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# AUSTRIA ARE GIRLS CHAMPIONS

The Closing Ceremony and Prize-giving for the Girls Championship and Opening Ceremony for the Schools were held together in the Village Cinemas Complex yesterday afternoon. Ably compered by our joint masters of ceremonies, Stefan Back and Thomas Schonfeldt, the ceremonies were smoothly run and, most important, fun, as Stefan and Thomas once again looked as though they had been working together as a stand-up double act for years. The short dual-ceremony featured speeches from Marc Verdier, President of the Czech Bridge Federation, EBL President Gianarrigi Rona and Youth Committee Chairman Panos Gerontopoulos.



As had looked likely for some time, **Austria** (on the left) have become the first European Girls Team Champions. Though they lost their last match to Netherlands on vugraph, thereby spoiling their otherwise perfect record of having won every match, Austria scored more than sufficient VPs to clinch the gold medal. Congratulations to Adele and Anna Gogoman, Iris Grumm, Caroline Hupka and npc Christian Felderer, who I am sure found this team infinitely less stressful to try to control than the Austrian Women's team, with whom he has been involved on many occasions in the past.

**Sweden** (on the right) scored a maximum in the last round to close the door on Poland and clinch the silver medal. The Swedish team is Cecilia and Sandra Rimstedt, Jenny Ryman, Emma Sjöberg, npc Krister Ahlesved and coach Lars Andersson. Congratulations to them.



**Poland** (on the left) too achieved a last-round maximum but had to be content with the bronze. The Polish bronze-medalists are Ewa Grabowska, Edyta Jurkiewicz, Joanna Krawczyk, Marta Maj, Kamila Szczepanska, Katarzyna Zegilewicz and npc Wojtek Siwiec. Once again, congratulations to all.

And finally, congratulations to all of the other teams in the Girls Championship for creating a tournament played in the best possible spirit of friendship and fair play. The first European Girls Championship has been an outstanding success and we can all hope and expect that this new Championship will now go from strength to strength and become established alongside the Juniors and the Schools Championships.

# JUNIOR TEAMS



## RESULTS



### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 11

Match		IMPs	VPs
1	RUSSIA GREECE	38 36	15 15
2	NORWAY NETHERLANDS	42 45	14 16
3	SPAIN ITALY	41 64	8 20
4	ENGLAND ROMANIA	40 31	17 13
5	DENMARK ISRAEL	60 17	24 6
6	CROATIA FINLAND	33 30	16 14
7	SLOVAKIA LITHUANIA	31 35	14 16
8	PORTUGAL POLAND	48 28	19 11
9	GERMANY SERBIA & MONT.	63 33	21 9
10	SWEDEN FRANCE	59 35	20 10
11	CZECH REP SCOTLAND	39 41	15 15
12	HUNGARY AUSTRIA	55 67	13 17
13	TURKEY BELGIUM	60 56	16 14

### RANKING AFTER SESSION 11

1	NORWAY	216
2	HUNGARY	209
3	ITALY	205.5
4	POLAND	202
5	BELGIUM	196
	ROMANIA	196
7	FRANCE	194
8	ISRAEL	192.5
9	SWEDEN	189
10	NETHERLANDS	187
11	ENGLAND	185.5
12	RUSSIA	184.5
13	AUSTRIA	182
14	CROATIA	175
15	TURKEY	155.5
16	CZECH REP.	153
17	GERMANY	152
18	FINLAND	149
19	DENMARK	148.5
20	PORTUGAL	131
21	GREECE	113
	SCOTLAND	113
23	SERBIA & MONT.	108.5
24	SPAIN	102
25	LITHUANIA	82
26	SLOVAKIA	74



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12

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

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13

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

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 14

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

## GIRLS TEAMS



### RESULTS



#### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 11

Match		IMPs		VPs	
21	LATVIA	Bye	0 0	18	0
22	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	60 43	19	11
23	ITALY	HUNGARY	31 66	8	22
24	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS	35 53	11	19
25	CZECH REP.	SWEDEN	41 91	5	25
26	POLAND	GERMANY	74 4	25	2

#### FINAL RANKING

1	AUSTRIA	228
2	SWEDEN	222
3	POLAND	214
4	NETHERLANDS	200
5	ITALY	162
6	CZECH REP.	160
7	ISRAEL	147
8	HUNGARY	139
9	GERMANY	126
10	BELGIUM	122.5
11	LATVIA	96



#### VUGRAPH MATCHES

Turkey v Russia (Juniors)	10.00
Poland v France (Juniors)	14.30
Sweden v Romania (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.

