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# SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER WAY



*Some of the Many Beautiful Old Buildings Down by the Riverside*

It is early days in the Schools Championship, with only three rounds played, but it is good to see what has been, up to now, one of the minnows of European bridge, Latvia leading the way, albeit by only a single VP from World Schools champions Poland. England and Israel come next, closely followed by Italy, Norway, Netherlands and Denmark. Nobody, however, can be considered to be out of contention just yet.

We have a tie at the top of the Juniors Rankings, with Poland and Hungary both on 276 VPS, the Poles after scoring 74 VPs on the day to Hungary's 67. Overnight leaders Norway come next on 268, then come Italy with 256, Sweden with 252 and Israel with 251.

Today is another big day of three matches, then tomorrow it is just one morning match before a deserved rest for everyone on the outing. And that rest should set up all the teams ready for the big push for the titles, medals and qualifying places, with three hard days of bridge to take us to the end of the tournament.

# JUNIOR TEAMS



## RESULTS



### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 12

Match		IMPs	VPs
1	TURKEY RUSSIA	52 30	20 10
2	BELGIUM HUNGARY	11 50	7 23
3	AUSTRIA CZECH REP.	53 40	18 12
4	SCOTLAND SWEDEN	27 30	14 16
5	FRANCE GERMANY	60 37	20 10
6	SERBIA & MONT. PORTUGAL	54 32	20 10
7	POLAND SLOVAKIA	121 20	25 0
8	LITHUANIA CROATIA	37 83	6 24
9	FINLAND DENMARK	35 37	15 15
10	ISRAEL ENGLAND	44 43	13 15
11	ROMANIA SPAIN	17 31	12 18
12	ITALY NORWAY	48 21	21 9
13	NETHERLANDS GREECE	48 45	16 14

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13

1	RUSSIA SERBIA & MONT.	93 35	25 4
2	POLAND FRANCE	97 26	25 2
3	LITHUANIA SCOTLAND	24 76	5 25
4	FINLAND AUSTRIA	38 59	11 19
5	ISRAEL BELGIUM	64 35	21 9
6	ROMANIA TURKEY	40 72	8 22
7	ITALY HUNGARY	53 74	11 19
8	NETHERLANDS CZECH REP.	56 24	22 8
9	GREECE SWEDEN	37 89	5 25
10	NORWAY GERMANY	59 40	19 11
11	SPAIN PORTUGAL	16 68	5 25
12	ENGLAND SLOVAKIA	71 20	25 5
13	DENMARK CROATIA	84 30	25 4

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 14

1	ENGLAND RUSSIA	41 47	14 16
2	DENMARK SPAIN	68 53	18 12
3	CROATIA NORWAY	26 68	6 24
4	SLOVAKIA GREECE	28 88	3 25
5	PORTUGAL NETHERLANDS	19 52	8 22
6	GERMANY ITALY	33 53	11 19
7	SWEDEN ROMANIA	58 29	21 9
8	CZECH REP. ISRAEL	36 84	5 25
9	HUNGARY FINLAND	88 28	25 3
10	TURKEY LITHUANIA	79 32	24 6
11	BELGIUM POLAND	29 71	6 24
12	AUSTRIA SERBIA & MONT.	52 41	17 13
13	SCOTLAND FRANCE	16 75	4 25



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 15

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

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 16

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

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 17

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

# SCHOOLS TEAMS



## RESULTS



### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 1

Match		IMPs	VPs
21 ENGLAND	Bye	0 0	18 0
22 DENMARK	LATVIA	53 69	12 18
23 NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	36 49	12 18
24 ITALY	GERMANY	46 52	14 16
25 SWEDEN	FRANCE	41 25	18 12
26 NORWAY	POLAND	31 41	13 17
27 AUSTRIA	CZECH REP.	22 86	3 25
28 SCOTLAND	HUNGARY	52 59	14 16

