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POLAND AND HUNGARY MARCH ON



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In the Juniors, the two leaders, Poland and Hungary both won yesterday's match to extend their lead at the top of the rankings. Poland are just 3 VPs ahead of Hungary, but then there is a massive gap of 30.5 VPs to third-placed Israel. Next in line come Norway, France, Netherlands and Italy.

Israel reduced the gap to leaders Poland in the Schools Championship from 20 to 14 VPs, thanks to a good win yesterday. Norway and Netherlands tie for third, 10 VPs behind Israel. Then come Latvia, Italy and Denmark.

WARNING

There are a lot of pickpockets in the city centre, so please be careful.

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Please let the Hospitality Desk know your Departure Details so that we can plan your transfers to the airport.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Please inform the Hospitality Desk how many members of your teams will participate at the Closing Ceremony and Victory Banquet.
Thank you.

JUNIOR TEAMS



RESULTS



TODAY'S PROGRAM

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 18

Match		IMPs	VPs
1 ROMANIA	RUSSIA	28 69	7 23
2 ITALY	ISRAEL	47 23	20 10
3 NETHERLANDS	FINLAND	101 10	25 0
4 GREECE	LITHUANIA	66 18	25 5
5 NORWAY	POLAND	48 72	10 20
6 SPAIN	SERBIA & MONT.	68 51	19 11
7 ENGLAND	FRANCE	27 44	11 19
8 DENMARK	SCOTLAND	100 46	25 4
9 CROATIA	AUSTRIA	63 63	15 15
10 SLOVAKIA	BELGIUM	19 88	2 25
11 PORTUGAL	TURKEY	41 63	10 20
12 GERMANY	HUNGARY	52 65	12 18
13 SWEDEN	CZECH REP.	47 45	15 15

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 19

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

RANKING AFTER SESSION 18

1 POLAND	364
2 HUNGARY	361
3 ISRAEL	330.5
4 NORWAY	330
5 FRANCE	326
NETHERLANDS	326
7 ITALY	319.5
8 ENGLAND	313.5
9 RUSSIA	309.5
10 BELGIUM	304
11 SWEDEN	302
12 AUSTRIA	286
13 DENMARK	280.5
14 CROATIA	272
15 TURKEY	268.5
16 GERMANY	257
ROMANIA	257
18 CZECH REP.	251
19 FINLAND	222
20 PORTUGAL	220
21 GREECE	210
22 SCOTLAND	191
23 SERBIA & MONT.	177.5
24 SPAIN	173
25 LITHUANIA	127
26 SLOVAKIA	99

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 20

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

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 21

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

SCHOOLS TEAMS



RESULTS



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 7

Match		IMPs	VPs
21 LATVIA	Bye	0 0	18 0
22 ENGLAND	ISRAEL	19 49	9 21
23 DENMARK	GERMANY	94 24	25 2
24 NETHERLANDS	FRANCE	43 37	16 14
25 ITALY	POLAND	41 41	15 15
26 SWEDEN	CZECH REP.	63 56	16 14
27 NORWAY	HUNGARY	85 44	23 7
28 AUSTRIA	SCOTLAND	31 80	5 25

RANKING AFTER SESSION 7

1 POLAND	147
2 ISRAEL	133
3 NETHERLANDS	123
NORWAY	123
5 LATVIA	121
6 ITALY	118
7 DENMARK	117
8 SWEDEN	108
9 ENGLAND	104
10 CZECH REP.	95
11 GERMANY	92
12 FRANCE	88
13 SCOTLAND	79
14 AUSTRIA	63
HUNGARY	63



VUGRAPH MATCHES

Poland v Netherlands (Schools)	10.00
Hungary v France (Juniors)	14.30
Italy v England (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 8

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

ROUND ROBIN SESSION 9

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



ROUND ROBIN SESSION 10

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

JUNIOR TEAMS ROUND 14



FINLAND

vs

HUNGARY



FINLAND GOT SLAMMED AWAY

Finland is not here to have a likely chance for a qualification spot but would they damage Hungary's chances of taking one? The answer is no. The Finns were slammed away.

