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## SCHOOLS ARE UNDERWAY



The Closing Ceremony and Medal Presentation for the Girls Championship, immediately followed by the Opening Ceremony of the Schools Championship, were held outside the front of the tournament building yesterday evening. The double ceremony was short and smooth and ably run by master-of-ceremonies Stefan Back.We were pleased to see Anna Maria Torlontano playing an important part in the ceremony on an all too brief visit to these Championships.
Panos Gerontopoulos, Chairman of the European Youth Committee, said that he was very pleased to welcome the Schools players and team officials and also said farewell to those who have taken part in the Girls Championship. Panos wished a safe journey home to those departing Riccione and that our newcomers should enjoy themselves, both at the bridge table and away from it, which should not be a problem in such a superb place for young people.

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## Team Captains

The Daily Bulletin would like to request of all team captains:
Please, as always at a Youth Championship with all the new players, we are very keen to publish as many team profiles as possible in the Bulletin to introduce your players to not only everyone here in Riccione, but also the many people around the world who also read these Bulletins on the internet. So could you produce something for us or, better still, as we know how busy a captain must be, ask the team coach to write it for you. We prefer it written on a computer but handwritten is OK if necessary.

## TODAY'S VUGRAPH

20.30 Hungary v France

Juniors
17.30 England v Italy


| ROUND 10 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
| 1 ITALY | NETHERLANDS | 52-22 | 21-9 |
| 2 LATVIA | SWEDEN | 64-58 | 16-14 |
| 3 DENMARK | BELGIUM | 37-65 | 9-21 |
| 4 CROATIA | ROMANIA | 50-55 | 14-16 |
| 5 ISRAEL | FRANCE | 69-42 | 21-9 |
| 6 NORWAY | POLAND | 64-35 | 21-9 |
| 7 SPAIN | PORTUGAL | 58-59 | 15-15 |
| 8 CZECH REP. | ENGLAND | 42-53 | 13-17 |
| 9 HUNGARY | GREECE | 87-25 | 25-3 |
| 10 LITHUANIA | AUSTRIA | 37-60 | 10-20 |
| I I SCOTLAND | TURKEY | 58-32 | 20-10 |

## JUNIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND II
14.00

Table Home Team
I NETHERLANDS
2 CROATIA
3 ISRAEL
4 NORWAY
5 SPAIN
6 CZECH REPUBLIC
7 HUNGARY
8 LITHUANIA
9 SCOTLAND
10 TURKEY
II AUSTRIA

Visiting Team
DENMARK
LATVIA
ITALY
SWEDEN
BELGIUM
ROMANIA
FRANCE
POLAND
PORTUGAL
ENGLAND
GREECE

| ROUND 12 |  |  |  | 17.30 |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Table | Home Team | Visiting Team |  |  |
| I | CZECH REPUBLIC | NETHERLANDS |  |  |
| 2 | HUNGARY | SPAIN |  |  |
| 3 | LITHUANIA | NORWAY |  |  |
| 4 | SCOTLAND | ISRAEL |  |  |
| 5 | TURKEY | CROATIA |  |  |
| 6 | AUSTRIA | DENMARK |  |  |
| 7 | GREECE | LATVIA |  |  |
| 8 | ENGLAND | ITALY |  |  |
| 9 | PORTUGAL | SWEDEN |  |  |
| 10 | POLAND | BELGIUM |  |  |
| 11 | FRANCE | ROMANIA |  |  |

## SCHOOLS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND I

|  | Home Team | Visiting Team | IMPs | VPs |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| I LATVIA | NORWAY | $40-20$ | $19-11$ |  |
| 2 | POLAND | GERMANY | $55-24$ | $21-9$ |
| 3 | ISRAEL | TURKEY | $83-42$ | $23-7$ |
| 4 | AUSTRIA | FRANCE | $22-69$ | $6-24$ |
| 5 | NETHERLANDS | ITALY | $40-59$ | $11-19$ |
| 6 | HUNGARY | SWEDEN | $22-73$ | $5-25$ |
| 7 | DENMARK | ENGLAND | $60-78$ | $11-19$ |

## JUNIORS TEAMS

## RANKING AFTER SESSION 10

1 ITALY ..... 206.5
2 ENGLAND ..... 198
3 NORWAY ..... 189
4 FRANCE ..... 180
5 SWEDEN ..... 175
6 POLAND ..... 173
7 HUNGARY ..... 170.5
8 NETHERLANDS ..... 170
9 BELGIUM ..... 156
-ROMANIA ..... 156
II TURKEY ..... 154
12 ISRAEL ..... 147
13 AUSTRIA ..... 143
—DENMARK ..... 143
15 PORTUGAL ..... 142.5
16 GREECE ..... 135
17 LATVIA ..... 119
I8 CROATIA ..... 110.5
19 CZECH REPUBLIC ..... 105
20 SPAIN ..... 93
21 SCOTLAND ..... 92
22 LITHUANIA ..... 91

## SCHOOLS TEAMS

| RANKINGAFFER SESSION I |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| I SWEDEN | 25 |
| 2 FRANCE | 24 |
| 3 ISRAEL | 23 |
| 4 POLAND | 21 |
| 5 ENGLAND | 19 |
| —ITALY | 19 |
| -LATVIA | 19 |
| 8 DENMARK | 11 |
| -NETHERLANDS | 11 |
| —NORWAY | II |
| II GERMANY | 9 |
| 12 TURKEY | 7 |
| 13 AUSTRIA | 6 |
| 14 HUNGARY | 5 |

