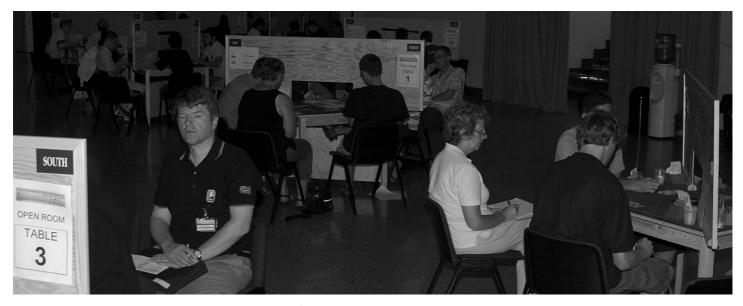


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ITALY LEAD THE WAY



Italy leads the way in both series after yesterday's play. The Italian Schools team has 69 VPs out of 75 after three matches, giving them a narrow lead over Israel, on 67, Latvia on 65 and Poland on 62. Yesterday, Italy had a perfect day, scoring 25 against both Austria and Turkey.

It was tight at the top after the first of yesterday's two matches in the Juniors, but then leaders Italy beat second-placed England 24-6 in the second match and now lead on 245.5 to new chasers, Norway's 235 and England's 223. Next come Poland on 217, France on 213 and Hungary on 211.5. You will notice that all but one of Europe's teams for Sydney are in contention once again. The exception is Israel, who had such a terrible start to this Championship. But the Israelis are clawing their way back into contention. Yesterday they drew with Italy then scored a maximum against Scotland to move up to tenth position. Norway were the top scorers on the day, getting 21 against old rivals Sweden then 25 against Lithuania.

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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

10.00 Denmark v Turkey 14.00 Poland v Israel 17.30 Sweden v Poland Juniors Schools Juniors

JUNIOR TEAMS RESULTS

	ROUND 11		
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I NETHERLANDS	DENMARK	26 - 35	3 - 7
2 CROATIA	LATVIA	29 - 39	3 - 7
3 ISRAEL	ITALY	38 - 38	15 - 15
4 NORWAY	SWEDEN	58 - 27	21 - 9
5 SPAIN	BELGIUM	64 - 22	24 - 6
6 CZECH REP.	ROMANIA	37 - 29	16 - 14
7 HUNGARY	FRANCE	36 - 32	16 - 14
8 LITHUANIA	POLAND	38 - 57	- 9
9 SCOTLAND	PORTUGAL	33 - 45	13 - 17
10 TURKEY	ENGLAND	30 - 51	- 9
I I AUSTRIA	GREECE	35 - 30	16 - 14

ROUND 12

Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I CZECH REP.	NETHERLANDS	15 -117	0 - 25
2 HUNGARY	SPAIN	68 - 14	25 - 4
3 LITHUANIA	NORWAY	16 -107	0 - 25
4 SCOTLAND	ISRAEL	3 - 23	0 - 25
5 TURKEY	CROATIA	81 - 21	25 - 3
6 AUSTRIA	DENMARK	38 - 69	9 - 21
7 GREECE	LATVIA	54 - 53	15 - 15
8 ENGLAND	ITALY	19 - 64	6 - 24
9 PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	53 - 56	4 - 6
10 POLAND	BELGIUM	82 - 25	25 - 4
II FRANCE	ROMANIA	64 - 45	9 -

SCHOOLS TEAMS RESULTS

ROUND 2

	Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
Т	DENMARK	LATVIA	22 - 56	8 - 22
2	ENGLAND	HUNGARY	29 - 52	10 - 20
3	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	21 - 42	- 9
4	ITALY	AUSTRIA	71 - 19	25 - 5
5	FRANCE	ISRAEL	23 - 42	- 9
6	TURKEY	POLAND	28 - 48	- 9
7	GERMANY	NORWAY	20 - 34	12 - 18

ROUND 3			
Home Team	Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
I LATVIA	FRANCE	71 - 26	24 - 6
2 TURKEY	ITALY	31 - 81	5 - 25
3 GERMANY	SWEDEN	42 - 62	- 9
4 NORWAY	ENGLAND	51 - 34	9 -
5 POLAND	DENMARK	55 - 19	22 - 8
6 ISRAEL	HUNGARY	85 - 11	25 - I
7 AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS	15 -101	0 - 25

JUNIORS TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROUN	ND 13 10.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
I	NETHERLANDS	FRANCE
2	ROMANIA	POLAND
3	BELGIUM	PORTUGAL
4	SWEDEN	ENGLAND
5	ITALY	GREECE
6	LATVIA	AUSTRIA
7	DENMARK	TURKEY
8	CROATIA	scotland
9	ISRAEL	LITHUANIA
10	NORWAY	HUNGARY
11	SPAIN	CZECH REPUBLIC

		ROUND I	4 14.00
Table	Home Tear	n	Visiting Team
I	HUNGARY		NETHERLANDS
2	LITHUANIA		CZECH REPUBLIC
3	SCOTLAND)	SPAIN
4	TURKEY		NORWAY
5	AUSTRIA		ISRAEL
6	GREECE		CROATIA
7	ENGLAND		DENMARK
8	PORTUGAL		LATVIA
9	POLAND		ITALY
10	FRANCE		SWEDEN
11	ROMANIA		BELGIUM

	ROUN	1D 15	17.30
Table	Home Team	Visiting Tear	n
I	NETHERLANDS	ROMANIA	
2	BELGIUM	FRANCE	
3	SWEDEN	POLAND	
4	ITALY	PORTUGAL	
5	LATVIA	ENGLAND	
6	DENMARK	GREECE	
7	CROATIA	AUSTRIA	
8	ISRAEL	TURKEY	
9	NORWAY	scotland	
10	SPAIN	LITHUANIA	
11	CZECH REPUBLIC	HUNGARY	

