26	25 0

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7

1	RUSSIA SPAIN	63 22	23 7
2	ENGLAND NORWAY	50 45	16 14
3	DENMARK GREECE	52 49	16 14
4	CROATIA NETHERLANDS	26 75	5 25
5	SLOVAKIA ITALY	26 88	3 25
6	PORTUGAL ROMANIA	32 53	11 19
7	GERMANY ISRAEL	5 79	1 25
8	SWEDEN FINLAND	73 7	25 2
9	CZECH REP. LITHUANIA	70 72	15 15
10	HUNGARY POLAND	66 34	22 8
11	TURKEY SERBIA & MONT.	33 45	13 17
12	BELGIUM FRANCE	26 37	13 17
13	AUSTRIA SCOTLAND	71 25	24 6



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8

1	AUSTRIA RUSSIA
2	SCOTLAND BELGIUM
3	FRANCE TURKEY
4	SERBIA & MONT. HUNGARY
5	POLAND CZECH REP.
6	LITHUANIA SWEDEN
7	FINLAND GERMANY
8	ISRAEL PORTUGAL
9	ROMANIA SLOVAKIA
10	ITALY CROATIA
11	NETHERLANDS DENMARK
12	GREECE ENGLAND
13	NORWAY SPAIN

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9

1	RUSSIA ISRAEL
2	ROMANIA FINLAND
3	ITALY LITHUANIA
4	NETHERLANDS POLAND
5	GREECE SERBIA & MONT.
6	NORWAY FRANCE
7	SPAIN SCOTLAND
8	ENGLAND AUSTRIA
9	DENMARK BELGIUM
10	CROATIA TURKEY
11	SLOVAKIA HUNGARY
12	PORTUGAL CZECH REP.
13	GERMANY SWEDEN

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10

1	GERMANY RUSSIA
2	SWEDEN PORTUGAL
3	CZECH REP. SLOVAKIA
4	HUNGARY CROATIA
5	TURKEY DENMARK
6	BELGIUM ENGLAND
7	AUSTRIA SPAIN
8	SCOTLAND NORWAY
9	FRANCE GREECE
10	SERBIA & MONT. NETHERLANDS
11	POLAND ITALY
12	LITHUANIA ROMANIA
13	FINLAND ISRAEL

GIRLS TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	POLAND	Bye	0 0	18 0	
22	GERMANY	CZECH REP.	36 66	9 21	
23	SWEDEN	AUSTRIA	28 65	7 23	
24	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	69 39	21 9	
25	HUNGARY	ISRAEL	58 47	17 13	
26	BELGIUM	LATVIA	74 24	25 5	



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6

21	NETHERLANDS	Bye	0 0	18 0	
22	HUNGARY	SWEDEN	25 80	4 25	
23	BELGIUM	GERMANY	31 60	9 21	
24	LATVIA	POLAND	13 64	5 25	
25	ISRAEL	CZECH REP.	69 44	20 1	
26	ITALY	AUSTRIA	56 75	11 19	



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7

21	ITALY	Bye	0 0	18 0	
22	AUSTRIA	ISRAEL	93 27	25 2	
23	CZECH REP.	LATVIA	57 35	20 1	
24	POLAND	BELGIUM	70 19	25 5	
25	GERMANY	HUNGARY	34 82	5 25	
26	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	38 32	16 14	



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 8

21	HUNGARY	Bye
22	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS
23	LATVIA	SWEDEN
24	ISRAEL	GERMANY
25	ITALY	POLAND
26	AUSTRIA	CZECH REP.