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 2

21 SCOTLAND	Bye	0 0	18 0
22 HUNGARY	AUSTRIA	51 34	19 11
23 CZECH REP.	NORWAY	25 76	5 25
24 POLAND	SWEDEN	58 34	20 10
25 FRANCE	ITALY	13 113	0 25
26 GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	24 62	7 23
27 ISRAEL	DENMARK	43 67	10 20
28 LATVIA	ENGLAND	55 36	19 11

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 3

21 FRANCE	Bye	0 0	18 0
22 GERMANY	POLAND	36 64	9 21
23 ISRAEL	CZECH REP.	95 24	25 2
24 LATVIA	HUNGARY	53 28	20 10
25 ENGLAND	SCOTLAND	128 9	25 0
26 DENMARK	AUSTRIA	53 41	17 13
27 NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	34 29	16 14
28 ITALY	SWEDEN	40 47	14 16



### VUGRAPH MATCHES

Norway v Denmark (Schools)	10.00
Romania v Austria (Juniors)	14.30
Hungary v Netherlands (Juniors)	19.00



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 4

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

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 5

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

### ROUND ROBIN SESSION 6

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

### 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

### RANKING AFTER SESSION 14

1 HUNGARY	276
POLAND	276
3 NORWAY	268
4 ITALY	256.5
5 SWEDEN	252
6 ISRAEL	251.5
7 NETHERLANDS	247
8 FRANCE	240
9 ENGLAND	239.5
10 AUSTRIA	236
11 RUSSIA	235.5
12 ROMANIA	225
13 TURKEY	221.5
14 BELGIUM	218
15 CROATIA	209
16 DENMARK	206.5
17 GERMANY	184
18 CZECH REP.	178
FINLAND	178
20 PORTUGAL	174
21 GREECE	157
22 SCOTLAND	156
23 SERBIA & MONT.	145.5
24 SPAIN	137
25 LITHUANIA	99
26 SLOVAKIA	82

## SCHOOLS TEAMS

### RANKING AFTER SESSION 3

1 POLAND	58
2 LATVIA	57
3 ENGLAND	54
ISRAEL	54
5 ITALY	53
6 NORWAY	52
7 NETHERLANDS	51
8 DENMARK	48
9 HUNGARY	45
10 SWEDEN	44
11 CZECH REP.	32
GERMANY	32
SCOTLAND	32
14 FRANCE	30
15 AUSTRIA	27

## Team Presentation

### The Team BYE

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

My Federation, instead of appointing a non-playing captain, selected a non-playing team, so I have been given the role here of being n.p.c. of the Team BYE, who I wish to introduce to you.

So far we have been the most consistent team in the Championship. We have suffered no major defeats, but seem to lose every match 12-18. That is surprising because we have one excellent pair. This consists of our finest player, Best Buy, and his partner, who, due to his age, is now playing in his last Junior Championship, Goodbye.

Of our middle pair, one is an expert on regulations and all legal matters, so we call him Byelaw. The other, who likes making friends with both sexes, we simply call Bi.

The least experienced pair in the team, who I have not played much, because they don't really bid enough, are Pass By and Layby.

I now sign off, saying,

Bye Bye



## Double Dummy Problem

### The Pot Boiler

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

Contract: 7♥

Lead: ♣K

The solution of the problem is on page 13.



# JUNIOR TEAMS ROUND 8



**NORWAY**

**VS**

**SPAIN**



With a completely new team here at the Juniors, compared to two years ago, I'm sure many of you are a bit surprised over Norway's success so far. In Round 8 they met Spain and fought well to remain in the lead after eight rounds.

Norway took some early partscore swings and were leading by 11-3 after five boards. Then came:

Pedro Concalves led the king of diamonds and Eide didn't see any reason not to grab the ace from dummy. Declarer ruffed a club, cashed two top hearts and started to crossruff, but there were only eight tricks to take. That was another 200 and 9 IMPs to the Norwegians.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

*Open Room*

West	North	East	South
Manes	Kippe	G.Merino	Ringseth
—	—	1♥	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

*Closed Room*

West	North	East	South
P.Eide	S.Torres	Livgard	Goncalves
—	—	1♥	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

This is a kind of board on which no one should play the contract, since it's easy to reach too high a level. In the Open Room Jorn Ringseth showed his minors and was left to play in 3♣. Neftali Manes saw from his own hand that diamonds were split nicely and avoided to double 3♣ in case the Norwegians would run to diamonds. 3♦ has some chances but would likely go down. Against 3♣, West led his singleton heart and when it was over declarer was left with only five tricks; -200.