SCHOOLS TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 3

I ITALY	69
2 ISRAEL	67
3 LATVIA	65
4 POLAND	62
5 NETHERLANDS	55
—SWEDEN	55
7 NORWAY	48
8 FRANCE	41
9 ENGLAND	40
10 GERMANY	32
II DENMARK	27
12 HUNGARY	26
13 TURKEY	23
I4 AUSTRIA	П

JUNIORS TEAMS

RANKING AFTER SESSION 12

		- / - -
	ITALY	245.5
2	NORWAY	235
3	ENGLAND	223
4	POLAND	217
5	FRANCE	213
6	HUNGARY	211.5
7	NETHERLANDS	208
8	SWEDEN	200
9	TURKEY	190
10	ISRAEL	187
	DENMARK	181
	-ROMANIA	181
13	PORTUGAL	173.5
14	AUSTRIA	168
15	BELGIUM	166
16	GREECE	164
17	LATVIA	151
18	CROATIA	126.5
19	CZECH REPUBLIC	121
	-SPAIN	121
21	SCOTLAND	105
22	LITHUANIA	102

SCHOOLS TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROUND	4 10	.00
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team	
12	AUSTRIA	LATVIA	
13	NETHERLANDS	ISRAEL	
14	HUNGARY	POLAND	
15	DENMARK	NORWAY	
16	ENGLAND	GERMANY	
17	SWEDEN	TURKEY	
18	ITALY	FRANCE	

	ROL	JND 6 17.30
Table	Home Team	Visiting Team
12	POLAND	LATVIA
13	ISRAEL	NORWAY
14	AUSTRIA	GERMANY
15	NETHERLANDS	TURKEY
16	HUNGARY	FRANCE
17	DENMARK	ITALY
18	ENGLAND	SWEDEN



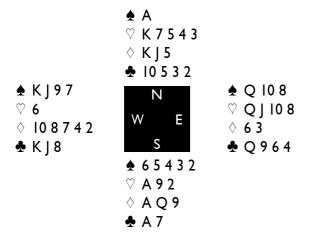
Deep Finesse

By Barry Rigal

Deep Finesse occasionally throws up intriguing play problems. When you discover that a certain contract is laydown, you often move on and think nothing more about it. But when DF tells you a contract will always make, and the defenders seem to have the upper hand, you need to work out *why* there is no defence.

Consider Deal 14 from Round 8, where 4^{\heartsuit} is described as unbeatable. It looks easy; you play to ruff two clubs in the South hand, and yet...

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.



Imagine the contract declared by South after a transfer auction, though who is declarer is not so important, and West leads his singleton trump. It appears to be impossible to take the ruffs. However, as David Greenwood pointed out, the contract can be made.

Declarer wins the heart in hand, crosses to the ace of spades and leads a low club towards his \clubsuit A7. East must go in with the nine, else declarer can duck to West, who has no second trump to lead. So South wins the \clubsuit A and West must unblock the jack. But when declarer leads a second club and West plays the eight, dummy ducks and East has to overtake to play a trump. Declarer wins the \heartsuit K, ruffs a club and, when the king falls, the ten is high so that no second ruff is required.

So much for that, but what if the club layout was:



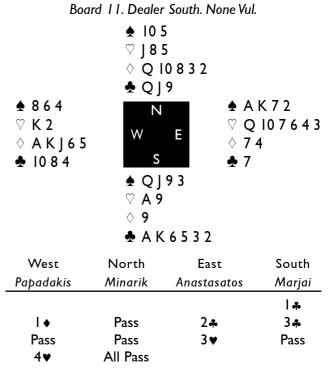
Now West could unblock the jack under the ace and East win the second round without sacrificing a trick in the suit. So, can the contract still be made?

Again, the answer is yes. Declarer needs to set up the fifth spade instead. He wins the king of hearts at trick one, unblocks the \bigstar A and ducks a club to East. Declarer wins the heart return in hand and ruffs two spades in hand, crossing back to via top diamonds. When he ruffs the fourth spade in dummy, East can over-ruff and draw the last trump, but declarer has a club, diamond and spade for the last three tricks, scoring two spades, two spade ruffs, two hearts, a club and three diamonds.

About Thinking

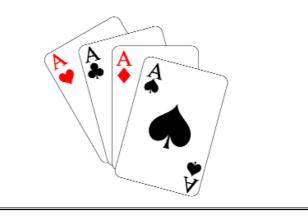
By Christer Andersson (Sweden)

When you enter the main building of Uppsala University in Sweden you can read on a marble plate above the door: 'To think with an open mind is good, to think accurately is better'. Sticking to this valuable advice would have helped Hungary on this board against Greece in Round 10 of the Junior series:



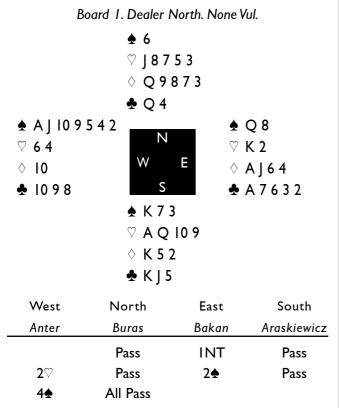
Peter Marjai led the A and continued with a small club when Gabor Minarik contributed the queen. Declarer, Aris Anastasatos, ruffed and played a heart towards the table. Marjai took his trump ace and led a third club, efficiently eliminating the suit for declarer. Aris ruffed, played a trump to the king and a spade back to hand. Preparing not to be endplayed, Peter discarded the spade queen under the ace. Declarer drew the last trump and played a low spade. Not seeing the need to open the crocodile jaws wide, Peter contributed a spade that was too low to prevent partner being endplayed. A little look under the screen — thank you partner.