## SCHOOLS TEAMS



### TODAY'S PROGRAM

#### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1

21	ENGLAND	Bye
22	DENMARK	LATVIA
23	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL
24	ITALY	GERMANY
25	SWEDEN	FRANCE
26	NORWAY	POLAND
27	AUSTRIA	CZECH REP.
28	SCOTLAND	HUNGARY

#### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

21	SCOTLAND	Bye
22	HUNGARY	AUSTRIA
23	CZECH REPUBLIC	NORWAY
24	POLAND	SWEDEN
25	FRANCE	ITALY
26	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
27	ISRAEL	DENMARK
28	LATVIA	ENGLAND



#### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

21	FRANCE	Bye
22	GERMANY	POLAND
23	ISRAEL	CZECH REPUBLIC
24	LATVIA	HUNGARY
25	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND
26	DENMARK	AUSTRIA
27	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY
28	ITALY	SWEDEN

# JUNIOR TEAMS ROUND 9



**RUSSIA**

**VS**

**ISRAEL**



Going into their Round 8 clash, Israel and Russia were lying seventh and eighth respectively, well in contention but needing to add just a little momentum to their challenge.

club at trick two and Chelkak went in with the ace and exited with a second club to declarer's king. That play surely marked South with a trump holding of some promise so declarer's next move was to cash the ♠A. From here it was possible to take a diamond ruff, throw a spade on the ♣Q, and lead through South to hold him to one trump trick to go with the one defensive spade trick. Ginossar had ten tricks for +420 and 11 IMPs to Israel, a good start to the match for them.

Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

**Closed Room**

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
–	–	1♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
–	–	1♥	Pass
3♣(i)	Pass	4♥	All Pass

(i) Limit heart raise

The auctions were effectively identical and produced contracts but the outcomes of the final contract were quite different.

Against Denis Dobrin, Gilad Ofir led a diamond to the king and ace. That looks to be a pretty good start for declarer but the play went badly for him from here on in. Alas, the play record is rather vague, however, it appears that Dobrin cashed the ♥A next then played a second heart and ducked when the queen appeared from South. As the final result was down three for 150, I suspect that Dobrin will be willing to buy us a beer or two in return for keeping the details to ourselves.

At the other table, Dmitri Chelkak also led a diamond to the king and ace. Eldad Ginossar led his low



Eldad Ginossar, Israel

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	2♥	Dble
2♠	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
—	—	—	2♣
Pass	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When Chelkak opened with a Precision-style 2♣, Alexander Klimashin enquired with 2♦ then, when Ginossar's 2♠ overcall came around to him, cuebid to ask for a stopper. Chelkak showed one, ending the auction. Ophir Reshef led the ten of spades and that was ducked by everyone. A second spade went to the queen and king and, needing to establish the clubs to have nine tricks, Chelkak was quickly one down for -50.

Ofir's one-level opening allowed Dobrin to overcall 1♠ at the other table then to show his second suit over Ron Hoffman's reopening double. That proved to be an error as now the doubling started and Dobrin found himself declaring 2♠ doubled. With the defenders able to take a diamond ruff and lead trumps twice to nullify dummy's ruffing potential, Dobrin was held to just four trump tricks and the ace of clubs; down three for -800 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

	♠ K J 10 9				
	♥ A Q J 7				
	♦ K Q J 6				
	♣ 10				
♠ Q 8 4 3 2	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>N</td></tr><tr><td>W E</td></tr><tr><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	W E	S	♠ 7 5
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♥ 8 2		♥ K 9 6 4 3			
♦ 4 3 2		♦ A 8 5			
♣ Q 9 7		♣ A 6 3			
	♠ A 6				
	♥ 10 5				
	♦ 10 9 7				
	♣ K J 8 5 4 2				

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
Pass	1♦	1♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
Pass	1♣	1♥	2♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Russia got on the scoreboard when a difference in opening bid led to two very different outcomes. Where Hoffman opened with a natural 1♦ and Dobrin overcalled 1♥, Ofir did not have enough to get involved with the South cards. When 1♥ came back to Hoffman, he had so much length and strength in hearts that it seemed clear to defend. Dobrin was held to two aces and two trump tricks for -300, but that proved to be a winning board for his side.

At the other table, Klimashin opened a Polish-style club and Chelkak showed his clubs after the overcall. It was normal now for Klimashin to jump to 3NT, looking at strong hearts and club shortage. The heart lead was won by dummy's ten and a diamond led to the king, ducked. The ♣10 was run to the queen and back came a heart for the queen and king. On 1 heart return, Klimashin won and knocked out the ♦A and eventually took the spade finesse through West for his ninth trick; +600 and 7 IMPs to Russia.

Board 7. All Vul. Dealer South.

