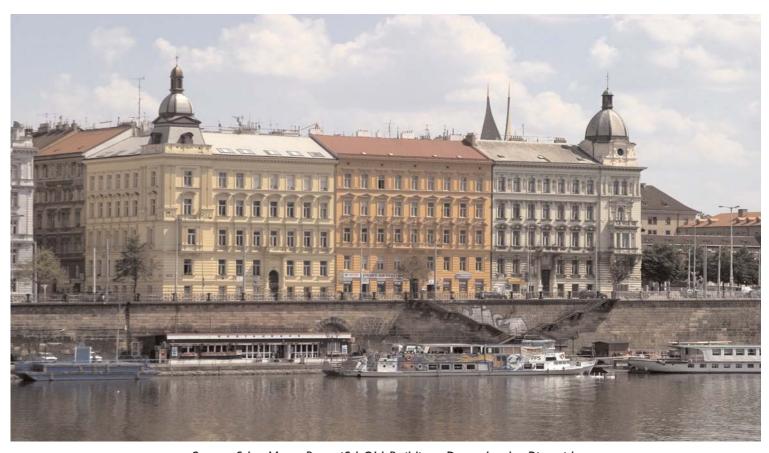


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SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER WAY



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		I	MPs	\	/Ps
	- 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
	П	ROMANIA	SPAIN	17	31	12	18
	12	ITALY	NORWAY	48	21	21	9
L	13	NETHERLANDS	GREECE	48	45	16	14

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 13

Π	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	Ш	19
5	ISRAEL	BELGIUM	64	35	21	9
6	ROMANIA	TURKEY	40	72	8	22
7	ITALY	HUNGARY	53	74	П	19
8	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REP.	56	24	22	8
9	GREECE	SWEDEN	37	89	5	25
10	NORWAY	GERMANY	59	40	19	П
П	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	16	68	5	25
12	ENGLAND	SLOVAKIA	71	20	25	5
13	DENMARK	CROATIA	84	30	25	4

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 14

Ι	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
П	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

I	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
П	GREECE	CROATIA
12	NORWAY	DENMARK
13	SPAIN	ENGLAND

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 16

	POLAND	RUSSIA
2	LITHUANIA FINLAND	SERBIA & MONT. FRANCE
4	ISRAEL	SCOTLAND
5	ROMANIA	AUSTRIA
6	ITALY	BELGIUM
7	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY
8	GREECE	HUNGARY
9	NORWAY	CZECH REP.
10	SPAIN	SWEDEN
П	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
П	SCOTLAND	FINLAND
12	FRANCE	LITHUANIA
13	SERBIA & MONT.	POLAND

SCHOOLS TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION I

Match		11	1Ps	٧	'Ps
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	П
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	П

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	Вуе
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

	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
П	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

	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
Π	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 ♡ A K Q |



♠ 9 5 4 3 2 ♡ —

♠ – ♡ 109876 ◇ A K

♣ A 9 8 7 6 5

Contract: 7♡ Lead: ♣K

The solution of the problem is on page 13.

SPAIN

JUNIOR TEAMS

ROUND 8



NORWAY

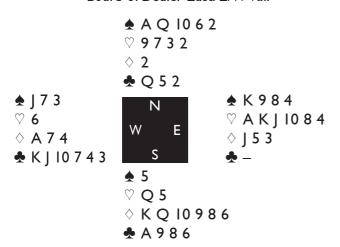
VS



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 II-3 after five boards. Then came:

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manes	Кірре	G.Merin	Ringseth
_	_	$I \heartsuit$	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

Closed Room

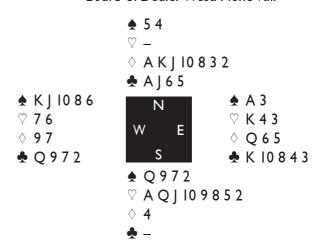
West	North	East	South
P.Eide	S.Torres	Livgard	Goncalves
_	_	10	2♦
Dble	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

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 showned 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.

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 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

South
erino Ringseth
4♡
5♡
All Pass

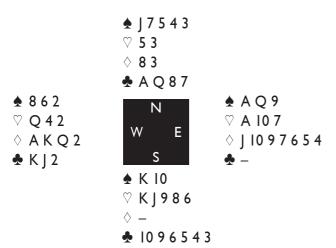
Closed Room

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.