Greece won 12 IMPs on the board as their team-mates made $3 \div$ in the other room. However, the rest the match was a one-sided affair, Hungary winning 25-3.



Strip and Endplay

Turkey had two good wins in the Junior series on Friday, including one over Poland. This nice endplay by Huseyin Gurcan Bakan contributed to the Turkish success.



For Poland, Konrad Araskiewicz made the normal lead of a low spade into the 15-17 no trump on his right and Bakan ran this to his queen then repeated the spade finesse and cashed the \bigstar A. Next he passed the \bigstar 10 to South's jack and Araskiewicz was in difficulties. He solved his problem by exiting with the king of diamonds to declarer's king but the reprieve was only temporary. Bakan won the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond then led the \bigstar 9 to queen and ace. Next came the key play, a second diamond ruff. When Bakan now played the third club to Araskiewicz's king, South had only hearts left and had to lead up to declarer's king to give the contract. Very nicely played.





PABF Championships

Only a couple of weeks after the end of the current Championships in Riccione, several of our teams will be starting play in the World Youth Championships in Sydney, Australia. Trawling the web, I came across the bulletins of the recent PABF Championships in Seoul, Korea.

The PABF Youth champions are Japan, the first time they have won the title. The other qualifiers for Sydney were China Hong Kong and China Taipei. Actually, Australia finished second but they play without standing and will be playing in Sydney anyway.

There was one deal, reported by Cathy Chua, featuring the Australian juniors that you might consider newsworthy:

Bo ♣ K 3 ♡ J 10 3 ◊ A K 9 8 7 ♣ 10 6	▲ Q I ♡ 86 ◇ J I0 ▲ A 7 N	5 E ♠ A ♡ A ◇ 4 ♣ Q	862 KQ54
West	North	East	South
Dewi	Feiler	Wahyu	Porter
Pass	3◇	Pass	3 ♣ 4◊

All Pass

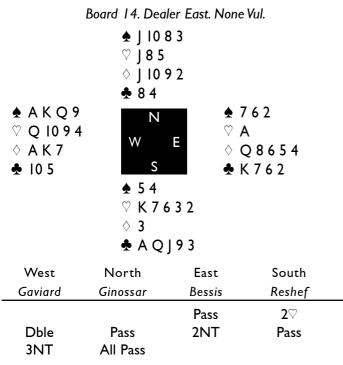
This one came in the match against Indonesia. Gabby Feiler's psychic $3\diamond$ response to the pre-empt succeeded beautifully, though it really should not have done so — isn't East worth a double when $4\diamond$ is passed by North? Now West will pass and E/W will presumably get to defend $5\clubsuit$ doubled for what looks like +1100.

In real life, 4 \Diamond drifted five off for —250 and +9 IMPs as Australia chalked up +650 in 4 \heartsuit at the other table.

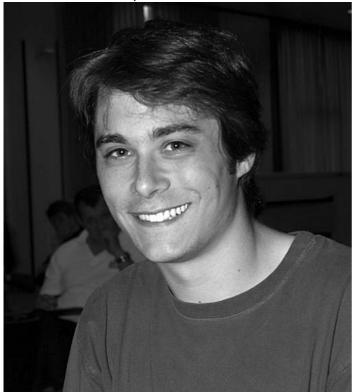
Operation Successful — Both Patients Died

By Barry Rigal

Eldad Ginossar of Israel was full of praise for Thomas Bessis's attempts to make consecutive game contracts on two deals from the Round 10 Juniors match between Israel and France.



Ophir Reshef, having shown a limited two-suiter with his $2\heartsuit$ opening bid, led the jack of clubs against 3NT, zero or two higher. Bessis won the \clubsuit K and cashed the ace and king of diamonds, getting the bad news. Now he tried the effect of exiting with the ten of clubs to South's queen!



Thomas Bessis, France

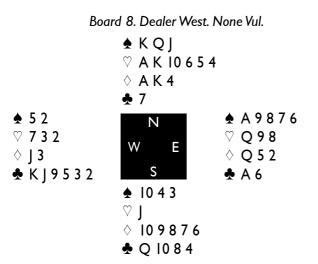
Had Reshef taken all his club winners, North would have been squeezed in spades and diamonds, but Reshef could see the danger and carefully cashed only three clubs, North pitching an encouraging heart. Reshef switched to a low heart, dropping declarer's bare ace, and Bessis cashed two top spades, hoping to drop an honour from South so that North could be endplayed with the fourth diamond to lead into the riangle Q9. When that too failed, he had to go one down. But very well played and also well defended.

Incidentally, had South actually held a doubleton spade honour, he would have had to cash one less club before finding the heart play. Now North will still have a second heart with which to get off lead should declarer try for the endplay and South will win a heart and his remaining club tricks.

 ▲ 8 4 3 ♡ K Q 8 5 ◊ J 4 ▲ A 10 	Board 15. Dea ▲ 10 9 ♡ J ◇ 9 8 5 ♣ K Q 3 2 N W S ▲ 2 ♡ A 10 ◇ A Q ♣ 9 3 2	7 5 3 5 4 E 9 6 4 10 6	4 K Q J 6	
West	North	East	South	
Gaviard	Ginossar	Bessis	Reshef	
Pass Rdbl Pass Pass Pass 2♠	Pass INT Rdbl Pass 2◊ Pass	I♠ Dble Pass Dble Pass 2NT	Pass Dble Pass 2♣ Rdbl Pass Pass	
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass	

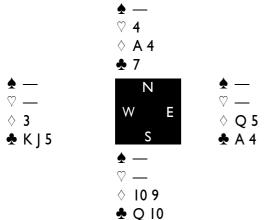
Two No Trump would have made, but Gaviard tried to play the known five-three spade fit and Bessis raised himself to game.