	♠ K Q 10				
	♥ 10 9 6 5 4 3				
	♦ A 6 2				
	♣ 5				
♠ 8 5 3	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>N</td></tr><tr><td>W E</td></tr><tr><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	W E	S	♠ A J 4
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W E					
S					
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♦ J 9		♦ K Q 8 7 5 4			
♣ A J 10 6 4		♣ K 9 7			
	♠ 9 7 6 2				
	♥ A K Q				
	♦ 10 3				
	♣ Q 8 3 2				

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♦	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	2NT	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

Both East/Wests subsided in 2♦ and both Norths balanced with 2♥. Now Ginossar found the fine bid of 2NT, competitive in the minors, and got his side to 3♣, while Dobrin went quietly and defended 2♥. Hoffman must have been impressed with the quality of Ofir's heart support and he made nine tricks without breaking sweat, losing just a club, a diamond and two spades for +140.

Three Clubs proved to be an equally comfortable contract after the lead of the ♠K, ducked. Klimashin continued with the ♠10 but Reshef was not to be put off the finesse and put in the jack. He played a diamond to the jack and, when that held, a second diamond to the ace. The contract was not in danger from here but a slight defensive slip gave Reshef an over-trick for +130 and 7 IMPs to Israel.

Board 11. None Vul. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
—	—	—	1♦
Dble	Pass	1♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
—	—	—	1♣
Dble	2♠	Dble	All Pass

Both Wests doubled South's choice of opening bid for take-out. I don't understand why Dobrin responded only 1♥ and, I suspect, neither did Evgeni Rudakov, as he made a normal pass and left Dobrin to play there. When Dobrin dropped the ♥Q, not too taxing after he counted the missing high cards, he had eleven tricks for an inadequate looking +200.

At the other table Klimashin made a weak jump shift over the opposing double. Well, it certainly qualifies as weak, I suppose, but perhaps not well-advised. Ginossar doubled to show values and Reshef passed

for penalties. Despite finding strong four-card spade support in dummy, Klimashin had to lose two tricks in each suit for down three and 500. I guess that would have been fairly painless had his East/West pair bid the heart game at the other table. As it was, Israel had another 7 IMPs.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Hoffman had an easy ride in 3NT as, not having bid the suit, he received a low diamond lead to his ten. He could play on clubs to establish his ninth trick; +600. Klimashin had not bid diamonds either, but was known to hold minor-suit length for his 2♦ response to Stayman. That was sufficient to persuade Ginossar to lead a passive heart and leave declarer to find his own tricks. When Klimashin's play to trick two was a low diamond to dummy's king, followed by a second diamond, he was in big trouble and there was no way to recover. Klimashin was down two for 200 and 13 IMPs to Israel.

That ended the scoring at 60-16 IMPs to Israel, converting to 24-6 VPs, but there were a couple of slam hands still to come.

Board 17. None Vul. Dealer North.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
–	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
–	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

Both North/South pairs did well to bid the decent slam on this one. When Hoffman used RKCB, Ofir showed his key cards but then went on over the sign off, liking his void and good trumps. At the other table it was North, Klimashin, who bid the slam after getting the crucial club cuebid out of his partner.

Reshef led a heart against Chelkak so declarer won and played the three top spades to discard all his clubs, after which he just gave up a heart. Two hearts were ruffed in dummy and he had twelve tricks for +920.

Rudakov led the ♣2 against Ofir. That was an interesting idea but it proved to be no more effective. Dobrin won the ♣A and returned the suit but Ofir was not prepared to finesse at this point in the hand – not after a low club lead which suggested an honour on his left. He went up with the king and the fall of the queen made everything very easy, the hearts going away on the top spades after drawing trumps; +920 and a flat board.

Had the ♣Q not fallen under the king, Ofir would have required an even spade break to give four dis-

cards from his hand. I wonder what would have happened had Rudakov held, say, ♣Q6 instead of ♣Q2 – seeing a high club spot lead, would Ofir have finessed at trick two, thinking that a better chance than the four-four spade split?

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rudakov	Hoffman	Dobrin	Ofir
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Klimashin	Ginossar	Chelkak
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

This time it was the turn of the East/West pairs to bid a very good slam. In theory, it is important to get the contract played by East. Now the ♣K is protected. If the defence takes its club trick then the ♣K and the diamonds provide three discards for West's spades. If the defence does not take the club trick, declarer simply throws West's club on the diamonds then gives up a spade and ruffs a spade. While it was purely fortuitous that the response to RKCB placed East as declarer, the Russians were therefore in the top spot, while the Israelis were in a contract that could have been failing on a different lie of the cards. Today there was no problem, of course, and both declarers made twelve tricks in comfort.

So a good finish to the match with all four pairs bidding good slams and bringing them home.