Petter Eide played 3♠ as East in the other room.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

*Open Room*

West	North	East	South
Manes	Kippe	G.Merino	Ringseth
2♠	3♠	Dble	4♥
Pass	5♦	Dble	5♥
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

*Closed Room*

West	North	East	South
P.Eide	S.Torres	Livgard	Goncalves
2♦	Dble	Rble	6♥(!)
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

After a weak two opening in spades, Hakon Kippe's 3♠ asked for a stopper in spades. When he later was asked what he would do if his partner had bid 3NT, he simply answered "Pass, what else?". Well... an answer like that can make you speechless. And what about hearts, Mr Kippe, what about HEARTS? Oh dear, that suit was well controlled by his partner. What a fantastic partnership! Gonzalo Goded Merino was in the mood for doubling and when the Norwegians found out that he doubled whatever they bid they finally passed. West led ♠J to the ace and back came a spade. West won the ten but switched to a club instead of cashing one more spade trick and giving partner a ruff; only -100.

In the Closed Room Petter Eide opened 2♦, showing 0-7 HCPs and normally six cards in a major. Sunol Torres doubled for take-out. When the tray came back 6♥ was not at all what he wanted to see. Allan Livgard doubled on power, the defence took their five tricks, and that was -800 and 12 IMPs to Norway.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

There was no swing on Board 18 in this match; +430 at both tables in 3NT. Here's the auction in the Open Room from the match between England and Greece.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Happer	Vroustis	Green	P.Karamanlis
-	-	1♦	1♥
2♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass

Ben Green hoped for good trumps and a helpful distribution from his partner so bid the small slam. Wasted HCPs in the club suit wasn't what he had in mind. Green received a heart lead and won the queen. Next came a small club and North erred, playing the queen. The declarer could ruff and draw two rounds of trumps then continue with a club from dummy. When North plays low declarer can pitch a spade and the slam is 100% secure as the cards lie, since South will be endplayed and either have to play a spade up to the tenace or a club for a ruff and discard. In practice, Green pitched a heart and suddenly there was still some work to do. He solved it anyway by playing a spade to the nine and later on dropping ♠K under the ace.

In the Closed Room the Greeks played in 3NT just made. This board was helpful for England as they defeated the Greeks by 24-6.

Now back to our main match.

The Spaniards only had one major swing and that was:

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manes	Kippe	G.Merin	Ringseth
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
Dble	4♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P.Eide	S.Torres	Livgard	Goncalves
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	2♣	3♥	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Manes didn't believe in 3NT and doubled. Now Kippe moved to 4♣ and was left to play there. West led ♥A and declarer had 12 tricks; but only +170 for North/South.

Sunol-Torres/Goncalves bid and made the small slam. 4♦ and 4♥ were cuebids and 4NT RKCB. Due to this information, 5♠ would show two aces out of five plus ♣Q or extra length in trumps.

Eide led ♦J and declarer chalked up 12 tricks. As you can see, a spade lead is to be preferred. The line of play is to win the ace, take ♣A, cash three top diamonds (pitching a spade), ruff a diamond, ruff a heart, then a diamond pitching the losing spade.

Norway was the better team and took a deserved victory, scoring 68-22 IMPs, converted to 24-6 VPs.

# The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

By Kees Tammens

Maybe you know the movie called 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly'. Kibitzing a Junior Championship always reminds me of that beautiful film. Juniors seem to play with their gun loose in the holster. They shoot at every opportunity. This creates plays that can be categorized in the three categories in the title of the movie. I would like to suggest that we make up a series of articles in which hands, boards, bids and plays can be nominated. The bulletin editor will be the judge and finally will give away the awards. The first three entries:

## The GOOD

The pair that reached 6♣ on a hand where the rest of the field went down in 3NT.