Reshef, suspecting that his partner was probably 4-1-4-4 from the auction, cashed the ace of hearts then shifted to a club, ducked to the queen. Back came a trump and Bessis, who did not know that North had four spades, hoped that he might be 4-2-3-4, and ran the spade switch to dummy's eight! Unlucky — Bessis had his entry to dummy but the five-one heart split was too much for him. Had hearts divided four-two, he could have ruffed a heart, drawn trumps, then used the ace of clubs as an entry to run the hearts.



Thomas Bessis was also the hero of this deal earlier in the match. After a strong and artificial $2\clubsuit$ opening, Ginossar declared 4% on the lead of the two of diamonds. He won in hand and led a low heart. Bessis took the $\heartsuit Q$ and got out with a heart to declarer.

Ginossar drew another round of trumps then played the king of spades so Bessis took the ace and returned a spade. Ginossar ran his winners to come down to:



When the last heart was cashed, Bessis carefully threw the ace of clubs to avoid the endplay, so the contract was one down.



The Croatian Junior Team

Karlo Brguljan (25) is our veteran Junior representative, whose only ambition before these Championships began was to beat Belgium, and now has become to beat any team. Unfortunately for the ladies, he decided to cut his lion's mane this year.

Karlo's partner, **Madja Kazalicki** (24) represented us in Torquay but had to take a break last year due to serious ambitions at badminton. He appears to be the only sane member of the team and supplies the team with jokes and healthy nutrigrain bars.

Nino Jogun (24) represents us for the first time. He is our chief analyst, the only problem being that he requires 45 minutes for each board and unfortunately there are more than five boards in a match.

Goran Vukic also represents us for the first time. Sometimes he falls asleep even during matches. He swims and runs every morning, so the hangover section of our team never sees him before dinner.

Sandra-Kulovic Probst (25) has represented us since Torquay. She is married to the coach and they have three children (one cat, one dog and one horse). Her dream is to win an award for having the prettiest scoresheet (she uses a four-colour technique).

Slavica Martinovic (22) is representing us for the second time. She likes beer in the evenings, beer in the afternoons and beer in the mornings. She doesn't have a boyfriend because they all become drunk too soon and end up under the table. For completely unknown reasons she has brought her fine collection of jumpers to Riccione and now complains that Italy is 'a bit hot'.

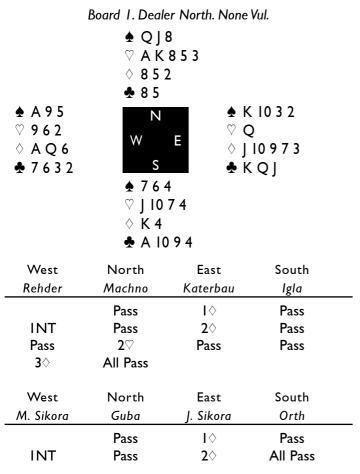
Marko Kobas (27) is our captain. He threatened to take all his clothes off if we wrote anything negative about him (not a pretty sight!), so we will just remark that he has the most addictive laugh we have ever heard.

Richard Probst (26) is our coach. He is trying his best and even tries the old rugby team trick of taking the next day's opposition out and giving them plenty of alcohol the night before to try to weaken them. So far, this has worked most effectively with the Israeli team. In his private life he is a devoted husband to Sandra.



Poland v Germany — Round I Schools

Will Poland, as reigning champions in the Schools, win another gold here in Riccione? The outcome will be known in a few days, nonetheless, a good start is always nice if you want to fight at the top of any competition.



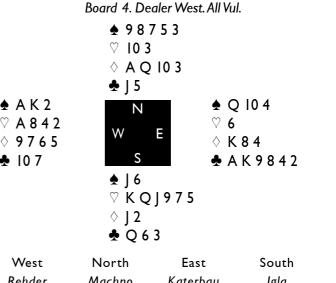


Jan Sikora, Hungary

This board was actually passed out at three tables out of 36 — an extraordinary result taking into account that we are talking about an event for juniors...

E/W are likely to play some number of diamonds, so Artur Machno tried his best to reopen 2^{\heartsuit} , but he was not left to play there as Martin Rehder bid once again. If South leads anything but a heart declarer will have time to establish a spade trick for ten tricks in total. There was no reason not to lead a heart for Bartlomiej Igla and the defence kept on playing hearts whenever they came in, leaving declarer with nine tricks; E/W +110.

Paul Orth was in 20, and it just made for+90, so the first IMP went to Poland.



TTC3C		Last	South	
Rehder	Machno	Katerbau	lgla	
Pass	Pass	♣	2♡	
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass	
West	North	East	South	
M. Sikora	Guba	J. Sikora	Orth	
Pass	Pass	2♣	Pass	
2◊*	Pass	3 🛧	Pass	
3NT	All Pass			

Igla pre-empted 2^{\heartsuit} and Rehder left him to play there by passing his partners take-out double. The lead was the ace of spades and on the diamond switch East was able to win the king. The defence had to win two club tricks, one more spade and the ace of trumps for —200. That would normally be a decent score for the Germans since E/W can only make a partscore.