# JUNIOR TEAMS

## BUTLER AFTER SESSION 11

Rank	Players	Country	Boards	IMPs
1	Eide P	NOR	100	1.47
2	AraszkiwiczK - Buras K	POL	180	1.41
3	Livgard A	NOR	120	1.38
4	Kychanova E	RUS	100	1.05
5	Gulevich A	RUS	120	1.00
6	Kalita J - Kotorowicz	POL	140	0.92
7	Reisz A - Szabo C	HUN	120	0.83
8	Brguljan K - Zoric V	CRO	219	0.81
9	Amsel A - De Donder S	BEL	180	0.79
10	Eglseer W - Rokyta M	AUT	200	0.74
11	Bessis O - deTessieres	FRA	160	0.71
12	Green B - Happer D	ENG	160	0.70
13	Kippe H - Ringseth J	NOR	160	0.68
14	Di Bello F - Di Bello S	ITA	219	0.66
15	Grigoriu M - Vulcan B	ROM	219	0.63
16	Poslednik P - Sigmund M	CZR	119	0.59
	Azizi A - Bar-Yossef	ISR	80	0.59
18	De Roos D - De Roos S	BEL	160	0.57
19	Ginnosar E - Reshef O	ISR	200	0.56
20	Kanervo M - Kinnunen M	FIN	120	0.55
21	Mraz M - Szegedi B	HUN	160	0.54
22	Grenthe G - Grenthe J	FRA	160	0.52
	Eide E	NOR	180	0.52
24	Levy E - Woodcock A	ENG	140	0.51
	Malmstrom P - Salomonsson	SWE	160	0.51
26	Dobrin D - Rudakov E	RUS	180	0.50
27	GroenenboomM - Van Munnen	NET	140	0.49
28	Lindqvist E	NOR	160	0.47
29	Deljanin M	S&M	120	0.42
	Berg M - Cullin P	SWE	160	0.42
	Branzoiu C - Mandruta C	ROM	220	0.42
32	Lo Presti F	ITA	179	0.39
	Sbarigia M	ITA	199	0.39
34	Hoffman R - Ofir G	ISR	160	0.38
35	Ericsson K - Sivelind D	SWE	120	0.37
36	Owczarek M - Schultz D	AUT	180	0.34
	Marjai P - Minarik G	HUN	160	0.34
38	Brink N - Buijs R	NET	160	0.27
39	Gjaldbaek K - Schaltz M	DEN	220	0.25
40	Fastenakels J - Veracheten	BEL	99	0.22
41	Byrne M - Morris A	ENG	140	0.16
	Dirksen G - Smirnov A	GER	180	0.16
43	Madry P - Strzmecki W	POL	119	0.01
44	Barendregt E - Ritmeijer R	NET	140	0.00
45	Palma A	POR	178	-0.02
46	Basaran B - Ucan O	TUR	180	-0.07
47	Kulovic S - Martinovic	CRO	120	-0.08
48	Paksoy S - Seker B	TUR	100	-0.10
49	Janecek M - Vondrackova	CZR	120	-0.11
	Ewald J - Schverdt A	GER	140	-0.11
51	Karamanlis P - Vroustis V	GRE	180	-0.14
52	Barbosa J	POR	158	-0.16
53	Houlberg S - Houlberg AS	DEN	80	-0.26
54	Klimashin A	RUS	160	-0.29
55	Jelinek P - Martynek J	CZR	200	-0.31
56	Backstrom T - Nurmi P	FIN	160	-0.34
57	Hladek J - Kovac M	CRO	100	-0.35
58	Bergson H - McCrossan D	SCO	80	-0.40
59	Dalklic B - Eskizara O	TUR	160	-0.41
60	Braga Ra - Braga Ri	POR	199	-0.43
61	Chelkak D	RUS	140	-0.44

# GIRLS TEAMS

## FINAL BUTLER RANKING

Rank	Players	Country	Boards	IMPs
1	Gogoman Ad - Grumm I	AUT	200	1.44
	Van Gelder M	NET	100	1.44
3	Van de Sande	NET	120	1.40
4	Ryman J - Sjoberg E	SWE	199	1.24
5	Maj M - Zegilewicz	POL	140	1.17
6	Jurkiewicz E - Szczepanska	POL	99	1.14
7	Tal D - Tal N	ISR	200	0.64
8	Brendregt R	NET	139	0.45
9	Gogoman An - Hupka C	AUT	200	0.41
10	Rimstedt C - Rimstedt S	SWE	200	0.33
11	Wortel	NET	179	0.22
12	Grabowska E - Krawczyk J	POL	160	0.16
13	Dekker A	NET	99	0.15
14	Baroni I	ITA	160	0.14
15	Michielsen M	NET	159	0.09
16	Horova Z - Mala R	CZR	120	0.08
17	Tani G	ITA	180	0.06
18	Kulenovic S	ITA	100	-0.10
19	Stepanova P - Vlachova K	CZR	140	-0.14
20	Marinelli S - Savoca E	ITA	120	-0.16
21	Aprile M	ITA	120	-0.18
22	Jankova J - Nymsova L	CZR	140	-0.31
23	Nyaradi G	HUN	140	-0.34
24	Ditroi Z	HUN	120	-0.39
25	Hezso B - Retteghy O	HUN	140	-0.41
26	Dobbels T - Laffut J	BEL	200	-0.50
	Veksa N - Zaiceva D	LAT	200	-0.50
28	Schwede M - Wuermseer M	GER	200	-0.52
29	Kelen D	HUN	100	-0.56
30	Eggeling M - Giampietro	GER	200	-0.59

## Double Dummy Problem

### The Heartbreaker

This one looks the easiest of the lot to me but sometimes it is just a matter of seeing the key play and if you have a blindspot...