(please tell the bulletin editor your names)

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

Even the vugraph commentators thought that 6♣ was impossible on a trump lead and that even 5♣ was difficult. The screen showed that a trump was led at the only table that reached slam and still produced 1370.

Sometimes bridge is an easy game. A club for the nine, spade to the ace and a spade ruff, heart to the ace and a second spade ruff. Now a heart to the queen and a third ruff with ♣J. Now a diamond and North/South can not prevent declarer ruffing the second diamond, draw trumps and enjoying the thirteenth spade as his twelfth trick. What's the problem?

## The BAD

N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1♦
1♥	2♦	2♠	3♠
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

West led ♠7 for queen and ace. Three rounds of diamonds were followed by a small heart for jack and queen. West played a second spade, ruffed by South, who went to dummy with ♥10 to play ♣6, East ♣3, South ♣K and West ♣A. A club came back for two down. But what was worse, ♣3 or ♣K instead of ♣8? (Of course the writer of this article risks getting hurt by angry juniors.)

## The UGLY

As the trainer of Dutch juniors I was completely devastated by one very ugly board.

N/S Vul. Dealer West.

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

With the Netherlands East/West:

West	North	East	South
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	5♦	Dble	5♥
Dble	6♣	Dble	All Pass

The lead was ♠A followed by a small diamond, ruffed with ♣7 and over-ruffed with ♣Q for one down. It turned out that I was not the only one who was hit by a bullet, as there was also Schelte Wijma,

the npc, who was sure to get a big result on this board.

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

South took his gun and shot at 3♠, a contract that could not be beaten. Maybe the only fortunate thing was that this story could receive the 'Ugly' award.

## Interview With The Norwegian Captain

Norway may be a small country but not in the world of bridge, four times winner of the Junior Championship as they are. With a completely new team here at the Juniors, I'm sure many of you are a bit surprised at Norway's success so far. None of the players were in the team representing their country two years ago in Torquay. Now the Norwegians are in the lead and seem to remain there in sight of a medal here in Prague.

What did the Norwegian captain, Sven-Olai Hoyland, have in mind when he arrived here?

"I will not complain if we have a medal to take back home, but if we continue playing as good bridge as we have produced so far we can be close to gold. Our early goal was to qualify for the World Championships in Australia, but with a start like this we all want something more."

Hoyland is satisfied with his team at this stage:

"We are in leading position and have a perfect harmony and team-spirit. We have proved to be difficult to beat since we already have met strong teams as, for instance, France, Poland and England. One should remember that our team is inexperienced, so I don't expect it to be easy to achieve our goal."

The brothers Erik and Petter Eide are a chip off the old block since their father Lars was in the winning team for Norway in the Juniors back in 1980.

If the gold medals are slipping out of your hands at the end, which team will be at the top?

"Poland. They always perform very well and in my eyes they are small favourites to win this year. Besides Norway there are of course plenty of other capable teams that, if everything works out well for them, can be a medallist."

We asked Hoyland to point out some keys to their success.

"Well, first I have good help from my coach Olav Ellestad. There are always things to take care of, both practical and bridge matters. Generally speaking, we

have a team with good card players, but as their coach I sometimes believe they are too aggressive in the auction. But don't write that down, in case they will become yellow."

What about last year's finalist in the Junior World Championship, Denmark, and your neighbour Sweden, another nation with great bridge traditions?

"I'm a bit surprised that Sweden and Denmark are moving backwards. They will surely make some progress – but not at Norway's expense I hope..."



Sven - Olai Hoyland, Norway

### 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?



# GIRLS TEAMS

# ROUND 10



**SWEDEN**

**VS**

**POLAND**



The penultimate round of the Girls series saw a crucial match between Sweden, lying third and fighting for a medal, and Poland, lying second and also fighting for a medal but still hoping that it might be gold if the leaders, Austria should falter on the run in.