In the Closed Room Jan Sikora opened 2th natural and showed a six-card suit without any four-card major on the next round. One more club in West's hand would make an enormous difference to the odds in 3NT, but Maciej had faith in the power of his three top honours (or was it the power of himself as declarer?) so he placed 3NT on the table anyway. With only seven tricks to take, declarer has to go down in theory, but in practise we saw something else happen. North was on lead and without any hints from the auction he tried his longest suit, thus he led the eight of spades. With all suits guarded Sikora only had to give up a club trick to make game; +600 and that was worth 9 IMPs for the Poles. The score had moved on to 32-17 in favour of Poland when the

The score had moved on to 32-17 in favour of Poland when the next big swing came along.

	Board 12. De	aler West. N/S	Vul.
 ▲ — ♡ A K Q I0 ◇ K I0 ▲ K Q I0 5 	W	3 7 4 2 E	A Q 7 6 5 2
West	North	East	South
Rehder	Machno	Katerbau	lgla
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2∰*	Pass	2◊*	Pass	
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass	
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass	
4 ♡	Pass	6�	Pass	
Pass	Dble	All Pass		
West	North	East	South	
West M. Sikora	North Guba	East J. Sikora	South <i>Orth</i>	
M. Sikora	Guba	J. Sikora	Orth	
M. Sikora I♣*	Guba Pass	J. Sikora	Orth Pass	

After a strong club opening the Sikora brothers didn't have any higher ambitions on this board as they stopped in 4%. The misfit was obvious but the general values were too good this time. All the same there was not much to the play, so two overtricks were noted for +480.

The Germans in the other room were more eager to find a slam. Rehder opened 2 \clubsuit forcing, 2 \diamond was a relay, 2 \heartsuit was game-



Gerrit Guba, Germany

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forcing without showing any suits and 24 asked for more information. Four natural bids followed and Rehder was quite satisfied that a reasonable trump suit finally had been found, even though at the six level.

To make 6, declarer needs quite a large amount of help from the defence as there are many ways to beat the contract. For example, by leading a spade South can force dummy to ruff in order to ensure a trump trick for the defence. At the table a heart was led and that worked out well too, in consequence it immediately broke the communications for declarer — end of the story. Down two for —300 and that was 13 powerful IMPs to Poland.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.			
		9 8 7 5	
 ▲ A 9 5 2 ♡ A 4 2 ◇ A Q 5 ▲ J 8 7 	N ₩ \$ ∮ J 6 ♡ K Q ◊ K 7 ♣ 10 9	● 6 3 6	3 _ 0 9 8 4 3 . K Q 5 4 2
West	North	East	South
Rehder	Machno	Katerbau	Igla
3NT	All Pass	3♣	Pass
West	North	East	South
M. Sikora	Guba	J. Sikora	Orth
		2NT*	Pass
3♡*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
5¢	All Pass		e 11

Rehder was pre-empted by his partner, so from his point of view 3NT was a sensible spot to be in, holding 14 balanced. North led the king of spades and the declarer didn't risk the contract, as he claimed nine tricks for +400.

Maciej Sikora was in a better position to go for small slam in any minor, knowing East to be holding both suits. 3NT was explained as 5-5-2-1, West therefore gave the slam thoughts up and only bid game.

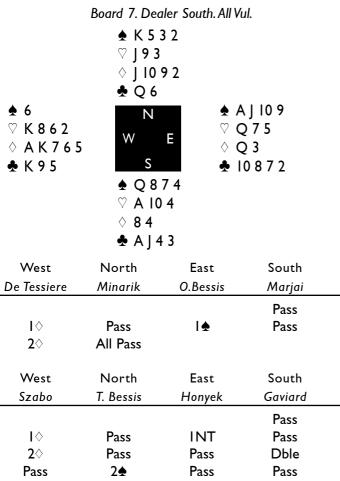
Being in slam you still have to guess the trump position. Without checking the encyclopaedia our instinct says low to the queen is the right way to handle the suit, and whether it wins or loses run the ten next. Note that if East is declarer South can lead a club, ruffed by North, but the contract still makes by playing a diamond to the queen then a major is ruffed in dummy followed by the ten of trumps.

In practise North led the king of spades won by the ace. Declarer cashed the ace of hearts, pitching a losing spade, due to not being in slam he then simply played the trump ace followed by the queen, claiming 12 tricks when the jack dropped. The small slam was missed; +420 but still a solitary IMP to the Poles.

Poland won this match quite comfortably by 55-24 IMPs; 21-9 VPs. The Germans were not playing badly; they just didn't have the luck on their side this time.

Hungary v France — Round II Juniors

Round 11 of the Junior series saw a match between Hungary and France, two of the teams who are going to be representing Europe at the World Youth Championships in Sydney next month. The match proved to be tight throughout on a relatively quiet set of boards.



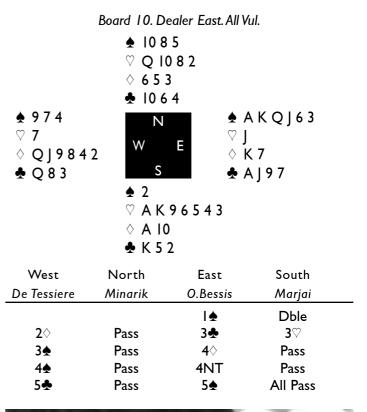
3 All Pass

The French E/W pair had a normal auction to 2° , against which Gabor Minarik led the jack of trumps. Godefroy De Tessieres won in dummy and cashed two more top diamonds before playing a heart for the queen and ace. Back came a heart which he ducked so Minarik won the \heartsuit 9 and cashed his diamond winner before switching to a low spade. De Tessieres rose with dummy's ace and led a club a club to the king, claiming nine tricks a moment later; +90.