SCHOOLS TEAMS PROGRAM

| ROUND 2 |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Table | Home Team | Visiting Team |
| 12 | DENMARK | LATVIA |
| 13 | ENGLAND | HUNGARY |
| 14 | SWEDEN | NETHERLANDS |
| 15 | ITALY | AUSTRIA |
| 16 | FRANCE | ISRAEL |
| 17 | TURKEY | POLAND |
| 18 | GERMANY | NORWAY |


| ROUND 3 |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Table | Home Team | Visiting Team |
| 12 | LATVIA | FRANCE |
| 13 | TURKEY | ITALY |
| 14 | GERMANY | SWEDEN |
| 15 | NORWAY | ENGLAND |
| 16 | POLAND | DENMARK |
| 17 | ISRAEL | HUNGARY |
| 18 | AUSTRIA | NETHERLANDS |



Sweden Girls Team, Silver Medal


Austria Girls Team, Bronze Medal

## Bravo To All NPCs

It is more than fair to admit that I have great respect for every npc of a junior team. He has a hard time keeping his players on track. Since playing his last EC as a junior in 1998(Vienna) Schelte Wijma took on this certainly not easy job. With new players on the team every time he succeeds wonderfully in this task. The role of a coach mainly finishes as soon as the first cards in a tournament are played. Systemic changes during the event will turn out to have only negative consequences. So the coach changes to supporter and fan of his team.

## Slam Trouble

Against Croatia in Round 7 the Netherlands had an easy start and led after seven boards by 36-0. The coach could relax with a cigar on one of the benches in front of the Palazzo di Turismo. Four boards later alarm bells were ringing. Croatia took the lead 37-36. Exactly not the situation a coach wants to see.
The Dutch juniors, however, recovered - but it was not the way to encourage the coach.

## Round 7. Board I8. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

- 95
$\bigcirc 75$
$\triangleleft$ AK 952
-K 843
¢ 8764
$\bigcirc 9$
$\diamond 108743$
1092

- A Q J 32

ค 1082
$\diamond$ Q 6

- J 76
\& K 10
$\checkmark$ AKQJ643
$\diamond J$
\& $A$ Q 5


Richard Ritmeijer, The Netherlands

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pass | 28 |
| Pass | $2 \diamond$ | 24 | 38 |
| 34 | $4 \diamond$ | 44 | 68 |
| Pass | 78 | All Pass |  |

With Croatia resting in a modest $6 \triangleright$ for +1430 , Andor van Munnen and Richard Ritmeijer for the Netherlands bid all the way up to the grand slam. The lack of aces does not matter in junior slam bidding.
All of a sudden West made the textbook lead of a trump! The contract now had some chances. Declarer played it as a double squeeze. He drew the trumps, played $\diamond A, \diamond K$ and ruffed a diamond. All the trumps followed and West could never keep a high diamond with four clubs, while if East had the four-card club holding he would be forced out of the $\mathbf{\$ A}$ ! And with clubs threethree there were thirteen tricks on top.

## Aces Not Unimportant

In the next round against Greece the Dutch found out that aces can be necessary.

Round 8. Board I. Dealer North. None Vul.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 88 \\
& \diamond \text { AKJ } 1086 \\
& \diamond 6 \\
& \& \text { AJ } 975
\end{aligned}
$$

| - A Q 1063 | N | - 97 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 54$ | N | $\bigcirc$ Q 2 |
| $\diamond$ AKQ 105 | W E | $\checkmark$ J 8432 |
| - 10 | S | 2 Q 843 |
|  | -KJ542 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 973$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark 97$ |  |
|  | ¢ K 62 |  |


| West | North Danny | East | South <br> Merijn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 18 | Pass | 14 |
| $2 \checkmark$ | 32 | $3 \diamond$ | 3 |
| 4 | 4NT | $5 \diamond$ | Dble |
| Pass | 68 | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass |  |  |

Very good bidding by East/West, with $5 \diamond$ only down one, would probably have created a plus score in 5 down one, although a very inspired play in clubs can lead to eleven tricks.
However, something went wrong after Blackwood. Dopi/Depo, which one did we agree? West was happy to double, still Lightner for a spade lead? The contract went two down for a big gain because Greece were allowed to play $4 \checkmark$ at the other table.

Round 8. Board I5. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

- AKJ3

คAQ75
$\diamond 98$

- J 109


| West <br> Bas | North | East <br> Bob | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $2 \bigcirc(\square+4)$ |
| 3 - | $4 \checkmark$ | $5 \diamond$ | All Pass |

Bas Tammens and Bob Drijver reached the cold $5 \triangleleft$ with the East/West cards. North was confident that this was a make and refrained from doubling; right he was. Still it seemed to be a possible plus for the Netherlands.

| West | North <br> Danny | East | South <br> Merijn |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Pass |
| $2 N T(\checkmark+\boldsymbol{\infty})$ | Dble | $4 \diamond$ | $6 \diamond$ |
| Pass | 68 | Pass | Pass |
| Dble | All Pass |  |  |

And again a Lightner double for spades! East started with the 2 Q and played a second club so declarer 'escaped' for down two and 3 IMPs to Greece.
Greece led by a couple of IMPs and the last board again had slam potential.

Round 8. Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

- A Q 1032
$\checkmark$ A
$\diamond A J 6$
\& Q J 32
ゅ K 9754
$\bigcirc 984$
$\diamond$ Q 42
996


ค J 53
$\diamond 109875$
\& AK 875

| West | North <br> Danny | East | South <br> Merijn |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Pass | 19 | $2 \vee$ | Dble |
| Pass | $3 \checkmark$ | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | $5 \triangleleft$ | All Pass |  |

The Greek North/South stopped in 5 making twelve tricks. This was the last chance for Danny Molenaar/Merijn Groenboom to bid and actually make a slam. An interesting 4NT bid by South. Blackwood, quantitative or both minors? In fact, North took it as Blackwood and showed his three aces with $5 \vee$. But South had done enough in the bidding and passed, maybe also fearing a little confusion after previous attempts for slam. No Greek gift for the Dutch who conceded their first loss (13-17).
Since the coach had not much else to do he consoled his players, suggesting something about aces. At his favourite bench outside he ponders on the history and future of junior bridge.