On the second board came one of very few swings to Finland. Finland won 10 IMPs due to a switch from Matti Kanervo which gave him a ruff later on. Then came the second largest swing for Finland.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Polkki	Marjai	Laukkanen	Minarik
–	–	INT	Dble
5♦	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Kanervo	Riesz	Kinnunen
–	–	1♣	1♠
INT	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Jussi Polkki took a fair chance by bidding 5♦, but since spades were split 7-1 he was one trick short after a spade lead continued by a spade ruff; -100. Matti Kanervo's decision to introduce the moth-eaten heart suit worked out well. Matti Kinnunen jumped to 4♥ and was left to play there. East made an odd choice to lead ♠Q and that helped Kanervo on his way to ten tricks. He won the ace then played ♠J and ruffed when West covered with the king, and now

the spades were established. Next he played a heart to the king followed by ♥J to queen. East had to have two tricks with his red aces, but that was +420 and 8 IMPs to Finland.

The Finns won another 3 IMPs on the next board and were leading by 22-4 after eight deals. Hungary bid better than Finland on many boards thereafter. In fact, Finland just scored 6 more IMPs on the 12 remaining boards. Two boards were pushes, so the Hungarians gained 10 swings out of 12.

Here is one of many slam boards where the Finns were slammed away.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Polkki	Marjai	Laukkanen	Minarik
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Kanervo	Riesz	Kinnunen
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

In the Open Room neither of the Finns was interested in making a mild slam try, so they reached game

in a natural way after a forcing 2♣ opening. The beginning was the same in the Closed Room but, after East showed five hearts and four spades, Csaba Szabo jumped to 5♠, then Andras Riesz had an easy raise to 6♠.

Declarer won the spade lead in hand, played a heart to the ace and ruffed a heart. The ♦Q held the next trick then a diamond to the ace and a second heart ruff. A club to the ace and a third heart ruff followed. Declarer was out of spades but he entered the dummy with a diamond ruff to draw trumps. All the defence got was a club trick; +980 was worth 11 IMPs for Hungary.

Here comes Finland's only swing on the last 12 boards. They won it in a funny way, by playing INT with an overtrick at both tables.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Polkki	Marjai	Laukkanen	Minarik
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	INT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Kanervo	Riesz	Kinnunen
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Elina Laukkanen opened INT in the Open Room and was left to play there. ♥Q was led but North won it with his singleton king. Next came a club and Laukkanen won the trick with the king to take the spade finesse. Since the spades were split 3-3, and North held the king, the declarer collected seven black tricks and ♦A; +120.

In the other room the Finns were again fastest to INT. East led a low diamond to nine, jack and king.

Declarer cashed ♥K and played a diamond to create an entry for dummy's hearts. There was nothing East/West could do prevent the declarer from taking eight tricks; +120 and 6 spectacular IMPs to Finland.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Polkki	Marjai	Laukkanen	Minarik
1♥	Pass	1♠	3NT
4♥	5♣	6♥(!)	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Kanervo	Riesz	Kinnunen
1♥	Pass	1♠	2NT
Dble	3♣	4♥	All Pass

Polkki/Laukkanen had their chance to double 5♣, a contract that likely will go only one off due to the lack of an entry to dummy to take the losing club finesse. If the declarer is a brave man he can play three rounds of diamonds then lose a club trick by finessing, of course. Even though ♣K can be dropped, East/West has to win three major-suit tricks. Laukkanen found a bizarre 6♥ and that impressed Gabor Minarik to a great extent so he forgot to double. The defence took



Matti Kinnunen, Finland

the diamond ruff and four tricks in total; -300.

In the other room North led ♠J. Declarer could establish a spade for a club discard. Two diamond tricks were given to South; +650 and 14 powerful IMPs to Hungary who now had a head of steam up.