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9

21	AUSTRIA	Bye
22	CZECH REP.	ITALY
23	POLAND	ISRAEL
24	GERMANY	LATVIA
25	SWEDEN	BELGIUM
26	NETHERLANDS	HUNGARY



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10

21	GERMANY	Bye
22	SWEDEN	POLAND
23	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.
24	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA
25	BELGIUM	ITALY
26	LATVIA	ISRAEL

JUNIOR TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 7

1	NORWAY	142
2	FRANCE	133
3	ITALY	132.5
4	NETHERLANDS	132
5	ISRAEL	130.5
6	BELGIUM	126
	POLAND	126
8	CROATIA	124
9	ENGLAND	122
n11	RUSSIA	120.5
12	ROMANIA	117
13	AUSTRIA	111
14	SWEDEN	108
15	FINLAND	106
16	DENMARK	101.5
17	CZECH REPUBLIC	92
18	TURKEY	88.5
19	GERMANY	84
20	GREECE	79
	PORTUGAL	79
22	SPAIN	67
23	SCOTLAND	59
24	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	55.5
25	SLOVAKIA	54
26	LITHUANIA	48



GIRLS TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 7

1	AUSTRIA	159
2	POLAND	143
3	SWEDEN	127
4	NETHERLANDS	125
5	ITALY	110
6	CZECH REPUBLIC	106
7	BELGIUM	87
8	HUNGARY	83
9	ISRAEL	82
10	GERMANY	71
11	LATVIA	63

Double Dummy Problem

Today's Double Dummy Problem in the Bridge Teatowel series is called The Undertaker. In English, an undertaker is a man who looks after the dead, preparing and then burying or cremating them. There is also a clue to the winning play in the title if you take the literal meaning of the word though, of course, that literal meaning for the word does not actually exist in English.

The Undertaker

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

N
W E
S

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

Contract: 6♠

Lead: ♥K

The solution of the problem is on page 7.

Team Profiles

We would like to publish profiles of as many teams as possible so please get something organised for us. This is an opportunity for a captain or coach to say what he REALLY thinks of his team, so come on, this is your big chance! The more humorous the better, but nothing that will see either the Daily Bulletin or the writer in a court case. OK?

Change of Strip?

By Herman De Wael

Congratulations should go to Denmark and Germany for their team uniforms. Both teams manage to play every match with the whole team in the same colour. Both teams have a primary and a secondary strip. They should, however, have been a little better coordinated for their Round 6 match in the Junior series because, instead of opposing each other in light blue versus dark green, they both changed into their secondary strip which meant solid black facing solid black!

JUNIOR TEAMS ROUND 3



ENGLAND

vs

POLAND



(and a piece of Turkey v Sweden)

Poland and England, two teams eager to claim a top position at the end of these Championships, met in Round 3. The first big swing went to Poland.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Green	Madry	Happer
—	—	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♣	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woodcock	Araszkiwki	Levy	Buras
—	—	1♦	1♥
Pass	1♠	2♣	Dble
3♣	4♠	All Pass	

Piotr Madry did his job, presenting one suit after another. Due to the vulnerability, Wojciech Strzemecki as West stayed quiet and let North/South play in 4♠. Three Clubs would have been a sensible choice though. As the cards lie, East/West actually can make six of a minor. Madry took a deep breathe when he realized it.

In the Closed Room Ed Levy got club support but chose anyway not to take further action.

East led ♦K at both tables and there should normally be no chance for declarer to succeed. Ben Green drew one round of trumps then played a small heart to his ten and the defence collected four tricks

for down one; —50. In the Closed Room Konrad Araszkiwki got some help from the defence and made his game; 10 IMPs to Poland. We cannot publish the details of the misdefence as we have been bribed to keep them secret.

On Board 8, Green and Happer stopped in the wrong game, trying 3NT instead of 4♥ that was played at the other table. 3NT went four down and when Araszkiwki made 4♥ that was 12 IMPs to Poland. The match had started nicely for Poland who were leading by 24-3 IMPs after nine boards. But there were some clouds on the horizon, because next came:

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Green	Madry	Happer
—	—	Pass	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woodcock	Araszkiwki	Levy	Buras
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

Strzemecki bid what he thought he could make. He did make 3NT and took 11 tricks for -660.

In the Closed Room Andrew Woodcock opened with one natural club and 2NT from Levy was a good raise in clubs. Now they were on the right track and ended up in the cold slam; +1370 and 12 IMPs to England.