– indeed, a double would surely have seen Krawczyk respond 5♠. Look at how well the North/South hands fit together. A couple of black finesses saw Ryman home for +400 and a huge 14 IMP swing to Sweden.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

		♠ J 2									
		♥ J 2									
		♦ K 7 3 2									
		♣ K J 8 5 2									
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*Closed Room*

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

*Closed Room*

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

*Open Room*

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
–	–	–	2♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

*Open Room*

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
Pass	Pass	1♥	Dble
2♥	3♣	All Pass	

System decided the first major swing of the match. Katarzyn Zegilewicz had to open the South hand with 1♦, playing Polish Club, and Sandra Rimstedt's 1♠ overcall shut Marta Maj out of the auction, leaving Sandra and sister Cecilia to bid freely to the heart game. Diamond ruffs would defeat 4♥, but why should South find that line of defence? Zegilewicz actually cashed the ♣A then switched to a trump and Cecilia had no difficulty in coming to ten tricks for +620.

Jenny Ryman could open 2♣, opening values with either six clubs or, as here, five clubs and four diamonds. That shut Joanna Krawczyk out and Emma Sjoberg's pre-emptive raise to 5♣ shut out Ewa Grabowska, who did not want to bid 5♥ on such a blanced hand nor double with only two low spades

Where Cecilia passed the East hand in third seat, Zegilewicz/Maj bid to 3NT in two bids. Getting there is one thing, however, making it is another matter. Sandra led a spade and Zegilewicz ducked the queen and the spade return. The spades were cleared and, though West had no entry to cash them, declarer needed club tricks to make her contract and had to lose two of those plus the ace of hearts; down one for –100.

Grabowska opened in third seat and that led to a competitive partscore auction. Three Clubs was no problem for Sjoberg, who made an overtrick when the defence failed to lead spades before the hearts could be established for a spade pitch from declarer's hand; +130 and 6 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 5. N/S Vul. Dealer North.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
—	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

What a difference a point can make. The Rimstedts play a 14-16 no trump while Krawczyk/Grabowska's 1NT opening starts at 15 and can be up to a poor 18. After the same start to the two auctions, Sandra gave up at 3NT while Krawczyk went on with a clear slam try of 4♦. When she caught a heart cuebid, she took control and was soon in the small slam.

With the ♦Q appearing on the first round and



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

West's club loser going away on the ♥K, 6♦ proved to be no problem for Krawczyk who chalked up +920. 3NT was no problem either after a club lead and Cecilia scored 11 tricks, but that was only worth +460 so 10 IMPs to Poland.

Board 6. E/W Vul. Dealer East.

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



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
—	—	Pass	2♦
2♠	3♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
—	—	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Ryman's natural weak two bid saw her side have a free run to the heart game when she showed a maximum at her second turn. Perhaps Krawczyk might have found a 2♠ overcall but she decided to wait because of her heart holding. Perhaps, having done so, she might have doubled 4♥, which is surely not making overtricks when there is no slam try and rates to be going down most of the time, perhaps quite badly. Well, Ryman lost three trump tricks, a spade and a diamond ruff, so was down two for -100. That proved to be very cheap because in the other room....

Zegilewicz opened with a multi and Sandra did overcall. Maj competed with 3♥ and Cecilia jumped to 4♠, which Maj doubled on power. She found that her power was not nearly sufficient to defeat 4♠. Maj cashed a top club then switched to a trump. Sandra finessed the jack, ruffed a diamond and played a spade to the king and ace. Now she took the heart finesse, cashed the ♥A and played to ruff two hearts in dummy; +790 and 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 8. None Vul. Dealer West.

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

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

System decided North's opening bid but the two auctions were essentially identical. After Maj's 1♣ opening, Cecilia led a diamond to the nine, king and ace. Maj was assured of her contract after that start. Maj led a heart to the queen and ace and a later defensive slip gave her an overtrick for +430.

After the Precision-style 1♦ opening, Grabowska led the jack of hearts against Sjoberg. That ran to the king and declarer cashed some clubs then looked around for her extra tricks. She could not prevent East from gaining the lead eventually to lead another heart through and there was no ninth trick; one down for -50 and 10 IMPs to Poland.