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

Contract: 6NT

Lead: ♣K

The solution of the problem is on page 15.



# GIRLS TEAMS

# ROUND 7



**SWEDEN**

**VS**

**NETHERLANDS**



Sweden and Netherlands were lying joint-third after six rounds of the Girls Championship, making their Round 7 meeting absolutely crucial to their medal hopes. The match started quietly but we did not have to wait very long for the first big swing.

South cards. She began with an inverted diamond raise then showed the spades at her second truth and was left to play the spade game. After the singleton diamond lead from Wortel, Ryman won the ace, drew trumps and conceded a diamond; twelve tricks for +680 and 11 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

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

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

For Sweden, Sandra Rimstedt had a two-suited 2♥ opening available to her and used it. When sister, Cecilia raised to 4♥ Rosalien Barendrecht was in a very awkward position as South. Her distribution clearly suggested that she should bid but her lack of high cards, allied to the fact that she was vulnerable, made that look to be very dangerous. She elected to pass and the Swedes had stolen the pot. Astrid Dekker led a spade and, after cashing two of those, Baerndrecht switched to a club for the king and ace. Dekker cashed the ♦A for down one; -100.

Meike Wortel did not have a two-suited opening in her bag so passed. Emma Sjoberg opened the North hand 1♦ and now it didn't matter how much East/West competed, and they did get up to 4♥, Jenny Ryman was always going to bid up to game with the

Board 7. All Vul. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
-	-	-	Pass
INT	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
-	-	-	Pass
INT	Dble	Pass	2♣
All Pass			

Though both Norths doubled the strong no trump opening, the doubles did not have the same meanings.

Dekker's double was natural, penalty, and it was normal for Barendrecht, looking at an ace and a balanced hand, to pass it. Dekker cashed five rounds of clubs then switched to a spade to the ace and a spade was returned to declarer's king. Sandra Rimstedt had not come down to the right eight cards after the run of the clubs, or she would have got out for one down, of course. Having thrown a heart earlier, she had to concede a diamond and a spade for down two; -500.

Sjoberg's double was take-out, showing four cards in a major plus a longer minor. It was normal for Ryman to bid 2♣ and for Sjoberg to let her play there. With

clubs three-two and the spades producing three tricks, 2♣ was a very comfortable contract and Sjoberg scored nine tricks for +110, but 9 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 10. All Vul. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	2♦	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	



Jenny Ryman, Sweden

Both Norths opened INT and the vulnerability convinced Marion Michielsen to keep quiet with the East cards while Cecilia Rimstedt overcalled to show spades and another, getting her side to 2♠. This time it was right to compete.

Michielsen led a spade against INT. Sjoberg won dummy's queen and knocked out the ♣A. The defence took the diamonds then switched to spades and Sjoberg ran for home; +90.

Dekker led a club against 2♠. Sandra Rimstedt won and passed the ♠10 to the queen. The heart jack was covered by king and ace and Dekker switched to a diamond. Declarer won and played a spade to the ace and had the rest; +140 and 6 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 12. N/S Vul. Dealer West.

♠ K 9 8 3 2		♠ Q J 6									
♥ K		♥ Q J 10 7 5 3									
♦ A 10		♦ K 7 3									
♣ 7 6 5 4 2		♣ 10									
♠ A 7 5 4	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>N</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>E</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr></table>	N			W	E			S		♠ 10
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W	E										
	S										
♥ A 8 6 4 2		♥ 9									
♦ J 6 4		♦ Q 9 8 5 2									
♣ A		♣ K Q J 9 8 3									

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
1♥	1♠	4♥	4NT
Pass	5♣	5♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
1♥	1♠	2NT	3♣
Pass	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

Two different routes to the same spot. North/South would have lost a trick in each suit had they played 5♣ doubled (I assume that Sjoberg/Ryman would not have stayed in 4♠ had it been doubled).

Wortel received a low spade lead and won dummy's queen. She ran the ♥Q at trick two and that lost to the king. Back came a second spade to dummy's jack but there were two diamonds to be lost for down one; -100.