Here's another example where the Hungarians bid a lot better.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 10 3 2
♥ 7 4
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ Q 10 9

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Polkki	Marjai	Laukkanen	Minarik
-	INT	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Kanervo	Riesz	Kinnunen
-	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass

A weak no trump opening from Peter Marjai made life hard for Polkki/Laukkanen in the Open Room. Laukkanen overcalled 2♠ and Polkki found 3NT attractive so she was left to play there. North led a club and declarer took the obvious eleven tricks for



Peter Marjai, Hungary

+660.

Szabo/Riesz could in the Closed Room take over the auction and find the nice small slam in hearts despite some early intervention by North/South. 4♠ was RKCB and 6♦ showed two aces, ♥Q plus a void. The trump king was finessed and two clubs could be ruffed in dummy; +1010 and that was 11 well deserved IMPs to Hungary.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 3
♥ K 8 7
♦ A K 9 7
♣ 10 6 4 3 2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Polkki	Marjai	Laukkanen	Minarik
-	-	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Szabo	Kanervo	Riesz	Kinnunen
-	-	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Both of the two East/West pairs in this match stayed at game level when there were 13 tricks in a spade contract. The grand slam depends on where ♥K is placed but 6♠ would be a reasonable spot to be. In the match between the Netherlands and Portugal 7♠ was reached and made at both tables.

In 6♠ you can give up a heart trick but in 7♠ you have to decide where to place ♥K. If you consider South to have ♥K you can establish the hearts by finessing, cashing ♥A then running high hearts until South covers. If you place North with the king, ♥Q has to go on a club and then it must be ruffed out.

Finland didn't have a chance against an IMP-thirsty Hungary. The final score was 88-28 IMPs to Hungary and that was an impressive 25-3 win converted to VPs.

JUNIOR TEAMS ROUND 15



SWEDEN

VS

ISRAEL



After 14 rounds of the Juniors Championship, Sweden and Israel lay fifth and sixth respectively, right on the edge of the qualification zone and well in touch with the medal positions. Their meeting in Round 15 could have a big effect on the fortunes of the two teams.

finesse succeeded and now Hoffman played a spade towards his hand. If this is ducked and goes to queen and king, the ace can be ruffed out as Kjell Ericsson had to throw a spade on the third round of trumps. In practice he took the ♠A and now the ruffing finesse produced Hoffman's tenth trick for +620 and 11 IMPs to Israel.

Board 2. N/S Vul. Dealer East.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Salomonsson	Ginossar	Malmstrom
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ericsson	Hoffman	Sivelind	Ofir
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	INT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

A slight difference in no trump range decided this deal, as Salomonsson/Malmstrom play 14-16 and Hoffman/Ofir 15-17. That made it safer for Gilad Ofir to make a move than for Per-Erik Malmstrom, and Ofir duly did so while Malmstrom passed – two normal decisions, I would think.

After a spade lead, Daniel Salomonsson had eight tricks in INT for +120.

Daniel Sivelind led a trump against Ron Hoffman's heart game. Hoffman won the jack in hand and played the ♣8, losing to the jack. He won the heart continuation and gave up a second club, this time to Sivelind's ace, and back came a third trump. The ruffing club

Board 3. E/W Vul. Dealer South.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Salomonsson	Ginossar	Malmstrom
–	–	–	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	Rdbl	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ericsson	Hoffman	Sivelind	Ofir
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	INT
4♥	All Pass		

Two different opening bids led to two quite different auctions, though the final contracts were identical. Both South players had got involved, with Malmstrom having shown clubs and Ofir both black suits.

Against Ginossar, Malmstrom led the ♣K, which declarer won with the ace. Ginossar took the heart finesse and Salomonsson won and returned a club to the queen, taking his ruff a moment later. There was a spade to come for down one; 100.

Ofir led his singleton diamond against Sivelind and

declarer won and played ace and another heart. He lost to the ♥K but could win the return, draw the last trump and discard a club on the fourth diamond, so then had just one club and one spade to lose; +620 and 12 IMPs to Sweden.