Joanna Krawczyk, Poland

Board 11. None Vul. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
-	-	-	1♥
Dble	2♥	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Dble	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
-	-	-	1♥
Dble	1♠	2♦	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

Sandra made a normal take-out double of 1♥ and now, when North/South bid up to 3♥ under their own steam, Cecilia could double because of her heart stack. Sandra found the best attack of ace and another diamond. Cecilia won the second diamond and switched to her club and declarer won in hand and led her spade, Sandra taking the ace and returning a club for Cecilia to ruff. There was nothing Zegilewicz could do to prevent Cecilia from coming to two more trump tricks so the contract was two down for -300.

At the other table Sjoberg preferred to show her spades before admitting to heart tolerance. Grabowska did the normal thing when she now competed in diamonds, but she failed to double 3♥ and now Krawczyk competed to 4♦, partly on the strength of her heart void. Ryman greedily doubled 4♣ because of her two ace-kings and partner's having bid the other side-suit. Only one of the four tricks was standing up, of course, but 4♦ still proved to be too much for Grabowska. Ryman cashed a top club then switched to a trump. Grabowska won the ace and ruffed a club, then a heart, and so on. She had eight trump tricks and the ace of spades, but there was no tenth trick so she was one down for -100 and that was 9 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 17. None Vul. Dealer North.

♠ J 7 4 ♥ 10 6 5 3 ♦ 9 2 ♣ A J 6 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N            W     E            S         </div>	♠ A 9 6 3 ♥ Q 2 ♦ A Q 10 6 5 ♣ 9 3
♠ K Q 5 2 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K 7 3 ♣ K 10 2		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
–	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	1♥	1♠	Dble
2♦	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
–	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	1♥	All Pass	

Over North's 1♥, Grabowska went quietly with the East cards, having just a minimum opening. Ryman had reason to go on and Krawczyk too judged to go quietly, having no clear action available to her with the balanced 6-count. One Heart made a lot of tricks, ten in fact, so that was +170 for Sweden.

In the other room, Cecilia introduced her spades in the hope that she would be able to effectively compete the partscore when holding the highest-ranking suit. Zegilewicz took the opportunity to double again to show a little extra, and that was enough to convince Maj to drive to game, first cuebidding then raising herself to 4♥ on finding heart support. No doubt she imagined that the second double would deliver somewhat more than a 4-3-3-3 15-count (not unreasonably).

The nine of clubs was led to the ten, jack and queen, and Maj led a heart to the ace then a heart back to the jack and queen. She had to lose three aces from here after Cecilia cashed the ♠A at the next trick, and that was one down for –50 and 6 IMPs to Sweden.

The Swedes won the match by 58-32 IMPs, 21-9 VPs, and had moved into second place ahead of Poland. This result virtually assured Austria of the gold medal, and made Sweden hot favourites for the silver with one match to play.

## New European Competition

On Thursday evening the EBL Youth Committee presented a proposal for establishing a new competition for young players in Europe. The aim of the new event is to help in the promotion of bridge among young people by giving the possibility to an unlimited number of Juniors to participate in a European Championship, and by providing substantial motivation to young players to do so.

The proposed competition is conceptually different to any existing one; instead of asking the players to come to a venue somewhere in Europe, the tournament is rather brought to the players. It is expected that the impact of a massive participation on the image of bridge, especially among young people, will be tremendous, and it will provide gratifying motivation to ordinary young players who don't belong to the top echelon.

The new competition is to be open to teams of Junior players with geographic proximity, of all categories and levels. It will be run every winter season, from October to May, as a triple knockout competition on three levels. Undefeated teams will play in the Bowl, once defeated teams in the Cup, and twice defeated teams are playing for the Plate. Each match will be played in a location convenient to the two competing teams and the result must be reported to the Championship secretariat within a specific time. If both teams agree the match can be played on the Internet. This will be the case for all rounds, until the top eight teams have been determined for each level. The three finals will be played as a round robin in one location over an extended weekend.