I don't know why Andres Honyek responded INT rather than I \bigstar at the other table. It encouraged Julian Gaviard to think that it might be worth balancing when 2 \diamond came around to him and Thomas Bessis responded 2 \bigstar , naturally enough. Had Honyek been able to make a penalty double at this point his initial response would have worked out very nicely indeed as 2 \bigstar doubled looks to be two down for —500. However, whether for reasons of judgement or of system, Honyek passed and now Csaba Szabo fell from grace when he bid his five-card diamond suit for a third time — should it not be East's job to compete in diamonds if anyone when West has already shown genuine length in the suit?

The play did not go well for Szabo. Bessis led a low spade and declarer rose with dummy's ace to play a heart to the king then duck a heart. Gaviard won the $\heartsuit 10$ and played the $\bigstar Q$, ruffed.

Szabo cleared the hearts and ruffed the spade return then ruffed the thirteenth heart with dummy's queen, led the last spade off the dummy and was forced to over-ruff the eight with the king as Gaviard had pitched his last spade on the fourth heart. Now Szabo played ace and his last diamond and Bessis, who had thrown a club on the fourth heart, had three diamonds followed by a club to the ace at trick thirteen; down two for —200 and 7 IMPs to France.



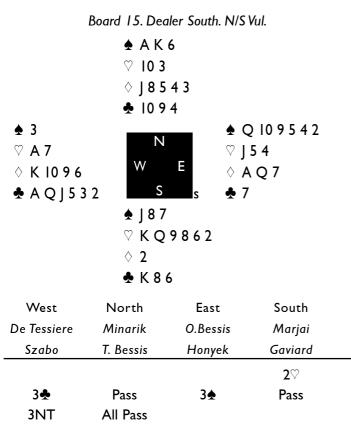


Peter Marjai, Hungary

West	North	East	South
Szabo	T. Bessis	Honyek	Gaviard
		♠	2 ♡
2 ≜ 4 ≜	Pass All Pass	4 ♡	Pass

I much prefer a simple raise to $2 \pm$ to De Tessiere's $2 \diamond$ over the take-out double and I suspect that Olivier Bessis agrees with me, as his subsequent bidding clearly suggests that he was expecting his partner to deliver more strength than was actually the case. Peter Marjai led ace of hearts followed by ace and ten of diamonds and there was nothing Bessis could do once the ten of spades failed to appear on the first two rounds of the suit; down one for—100.

Gaviard started with a simple overcall in the other room and that took the losing options away from Szabo who bid a quiet $2\clubsuit$. Honyek made a slam try via a splinter but Szabo was not interested; +620 and 12 IMPs out of nowhere for Hungary.



Two identical auctions saw the respective E/W pairs reach what appears to be a doomed game. And, indeed, the French wasted no time in getting it down. Thomas Bessis led the $\heartsuit 10$, ducked, then his remaining heart to the ace. Szabo crossed to the queen of diamonds to play a club to the queen. When he next cashed the ace and the king failed to appear, Szabo tried to split the diamonds and was soon three down for —150.

In the other room, Minarik tried a diamond lead and when dummy's seven held the trick he knew immediately that this was not such a good idea and could only pray that a heart would have been no better. His prayers were not answered today, of course. De Tessiere played three rounds of clubs and had ten tricks for +430 and 11 IMPs to France.

 ▲ A 9 7 2 ◇ A 4 ◇ A 10 8 7 ◆ Q 8 3 	oard 17. Dea	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 7 6 \\ 0 9 4 \end{array} $ $ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ $	e Vul. 0 8 4 3 2 9 8 3 4 6 5 2	
West	North	East	South	
De Tessiere	Minarik	O.Bessis	Marjai	
Dble	INT All Pass	Pass	Pass	
West	North	East	South	
Szabo	T. Bessis	Honyek	Gaviard	
	I¢	Pass	INT	
All Pass				

All Pass

Where Bessis opened the North hand with $|\diamond\rangle$, it was Gaviard, South, who became declarer. On this auction it was natural for Szabo to lead a spade, which was won by declarer's queen. Gaviard led a diamond to the king then a heart for the jack and ace. Szabo returned a heart and Gaviard went up with the king then played a hopeful $\diamond Q$, attempting to pin the ten. No luck. Szabo won the diamond and led a low spade to Gaviard's king. Gaviard tried a club to the king now, losing to the ace. The defence cashed two spades, a club and a diamond, but Szabo could not get to his partner's heart winner so had to give the last two tricks to declarer; still one down for —50 and 6 IMPs to Hungary.

Minarik's weak no trump opening was doubled, ending the auction, and the natural lead from the East seat was a low heart. De Tessiere won the \heartsuit A and switched to a low diamond. Minarik won the \circlearrowright K and led a low heart, Bessis taking his queen to switch to a spade, dummy being allowed to win the trick. A diamond to the nine was followed by the \heartsuit 10 to the jack and another diamond. De Tessiere won and played ace and another spade, and declarer claimed seven tricks; +180 and 6 IMPs to Hungary.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ A K 9 8 4 ♡ K I0 9 5 ◇ K Q 3 ♣ K	
 ▲ J 7 ♡ A 4 3 2 ◊ 7 5 4 ♣ A Q J 6 	N W E S ▲ 10 ♡ Q 8 6 ◇ A J 10 9 8 6 ♣ 9 8 4	 ▲ Q 6 5 3 2 ♡ J 7 ◊ 2 ▲ 10 7 5 3 2

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West	North	East	South	
De Tessiere	Minarik	O.Bessis	Marjai	
Szabo	T. Bessis	Honyek	Gaviard	
			3◊	
Pass	3NT	All Pass		

Five Diamonds might have been a better spot in theory but 3NT proved to be just fine in practice.