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Salomonsson	Ginossar	Malmstrom
Pass	Pass	2♦	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ericsson	Hoffman	Sivelind	Ofir
Pass	Pass	2♥	Dble
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The double-figure swings were coming thick and fast as a third one came along on successive deals.

Ginossar opened a multi in third seat while Sivelind's methods dictated a natural weak two bid (given that he chose to open pre-emptively). Malmstrom doubled the multi and Ophir Reshef jumped to 3♥, pass or correct. When Malmstrom doubled again, Salomonsson took out to 4♣, where he played. There were two spades and a heart to be lost; +130.

Ofir doubled the weak 2♥ opening and doubled again when Ericsson raised to 4♥. Should Hoffman have converted to 5♣? Well, that contract would have failed by a trick, and there was a defence to defeat 4♥. That defence was found in another match when Harold Bergson for Scotland cashed the ♦A then underled his clubs to put partner, David McCrossan in to give him a diamond ruff for down one in the Scots' match against Russia. Well done to them. But it was not found in this match, where Ofir started with a top club and no longer had any way to get to his partner's hand; +790 for Sivelind and 14 IMPs to Sweden, who

led by 26-11.

Things calmed down for a while and the score had only moved on to 35-19 in Sweden's favour after twelve deals, then:

Board 13. All Vul. Dealer North.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Salomonsson	Ginossar	Malmstrom
—	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ericsson	Hoffman	Sivelind	Ofir
—	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

Both Souths showed a forcing heart raise but later Ofir suggested clubs as an alternative trump suit while the Swedes stayed in hearts. It is not that there is anything inherently superior about the club slam as opposed to playing in hearts, just that a different defender was on lead and chose to lead a different suit. Against 6♥, Ginossar led a spade from queen to five and that beat the contract, despite declarer's successful trump view, as he had to lose a spade when the club finesse failed; down one for -100. Ericsson had been dealt a diamond sequence and led that against 6♣. This time declarer needed only to pick up the hearts, which Ofir duly did, and the spade loser went away on the fifth heart and ♦K; +1370 and 16 IMPs to Israel to tie the match at 35-35.

Board 15. N/S Vul. Dealer South.

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

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Salomonsson	Ginossar	Malmstrom
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ericsson	Hoffman	Sivelind	Ofir
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North's decision to pass or respond made no difference to the final contract, though you might think that the Israeli East/West had it slightly easier after Salomonsson's pass. Malmstrom led a low diamond against Ginossar and declarer ducked the jack. Now Salomonsson decided to get cute and returned the ♦2 instead of the queen. It is not obvious why this seemed a good idea to him and it set up a misdefence that gave the contract. Malmstrom won the ♦9 and, not thinking it mattered, returned a low diamond to the queen. When Ginossar ducked again the diamonds were dead. Salomonsson switched to a heart but Ginossar won and knocked out the ♣A to establish nine tricks for +400. Of course, Malmstrom could have saved the day, had it occurred to him that he needed to do so. He could have led the ♦K to the third trick, pinning his partner's queen and retaining the lead, but why should he have to think of that?

At the other table the defence led a diamond to the jack, ♦Q and a third diamond; two down for -100 and 11 IMPs to Israel.

Board 16. E/W Vul. Dealer West.

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

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Reshef	Salomonsson	Ginossar	Malmstrom
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ericsson	Hoffman	Sivelind	Ofir
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Ericsson could reverse into spades without showing extra values while Reshef could not. What that did was to make different players declarer in the eventual contract of 4♠.

Hoffman led a club against Ericsson and Ofir won the ace and returned the suit. Ericsson went up with the ♣K and led diamond to the ace then a heart to king and ace. The defence cashed the club winner and switched to a trump. Ericsson was a ruff short now whichever red suit he tried to establish. He was down one for -100.