The winners of each level will be European Champions and receive a trophy. The top teams of each level will also be subsidized to represent Europe in the world youth event of the year outside Europe. Financially the tournament depends on either the NBOs or a sponsor (or a mix).

The idea at this stage is rough and there are several issues to be taken care of, but the main purpose of Thursday's meeting was to get some feedback. As always, when you are presented with a new idea it's hard not to get caught up in details and the audience fell into that trap as well by discussing rather small issues instead of the idea itself. Mr Panos Gerontopoulos, Chairman of the Youth Committee, and the President of the European Bridge League, Mr Gianarrigo Rona, therefore pointed out that the first question to answer is whether the idea is good or bad. Anyway, there were some useful tips given to the committee.

The Youth Committee wishes to benefit from the reactions of all concerned. The NBOs now have until



January to give feedback.

Since the space in the bulletin is limited the prospect has been printed out. You can receive a copy at the hospitality desk or from anyone on the Youth Committee. If you have questions of any kind – or even better – ideas that help this project to progress, please don't hesitate to step forward to any of the committee members.

Should the new event be received positively, the first competition will be planned to start in October 2005.

## Another Vilamoura hand

By Herman De Wael

When the European (senior) Championships were held in Vilamoura, Portugal, in 1995, I noticed that the coat of arms of that city had six hearts on either side of the shield. I decided to call any 6-6 fit a Vilamoura hand, but such things are rather rare. There were two of them in the recent Championships in Malmö, but neither of them featured the heart suit. Here we can present the first ever genuine Vilamoura hand:

Board 17. None Vul. Dealer North.

♠ A J 10 5 4 ♥ – ♦ A J 4 ♣ A J 7 5 4	♠ 3 ♥ K 9 8 6 4 3 ♦ 10 8 7 6 ♣ K Q <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 80px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>N</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>W</span> <span>E</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; width: 100%;"> <span>S</span> </div> </div> ♠ K Q 9 ♥ A Q 10 7 5 2 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ 10	♠ 8 7 6 2 ♥ J ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ 9 8 6 3 2	
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Vilamoura hands are notoriously tricky when the weaker hand is first to bid and tries a Multi. Quite often the partner does not expect the fit. The Czech Juniors managed to avoid that particular trap and received a Christmas bonus:

West	North	East	Sout
–	Martynek		Jelinek
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Dble	3♦	Pass	3♥
	All Pass		

Petr Jelinek was as surprised as anyone to hear the response of 3♦, which showed a 'good' weak two in hearts. He decided to make a waiting bid of 3♥, which was still forcing. West doubled this for take-out but his

partner could not believe that it was not for penalties. Many pairs ended up in 4♥ or 5♥ doubled, but none could beat the +730 that 11 tricks produced at the Czech table.

## Sunday's Outing

Those who are going on Sunday's outing should have lunch normally. The programme is then:

14.00	Meet at the same place we have lunch for transfer to the boat
15.00 - 17.00	Boat trip with snack and music
17.15 - 19.00	Prague castle visit
19.15	Dinner in usual dining room

## Double Dummy Solution

Declarer must win the ace of clubs, throwing a diamond from dummy, cross to the ace of hearts and ruff a spade. A second heart to dummy is followed by a second spade ruff. Now declarer leads a trump to dummy and cashes all the remaining trumps plus the ace of spades.

The key play is that on the fourth trump and ♠A declarer throws the ace and king of diamonds from hand, leaving him able to cash all of dummy's diamonds.

## Teams and Players' Photos

### Schedule Saturday August 7th

- 09.40 Spain Juniors
- France Juniors
- Russia Juniors
- 14.10 England Juniors
- Denmark Juniors
- Finland Juniors
- 18.40 Hungary Juniors
- Italy Juniors
- Israel 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**

## Organised crime in England

It is often said that junior bridge players ought to be sent to jail for the crimes committed at the table. However, in England, we have turned that proposition on its head. We have found the way to create a winning team of under 25s and at the same time to reduce the surplus prison population by releasing inmates from our juvenile delinquent detention centres. And a fine bunch of felons they have turned out to be. Let me introduce them to you – you will appreciate that I must use their prison aliases – real names are never revealed in the murky depths of the bridge underworld!