Honyek led the jack of hearts and Szabo beat the queen with his ace and promptly switched to a club — the six! Bessis claimed twelve tricks for +490.

Olivier Bessis led his fourth-best spade to the jack and ace and Minarik crossed to the \Diamond J to lead a low heart off the table. De Tessiere shot in with his ace and switched to a club — the six! Minarik claimed twelve tricks for +490; no swing.

If West assumes that the diamonds are running, he must cash four club tricks immediately to defeat the contract, and if East

holds king-doubleton it is necessary to switch to the small club. Whenever North has the guarded king it is unlikely to matter what West does, so which is more likely, that declarer has bare king or ten-to-four?

I don't see how West can know from the cards he has seen to date, so the only clue is that declarer did choose to play 3NT when apparently holding three-card diamond support. East is known to hold the alphaQ, either because of the low card lead in one case or simply because declarer would have nine tricks if holding all the top spades. Three No Trump looks to me to be a more attractive choice, as opposed to 5 \diamond , if declarer has alphaAK, $\heartsuit K$, $\diamondsuit KQ$ and alpha 10xxx than if he has his actual club holding, so I think both Wests did the right thing and were unlucky.

Anyway, the end result of all this was that Hungary earned a narrow win, 35-32 IMPs, 16-14VPs, doing nobody any great harm.

Transmission Fault

By Christer Andersson (Sweden)

Arriving at my hotel on Wednesday afternoon, I noticed I had the company of the Lithuanian and Portuguese teams. As the latter had a decent start to the competition, I decided to have a look at their game against France in Round 6. However, the experienced French team for the moment put a stop to the flow of VPs into the Portuguese account. This board was one of the more expensive ones for Portugal:

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

 ▲ J 7 4 3 2 ♡ A J 9 2 ◊ K Q 8 7 ♣ — 	N W S ♠ K I	2 10 4 3 2 E	-		
West	North	East	South		
Palma	T. Bessis	Barbosa	Gaviard		
		Pass	\Box		
♠	2♣	Pass	2♡		
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT		

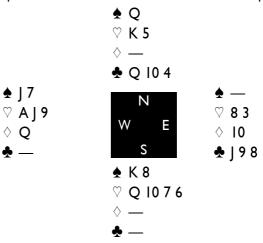
When the opponent bids your suit it is often best to stay calm and pass. Antonio Palma, sitting West, did not care when Julien Gaviard, South, opened with $I\heartsuit$. He intervened with $I\clubsuit$ (as did Nicolas Chauvelot for France in the Closed Room), which did not stop the French reaching 3NT. With good hearts behind declarer and a strong unbid suit, Antonio thought he had a nasty surprise for his opponents and doubled.

All Pass

3NT

Antonio led the $\Diamond K$ and everyone contributed low cards. Apparently Antonia did not believe in Gaviard having tried the

defence-neutralizing Bath Coup as he made the crucial mistake of continuing diamonds. Now Julien took full advantage of the extra diamond trick. As West should have AJxxx for his spade bid, Julien continued with €10 and finessed through West. Unexpectedly, Joao Barbosa won the trick with the ace and removed declarer's last diamond stopper. Julien now cashed his club king, revealing the club break, and finessed in spades through West. Importantly, he cashed the table's two top honours in clubs before continuing spades. From hand he discarded two hearts and Antonio felt the pressure coming. On the first club he could discard a spade but what should he discard on the club queen?



A spade would allow the declarer to overtake the spade queen and obtain two spade tricks, a heart would set up the third heart in declarer's hand and a diamond would mean discarding the established diamond winner. Antonio chose the last option but for no profit. Declarer now had various ways to get nine tricks but, of course, tried the spectacular play of overtaking the queen of spades with the king and putting West on play with the jack to force him to open up the heart suit, declarer unblocking the king on the table in case West continued with the ace.

Allowing 3NT to make meant a loss of 12 IMPs instead of a small gain, as 3NT went quietly one down in the Closed Room when Nicolas Chauvelot switched to a heart after being allowed to hold the $\diamond Q$ opening lead.

Pass

Profile Of The Norwegian Schools Team

Harald Eide, 13. He is the youngest, and by many considered the most talented, of the Eide brothers. His two oldest brothers are playing on the junior team. Winning the European Junior Championship may become a family tradition, his father Lars won in Tel Aviv in 1980.

Hakon Bogen, 18.A natural overbidder from northern Norway. To punish opponents, however, he requires very strong trumps, for his last penalty double of Two Hearts he had AKQJ1098 in trumps (he would never have doubled without the eight).

Erlend Skjetne, 16. The only player on the team who is not from a bridge-playing family. He was lured into playing by a classmate, whose father also won the junior European in 1980 (several times Bermuda Bowl finalist, Glenn Grotheim). He is very interested in girls but is very conservative, and thinks he should not talk to more than one girl a day.

Fredrik Simonsen, 19. The veteran of the team, he has among other good results a bronze from the World Schools Championships in New York last year. Since he is the only player on the team with a girlfriend, he can afford to wear a very ugly beard.

Lars Arthur Johansen, 17. He comes from the far north of Norway, where polar bears are chasing reindeer in the streets. Like Hakon, his regular partner, he is a natural overbidder. He was actually the one who got doubled when Hakon had all the hearts (no, the contract did not make.....).