Malmstrom led ace and another club against Ginossar, who also went up with the king at trick two, but played a heart immediately. The defence took its club trick but failed to find a trump switch declarer could crossruff his way to ten tricks for +620 and another 12 IMPs to Israel.

Their strong second-half performance resulted in Israel winning the match by 74-41 IMPs, converting to a very useful 22-8 VPs against a major rival.

JUNIOR TEAMS

APPEAL NO 1



SWEDEN

VS

FRANCE



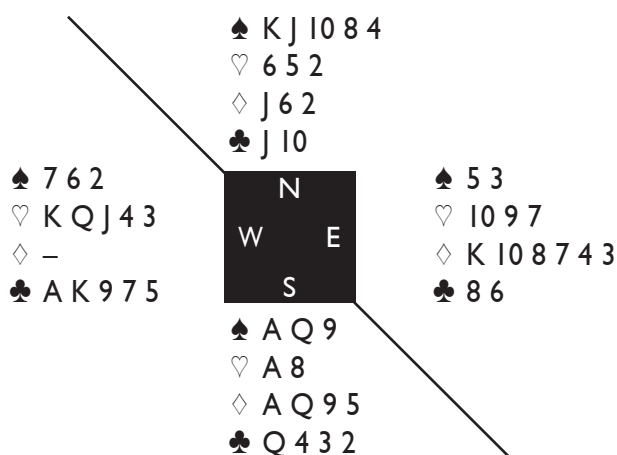
Appeals Committee:

Steen Møller (Chairman, Denmark), Patrick Jourdain (Wales), Michael Rosenblum (Russia).

Herman De Wael sat in on the meeting to act as scribe.

Junior Teams Round 11

Board 4. All Vul. Dealer West.



West	North	East	South
Gaviard	Culin	Bessis	Berg
1♥	Pass	INT	Dble
2♣	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Contract: Four Spades, played by South

Lead: Three of spades

Play: ♠Q, ♥A, heart to the jack, spade to the king, heart ruff, club to the jack, ♠j, ♦j to king and ace.

Result: 10 tricks, NS +620

The Facts:

West called the Director after the bid of 4♠, to complain about a delay of the tray immediately before that.

The Director:

Established the duration of the delay. South said it had been 10 seconds, West thought it was 25. After the board, the Director asked North how long he had thought, and he said "10 seconds". A spectator on the North/East side said it had been around 30 seconds. The Director believed the hesitation had been proven. South told the Director he thought his bid of 3♥ had been forcing for one round. In that case, 3♠ is the worst response he can get and bidding 4♠ could have been influenced by the Unauthorized Informa-

tion. The Director deemed passing to be a Logical Alternative so he adjusted the score.

Ruling:

Score adjusted to 3♠+1 by South, NS +170

Relevant Laws:

Law 16A, 12C2

North/South appealed.

Present: All players except South and both Captains

The Players:

North explained that, in his opinion, 3♥ had been Forcing to Game. After all, he had voluntarily bid 2♠, vulnerable. 4♠ is automatic in a team game. North further explained that he had not received an alert on the Pass over 3♥. West had alerted this Pass, explaining that it showed that he favoured a Heart lead. East had not alerted it, and North explained that it would have made his choice of bidding 3♠ easier.

North/South's captain spoke for the absent South. South had not known whether 3♥ was Game Forcing or just forcing for one round, but he had bid it to know whether to play 3NT or 4♠. When the Pass over 3♥ was explained to him as wanting a heart lead, he had decided he would play 4♠.

East explained that he had not supported his partner's hearts (five-card) for tactical reasons. INT was not forcing, and 2♣ just showed a second suit.

East/West, through their captain, explained that they did not believe 3♥ was game forcing.

West was asked if it were not possible that the delay was caused by North asking East about the supposed alert to the Pass over 3♥. West stated he did not believe that this would take 30 seconds.

North added that he had asked, while contemplating bidding 3♠, if East could have had three hearts. East had replied he could not (North/South had no complaints about East's hiding of his third heart). North had then thought for some 10 seconds before bidding.