Rimstedt received the lead of ace and another diamond. She rose with dummy's king and led the ♥Q, running it to the bare king. She got a spade switch now and won dummy's queen. Declarer crossed to hand with the ♣A to lead a spade towards the jack so had a discard for dummy's third diamond; down one for -100 and a flat board.

Had either declarer picked the trump suit correctly, she could then have made the contract by leading twice towards the ♠QJ to establish three spade tricks including the ace for a discard of dummy's third diamond.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
–	–	–	1♦
2♥	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dble
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
–	–	–	1♣
2♥	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

Barendrecht opened 1♦, caught a diamond raise from partner and tried 3NT, a contract that would have succeeded except on a spade lead. But Cecilia saved in 4♠ and now Barendrecht doubled on the weight of high cards. Cecilia found a wonderful dummy and a winning club view left her with just a spade and a club to lose; +690.

Ryman opened with a strong club and found her partner able to show a positive in her own five-card suit. Ryman cuebid and went on to slam facing a sign-off. Six Diamonds was hopeless, particularly with the ♥Q marked offside on the auction. Sjoberg won the spade lead, drew trumps and eliminated spades, but eventually lost two clubs and a heart for down two; –200 but still 10 IMPs to Sweden. Ryman/Sjoberg must have been impressed with that one when they scored up!

Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

♠ A Q J 9 5 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ 10 4 2	<table border="1" 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		♠ 8 6 3 ♥ 8 6 2 ♦ J 10 8 ♣ 8 7 5 3	♠ K 4 2 ♥ K 10 7 3 ♦ A 5 2 ♣ A Q 6
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	S											
		♠ 10 7 ♥ A Q J 5 ♦ Q 7 6 3 ♣ K J 9										

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Cecilia broke the transfer, which seems over-aggressive even when holding a maximum for her 14-16 no trump. That ensured that she would play 4♠ rather than the superior 3NT. Barendrecht led a trump and Cecilia won, drew the rest of the missing trumps and ran the ♥9 to the jack. Back came a diamond which she won in dummy to play a heart to the ten and queen. Again a diamond was returned and there was no way home; down one for –100.



Emma Sjoberg, Sweden

There is a winning line but declarer has to watch her entries. At the end she could have pinned the ♠8 by leading her king, but then would have only the ♣A as an entry to cash the established ♥7, and using the ♣A breaks up a necessary endplay. Suppose that declarer judges South to have most of the missing high cards for her trump lead. Declarer wins trick one in dummy and runs the ♥9, wins the return in dummy and takes the second heart finesse. Now she can win the next lead in hand to lead the ♥K and pin the eight. There is an entry to hand to cash the ♥7 after drawing trumps, throwing a diamond, of course. Now declarer ruffs her diamond in dummy and takes the club finesse at trick eleven. South wins but is endplayed to lead away from the ♣J. It is assumed that South threw a diamond on the third round of clubs to keep her club holding intact. If not, declarer can make without an endplay because the ♣J will fall under the ace.

Meanwhile, Wortel transferred then jumped to 3NT and Michielsen judged that her 4-3-3-3 shape might make 3NT easier than 4♠. Right she was. The lead was a safe spade and declarer won in dummy to play a heart to her king, that lost to the ace and the ♥Q and ♥J were cashed; +600 and 12 IMPs to Netherlands.

Board 17. None Vul. Dealer North.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
–	1♥	2♣	2♠
Pass	4NT	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♦	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
–	1♥	2♣	2♠
3♣	4♣	5♣	5♠
All Pass			

If I had to pick a contract after my partner had bid 2♠ over the 2♣ overcall, I guess I would pick 6♠. But, of course, North does not have to pick a contract, she can ask some questions of South.

Sjoberg chose to cuebid 4♣ then trust partner's judgement when she bid 5♠ over 5♣ – presumably the ♦A was missing when Ryman didn't show it, and who could tell about the ♣A? The club lead meant all thirteen tricks for +510.

Dekker appears to have asked for key cards but not to have liked the response – meaning that either she was given the wrong response, or she can't count, as clearly two key cards is sufficient to bid the small slam. No doubt the partnership knows who was wrong and will not make the same mistake again. Here the lead was a diamond, meaning only twelve tricks for +480 so 1 IMP to Sweden.

For what it is worth, I like 4NT a lot better than 4♣ from North, but I would hope to then have a system to cope with East's 5♣ bid so that I would know how many key cards partner holds.