## History

From 1993-2004 the city of 's-Hertogenbosch hosted the International Youth Bridge Festival. In 2002 no less than 28 teams from 26 different countries participated in a very useful encounter that lasted a week. Unfortunately, Big Jan Rijnaarts, organiser and fierce promoter of youth bridge, changed his activities so the event disappeared from the calendar. In April of this year, however, we succeeded in creating a new tournament, played in Twee Klaveren, Amsterdam. It still held the name Carrousel Cup (after a discotheque in 's-Hertogenbosch that acted as a sponsor in 2004). The Junior teams from Norway, Germany, England, Poland, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands had a great competition, Poland emerging as winners.

## Future

Since in 2006 there will be organised the World Junior Pairs and no international team competition, the idea for a junior team event in Amsterdam will shift to 2007. However, this does not mean that the juniors will be without trials in 2006. This writer would like to hear from the captains and coaches of all the nations participating in Riccione regarding their willingness to play in an international junior pairs tournament It will take place early in spring in Amsterdam. You may send as many pairs as you wish. I will discuss financial matters with you personally. If interested send me an email: keestammens@email.com

## Summer of 2005

University Teams Championships, 23-29 August in Rotterdam
Their can particpate as many teams from each country as you wish. Information in Bulletin I.


The Netherlands v Greece match

## Dutch Stepping Stone

Netherlands defeated Poland 22-8 in Round 6 of the Girls Championship, with this well-played hand from Meike Wortel contributing significantly to the margin of victory.

Board I4. Dealer East. None Vul.

- Q 95
- K 5
$\diamond 94$
- A Q 10432
- J7432
$\vee$ AJ 92
$\diamond$ KQ 87
$\stackrel{-}{2}$

| N | , A |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc 83$ |
| W E | $\diamond 10532$ |
| S | \% 198765 |
| - K 1086 |  |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 10764 |  |
| $\diamond$ AJ 6 |  |
| \& K |  |


| West | North <br> Michielsen | East | South <br> Wortel |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pass | 18 |
| 14 | 29 | Pass | $2 N T$ |
| Pass | $3 N T$ | All Pass |  |

The Polish West led the king of diamonds and collected a discouraging five from her partner. West saw no attractive switch so continued with the queen of diamonds anyway, won by Wortel's ace. She cashed the king of clubs then did very well to run the eight of spades to East's bare ace. East erred by returning the $\diamond 10$ to declarer's jack and Wortel led a spade to the nine then cashed dummy's two club winners. The second of those clubs forced West to come down to two hearts if she wanted to keep her diamond winner but that was not good enough in this ending.


Now Wortel could cash the queen of spades and play the $\vee \mathrm{K}$. West could duck to prevent an entry to declarer's hand but a second heart now forced her to win and, after cashing the diamond winner, West was obliged to return a spade for declarer to win the last trick with her king; nine tricks.
Note that, had East retained the $\diamond 10$, playing back the $\diamond 3$ when she won the spade, West could have put her in with it to cash a club at the end for down one. Still, a nice stepping stone squeeze for MeikeWortel and the Dutch Girls, on their way to winning the second European Girls Teams Championship.

## Belgian Brilliancy

Almost everyone went three down in 3NT on this deal from Round 8 of the Juniors and Girls series, but Steven de Donder of Belgium brought his contract home in the match against Czech Republic in the Juniors.

Board I6. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

- KJ5
$\bigcirc$ Q 7
$\diamond A J 87$
a AK Q 5
- Q 2

ค 1086532
$\diamond K 6$

- 32


A 109874
A 9
$\diamond$ Q 9
\& 874

- 63
© K J 4
$\diamond 105432$
\& 1096
At almost every table the auction was a simple 2NT - 3NT or something similar and East led a spade to the queen and king. Most declarers led out ace and another diamond, hoping that East would have to win the trick and would not be able to attack spades effectively. Of course, that did not work out so well for declarer and there was a string of -150s on the vugraph screen.
De Donder looked more deeply into the hand. He saw that East could, and surely should, unblock the king of diamonds from a doubleton and that, even if he did not do so, there would still be the possibility of his switching to a heart with good effect should West have the ace of that suit.
At trick two De Donder led the seven of hearts to dummy's king and continued with a low diamond to his jack. That lost to the king but East was powerless. If he defended passively then the $\diamond \mathbf{Q}$ would fall under the ace and declarer would have all the tricks he required to bring home his contract, so East played ace and another spade, more in hope than expectation. That gave De Donder two overtricks for a great +460 and 12 IMPs to Belgium. Note that the even club break means that it is no use for East to win the heart at trick two. If he does so then clears the spades declarer has two tricks in each major, one diamond and four clubs - nine in all.


