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## **Junior Internationals 2005 Amsterdam**

After the Swiss Teams on Wednesday the Junior Internationals went on with the two final rounds of the round robin and the quarter finals.

### Round 6

Netherlands A – Poland 17-13 Netherlands B – Belgium 20-10 Norway – Germany 20-10  
England – Denmark 20-10

### Round 7

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

1: Netherlands A	138
2: Poland	129
3: Norway	125
4: England	119
5: Denmark	92
6: Belgium	82
7: Germany	81
8: Netherlands B	69

### Quarter finals

Netherlands A beats Netherlands B, England kicks off Denmark, Poland had the better of Germany and Norway was too strong for Belgium.

So it will be Netherlands versus England and Poland – Norway in the semi finals. The other teams go on to fight in the Swiss.

Netherlands A versus Poland in round six was the encounter between two of the leading teams. It promised to be an exciting match. Piotr Madry and Lukasz Brede are in their own right one of the strongest European junior pairs. They did very well against Bob Drijver and Bas Tammens on the very first board of the match.

East/east-west

NORTH

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

WEST

♠ 8 3 2  
♥ K 5 3  
♦ A K Q 8 4  
♣ A 3

EAST

♠ Q J 9 5  
♥ 7  
♦ J 10 6  
♣ K Q 10 7 2

SOUTH

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

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

1 ♦

pass

3 NT

pass

pass

1 ♥

3 ♥

pass

pass

pass

pass

dbl(4♠)

dbl

pass

4 ♦

pass

2 ♥

pass

dbl

pass

The double asked for a non-heart lead and we wonder if north would have chosen a spade or a club. The polish pair was certain about this question; the double asked for a spade lead. The Dutch then did rather well by reverting to 4♦ which was made in comfort. This was a great result for Poland, not because they bid and made 3NT. At the other table Poland reached 5♦ which after lead of ♥ and a trump switch.

The doubling itch carried on a few boards later.

South/all

NORTH

♠ J 10 7 5 4  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ J 3  
♣ 10 9 5

WEST

♠ A 6  
♥ A Q 8 3  
♦ A K 4 2  
♣ 8 7 4

EAST

♠ K Q 9 8 3  
♥ K 9 5  
♦ Q 10 6  
♣ 3 2

SOUTH

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

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

South refused to give the show away with a double on 2♣ and was pretty happy when his plan worked out after east-west reached 3NT. Now south could strike. He doubled to asked or an unusual lead; had he passed 3NT partner probably would have put a club on the table. Now north thought for a while and came up with ♦J after which west chalked up eleven tricks. It really was excitement all the way although the final result 17-13 in favour of the Dutch was quiet

This board was interesting in some matches where 4♠ was reached. South played three rounds of clubs. Johan Fastenakels of Belgium showed fine technique. He ruffed the third club and then went on with ♠A and a small spade to ♠8 in east, the absolute perfect safety play.

Maria Dam Mortensen found the winning line in a tricky 3NT

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

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
pass	1 NT	pass	3 NT
	pass	pass	

A small club went for ♣9 in west and ♣Q in north. Declarer played ♦K for ♦A in east who played ♥10 for ♥A in north. With four tricks in hearts and two in clubs declarer was home with three diamond tricks. So she played ♦Q and ♦J to find out west still kept ♦9. After this start declarer had to make a trick in spades. She realised that with ♠A and ♠K divide amongst east-west, west would take the first spade and play back a club so east had the remaining spade honour as an entry for the established clubs. So the only chance to make 3NT was finding west with both spade honours. Declarer cashed A, took three tricks in hearts and went of play with a small spade for ♠J and ♠K in west would made a trick with ♦9 but had to concede the ninth trick to ♠ in dummy.