North/South vulnerable. Are you a coward as North due to the vulnerability and place Pass on the table when West opens 4♠?

♠ 5
♥ 2
♦ K Q 7 6 4 3 2
♣ K J 6 2

Well? You should be! See what happened to poor Araszkiemi who overcalled 5♦. This was Board 12.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K Q 9 7 6 4 3	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></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 2
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W			E								
		S									
♥ 10 8 6 3		♥ Q J 7 4									
♦ —	♦ A J 10 9 8 5										
♣ Q 5	♣ 9										
	♠ J 10 8										
	♥ A K 9 5										
	♦ —										
	♣ A 10 8 7 4 3										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Green	Madry	Happer
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woodcock	Araszkiemi	Levy	Buras
4♠	5♦	Dble	All Pass

In the Open Room Green/Happer bid and made 5♣ without any problems.



Ben Green - Duncan Happer, England

When Araszkiemi overcalled 5♦ in the other room, Levy must have thought Santa Claus comes twice a year these days. Even though the dummy showed up with two aces and a king, 5♦ was not the spot to be on this actual deal. Down four and +1100 added to +600 was 17 powerful IMPs to England.

In the match between Turkey and Sweden, Per-Ola Cullin stayed out of the auction one time but not twice and Dalkilic was the one to believe in Santa.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eskizara	Cullin	Dalkilic	Berg
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ericsson	Seker	Sivelind	Paksoy
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Seker led his singleton heart against 4♠ and it went to the king, but when he shifted to a club the defence was no longer able to beat the contract. 4♠ was just made but still 12 IMPs to Turkey when they had +1100 at the other table. This board didn't help Turkey to win the match since they were defeated by 21-9 VPs.

On the theme "Don't save your partner" we here see Mr Strzemecki as leading actor.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 9 6 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td></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		♠ 10
N											
W			E								
		S									
♥ 8 7 3		♥ Q 10 9 5 4									
♦ A K 9 8	♦ 10 7 4 3 2										
♣ A 6 2	♣ 8 3										
♠ A K 7 5 4	♠ Q J 8 3										
♥ K 6 2	♥ A J										
♦ Q	♦ J 6 5										
♣ K 10 9 7	♣ Q J 5 4										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Strzemecki	Green	Madry	Happer
Dble	Pass	2♥	INT
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
2♠	Dble	3♦	Pass
3♥	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Woodcock	Araszkiwicz	Levy	Buras
1♠	Dble	Pass	1♣
All Pass			INT

Strzemecki made a poor decision to 'rescue' his partner from 2♥ doubled which took him out onto thin ice. The rescue action ended up three rounds of bidding later one level higher in 3♥ doubled — for down two and +500 to England. In the Closed Room Buras made an overtrick in INT after a spade lead; 9 IMPs to England.

Arguably the English youngsters didn't win this match by their own positive efforts. In fact it seemed they just relaxed, sat and waited for their opponents to err. This time that was a strategy which worked out pretty well, because England won by 19-11.



Double Dummy Solution

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

Declarer must ruff the heart lead with dummy's three and under-ruff in hand, then lead a spade and cover East's card as cheaply as possible. He cashes the two diamonds then plays ace of clubs, unblocking the eight, then a second club.

When West wins the club he has to lead a heart. Declarer ruffs with dummy's six and, for a second time, under-ruffs in hand. He leads winning diamonds through East until the defender ruffs. If and when that happens, declarer can over-ruff, draw trumps and cash winning clubs to make his contract.

Nicely Played

By Barry Rigal

Evgeni Rudakov of the Russian Junior team is the only declarer I have yet heard about to play this 3NT contract from Round 1 correctly.

Board 13. All Vul. Dealer North.

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

Rudakov played 3NT as West on the lead of the two of hearts. He correctly took the ace immediately for fear of a diamond switch and led a club to his queen. Many declarers, on seeing the fall of the jack, simply cashed the ♣A next and could not recover. But there is a way to ensure five club winners, and that is the number required to guarantee the contract.