## Nicely played.



## FrenchToast

By Patrick Jourdain (Wales)

To be squeezed by a pair of beautiful Croatian girls will be most male juniors' dream, but the French Chauvel on this deal from the third round didn't appear to enjoy the experience:

Board I2. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|  | -104 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\bigcirc 1086$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A 109 |  |
|  | \& J 9832 |  |
| - AKJ5 | N | 962 |
| QKJ4 |  | $\bigcirc 975$ |
| $\checkmark$ QJ 8 | W E | $\checkmark 7543$ |
| 9 754 | S | ¢ K Q 6 |
|  | - Q 873 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A Q 32 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ K 62 |  |
|  | \& A 10 |  |


| West <br> Chauvel | North <br> Kulovic-Probst | East <br> Malorme | South <br> Martinovic |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| INT | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Nicolas Chauvel opened a strong no trump on the West cards and was doubled by Slavica Martinovic, sitting South. Sandra Kulovic-Probst, (the deal was reported by her husband, Richard), led a low club. Double dummy, declarer does best to play low from dummy, thereby blocking the run of the suit, but it was normal enough to put up the king. This was beaten by the ace and South's ten of clubs was overtaken by North's jack.
Planning to exit later with a club, declarer won the second trick to take the spade finesse. He cashed two more spades but North threw a heart on the third round. Now declarer exited with his club. North cashed two more clubs, extracting a spade and a heart from declarer, and then switched to a low diamond (a heart also works, but not a high diamond). South won the king of diamonds and then the queen of spades squeezed declarer in the red suits. The defence had come to four clubs, a spade, three top red winners, and another trick from the squeeze. Declarer had made only three spades and a club, for 500 to Croatia. There was useful swing to Croatia but France won the match 17-13.


## Disastercorner

## By Jean-Francois Jourdain (Belgium)

The Belgian rookie, Benoit Guiot made a real entry in the competition to be the player who wasted the most points on one single deal, if you look at this disaster against Italy on the very last board. Yet, after having gone down on the very first deal in 3 NT when ignoring two tricks in dummy, he ended the Round 4 Juniors match just as he had begun it.

Deal 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

- K 1063
$\bigcirc 4$
$\checkmark$ KQ543
- A 108

| , J 5 | N | - Q 72 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ AKQJ 85 |  | Q 763 |
| $\diamond 8$ | W E | $\diamond$ A 72 |
| \& 752 | S | 2 Q 943 |
|  | - A 984 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 1092$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 1096 |  |
|  | ¢ K 6 |  |


| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18 | Dble | $2 \boldsymbol{2}(\mathrm{i})$ | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ |
| $\mathbf{4} 8$ | All Pass |  |  |

As we already have seen in Daily Bulletin 3, a pass is not really possible in a team game when your opponents bid $4 \bigcirc$ voluntarily, since not so many cards are required by partner to have a good save, or even win the contract yourself. After all, something as little as $4 A 9 x x 8 x x x \diamond J_{x x} K x x$ can be enough - so why not try? When he passed without any hesitation, a first major swing opportunity was missed since at the other table the Italians scored only +200 .
Defending against $4 \bigcirc$ seems simply routine, since East/West can never get rid of their four black losers. Or maybe, well? Yes, welcome to the Disaster Corner!
Benguigui, as we nicknamed him in Belgium, led the 46. Alexandre Hubert took the ace and thought a while about his switch. He came to the conclusion that the best chance was his partner to have the eA and consequently played the K at trick two. When that held, he might have thought everything was all right, but not yet!
If he had been cautious, he should now have played the $\mathbf{4}$, after which his partner could not do anything wrong any more. But he played a second club, and North concluded that a second spade was not to be cashed. For some reason I still do not understand, he seemed not interested to give his partner a club ruff, and switched to the $\diamond$ K. Disaster was looming.
The Italian player, Andrea Boldrini now proceeded to play all his trumps and his remaining clubs, in the hope something would happen. When South, apparently upset at not having got his ruff, fell asleep and forgot to pitch as soon as possible the $\diamond$ J on the table, which would have clearly solved all problems, Benguigui had a difficult guess on the penultimate trick. As he remained convinced that his partner held five spades from the beginning, he let the $\mathbf{~ K}$ go and Italy scored another 620, enough to win the match by $25-\mathrm{I}$ VPs.

## The Unlucky Expert

Consider this deal from Round 9 of the Juniors series and try to work out how it was that South was able to make his contract of $4 \bigcirc$ at one table - no, West neither led nor switched to a club at any stage.

Board I5. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

- K 9
© AK 1084
$\diamond \mathrm{J} 109$
-976
- 1752

86
$\diamond$ K 6
\& A QJ 1082


10843
$\bigcirc 75$
$\diamond$ A 8753

- 53
- A Q 6

QQJ9 32
$\diamond$ Q 42

- K 4

| West <br> Happer | North | East <br> Green |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | South


|  |  |  | 18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2 \%$ | 3\% | Pass | $4 \checkmark$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

When England played Hungary, the Hungarian South duly reached the normal contract of $4 \bigcirc$ and Duncan Happer led the king of diamonds. Well, that would seem to be a good start for the defence, would it not, but Ben Green started thinking and, after due consideration, overtook to switch to a club. The defence had two club tricks and one diamond but that was all; +620 .
Lest this defence appear to be completely insane, consider a hand where West is 3-I-4-5, making declarer 4-5-I-3. Declarer is known to hold one of the ace and king of clubs or partner would have led that suit. Now, with at least one of dummy's losing clubs going on declarer's spades - even A A xx sees the queen ruff out and leaves the defence with just one diamond and two club tricks, the only defence is to overtake the diamond and lead a club, hoping for partner to win the queen and ace and play a third round for a ruff.
The story was presented to us by our esteemed vugraph commentator. Barry suggests that he might well have defended in exactly the same way at the table. I think Barry is being a little kind to Ben and that, in real life, Barry would have got it right. Why? Consider that the defence chosen requires partner to hold a 3-1-4-5 distribution including $\diamond K Q$ and $A \mathrm{AQ}$. He may or may not have the $\boldsymbol{\rho}$, Q or j . Perhaps it is a matter of personal style, but I would have doubled I $\triangleright$ for take-out rather than made a two-level overcall on a five-card suit when holding opening values. What do you think, unlucky or overimaginative?