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
	_	I ♦	I 🕾
2♡	Pass	4♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
5◊	Pass	6◊	All Pass

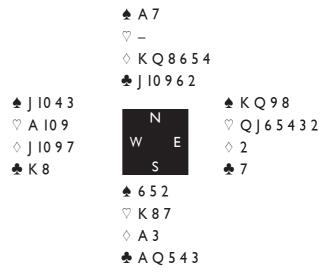
Ben Green hoped for good trumps and a helpful distribution from his partner so bid the small slam. Wasted HCPs in the club suit wasn't what he had in mind. Green received a heart lead and won the queen. Next came a small club and North erred, playing the queen. The declarer could ruff and draw two rounds 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 \P 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.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Manes	Кірре	G.Merin	Ringseth
_	_	_	♣
Pass	l 🏚	2♡	Pass
Pass	3♡	Pass	3NT
Dble	4♣	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P.Eide	S.Torres	Livgard	Goncalves
_	_	_	♣
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 $4\frac{4}{2}$ and was left to play there. West led $\heartsuit A$ and declarer had 12 tricks; but only +170 for North/South.

Sunol-Torres/Goncalves bid and made the small slam. $4\lozenge$ and $4\heartsuit$ were cuebids and 4NT RKCB. Due to this information, $5\spadesuit$ would show two aces out of five plus $\clubsuit Q$ or extra length in trumps.

Eide led \lozenge 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 \clubsuit 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

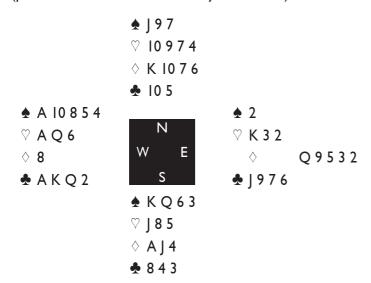
By Kees Tammens

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.

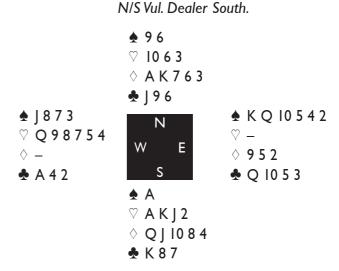
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Even the vugraph commentators thought that 6♣ was impossible on a trump lead and that even 5♣ was difficult. The screen showed that a trump was led at the only table that reached slam and still produced 1370.

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



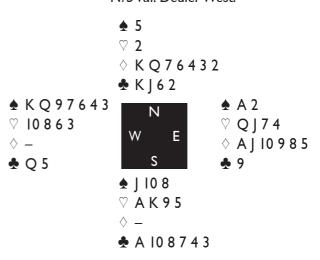
West	North	East	South
_	_	_	[♦
$I \heartsuit$	2♦	2♠	3♠
4♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dhla	All Pass		

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.



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 $\triangle A$ followed by a small diamond, ruffed with $\triangle 7$ and over-ruffed with $\triangle Q$ 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

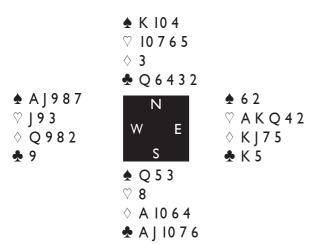
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POLAND



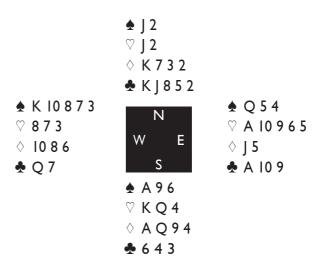
The penultimate round of the Girls series saw a crucial match between Sweden, lying third and fighting for a medal, and Poland, lying second and also fighting for a medal but still hoping that it might be gold if the leaders, Austria should falter on the run in.

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.



 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 I4 IMP swing to Sweden.