Board 18. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

♠ K 3 ♥ 9 ♦ J 9 8 5 3 ♣ A K Q 8 6	<table border="1" 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 7 5 ♥ Q 10 7 4 ♦ – ♣ J 10 9 4 2	♠ J 9 6 4 ♥ J 6 3 2 ♦ Q 7 6 4 ♣ 7
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	S											
♠ A 10 2 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ A K 10 2 ♣ 5 3												

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Dekker	C Rimstedt	Barendrecht
–	–	Pass	1♦
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♥	Pass	Pass
3♣	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Wortel	Sjoberg	Michielsen	Ryman
–	–	2♥	Dble
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

This was horrible. I would have thought that it was normal for North to pass her partner's reopening double when looking at ♣J10942. Dekker was a very

lucky girl when she instead bid 2♥, only to now get an opportunity to double 3♣. There is no excuse for Sandra's 3♣ bid. Holding only a five-card suit, she has no reason at all to bid again and the double merely saw justice done. Dekker led the ♣J and Sandra won and led her heart. Dekker won the queen and switched to a low spade to her partner's ace. Back came a club, which declarer won. Sandra cashed the ♠K before playing a diamond to the queen and king. From here she was allowed ruffs with both her small trumps so got out for down three; -500.

Michielsen had an opening to show a weak hand with at least four-four in the majors – just what Wortel wanted to hear, particularly when Ryman started with a double. The only positive thing about this situation, compared to that at the other table, was that South had not laid claim to the diamond suit – the one where East/West belong. But it is very tough to get to diamonds after this start and Wortel just gave preference to spades, trying to look as confident as she could. Alas, she did not look confident enough, because Ryman doubled again and that ended the auction. Sjoberg led the ♣J and Wortel won and cashed a second club, throwing a heart from dummy. She then played a diamond to the queen and king and Ryman cashed a second diamond then gave her partner a diamond ruff. It was difficult for Ryman to appreciate that declarer had only two trumps, but this line of defence actually helped Wortel a little. Still, she could only scramble five tricks and that meant -500 and just another dull push.

Sweden ended up with a narrow victory, 38-32 IMPs or 16-14 VPs, giving them third place overnight, 2 VPs clear of Netherlands but quite a way behind the two leaders.



Marleen Van Gelder, Netherlands

## Latvia Girls Team Profile

The Latvian girls met 6 months ago, and the first thing they did was to agree on the role of each girl in the team. Here is how they fared:

Julija: the soul and fighting spirit of the team. As proven in Prague, no team has frightened her, for example, before playing the Austrian team, she exclaimed – huh, Austria, let's take them! Well, nobody can accuse the Latvian team for lacking optimism...

Natalija: to take on the fighting spirit, you need a fighter. You don't get any better than Natalija, speaking about just some examples – when an opponent disturbed her to make an opening lead, the result was an elbow to the nose ... sorry! And she knows the finesse manoeuvres as well – there have been no problems with tournament directors after she registered her passport with a decent sum of money included between its pages.

Daiga: taking care of modern communication methods. Her role was somewhat diminished after the team received a 2 VP penalty for her mobile phone ringing in the playing area.

Ildze: supply expert. Due to team policy, she was the one to carry beers and other goods to the Latvian camping place. Yesterday's six bottles of beer and 6 kg water melon was just nothing for her.

Ilze: the person responsible for the dressing style of the team. On that matter – the green team t-shirts soon were considered "out" and she appeared in pink when everybody else had green.

Ildze(NPC): actually, the strength of the team depends on the length of her hair but, unfortunately she cut her hair just before the Championships. As no major cuts are expected before the next Championship, beware – next time the Latvian team is aiming to double the VPs that were achieved this year!



Latvia Team

# GIRLS TEAMS

# ROUND 7



**AUSTRIA**

**VS**

**ISRAEL**



Israel, struggling in the bottom half of the table, didn't have the power to put a stop to an aggressively playing Austria and their march to the gold medals. There were several boards full of action and here are three of those deals from Round 7 that secured Austria's victory.

this: if declarer had had  $\diamond J$  she would certainly have finessed. Anyway, declarer had a lot of hearts so there was no possible way to make the game, unless South tries a club switch. Declarer finessed in clubs and the game failed by two tricks; -100 and 12 IMPs to Austria.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

*Open Room*

West	North	East	South
Schwalb	Grumm	Cooper	Ad.Gogoman
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

*Open Room*

West	North	East	South
Schwalb	Grumm	Cooper	Ad.Gogoman
-	1♠	2♣	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

*Closed Room*

West	North	East	South
Hubka	D.Tal	An.Gogoman	N.Tal
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Dble
3NT	All Pass		

*Closed Room*

West	North	East	South
Hubka	D.Tal	An.Gogoman	N.Tal
-	1♠	2♣	Dble
4♣	5♣	5♠	All Pass

When Schwalb/Cooper played in 4♠, Hubka/Gogoman, despite having eight spades between them, tried 3NT. Noga Tal led ♥Q and declarer had nine tricks in the bag; +600.