## Sports News

## Motor Sport

Sebastien Loeb swept to victory in Argentina to become the first driver to win six successive rounds of the World Rally Championship. The Citroen driver, also the first to register seven wins in a season, dominated the race. He took a massive 32.7 second lead over Peugeot's Marcus Gronholm into the 6.2 km of timed super-special stages. The world champion made no mistake in the final section to leave Gronholm in second and Petter Solberg in third.

## Tennis

The draw for the semi-finals of the Davis Cup, to be played in September, sees the Slovak Republic at home to Argentina and Croatia hosting Russia.

## Football

England winger Shaun Wright-Phillips has signed for Chelsea, putting pen to paper on a five-year deal. The 23-year-old winger's transfer from Manchester City will cost Chelsea $£ 21 \mathrm{~m}$.


## Teams and Players' Photos Schedule - Tuesday July I 9th JUNIORS

13.35 Norway
13.40 Poland
13.45 Portugal
13.50 Romania
17.05 Scotland
17.10 Spain
17.15 Sweden
17.20 Turkey


All the above teams (including the captain and the coach) are kindly requested to be present at the specific time outside of the building.
Please make sure that you wear your badge and national uniform.

Maria Plubi
EBL Photographer

## Girls - The Final Countdown

With only one match to play these were the standings in the Girls Series:

| I. Netherlands | 154 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. Austria | 153 |
| 3. Sweden | 140 |
| 4. Poland | 138 |
| 5. Russia | 137 |

Poland could only hope for miracles since Sweden was playing Ireland, who had won only an average of 5 VPs per match to this point, and the Netherlands was expected to achieve, as a minimum, a draw against England. Facing the reigning champions, Austria in the final match was not an easy mission for the Poles, particularly not when they had to take 23 , the number of VPs seemingly required just to win the bronze medal.
In this article we will follow these three top matches and leave Russia/Germany and Denmark/Italy without any coverage since these teams were not involved in the medal fight. The space in this bulletin is limited, so we apologise if the explanation of some of the auctions is too reduced for your taste.


England v Netherlands

| West <br> Dekker | North Roberts | East <br> Barendregt | South Morton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1 \diamond$ | Dble | 2\% |
| Pass | $2 \diamond$ | Pass | 3\% |
| All Pass |  |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Macdougall | Gelder | Whitehead | Salm |
|  | $1 \diamond$ | Dble | 20 |
| Pass | $2 \diamond$ | Pass | 2 |
| Pass | 3 | Pass | 34 |
| Pass | $4 \diamond$ | Pass | 5\% |
| Pass | $5 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |

Roberts/Morton in the Open Room reached their maximum, three in any minor, and lost just the four obvious tricks; N/S + IIO.Well done!

In the Closed Room van Gelder/Salm had higher views. Sarah Whitehead simply cashed four winners for - 100 and 5 IMPs to her team - what a shocking start for the Dutch.

| Austria v Poland |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | North | East |  |
| Ferrer-Lopez | Grumm | Krawczyk | Ad Gogoman |
|  | 18 | Dble | Rdble |
| Pass | 2 | Pass | 320 |
| Pass | 3 | Pass | 3** |
| Pass | 49* | Pass | 52 |
| Pass | 5 | All Pass |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Assmann | Maj | An Gogoman | Szczepanska |
|  | $1 \diamond$ | $1{ }^{1}$ | 38 |
| Pass | 34 | Pass | 4* |
| Pass | 52 | All Pass |  |

Neither the Austrian pair, after a canapé opening, nor the Polish, ditto, had the methods or judgement to stop under game and this match opened with a push.
The Irish pair Nicholls/Lomas was our fourth pair out of six to reach the minor game with four easy losers. In fact the Irish won 2 IMPs on this board as the Swedes at the other table were practising in 3NT with three undertricks.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

- Q
-KJ983
$\checkmark 985$
- A65 2
- AK 942

คA10754
$\diamond 73$

- 3

- 」108753
© Q 6
$\diamond A 2$
\& J 74
- 6
$\bigcirc 2$
$\diamond$ KQJ 1064
\& KQ1098


## England v Netherlands

| West <br> Dekker | North <br> Roberts | East <br> Barendregt | South <br> Morton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $1 \diamond$ |
| 19 | Dble | 39 | 40 |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

44 is cold for $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W}$. Here Roberts/Morton again did well to steal the contract from a too passive Dutch pair. If my partner could raise me to 3s, even in a pre-emptive style, sitting West what could possibly stop me from bidding game? England +130.

| West <br> Macdougall | North Gelder | East <br> Whitehead | South Salm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $1 \diamond$ |
| 14 | 2 | 49 | Pass |
| Pass | Dble | All Pass |  |

Marleen van Gelder doubled 44 on general values but there were 10 easy tricks and 790 to England. The score was a noteworthy 19-0 to England after three boards.

| Austria v Poland |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West <br> Ferrer-Lopez | North Grumm | East Krawczyk | South <br> Ad Gogoman |
|  |  |  | 2NT* |
| 3\% | 5* | 54 | All Pass |
| West | North | East | South |
| Assmann | Maj | An Gogoman | Szczepanska |
|  |  |  | 10 |
| 14 | 2 | $3{ }^{1}$ | 4* |
| Pass | 5* | All Pass |  |

2NT was for the minors 5-12 HCPs. Iris Grumm put some pressure on East by bidding $5 \%$. West doesn't need much for $5 \$$ to make, so that became Krawczyk's sensible choice but down one for - 100 . When the Polish pair in the Closed Room was left to play in 5e Austria saw a potential swing coming. West led the ace of spades but when she continued with the king Austria's hope for a swing was shattered; Poland 7 IMPs.
On this board Ireland won their only big swing against Sweden. $5 \%$ was played at both tables and the Swedish declarer was one down as the Irish cashed their aces in the majors immediately. The defence had to win the ace of diamonds as well for one down and -50. At the other table the Swedish West led the ace of spades and she got the three from her partner, a Lavinthal signal for diamonds. West didn't want to help the declarer by opening up a new suit, so she continued with another spade, as it was not very likely for South to hold a singleton. That was the case, however, and the spade was for a ruff and a heart discard in hand; Ireland +400 and that was 10 IMPs out of the 17 Ireland gained altogether in the match.