The Committee:

Concluded that the Director had been correct in establishing that the delay had been around 30 seconds, and that this constituted Unauthorized Information. Even the supposed asking and answering of questions do not explain the delay, so North must have been thinking.

The Committee considered, however, that South had been going to Game ever since he heard his partner bid 2♠. That bid must show either five spades or 7-9 points, and so the only question that remained was

whether to end up in 3NT or 4♠. Maybe then the hesitation carries the meaning that 3NT is still not out of the picture, and bidding 3NT would be based on Unauthorized Information. But bidding 4♠ must be allowed.

The Committee regretted that a member of the appealing side (South) had not attended the appeal meeting.

The Committee's decision:

Original table result restored

Deposit: Returned

Elimination and Endplay

Looking at this, the final deal from Round 16 of the Juniors Championship, you might imagine that declarer would have four inescapable losers in his 4♠ contract. As reported to us by npc Micahel Barel, Gilad Ofir of Israel showed that there is always a way in his team's match against Scotland.

Board 20. All Vul. Dealer West.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
	<i>Hoffman</i>		<i>Ofir</i>
Pass	1♦	Dble	1♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Ron Hoffman's mildly aggressive raise to game saw Ofir in a rather delicate contract as the cards lie. He proved to be up to the task as he played the hand almost double dummy.

The opening lead was a heart and Ofir took dummy's ace then played ♥K and ruffed a heart low, a diamond to dummy and ruffed the last heart with his ten. Next came a second diamond to dummy and a diamond ruff. Ofir ducked a club, won the club return and ruffed a club. Down to nothing but ♠K95, Ofir led a low spade off the dummy and East was caught; ten tricks for a magnificent +620.

Double Dummy Problem

The Hackett

The Hackett family is known the world over. This problem was created by the father, Paul. It took me a little while to see the solution but, as with all these problems, the key to solving it is to work backwards. In other words, look to see what position you need at the end of the play, then work out how to achieve it.

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Contract: 6♥

Lead: ♦A

The solution of the problem is on page 13.

Teams and Players' Photos

Schedule Monday August 9th

- 13.00 Spain Juniors
- Turkey Juniors
- England Juniors
- Sweden Juniors
- Austria Juniors
- Netherlands Schools
- Netherlands Juniors
- Hungary Juniors
- 14.00 Scotland Juniors
- 18.45 France Juniors
- Israel Schools



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

The Good, Bad and Ugly

By Kees Tammens

We have some new boards in the category ‘**Good**’.

Last round of the Girls: Austria versus the Netherlands.

None Vul. Dealer South.

♠ Q 8 7 5 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 7
♣ A K J 7 3

♠ –
♥ A K Q J 9 7 6 3
♦ 8
♣ 2



♠ 10 9 6
♥ 10 5
♦ K J 10 5 4 3
♣ 6 5

♠ A K J
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ Q 9 8 4

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	INT
4♥	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Marleen van Gelder for the Netherlands and Iris Grumm for Austria came up with an imaginative 5♠ after 4♥. Courageous both and intelligent. Of course this is not a bid asking especially for a heart control or for good trumps. It just meant: “Partner: 4♥ puts me in a nasty position. I am not satisfied with game. Please estimate your hand in the frame of the bidding”. With ♠AK the raise to slam was easy. As a kibitzer pointed out: “That is good bridge!”.

Another entry for the **Good** department.

E/W Vul. Dealer South.

♠ K 10 7
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ 2
♣ Q 9 8 3 2

♠ A J 9 6 2
♥ J 4 2
♦ Q 9 8 7
♣ –



♠ 8 3
♥ A K Q 9 7
♦ K J 6 5
♣ K 6

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 8
♦ A 10 4 3
♣ A J 10 5 4

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	1♣
1♠	Dble	3NT	All Pass

South led ♣10(third best) for the ♣K from East. Declarer played ♦K for the ace in South who – probably something went wrong in signalling – switched to a heart; +630 for Serbia-Montenegro. 3NT seemed a fine result but there was more to come.