Rudakov played the ♠4 to dummy's queen at trick three then led the ♣8. When South played low he overtook with the nine and two more rounds of the suit gave him nine tricks — five clubs, two spades and two red aces. Had the ♣9 lost to the ten, it would have meant that the suit had broken evenly, of course.



Evgeni Rudakov, Russia

JUNIOR TEAMS ROUND 2



SPAIN

vs

CROATIA



By Richard Probst

Closed Room

Board 1. None Vul. Dealer North.

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

West	North	East	South
Zoric	S Torres	Brguljan	Goncalves
		—	2♥
Dble	4♥	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

Five Diamonds showed one ace, 5♥ asked for the queen of trumps, and 5NT showed both the ♠Q and the king of diamonds. Well done.

Open Room

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

West	North	East	South
Priu Tous	Kulovic	Gomez	Martinovic
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Dble
3♥	Dble	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

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

This featured a curious auction due to a failure to alert 2♥, which was doubled for take-out on one side of the screen. The play was dull after the A♠ lead and a diamond switch; +100 was worth 2 IMPs to Croatia. However, as a spectator I had a feeling a doubled partscore had been in the offing.

Verdran Zoric and Karlo Bruljan showed how to bid the grand slam on Board 3 despite opposition interference.

The contract reached was 3NT by West, after 1♦ — 2♣ — 2♥ — 3NT.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

This deal featured declarer leaving the right path and the defence punishing him. This was a theme in the match, as many contracts which could have made went off. Sandra Kulovic led the ♥2, which was taken with the ♥K. Declarer now played ♣A and a second club, on which North pitched a heart. South (Slavica Martinovic) won the ♣K and switched to a diamond round to the jack. Declarer now cashed two clubs pitching two diamonds, before playing a spade to the ace and a second spade to the jack and queen. A diamond through the ace-queen now left declarer with only eight tricks, and 12 IMPs to the Croats.

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

Board 9 featured four bids at the five level, all of which were correct judgements.

Board 9. E/W Vul. Dealer North.

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

The contract is unbeatable with declarer able to ruff three spades in dummy even on a trump lead. Declarer took this line and scored a well deserved 10 IMPs when Zoric and Bruljan, for Croatia, stayed in 3♣ in the other room. This brought the score to 78-26 to Croatia who scored another 17 IMPs over the last four boards to win the match by 95-26 IMPs, or 25-2 VP.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priu Tous	Kulovic	Gomez	Martinovic
—	Pass	1♣	1♠
2♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♣	5♦	5♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass



Sandra Kulovic, Croatia

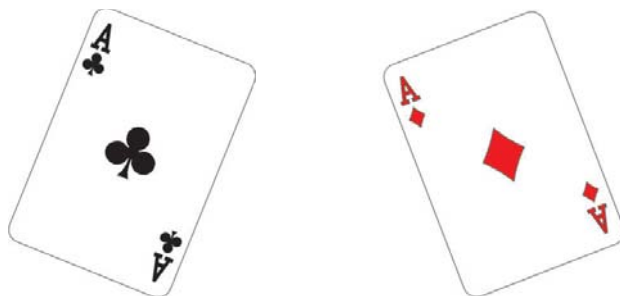
Slavica Martinovic Croatia

This was cold for 11 tricks on a club lead for another 11 IMPs to Croatia, who now led 64-0; this lead had been built on the back of solid results in both rooms.

Board 16 gave the Spaniards their second swing of the match.

Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

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



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priu Tous	Kulovic	Gomez	Martinovic
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Teams and Players' Photos

Schedule Wednesday August 4th

- 09.45 Hungary Girls
- Belgium Girls
- Sweden Girls
- 14.15 Latvia Girls.
- Italy Girls
- 18.45 Netherlands Girls
- Spain Juniors
- Czech Republic Girls
- France Juniors



We'll meet outside the playing building with the captain (and coach) of the teams present too.

Please wear a national sign so I can recognise you (even from a distance...).