| Austria v Poland |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North | East | South |
| Ferrer-Lopez | Grumm | Krawczyk | Ad Gogoman |
| $2 \diamond *$ | Pass | 4\%* | Pass |
| 4 ${ }^{*}$ | Pass | 49 | All Pass |
| West | North | East | South |
| Assmann | Maj | An Gogoman | Szczepanska |
| $2 \diamond$ | Pass | 24 | All Pass |

Seeing these auctions one could expect Austria to strike back here. After a Multi at both tables Anna Gogoman was left to play in 24. $3 \diamond$ makes for N/S but all vulnerable neither of the Polish players wanted to take any action.
Krawczyk's 4is asked her partner to transfer to the major she held. In theory South can lead a low club to the king, win the club continuation and give her partner a club ruff. On a diamond switch South can win to play another club for an uppercut in trumps, which gives the defence five tricks in all. In practise a heart was led and declarer could win to play the ace of spades and a spade to South's king. Now South amazingly could not find anything more attractive than a heart, thus declarer was able to pitch a diamond from dummy; +620 and a big swing of 10 IMPs to Poland, now in the lead by 17-0.A medal came closer for the Poles!

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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Q Q J IO 3
< K IO 6
\diamondA Q 5 }
2 107
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© AK 5
\(\vee\) J 5
\(\diamond 1096\)
\& AJ865
© 7
\(\bigcirc\) A Q 987
\(\diamond\) J 832
2K 93
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498642
$\bigcirc 432$
$\diamond$ K 7
\& Q 42

England v Netherlands

| West <br> Dekker | North <br> Roberts | East <br> Barendregt | South <br> Morton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INT | Dble | Rdbl |
| 24 | Dble | All Pass |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Macdougall | Gelder | Whitehead | Salm |
|  | I $\downarrow$ | Pass | 18 |
| 14 | Pass | 2\% | Pass |
| $2 \bigcirc$ | Pass | $4 \bigcirc$ | All Pass |

Roberts/Morton's convention card tells us that INT shows a balanced hand but no range at all.That's an interesting idea.'How strong is INT?'.' 2 to 37 HCP's...'. However, from this board we can tell that they presumably use weak no trump openings. Be
that as it may, Miss Rose Barendregt roughly doubled, a move that fell onto solid ground this time. Astrid Dekker flew to her suit. North doubled but two off for - 300 was cheap for the Dutch as $4 \bigcirc$ was made in the Closed Room; +620 and the first 7 IMPs for the Netherlands in the match.
On Board 9 Austria had their only big swing in the match against Poland. In fact it came due to an immense mistake from one of the Polish players. Otherwise Austria would almost score nothing. They nearly did anyway...

## Board I4. Dealer East. None Vul.

- 10853
$\checkmark 753$
$\checkmark 10852$
- Q 2

$1 \otimes$ is not too high nor too low for N/S. Though, we could expect our girls to have difficulty to stop in time considering the fact that South is holding 20 HCPs.


## England v Netherlands

| West <br> Dekker | North <br> Roberts | East <br> Barendregt | South <br> Morton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 INT | Dble |  |  |
| All Pass | Pass | Pass | Dble |
| West | North | East | South |
| Macdougall | Gelder | Whitehead | Salm |
|  |  | INT | Dble |
| Rdbl | Pass | 29 | 28 |

Suzanna Morton reopened with a double rather than 38 , and she had to defeat 3 doubled in its place. When the trump suit was split evenly there was no defence; $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W}+470$.
In $2 \Omega$, Claudia Salm got a little help from the defence and collected eight tricks; N/S +IIO and that was another II IMPs to the Dutch. Every swing since Board 3 had gone to the Netherlands, now leading by $52-19$, and the gold medals were close by now.

## Ireland v Sweden

| West | North <br> Sjoberg | East | South <br> S. Rimstedt |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | INT | Dble |
| 2 \& $^{*}$ | Pass | $3 \boldsymbol{*}$ | 38 |

All Pass

| West <br> C.Rimstedt | North <br> Nicholls | East <br> Sivelind | South <br> Lomas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $1 \mathbf{2}$ | Dble |
| 32 | Pass | Pass | $3 \varnothing$ |
| 42 | Pass | Pass | $4 \vee$ |
| Pass | Pass | Dble | All Pass |

The Swedish declarer went two down in $3 \bigcirc$ for - 100 .
At the other table Katarina Lomas all by herself bid up to game and the Swedes were not afraid to double. Out came a spade to the nine and ace. Declarer took her two tops in hearts then exited with a spade. There were only seven tricks for declarer; 500 and that was 9 IMPs to Sweden. As suspected, the Irish girls didn't have a chance in this match. With six boards to play the match was already over, Sweden leading by 68-12. Would it be silver or bronze for Sweden?


Here we had the second largest swing in the match for Austria - 3 MPs - as $2 \checkmark$ went one down and $4 \bigcirc$ three off.


Laura Macdougall, England

Board I7. Dealer North. None Vul.