This was the other table with Serbia-Montenegro North/South.

West	North	East	South
–	–	–	3♣
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	5♣	Dble	All Pass

5♣ turned out to be cold and +550 could be added to the 630 and 15 IMPs in the bag.

Bad

N/S Vul. Dealer East.

♠ A 9 3 2
♥ A J 8
♦ 9
♣ K 8 7 5 3

♠ J 5
♥ K Q 4 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ Q 6 4 2



♠ K Q 7 6 4
♥ 10 9 6 3
♦ K 6
♣ A 10

♠ 10 6
♥ 7 5
♦ J 10 8 7 5 4 2
♣ J 9

West	North	East	South
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led ♦J for ♦K in East. A trump for the king and ace in North, who played ♠A and another spade, hoping for a ruff in South; but would not South, with a Yarborough, have started with his singleton spade had he held one?

The right move from North was certainly ♣8 to the third trick. It is almost impossible for declarer to let this run to ♣Q in dummy. He will take ♣A, play ♥Q and try to discard his club loser on the ♦Q. North can ruff and take ♣K as the setting trick.

Ugly

N/S Vul Dealer North.

♠ 8 2 ♥ A 10 8 7 6 2 ♦ 10 9 4 3 ♣ 2		♠ J 9 7 5 4 ♥ Q 3 ♦ A Q J 6 ♣ K 10	♠ K Q 10 3 ♥ 9 5 4 ♦ K 8 7 5 2 ♣ 7
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West	North	East	South
–	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥(i)	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
5 ♦	All Pass		

(i) Diamonds

Pessimists doubt the value of Exclusion Blackwood, and this board seemed to justify their view when it was passed out!

The Daily Bulletin would like to receive more entries in this competition. Don't be shy and please report any GOOD, BAD or UGLY hand to Brian Senior in the Bulletin room.



Double Dummy Solution

Declarer must ruff the diamond lead and draw four rounds of trumps. The key play is that the discard on the fourth round must be dummy's remaining diamond.

Now declarer plays ace, king and jack of clubs to East's queen. There will be no problem on a spade return, of course, but if East plays a diamond, forcing declarer to ruff with his last trump, then we see the importance of the earlier diamond discard, as it means that declarer can now throw the blocking ten of clubs. Otherwise, declarer has no way to get to his fifth club.

Having ruffed the diamond return while discarding the ♣10, declarer cashes the nine and eight of clubs then takes the top spades for his contract.

The Serbia and Montenegro Junior Team

Zoran Zakula: The man from outer space. According to his 'excellent' slam bidding, we suppose that he came from Mars, but we are sure that he will play much, much better once he realises that he is playing in the European Bridge, and not Baseball, Championship.

Popovic Zdravko (Captain): He should change his glasses, not because of his play but because of his words: 'Girls from Prague are beautiful'. What else to say but, like captain, like results.

Nikola Maksimovic: Although he knew that the Swedish Girls Team is coming, as well as several other beautiful girls, he brought his girlfriend to Prague with him. Can you imagine that?

Marko and Nikola Jurisic: They are young brothers with long hair. While we are playing our 'death match' against Netherlands, they were watching a soccer match of Red Star – Young Boys, which shows their dedication to the team and to bridge.

Milan Deljanin: If there is a light in the deep, deep dark, that would be him. He is, unfortunately, the right man in the wrong team – such a waste of talent.

Ranko Grba (Coach): Maybe we would not have such bad results if only we listened to the very wise advice of our coach, who says: 'Bla, Bla, Bla...'

Finally, we would like to say thanks to all the people involved in the organisation of this Championship for the wonderful time we are spending in Prague. And also we would like to say thanks to our coach, Ranko, who made great efforts to bring us here.