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
_	_	_	10
l ♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♡	Pass	4 ♡	All Pass
Open Room			
West	North	East	South

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
_	_	_	2♣
Pass	5♣	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
V	C:- b	Cuahamalaa	D

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Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
Pass	Pass	I	Dble
2♡	3♣	All Pass	

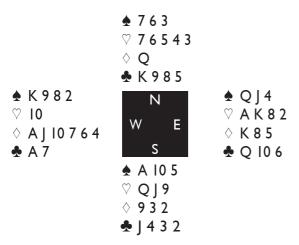
System decided the first major swing of the match. Katarzyn Zegilewicz had to open the South hand with I♦, playing Polish Club, and Sandra Rimstedt's I♠ overcall shut Marta Maj out of the auction, leaving Sandra and sister Cecilia to bid freely to the heart game. Diamond ruffs would defeat 4♥, but why 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 $2\clubsuit$, 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 $5\clubsuit$ shut out Ewa Grabowska, who did not want to bid $5\heartsuit$ 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.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
_	Pass	INT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
	Pass	INT	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 INT 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 40. When she caught a heart cuebid, she took control and was soon in the small slam.

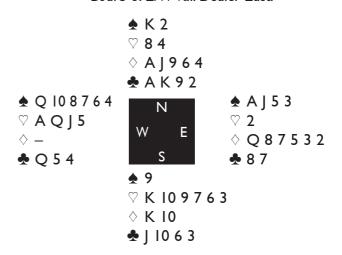
With the $\Diamond Q$ appearing on the first round and



Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

West's club loser going away on the \heartsuit K, 6 \diamondsuit 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.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimsted	t 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 2Φ overcall but she decided to wait because of her heart holding. Perhaps, having done so, she might have doubled $4\heartsuit$, 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.



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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimsted	Zegilewicz
Pass	♣	Pass	♠
Pass All Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
Pass	ΙÓ	Pass	Í ♠
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

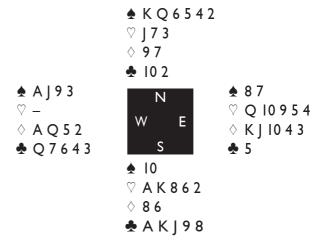
System decided North's opening bid but the two auctions were essentially identical. After Maj's I♣ opening, Cecilia led a diamond to the nine, king and ace. Maj was assured of her contract after that start. Maj led a heart to the queen and ace and a later defensive slip gave her an overtrick for +430.

After the Precision-style I ○ 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 I0 IMPs to Poland.



Joanna Krawczyk, Poland

Board 11. None Vul. Dealer South.



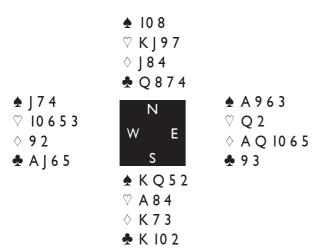
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West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
_	_	_	ΙΫ́
Dble	2♡	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♡	Dble	All Pass
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
	_	_	Ϊ́Υ
Dble	♠	2♦	3♣
Pass	3♡	Pass	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

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 falied 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.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
S Rimstedt	Maj	C Rimstedt	Zegilewicz
_	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	Ι♡	I♠	Dble
2♦	3♦	Pass	3♡
Pass	4♡	All Pass	
Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Krawczyk	Sjoberg	Grabowska	Ryman
	Pass	1♦	Dble
Pass	Ι♡	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 determinded 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 severel 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 cought 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 Leauge, 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.

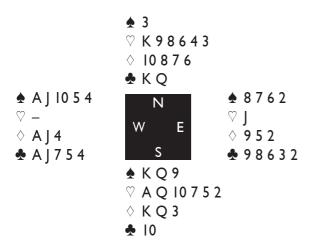
Should the new event be received positively, the first competition will be planned to start in October 2005.

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.



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
_	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♡
Dble	All Pass		

Petr Jelinek was as surprised as anyone to hear the response of $3\lozenge$, which showed a 'good' weak two in hearts. He decided to make a waiting bid of $3\heartsuit$, 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
	Boat trip with snack and music Prague castle visit Dinner in usual dining room

Double Dummy Solution

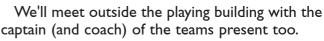
Declarer must win the ace of clubs, throwing a diamond from dummy, cross to the ace of hearts and ruff a spade. A second heart to dummy is followed by a second spade ruff. Now declarer leads a trump to dummy and cashes all the remaining trumps plus the ace of spades.

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





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 64 contract, and the 3NT from yesterday not to mention the 34 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 I 0 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 tipple 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^{\bullet} . 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^{\bullet} which was doubled. "Can't fool me", said LHO rescuing into 4^{\bullet} . This was not a success and they subsided uncomfortably in 4^{\bullet} 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 warder. 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.