- KJ9643
$Q$ Q 85
$\diamond 6532$
9 -

| ¢ Q 108 | N | ¢ A 72 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 1074$ |  | - K 632 |
| $\diamond$ AJ 94 | W E | $\diamond$ K Q 10 |
| \% AK 10 | S | \& 432 |
|  | ¢ 5 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ A 19 |  |
|  | $\diamond 87$ |  |
|  | \& Q J 98 |  |

## England v Netherlands

| West | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dekker | Roberts | Barendregt | Morton |

24 All Pass

| West <br> Macdougall | North <br> Gelder | East <br> Whitehead | South <br> Salm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3NT | $2 \boldsymbol{2}$ | Dble | $3 \%$ |

Elizabeth Roberts opened 24, weak, and was left to play there. Losing an extra trick to the defence she was two down for -I00. Laura Macdougall won the diamond lead in dummy and started to establish the heart suit by playing a heart to the ten and queen. Back came a diamond and declarer played another heart to South.A spade switch came and North was allowed to win the trick with the nine. Declarer won the diamond switch and cleared the suit. A heart to South's ace followed and declarer read the position well when she put in the ten on the club the club switch; +400 and 7 IMPs to England.


Sandra Rimstedt, Sweden

In the match between Sweden and Ireland both declarers went down in 3NT.As the cards lay the game is cold. The Irish declarer got lost somewhere and that was 50 to Sweden. The Swedish declarer got the eight of clubs lead and lost control at trick one when she took the ace instead of the ten. South had contributed with a $3 \%$ bid in the auction and clearly the Swede expected either the jack or queen to drop from North at trick one, as a consequence of South's reluctance to lead a top club - but North discarded a diamond. Declarer tried a heart to the king but South won the ace and then played the queen of clubs. The club suit was now established and declarer had to go two down for - 100 and that was 2 IMPs to Ireland.
Both declarers made 3NT in the match Austria v Poland. A spade was led at both tables and the declarers could win the first trick with the eight in hand. From there they were on the track for +400 and a flat board.
The final board was certainly exciting. A lot of IMPs could be exchanged here. For the Netherlands and Sweden the outcome of the last board in their own matches were not especially interesting. The attention therefore was drawn to the match between Austria and Poland.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { S } \\
& \otimes K J 1052 \\
& \diamond K \text { Q } 864 \\
& \& K J
\end{aligned}
$$



England v Netherlands

| West <br> Dekker | North <br> Roberts | East <br> Barendregt | South Morton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | 18 | 19. | Dble |
| 34 | $4 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Macdougall | Gelder | Whitehead | Salm |
| Pass | 18 | 19, | INT |
| 24 | $3 \diamond$ | Pass | 3s |
| Pass | $4 \diamond$ | Pass | $5 \diamond$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Marleen van Gelder finessed the jack of hearts and so she went down in $5 \diamond$.At the other table Elizabeth Roberts made 4 4$\rangle+130$ and that was 6 inconsiderable IMPs to England. This match had come to its end and the final score was $72-34 \mathrm{IMPs}$; $23-7 \mathrm{VPs}$. The gold medals thus went to the talented Dutch girls by a wide margin.

| Ireland v Sweden |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| West | North Sjoberg | East | South <br> S. Rimstedt |
| Pass | 18 | 19 | INT |
| Pass | $2 \diamond$ | Pass | $3 \checkmark$ |
| Pass | 3NT | All Pass |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| C.Rimstedt | Nicholls | Sivelind | Lomas |
| Pass | 18 | Pass | 2NT |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Neither no trump contract was successful since the defence began by cashing five spade tricks. Sweden had achieved an expected win by 82-17 IMPs, or 25-3 converted to VPs.
In the match between Austria and Poland the score had moved on to 34-I7 in favour of Poland with only one board to go. Austria needed to score I IMP(!) on this deal to finish equally with Sweden or 5 IMPs to be sure to finish as the runners-up.

## Austria v Poland

| West <br> Ferrer-Lopez | North <br> Grumm | East <br> Krawczyk | South <br> Ad Gogoman |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | $1 \boxtimes$ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | $2 \triangleleft$ | Pass | $3 \triangleleft$ |
| Pass | $5 \diamond$ | All Pass |  |


| West <br> Assmann | North <br> Maj | East <br> An Gogoman | South <br> Szczepanska |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pass | $1 \boxtimes$ | Pass | INT |
| Pass | $2 \triangleleft$ | Pass | $3 \diamond$ |
| Pass | $3 \triangleleft$ | Pass | $4 \checkmark$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

In the Open Room East led a spade, which held the trick. Then came a spade to the queen, ace and Grumm ruffed. She drew the trumps and made her game by playing a heart to the king. Very well done!
When Marta Maj got a raise in diamonds from South, it was not likely for her partner to have more than two hearts, nevertheless she was hoping for a heart honour and tried $3 \bigcirc$. Kamila Szczepanska expected a more solid heart suit than was actually the case, so she raised to game. Anna Gogoman led the jack of spades and Ursula Assmann looked at this for a long time then put up the ace. To continue with another spade didn't seem very attractive, so Assmann switched to a club. Declarer now could give away two heart tricks and make the game; +620 and I IMP to Poland.
The defence needed to play on spades instead of the club switch, since declarer now will become short in trumps and go down. That club switch was the tiny difference between silver and bronze for the Austrian girls - but I am sure any of the players will find 5 IMPs they lost on some of the other 179 played boards.