First, there is **Chimney Baler** – so named because of his liking for chimneys and because he looks like a chimney. This fellow is head and shoulders above the rest of the team (he is 6' 4" tall) and so thin that he lives inside a chimney in a bridge club. He read Maths with Geography at Uni (useful for counting points and finding championship venues) and once made a 2♦ contract on a triple squeeze. He is a careful player with an encyclopaedic knowledge of rare card combinations. An example from yesterday when the ♠9 was led against his 3♣ contract. He held 1087 in dummy and the singleton 3 in hand. Knowing the correct percentage, he covered with the 10 which held the trick. Quelle classe!

Next, his partner from Manchester is the suave and sophisticated **Marx Le Soir**. Marx is a psychology undergraduate by day but at night he becomes the rave dancer of the Mancunian club scene. Only 18, he already has an impressive criminal record and frequently commits murder (there was that 6♠ contract, and the 3NT from yesterday not to mention the 3♣ doubled...).

Now we meet **E.N.Bergen** who invented the famous E.N.Bergen raises (not to be confused with the other Bergen raises). This convention states that when partner supports your overcall you should raise to game if you have 12-14 cards. As a student of Graphic Design he is the team's forger and is working on producing a legible convention card but as yet has not succeeded.

E.N.Bergen's partner is known as **Panda Puncher** because of his liking for cuddly toys. In fact, he is rather like a cuddly toy himself. England would have had a girls team had it not been for the string of broken hearts he left behind him. He is an honours graduate in maths and on his way to becoming a doctor or professor or prime minister or something. However, for the moment he is a perishable and non-perishable food stuff labelling and locations supervisor. I suppose you could call him a stock stacker and sticker.

What about Davy Welder, the team's bon viveur, gourmet, wine connoisseur and cultural ambassador. Dave has several convictions for armed robbery and demanding money with menaces. In Round 3 he held the following hand:

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

His partner opened 4♠ non vul. Davy now held a gun to his vulnerable RHO's head and demanded that he overcall 5♦. Demonstrating his fine competitive judgment he found a daring double and is still counting the takings.

Last but not least is the **Coke Down Coward**. A financial wizard from Lancashire, he got his nickname from his favourite tippie of malt whisky and coke which he drinks without the coke. He is the team's confidence trickster with an enigmatic smile and a far away expression. He has the uncanny knack of making his opponents believe he is up to something when in reality he is a down the middle sort of chap. Here is an example from Round 9:

♠ 5  
♥ Q 5  
♦ K Q 10 9 8 6  
♣ A 9 8 6

He overcalled 1♥ with 2♦ and when the bidding continued: Dble – Pass – 2♥, and he bid 3♣. A quick suspicious glance from LHO but Coke Down was inscrutable. When this was doubled he took out to 3♦, passed round to opener who probably now regrets his next decision. He bid 3♠ which was doubled. "Can't fool me", said LHO rescuing into 4♣. This was not a success and they subsided uncomfortably in 4♠ doubled.

These rogues have been partners in crime for about 18 months and know no fear. They recently played an exhibition match against the English Open, Women's and Seniors team. Instead of dutifully accepting their rightful last place, they won easily and asked the selectors if they could replace one of the teams at Malmo. The English selectors said they could all play in the Seniors in the European Championships in 2054. More recently they played in England's premier weekend team of four tournament, the Schapiro Spring Foursomes. Their 4th round opponents conceded 92 down after 32 boards after being tricked, bashed, robbed and violently assaulted. Who was the unfortunate team, I hear you ask? Why, none other than a certain Zia Mahmood...

The prison governor is **Sir Don Chix** assisted by **Mr E.E.Duvall** the chief warden. Their advice is that this team should not be approached unless at least three armed TDs are present. The best tactic against them is to pass throughout and to concede every contract at trick one.