Our coach is **Virginia** (23). She really wanted to come to Riccione, so first she tried to put together a Norwegian girls team. However, since she represented Uruguay in the World Junior Championships in Paris in 2003, she could not represent Norway for another year. She then applied for the position as coach. Unfortunately for all the single guys she's already married but her younger sister, who is also here, is still available.

Our NPC is **John Vage**. He refuses to tell us his age, but claims he was recently a junior himself. Because the five players are from five different parts of Norway, he wrote their convention cards. But when the players saw the cards they refused to play like that. This is why you will see lots of changes on the printed cards.





JUNIORS BUTLER AFTER 12 ROUNDS

1	Ferrari Fr	ITA	1.49	80		Vroustis Va	GRE	0.02	219
	Sangiorgio A	ITA	1.49	80	66	Braga Ra	POR	0.00	140
3	Bessis Th	FRA FRA	1.19 1.19	200 200	68	Braga Ri Davria dia Ka	POR GRE	0.00 -0.03	140 220
5	Gaviard Ju DiBello St	ITA	1.19	200		Doxiadis Ko Karamanlis M	GRE	-0.03	220
_	LoPresti Fa	ITA	1.17	240	70	Honyek An	HUN	-0.04	139
7	Soderlund Ro	SWE	1.14	120		Szabo Cs	HUN	-0.04	139
9	Thalen Bj Bowg Fr	SWE NOR	1.14 1.08	120 160	72	Neimanis Ja	LAT LAT	-0.05 -0.05	219 219
-	Berg Er Ringseth JA	NOR	1.08	160	74	Rubins Ka Madry Pi	POL	-0.03	80
11	Eide EA	NOR	0.83	160	75	Houmoller Jo	DEN	-0.11	160
	Lindqvist Es	NOR	0.83	160	76	Malmstrom Pe	SWE	-0.14	160
13	Byrne Mi Morris Al	ENG ENG	0.80 0.80	160 160	 78	Salomonsson Barbosa Ja	SWE POR	-0.14 -0.15	60 80
_	Woodcock An	ENG	0.80	159	, o	Palma An	POR	-0.15	180
	Burgess Ol	ENG	0.80	159	80	Nielsen La	DEN	-0.18	160
17	Munnen An	NET	0.79	180	81	Eglseer We	AUT	-0.21	240
19	Ritmeijer Ri Groenenboom	NET NET	0.79 0.74	180 160	_	Mandruta Co Vulcan Bo	ROM ROM	-0.21 -0.21	60 60
	Molenaar Da	NET	0.74	160	84	GodedMerino	SPA	-0.21	160
21	Marjai Pe	HUN	0.71	200		Goncalves Pe	SPA	-0.22	160
	Minarik Ga	HUN	0.71	200	86	Drijver Bo	NET	-0.23	139
23	Araszkiewicz Buras Kr	POL POL	0.62 0.62	239 239	88	Tammens Ba KulovicProbs	NET CRO	-0.23 -0.27	39 60
25	Jerolistch S	AUT	0.58	120		Martinovic S	CRO	-0.27	160
	Éide Pe	NOR	0.58	160	90	Seker BD	TUR	-0.33	180
	Livgard Al	NOR	0.58	160		Ucan OI	TUR	-0.33	180
28	Ginossar El Reshef Op	ISR ISR	0.55 0.55	219 219	92 93	Beran VI Toutenel El	CZE BEL	-0.34 -0.35	40 20
30	Kalita Ja	POL	0.39	160		Vanparijs Pi	BEL	-0.35	120
31	Dalkilic Ba	TUR	0.38	199	95	Pojman Mi	CZE	-0.39	159
33	Eskizara Om	TUR	0.38	199	96	Birman Al	ISR	-0.43	120
33	Nyaradi Ga Nyaradi Zs	HUN HUN	0.36 0.36	40 40	 98	Argelazi El Guiot Be	ISR BEL	-0.43 -0.44	20 20
	Boldrini An	ITA	0.36	160		Hubert Al	BEL	-0.44	120
	Sbarigia Ma	ITA	0.36	160	100	Brikmane Li	LAT	-0.48	120
37	Anter SM Bakan HG	TUR TUR	0.34 0.34	100 100	102	Veksa Na GomezHierro	LAT SPA	-0.48 -0.59	20 60
39	Azizi Ad	ISR	0.34	140	102	SunolTorres	SPA	-0.59	160
	BarYossef Yo	ISR	0.31	140	104	Kopecky Mi	CZE	-0.67	160
	Moraru Co	ROM	0.31	160	105	Baronaite Mo	LIT	-0.70	160
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	Lazar CL	ROM	0.18	160	113	Gruber Ch	AUT	-0.99	120
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	Houlberg AS	DEN	0.10	100	118	Barzda Sa	LIT	-1.05	140
	Houlberg Si	DEN	0.10	100	—	Pisa Zb	CZE	-1.05	199
56	Schaltz Ma Green Be	DEN ENG	0.09 0.09	220 160	—	Laukus La Movsovics Le	LAT LAT	-1.05 -1.05	40 40
_	Happer Du	ENG	0.09	160	122	Korkevicius	LIT	-1.05	140
59	Gjaldbaek Ka	DEN	0.04	220	123	Bielskis An	LIT	-1.09	180
_	DeDonder St	BEL	0.04	240	124	EscaleraGuer	SPA	-1.14	159
_	DeRoos St Chauvelot Ni	BEL FRA	0.04 0.04	240 140	126	LedesmaPique Pearson Go	SPA SCO	-1.14 -1.17	59 20
_	Thibault Ma	FRA	0.04	140	126	Ellison Gy	sco	-1.17	120
64	Kontomitros	GRE	0.02	219	128	Sigmund Ma	CZE	-1.54	120