

International Junior team Tournament Amsterdam 2005-04-12

After a twelve year tradition of international junior events in 's-Hertogenbosch, at last the juniors of seven European countries travelled to Amsterdam. At Sunday 10 april the teams arrived and were introduced in the chess pub at the Leidseplein ('het Hok') where they met each other and spent the night with some nice games; even there was some bridge!

Monday 11 april Armand Trippaers, president of the Dutch Bridge federation (NBB) opened the tournament with a nice buffet in 'Twee Klaveren', another bridge- and chess café which will host the Junior Internationals. Al the participants, sponsors and guests were entertained by magician Boy who performed some really astonishing tricks with cards. The next one was more than amusing. One of the juniors had to pick a card form a deck of 52 and then put it back. He shuffled himself and after that was asked to take the by himself chosen card form the deck. The card was missing. Of course, all the time the card was stuck at the forehead of the junior. And it took five minutes until he realised!

The international team tournament will take place on 11-12-14-15 april. The first part will consist of a round robin of seven matches of twenty boards. After that the knock-out phase will commence. In between at Wednesday 13 april there will be played a Swiss of seven mantches of seven boards with transnational teams and some other Dutch junior and U-20 teams participating and some invited guestteams. The event will be closed with a pro-am pairs game at Saturday.

East/none	NORTH	
	♠ A 10 9	
	♥ K 9 5 2	
	♦ Q 7	
	♣ Q 7 4 3	
WEST		EAST
♠ 8		♠ 6
♥ J 10 8 4		♥ A Q 6
♦ J 10 6		♦ A K 9 8 3 2
♣ A J 10 9 8		♣ K 8 2
	SOUTH	
	♠ K Q J 7 5 4 3 2	
	♥ 7 3	
	♦ 5 4	
	♣ 5	

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♦	4 ♠
dbl	pass	4 NT	pass
5 ♣	pass	6 ♦	pass
Pass			

The match between the two teams form the Netherlands. After the enthousiastic double by west, Bas Tammens, at 4♠ it was an easy way to 6♦ by east, Bob Drijver, who probably

expected some more strenght in the westhand. But with trumps dropping two-two and ♥K inside the only thing declarer had to do was guessing ♣Q. Ad he did for a nice +920.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1 ♦	3 ♠
dbl	pass	4 ♠	pass
5 ♣	dbl	5 ♦	pass
5 ♥	dbl	pass	pass
Pass			

A junior overcalling at the three level with an eight card suit, a rare phenomenon. But south, Andor van Munnen, did. Somehow north, Richard Ritmeijer, got the impression that opponents could not make anything at the five level. The first double was wrong, 5♣ redoubled takes some carefull play but will net 800when it eventually makes. West got the impression that east was showing diamonds and hearts, 5♥ was down two.

In the second round south had to be carefull.

South/none	NORTH		
	♠ 3 2		
	♥ J 10 9 7 6 5 2		
	♦ J 4		
	♣ 10 6		
WEST		EAST	
♠ 7		♠ A J 8 6 4	
♥ A 4		♥ K 3	
♦ A K 9 7 6 5		♦ 10 8 3	
♣ 9 8 7 3		♣ J 5 4	
	SOUTH		
	♠ K Q 10 9 5		
	♥ Q 8		
	♦ Q 2		
	♣ A K Q 2		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
			1 ♠
2 ♦	pass	2 NT	pass
3 NT	pass	pass	dbl
pass	4 ♥	dbl	pass
pass	pass		

When you own, like south did, the half of all the points you can not stay quiet if opponents bid game in no trump. North saved fifty points when he bid 4♥, down three but with 3NT cold he switched -550 against -500.

QUIZ:

What would you bid as east with ♠ Q 8 7 6 4 ♥ -- ♦ A J 8 ♣ A J 9 5 2.

Partner opens 1NT(15-17), you transfer with 2♥ and partner jumps to 3♠.

WEST	EAST
1 NT	2 ♥
3 ♠	4 ♣
4 ♦	4 ♥
5 ♣	??

Maybe you took another route, but this is the way it went.

Results

Round 1

Netherlands B - Netherlands A 5 - 25 Norway - Poland 19 - 11 England – Belgium 18 - 12
Denmark – Germany 14 - 16

Round 2

Netherlands A – Germany 19 – 11 Belgium – Denmark 20 -10 Poland – England 14 – 16
Netherlands B – Norway 8 – 22

Ranking

Netherlands A	44
Norway	41
England	34
Belgium	32
Germany	27
Poland	25
Denmark	24
Netherlands B	13

Answer to the quiz:

You better pass 5♠. Partner has: ♠ J 10 5 3 ♥ A K 4 ♦ K Q 4 2 ♣ K 8. Maybe he should realise the duplication in hearts and fear the bad quality of the trumps.