Maria Ploumpi
EBL Photographer

JUNIOR TEAMS

ROUND 4



Denmark

vs

France



The Monday evening vugraph match featured two of the well-fancied teams in the Junior Championship, Denmark and France.

and played a second trump. Gjaldbaek had only one heart ruff in dummy now and when he played for miracles he ended up two down for —200 and 8 IMPs to France.

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	T Bessis	Gjaldbaek	Gaviard
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Bessis	Houmoller	de Tessieres	Jensen
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	All Pass

After identical starts to the two auctions, I have a strong preference for Kare Gjaldbaek's 2♦ rebid with the East cards over Godefroy de Tessieres' un-descriptive INT. However, the IMPs went to de Tessieres' French team. He was left to play INT and made nine tricks on a pretty soft defence; +150.

Martin Schaltz raised Gjaldbaek's 2♦ rebid to 3♦ and now Gjaldbaek decided to bid on. Perhaps, when Schaltz could only bid 4♦ over 3♠, Gjaldbaek should have settled for the partscore, but he went on to game. Julien Gaviard led the ♥Q and, had he been allowed to hold the trick, could not have defeated the contract. But Thomas Bessis accurately overtook and fired back a trump. Gjaldbaek had no winning option now. When he chose to finesse, Gaviard won the king

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	T Bessis	Gjaldbaek	Gaviard
—	Pass	INT	3♣
Dble	3♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Bessis	Houmoller	Tessieres	Jensen
—	Pass	Pass	3♦
Dble	Pass	3♥	All Pass

Gjaldbaek's INT opening was not quite as shaded as it may appear as the Danes play INT as 9-13 at favourable vulnerability — what's a point between friends? Gaviard made a transfer jump overcall and Schaltz doubled. Now I think Bessis should have passed, intending to pull Gaviard's likely 3♦ to 3♠ to get both black suits into the game. His immediate 3♠ looks wrong but worked out just fine when Gjaldbaek did not agree with Schaltz about the meaning of the second double.

Three Spades doubled would have been ugly for Bessis, but 4♥ was almost as bad for Gjaldbaek, making his bid a very expensive decision indeed. Gaviard cashed ace and king of diamonds and continued with

the $\diamond 10$, which Gjaldbaek ruffed high. He proceeded to cash the other two top trumps then play a spade off dummy. Bessis took the ace and gave his partner a spade ruff. Gaviard could draw dummy's last trump and cash the $\diamond Q$ for down three; —500.

In the Closed Room, Sejr Andreas Jensen was left to open the South hand in third seat. His $3\diamond$ pre-empt was doubled by Olivier Bessis and de Tessieres and responded $3\heartsuit$, where he played. This time the contract was just one down for —50 but 10 IMPs to France.

Board 7. All Vul. Dealer South.

<p>\spadesuit K J 9 4 3 \heartsuit 8 6 \diamond K 7 6 \clubsuit K 10 7</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>\spadesuit 10 8 \heartsuit A Q J 4 2 \diamond A Q 2 \clubsuit A 4 2</p>	
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	T Bessis	Gjaldbaek	Gaviard
—	—	—	Pass
$1\clubsuit$	$1\spadesuit$	$2\heartsuit$	Pass
$3\clubsuit$	Pass	$3\spadesuit$	Pass
3NT	Pass	$4\clubsuit$	Pass
$4\spadesuit$	Pass	4NT	Pass
$5\clubsuit$	Pass	$6\clubsuit$	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Bessis	Houmoller	Tessieres	Jensen
—	—	—	$2\diamond$
Pass	$2\heartsuit$	2NT	Pass
$3\diamond$	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	Pass
$5\clubsuit$	All Pass		

I don't mind Schaltz's light $1\clubsuit$ opening, though I am sure it would not be to everyone's taste. However, someone did just a little too much later on as slam is poor, particularly after North's spade overcall. Perhaps Schaltz should not make the $4\spadesuit$ cuebid. Sure, it is what partner needs to hear for slam purposes, but all too often the cuebid will lead to an inevitable slam being reached, and after the overcall West has a 7-count for his opening bid, does he not? Shouldn't he try to cool partner's enthusiasm?