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This means:

Happy Birthday Milan
 Happy Birthday Zoran

Milan Deljanin

Age/IMPs Prize

As announced at the Opening Ceremony, the English Bridge Union is offering a prize to anyone in the Schools competition who gains a number of IMPs on any board equal to or greater than his or her age. This is an individual prize, though it is possible for both members of a partnership to achieve it on the same deal. There is no limit to the number of such prizes that can be won, but only one per player. The prize will be a souvenir of Prague.

IRIS GRUMM INTERVIEW

We wanted to know how it felt becoming the first champion in the Girls Series. The easiest way we could come up with to answer our thoughts was to ask one of the players in the winning Austrian team, the Butler winner Iris Grumm.

Can you explain your feelings after you had won the first Girls Championship ever held?

“Ohh, it was such a relief! The last match against the Netherlands was really nerve-racking. Our teammates at the other table, Caroline and Anna, were really nervous and couldn’t produce their best bridge.”

And what about you, where you not nervous?

“I actually felt quite confident playing on vugraph. Of course, we also made our mistakes, two in the defence and a we missed a game for example, but we had some good boards also.”

What were your expectations before the tournament?

“Well, I have to say that I would have been really disappointed if we had ended up second or third, since three of us were placed in fourth place in the Women’s Series a month ago in Malmo.”

Is the idea of having a series for just girls wise? Shouldn’t you in that case have a Boys’ Series too?

“That has not even crossed my mind. We have the Open Series and Women’s Series, so why should it be different for the youth players? The boys can qualify for the Juniors. In my opinion it’s wise, because if you have a lot of strong girls in your country you want these Girls Series to be held.”

Did any player or team in the Girls make any impression on you?

“The Poles impressed me mostly. They are really young and I think they will have a great team in a few years.”

And what about Austria, how many years can the team present here still play?

“We have lost one girl who cannot play next time. I can play one more Championship and two of us have more years as a junior or girl.”

Can you predict the winners in the Juniors and the School?

“That is not an easy question to answer, but I have my quite clear ideas. I don’t think any team will beat Poland in the Schools in the long run. Poland have the possibility to take a double, winning also the Juniors, but Hungary maybe have the last word.”

Did you find any nice restaurants, discos or other lovely surroundings here in Prague?

“Oh dear, when you are playing 60 boards each day you are not very much into exploring the nightlife. I think we went to bed at 11 pm at the latest. But we

found a nice Italian restaurant on the other side of the crossroads from McDonalds.”

Thank you Iris for your time, and good luck as a captain for the Austrian School team.

The Scottish Under 20s Team

First, meet our captain – Her name is Joan,

Her only request is that we never moan.

As our captain she pushes us hard,

And takes a fit whenever we reach for the redouble card.

Mr Power by night, Jimmy by day,

Go off in a contract and he will show you the way.

His body is a temple it’s a matter of fact,

All this smoking and drinking is merely an act.

Kirstin, the student architect of our team,

She’s playing bridge in Prague – living the dream.

She is a girl and so enjoys wearing a dress,

She makes sure the boys don’t wear Kilts, so can impress.

Gyles is the dude and a top player too,

Quite a shy boy but he knows what to do.

He’s bid too high, his partner looks troubled,

And his opponents can’t believe it when he makes it redoubled.

Phil is 15 and still at secondary school,

but with his girlfriend of six months he knows how

to pull. He likes his football and is a big Chelsea fan,

But don’t hold that against him, he is a quality man.

Frazer is the youngest and has immense skill,

But he is a big fidgit and can never keep still.

A clever guy all round and a master of karate too,

Over-ruff his trick and you will see what he can do.

Benji is a golfer and plays off scratch,

Girls – speak to him nicely, he might throw the

match. 2♠ – 3♠ – 4♠, That might look like trash, But

that’s par for the course with Mr Shamash.

Myles is the ladies’ man, it’s easy to see,

In fact he’s waiting for you now, room one-one-

three. There might be a queue, you might have to

wait, But you won’t be disappointed, his stamina’s

great.