## JUNIORS BUTLER AFTER 10 ROUNDS

| I | Ferrari Fr | ITA | 1.49 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | Sangiorgio A | ITA | 1.49 |
| 3 | Bessis Th | FRA | 1.34 |
| - | Gaviard Ju | FRA | 1.34 |
| 5 | DiBello St | ITA | 1.30 |
| - | LoPresti Fa | ITA | 1.30 |
| 7 | Woodcock An | ENG | 1.04 |
|  | Burgess Ol | ENG | 1.04 |
| 9 | Berg Er | NOR | 0.95 |
| - | Ringseth JA | NOR | 0.95 |
| 11 | Eide EA | NOR | 0.81 |
| - | Lindquist Es | NOR | 0.81 |
| 13 | Byrne Mi | ENG | 0.75 |
|  | Morris AI | ENG | 0.75 |
| 15 | Johansson Pa | SWE | 0.66 |
| 16 | Marjai Pe | HUN | 0.64 |
|  | Minarik Ga | HUN | 0.64 |
| - | Groenenboom | NET | 0.64 |
| - | Molenaar Da | NET | 0.64 |
| 20 | Soderlund Ro | SWE | 0.57 |
| 21 | Ginossar El | ISR | 0.56 |
| - | Reshef Op | ISR | 0.56 |
| - | Thalen Bj | SWE | 0.56 |
| 24 | Malmstrom Pe | SWE | 0.54 |
| 25 | Moraru Co | ROM | 0.52 |
| - | Serea Ga | ROM | 0.52 |
| 27 | Munnen An | NET | 0.51 |
|  | Ritmeijer Ri | NET | 0.51 |
| 29 | Araszkiewicz | POL | 0.48 |
| - | Buras Kr | POL | 0.48 |
| 31 | Jerolistch S | AUT | 0.47 |
| 32 | Green Be | ENG | 0.46 |
| - | Happer Du | ENG | 0.46 |
| 34 | Kalita Ja | POL | 0.34 |
| 35 | DeDonder St | BEL | 0.32 |
|  | DeRoos St | BEL | 0.32 |
| 37 | Owczarek Pi | AUT | 0.31 |
| - | Schulz Di | AUT | 0.31 |
| 39 | Bessis Ol | FRA | 0.29 |
| - | DeTessieres | FRA | 0.29 |
| 41 | Morin He | SWE | 0.28 |
| - | Damaso Nu | POR | 0.28 |
| - | Patraso Pe | POR | 0.28 |
| 44 | Boldrini An | ITA | 0.23 |
| - | Sbarigia Ma | ITA | 0.23 |
| 46 | Balint Mi | ROM | 0.22 |
| - | Lazar CL | ROM | 0.22 |
| 48 | Dalkilic Ba | TUR | 0.21 |
| - | Eskizara Om | TUR | 0.21 |
| 50 | Eide Pe | NOR | 0.19 |
|  | Livgard AI | NOR | 0.19 |
| 52 | Nyaradi Ga | HUN | 0.17 |
| - | Nyaradi Zs | HUN | 0.17 |
| - | Kotorowicz K | POL | 0.17 |
| 55 | Anter SM | TUR | 0.09 |
| - | Bakan HG | TUR | 0.09 |
| - | Kontomitros | GRE | 0.09 |
| 58 | Vroustis Va | GRE | 0.04 |
| 59 | Chauvelot Ni | FRA | 0.03 |
| - | Thibault Ma | FRA | 0.03 |
| 61 | Neimanis Ja | LAT | -0.02 |
| - | Rubins Ka | LAT | -0.02 |
| 63 | Honyek An | HUN | -0.05 |
| - | Szabo Cs | HUN | -0.05 |


| 80 | 65 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 80 | 66 |
| 160 | - |
| 160 | 68 |

Houmoller Jo
Doxiadis Ko
Karamanlis M

| DEN | -0.06 | 140 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GRE | -0.08 | 180 |
| GRE | -0.08 | 180 |
| CRO | -0.11 | 140 |
| CRO | -0.11 | 140 |
| DEN | -0.11 | 80 |
| DEN | -0.11 | 80 |
| DEN | -0.11 | 180 |
| ROM | -0.13 | 140 |
| ROM | -0.13 | 140 |
| DEN | -0.14 | 140 |
| SWE | -0.16 | 100 |
| DEN | -0.17 | 180 |
| POR | -0.18 | 160 |
| POR | -0.18 | 160 |
| TUR | -0.23 | 160 |
| TUR | -0.23 | 160 |
| BEL | -0.23 | 100 |
| BEL | -0.23 | 100 |
| POR | -0.23 | 100 |
| POR | -0.23 | 100 |
| NET | -0.23 | 139 |
| NET | -0.23 | 139 |
| AUT | -0.25 | 200 |
| ISR | -0.27 | 100 |
| ISR | -0.27 | 100 |
| BEL | -0.27 | 100 |
| BEL | -0.27 | 100 |
| CZE | -0.33 | 140 |
| SPA | -0.34 | 140 |
| SPA | -0.34 | 140 |
| CZE | -0.36 | 120 |
| SPA | -0.45 | 140 |
| SPA | -0.45 | 140 |
| LIT | -0.49 | 140 |
| LIT | -0.52 | 120 |
| CZE | -0.55 | 139 |
| CZE | -0.62 | 140 |
| LAT | -0.70 | 100 |
| LAT | -0.70 | 100 |
| CRO | -0.72 | 100 |
| CRO | -0.72 | 100 |
| SCO | -0.76 | 140 |
| SCO | -0.76 | 160 |
| SCO | -0.76 | 160 |
| SCO | -0.77 | 160 |
| LIT | -0.81 | 140 |
| LIT | -0.81 | 140 |
| CRO | -0.86 | 160 |
| CRO | -0.86 | 160 |
| AUT | -0.97 | 100 |
| LIT | -1.01 | 140 |
| CZE | -1.05 | 159 |
| ISR | -1.08 | 100 |
| ISR | -1.08 | 100 |
| LIT | -1.13 | 120 |
| SCO | -1.19 | 100 |
| SCO | -1. 28 | 80 |
| CZE | -1. 28 | 100 |
| LAT | -I. 33 | 120 |
| LAT | -1.33 | 120 |
| SPA | -1.53 | 119 |
| SPA | -1.53 | 119 |