Bessis led a diamond against $6\clubsuit$ and Schaltz ran it to Gaviard's jack. He rose with the ace on the spade switch and played $\clubsuit J$ to king and ace. There were two black losers from here so the contract was down two for —200.

In the Closed Room, $3\diamond$ was not explained but, perhaps was Staymanic, as that might at least give some excuse for Houmoller's double of 3NT if it suggested a spade lead. Arguably, it was very aggressive whatever either it or $3\diamond$ meant. Five Clubs was OK after a heart lead, enabling Olivier Bessis to set up a second heart trick at no risk. He lost just a club and a spade for +600 and 13 IMPs to France.

You are looking at:

<p>\spadesuit 10 \heartsuit 10 8 6 3 2 \diamond 10 5 3 \clubsuit 7 6 4 2</p>	
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Partner shows something around a 21-count, balanced. Do you leave him to play 2NT or transfer to $3\heartsuit$? On Board 11 the winning choice was to pass 2NT, as did Julien Gaviard, who saw his partner make eight tricks for +120. In the other room the contract was $3\heartsuit$ by South and this went two down courtesy of a dreadful trump stack over dummy's ace-queen doubleton; 6 IMPs to France.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

<p>\spadesuit Q 5 4 \heartsuit Q 10 7 3 \diamond J 7 6 \clubsuit K 5 2</p>	<table style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	<p>\spadesuit A 6 \heartsuit K J \diamond A K 5 2 \clubsuit Q 9 8 7 3</p>	
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	S								
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schaltz	T Bessis	Gjaldbaek	Gaviard
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	$1\clubsuit$	$1\spadesuit$
$2\clubsuit$	$2\spadesuit$	$3\clubsuit$	$3\spadesuit$
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Bessis	Houmoller	de Tessieres	Jensen
—	—	—	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Jensen was willing to open a weak 2♠ on the South cards despite holding four hearts, while Gaviard was not. That decision led to two quite different auctions. Two Spades went round to de Tessieres who doubled for take-out then converted the value-promising 3♣ response to 3NT. A spade lead would have beaten 3NT easily but Jensen believed the ♠AQ to be on his right and tried the ♦10 instead. De Tessieres won the diamond and cleared the clubs. After the spade switch he ran for home with nine tricks for +400.

Gaviard overcalled 1♠ and competed to 3♠ when his partner could support him. Schaltz cashed the ace of clubs then switched to a diamond. Gjaldbaek won and played two more rounds of diamonds and had to come to a spade and a heart for down one; —100 but 7 IMPs to France.

That made it 44-14 to France. There were a couple of minor swings then the teams exchanged game swings on the last two deals to leave a final score of 58-29 IMPs to France, converting to 21-9 VPs.

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Please inform the Hospitality Desk who will represent your country at the Presentation and NJO Dinner.

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Bridge instead of Soccer for Norwegian midfielder

The Norwegian top soccer team Stabaek was training, but the midfielder Martin Andresen wasn't around. He played bridge instead.

"It doesn't make him a less competent soccer player," says the trainer Gaute Larsen. There are several ways of not showing up at boring training sessions. To be injured or fake one are two. A third is to play bridge.

Martin Andresen, 27, in the Norwegian soccer team Stabaek, went to Trondheim last week to play a three-day bridge tournament while the other players pumped their leg-muscles up.

"To play bridge is in his contract with the club so there isn't much I can do," comments Gaute Larsen.

But Andresen practised some soccer after bridge in Trondheim. Andresen's passion for bridge doesn't come as a surprise for Larsen. "When we were given a holiday Andresen went to the USA to play bridge. He joined us a couple of days after the rest of the group, but if the bridge is important for him he must have the possibility to play. As long as the bridge tournaments don't collide with our matches we're all happy," says Larsen.



Martin Andresen, Norway

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