In theory there is no way to succeed in 4♠ unless you get some help from the defence. Declarer has to play hearts early to have at least some chances. In practise ♠10 was led to the ace. Declarer played a heart to the king and South's ace. Adele Gogoman felt uncomfortable being thrown in and exited with a spade. Declarer drew a third round of trumps then cashed ♦K and ♦A. Adele Gogoman now should have unblocked ♦Q but she didn't. The reason to unblock is



Shani Schwalb, Israel

When Iris Grumm saw 4♠ from South she was unstoppable. She asked for aces and Adele Gogoman showed two out of five. The play was dull and Grumm made an overtrick on a club lead; +1010.

Noga Tal produced a take-out double instead of supporting spades at any level. Hupka found an imaginative jump to 4♣ and interfere with the Israelis' auction. Dana Tal tried 5♣, but the auction was no longer under control and it stopped in 5♠. Anna Gogoman found the diamond lead; +480 and another 11 IMPs to a powerful Austria.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K 3 ♥ 9 ♦ J 9 8 5 3 ♣ A K Q 8 6	♠ Q 8 7 5 ♥ Q 10 7 4 ♦ — ♣ J 10 9 4 2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 5px auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="font-size: 8px;">N</span>  <span style="font-size: 8px;">W</span> <span style="font-size: 8px;">E</span>  <span style="font-size: 8px;">S</span> </div>	♠ J 9 6 4 ♥ J 6 3 2 ♦ Q 7 6 4 ♣ 7	♠ A 10 2 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ A K 10 2 ♣ 5 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Schwalb	Grumm	Cooper	Ad.Gogoman
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hupka	D.Tal	An.Gogoman	N.Tal
—	—	Pass	1♣
2NT	Dble	4♦	Dble
All Pass			

In the Open Room Grumm/Gogoman had a strong club sequence up to 4♥. The lead was ♣A and West continued with ♣K then switched to ♥9 to ten, jack and ace. On ♦A and ♦K dummy threw two spades. A diamond was ruffed in dummy then ♠Q was led to West's king. A spade came back and now declarer claimed; +620.

Caroline Hupka overcalled to show the minors over a strong club opening in the other room and Anna Gogoman pushed as hard as she possibly could, bidding 4♦. South was quiet happy but there were only five tricks for the defence and that was -300 and 8 IMPs to Austria.

Austria had taken another step closer to become the first nation to win the Girls Championship by defeating Israel by an overwhelming 25-2 (93-27 IMPs).

### Double Dummy Solution

Declarer wins the ace of clubs and cashes the four top spades, throwing all four heart honours from dummy. Now a diamond to the queen, cash the ace of diamonds, and lead the ♠2 towards the ♥9 3. East can win the ♥10 but then must put declarer in hand to cash the diamond winners.

**Please inform the Hospitality Desk by this 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.



### Teams and Players' Photos

#### Schedule Friday August 6th

- 09.45 Spain Juniors
- France Juniors
- Russia Juniors
- 14.15 Norway Juniors
- England Juniors
- Germany Juniors
- 18.45 Austria Juniors
- Turkey Juniors
- Sweden 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**

## Juniors In New York

Last month saw a series of important events in the Youth Bridge calendar, all taking place in New York, alongside the US Summer Nationals.

94 Players from four different WBF Zones attended the Brideg Camp, a record for an event of this type in North America, though that number has been beaten in Europe. As always, there was plenty of time for other competitive activities as well as social ones alongside the bridge.

## World Junior Individual Championship

The first World Junior Individual Championship attracted an entry far in excess of what had been expected. While a few individuals dropped out midway to take part in the Nationals, there were still 116 going strong at the end.



*Michal Nowosadzki, Poland*

During the last of the four sessions, four players held the lead at different times – Lotan Fisher (Israel), Gabby Feiler (Australia), Vassilis Vroustis (Greece) and Michal Nowosadzki (Poland). At the end it was Michal Nowosadzki of Poland whose strong finish saw him come out on top ahead of Gabby Feiler (Australia) and Meike Wortel (Netherlands). Nowosadzki had won his second gold medal in the space of a few days and was the first winner of the trophy, donated by James Mahaffey.

## World Schools Teams Championship

Six teams representing two zones, North America and Europe, contested the first World Schools Championship. The event was dominated by the three European teams and, in particular, by Poland, who won all their five matches, with only Canada, who held Poland to a mere 19-11 win, preventing the winners from scoring a maximum.



*World Schools Teams Winners - Poland*

The Polish team, Marcin Malesa, Piotr Nawrocki, Michal Nowosadzki, Premyslaw Piotrowoski, Jan Sikora, Filip Niziol, and npc Leszek Nowak, scored 119 VPs out of a possible 125, to win the title from Israel, who scored 94 VPs, and Norway with 77. Canada finished ahead of the two USA teams in a distant fourth place.



## Team Profiles



We have so far received very few 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?